



# U17

**Coach – Alistair Organ**

**Assistant Coach - Kerry O'Brien**

**Assistant Coach - Vidar Moen**

**Manager – Anthea Moen**

## TROPHY WINNERS

<i>Best &amp; Fairest</i>	Kyle Spencer
<i>Runner Up Best &amp; Fairest</i>	Jackson Moen
<i>Coaches Award</i>	Sam Crawford
<i>Most Courageous</i>	Ethan Barlow

## Kellyville / Rouse Hill Magpies



**Sydney Harbour  
U17 Division 1**



# 2018



Back row: Mitchell McVey, Dion Camilleri, Jayden Gates, Jared Calear, Harrison Bennett, Anthony Goedde, Samuel Crawford, James Kennedy.  
Middle row: Kerry O'Brien (Assistant Coach), Anthea Moen (Manager), Timothy Organ, Matthew Hayhow, Angus Kennedy, Kyle Spencer, Daniel Furness, Riley Parkes, Vidar Moen (Assistant Coach), Alistair Organ (Coach).  
Front row: Max Davis, Jackson Moen, Thomas Wright, Dane Twining (Captain), Ethan Barlow, Riley Ginger, Caleb Jackson. Inset (top to bottom): Jack Fishburn, William O'Brien.

## SEASON SUMMARY:

This is the first time I have coached this age group before having stopped at Under 15's in my last stint. On paper it looks like a bit of a tough gig! Boys have so many options at this age with family, school, social lives, work, etc.

The biggest thing I learnt this year is how interesting all the boys have become – quite different from only a year ago, and this makes them much more interesting to interact with.

We have the serious, jokers, laconic, quiet, loud, etc. in this team which has made the coaching even more interesting!

Yes, we don't always agree, but we do at least have a common love for footy which always wins out.

Under 17's is as much about managing personalities and expectations as it is about football.

We have a handful of boys who will be leaving Junior footy this year. They have been together for a long time now



and you can see how much enjoyment they get from spending time together training and in games. The coaches have made it a high priority this year that these boys do enjoy there last year of junior footy and we hope that we have succeeded.

For the younger guys, that I have coached for several years now with Kerry, we understood that some would stick solely to Under 17's while some tried their hand at some senior footy through the year.

Across the board, every boy has improved greatly this year.

On the footy side of things, the coaches have been very impressed with the maturity and commitment shown by the boys and given all the factors involved in getting 20 odd players working in the same direction week to week, we are very happy with where we ended up.

The boys have played some excellent football against the best that Sydney football has to offer, and we have been super competitive against all, and every opposition team knew they had played a game when they came up against us.

I have thoroughly enjoyed watching the football each Sunday this year and I hope that all the spectators have enjoyed the highs and lows as much as the coaches have!

Thankyous

Thank you to all of those that have helped us out through the season as water carriers, runners, boundary and goal umpires, etc. Special thanks to Tony Parkes, Brett Hayhow, Phil Crawford, Sam Davis, Lea Furness and Craig Ginger.

To our team photographers Troy and Christian. Thank you for sharing your great pics throughout the season, they were a real highlight for the boys and parents. I'm sure everyone is keen to see them all on presentation night!

To our manager Anthea. It is such a luxury to have such a switched-on person in charge where nothing is too hard and makes everything run smoothly. It doesn't just happen, and I very much thank Anthea for her hard work and for making my job so much easier.

To Vic and Kerry. I couldn't / wouldn't have done it without them! It has been a pleasure to have them for their enthusiasm and experience each week. Coaching is such a team effort. Thankyou!

## **PLAYER PROFILES:**

### **Max Davis**

One of the unsung heroes in the team. It's not bash and crash with Max, it's about good positioning, nice marks and intelligent targeted kicks. Playing mostly forward or wing Max has a great knack of getting the ball to the right player when needed. Great fun at training and in games, a pleasure to have in the team. Great year Max!

### **Harry Bennett**

I wouldn't say Harry is the most punctual player in the team! But his enthusiasm to understand the game is fantastic. Given the often thankless task playing full back, Harry manages to keep his head and humour throughout. Harry proves there are different ways to approach this game and makes you think outside the box. Thanks and well done Harry.

### **Dion Camilleri**

Selected for West Regional Representative Carnival Team.

Dion loves everything about football – he is always involved in the talk surrounding the game. Dion can be relied upon to take great marks and move the ball forward or hit the goals with big kicking power. All the best moving into senior footy next year Dion.



## **Jared Callear-King**

Selected for West Regional Representative Carnival Team.

Hampered early in the season with a pesky groin strain, Jared did well to increase his work rate through the season. Jared did most of his time in the ruck and at centre half forward and was a great target leading at the ball. A big bodied player with plenty to look forward to. Well done this year Jarryd.

## **Billy O'Brien**

Billy decided to come back to football very late in the season. Considering how little football Billy has played in the last 2 years he was still able to show us what he is capable of and gave us a welcome tall option. Good to see you running around again Billy.

## **Mitch McVey**

Another player that was asked to play various positions this year – forward, back and ruck. Mitch did a great job often playing on big opposition key players and managed to pop up consistently to give the team a target running through the middle. A great year Mitch! Well done.

## **Jayden Gates**

When you're the no.1 target up forward it sounds like the dream position, but in actual fact the weight of expectation can be daunting. With a lot less games played than most of the defenders who play on him, Jayden showed us he can be the "big man" at full forward and again increased his agility and footy "smarts" - great value to the team! Jayden always made us coaches be creative in how we could get running into training in a way that he didn't notice! Well done Jayden.

## **Jack Fishburn**

Jack came to us late in the season unfortunately, where he made an immediate impact mostly up forward with his natural talent for marking and goal sense. We are missing out when you aren't playing Jack, so hopefully we will see you back next year and we get to see you at your very best.

## **James Kennedy**

Selected for West Regional Representative Carnival Team.

Jim's Skills, agility and footy smarts are great attributes for playing middle and forward. Jim gave us a player who could lead or be around packs for the loose ball with the ability to score goals. His knowledge of how to get to the footy was a great bonus for the team. Footy is a high priority for Jim with many more years of footy to come. Well done this year Jim.

## **Dane Twinning**

Selected for West Regional Representative Carnival Team.

Our Captain this year. We put a little pressure on Dane this year to be team orientated as well as working on his own game personal game. Dane looked like he enjoyed the extra role this year and it made him stop and think sometimes? Well done in your last year of Junior footy with some excellent work in front of the goals for us to witness.

## **Ethan Barlow**

Try to get Ethan to do a 1km time trial at training? Forget it! Then put him out on the field in a game and wow! Ethan is unstoppable when he weaves and swerves at pace – great to watch! The kick at the end of his runs could be a bit of a lottery! But the chaos created was awesome. A great young guy on and off the field. Well done this year Ethan.



## **Riley Parkes**

Held back by injury at the start and end of the season, we were happy to get him on the field when we could. Unfortunately we didn't get to see the best from Riley this year as he tried to give his best each week. Some years are like that in footy? See you at your best soon Riley!

## **Tom Wright**

Tom is a laconic guy who sometimes doesn't look as serious as he is. Another guy not so keen on running on the training track, but the games are a different matter as he puts his best in week to week. Tom played mostly forward this year but also worked hard on his defensive game to hold the ball in our forward 50 for longer. A great character in the team.

## **Riley Ginger**

Selected for West Regional Representative Carnival Team.

This was Riley's first year with us – coming to our team looking for a higher level of competition to hone his skills. It is very difficult to join a new team at this age but Riley quickly earned respect from his team mates through hard work, skill and a great footy sense. Our team was so much the better for Riley deciding to join us. I hope you are glad you made the move Riley. Fantastic year!

## **Sam Crawford**

Selected for West Regional Representative Carnival Team.

With skill and power, Sam had the sometimes unenviable task of playing on "big" midfielders and key forwards. While others in the team sometimes had the luxury of some space and time, Sam rarely did. His accountability was critical for the team's defence, and Sam's enthusiasm to identify dangerous opposition players and take them on was [aweso](#) me. A fantastic young man with enthusiasm to burn.

## **Dan Furness**

Dan took his game to another level this year. From a player who sometimes doubted his ability in the past to becoming a player who could not only do the tough contested work, but take the next step and do so much more with the ball in hand. The extra confidence the boy's had in Dan's ability made a huge difference to the team's overall performance. Great work Dan!

## **Anthony Goedde**

Selected for West Regional Representative Carnival Team.

A gifted footballer with a great ability to find the ball. Anthony worked tirelessly to be a target through the middle and then use it well into the forward line. Our starting ruck with excellent 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> efforts week to week. Another year of great football this year Anthony! Well done.

## **Angus Kennedy**

Selected for West Regional Representative Carnival Team.

Gus is an uncompromising player who enjoyed the ability to run off half back and hit targets forward. Hard at the contest and tenacious with the ball in hand, whether in the middle or the backline, Gus took his footy seriously and cared about the result each week. As with his brother Jim, footy is a high priority for Gus so plenty of footy to come. Well done Gus.



## **Tim Organ**

Senior GWS Academy member.

Selected for GWS Under 17's Futures team.

Selected for NSW/ACT Under 16 Rams team.

Tim is a great footy talent and took his game to another level this year despite breaking his hand mid-season. Clean with the ball, skilled on both sides of his body and footy smart, Tim has a knack of making hard things look easy. Footy is a high priority for Tim and he sets a great example of work rate in the team. Well done Tim.

## **Matt Hayhow**

Senior GWS Academy member.

Selected for GWS Under 17's Futures team.

Matt has improved his footy markedly this year – with greater speed and power to add to his skills and footy smarts. Matt puts his all into his games playing middle and half back mostly. Matt is fantastic rebounding the ball from defence to attack as a run with ball type player. Matt plays a great brand of footy with plenty to come. Fantastic year Matt!

## **Kyle Spencer**

Senior GWS Academy member.

Our most consistent defender by a mile. The safest hands overhead and courageous in contests. The team would suffer greatly if Kyle was missing – luckily he played every game this year and was competitive in every one! A standout year for a player who was already good. Well done Kyle!

## **Caleb Jackson**

A small forward who works hard to keep the ball in our hands at ground level. Not the biggest guy around so shows great courage to go into contests and fire out handballs to outside players week to week. A broken finger made his job harder in the middle of the season but it was never going to stop him playing. A fantastic young man who loves his footy. Well done Caleb!

## **Jackson Moen**

Senior GWS Academy member.

Selected for GWS Under 17's Futures team.

Runner-up Kieran Jack Medal U17 Division 1

The most enthusiastic guy in the team! The speed and agility and then the damaging left foot is amazing to watch. Jackson's love of the game is infectious and no injury or bad score line can dampen his spirits. Other players can't help but be motivated to do more when they see Jackson's energy at work. A luxury to have in the team. Well done Jackson!





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