



# U13 YG



Trophy Recipients	
Best and Fairest	Bridget Corcoran
Best and Fairest Runner Up	Kate Duffy
Coaches Award	Allana Davis
Rookie of the Year	Evelina Whitley
Leading Goal Kicker	Bridget Corcoran (28)

## Season Summary

This year saw the introduction of a Youth Girls U13 competition with our 2018 team staying together and wearing the Magpies jersey with pride. The team made it through to the grand final, ultimately finishing runners up for 2019.

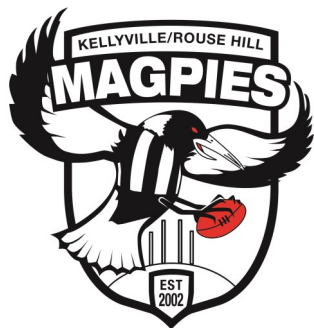
We had a mixture of ages and experience in the team, from ten to thirteen years old, and had new players joining the team, both experienced and new to the game. Over the season the bond and friendships grew, creating a fun environment for training and playing, resulting in a very competitive group of girls.

The competition was strong with five of the six teams having the roster, skill and desire to give each other a good contest.

The girls were up to the challenge and, led by their captain Allana Davis, started the year with convincing wins. A heavy loss mid-season to the eventual premiers, Baulkham Hills, brought the girls back to reality. The game was a physical encounter and the girls realised what was needed if they wanted to be there at the end of the season. This proved to be a great motivator and over the latter part of the season the girls worked extremely hard at training on their fitness, defensive skills, shepherding, contesting the ball and matching the physicality of the leading teams, which ultimately led us to a fantastic run of wins, including a win against Baulkham Hills when the two teams met again in the third round of the draw. An outstanding performance by our middle of the field, Allana Davis, Bridget Corcoran, Savannah Codd, Ariel Davis and Sienna Mooney supported by our backs, Sarah Whitton, Sarah Hicks, Kate Duffy and Eva Whitley.

Manager: Megan Mooney

Coach: Matt Whitton



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Finishing second in the regular season, the girls went into the semi-final against first place Baulkham Hills confident but let their opponents get out to a three-goal lead in the first quarter. It was another physical encounter with Baulkham Hills, who played two players on one of our strongest, Bridget Corcoran, and flooded the ruck area which resulted in a messy game. Very few points were scored in the remainder of the game until a late goal on the siren. A 27 to 9 loss but the girls were not overshadowed and there were a lot of positives and good performances, particularly from Allana Davis and Sienna Mooney who were non-stop. It was a reminder that there is no certainty and you must be at your best week in, week out.

The second week of the finals took us out to Greygums Oval against the Giants who knocked us out of contention in 2018. The girls prepared well and warmed up well, but started slow with the Giants racing to an 18 to nil lead. Deja vu. Again, Bridget Corcoran was marked heavily but a few strategies including being a little more physical and being mobile paid off, with the girls clawing back the lead in the second quarter. A few positional changes with Sarah Whitton into the ruck, Allana Davis running in the middle and Nikki O'Neill putting in a stellar performance at fullback along with Sophie Lombardi and Summer Jones defending well. The girls ran out 84 to 32 winners. It was pleasing also to see the goals being shared with Bridget Corcoran, Savannah Codd, Ariel Davis, Sienna Mooney, Summer Hupfeld and Eva Whitley all being on the scorers list. It also marked a milestone for Allura Chesworth with her first kick in a game.

Onto the grand final and once again the girls were up against Baulkham Hills. The girls prepared well during the week and were ready for the game. It was another tough and bruising encounter between local rivals and the scores were thirteen a piece at the end of the third quarter. It was a warm day at Bensons Lane with red, exhausted faces everywhere and the girls running out of energy. A few injuries did not help and the girls were not able to match Baulkham Hills in the last quarter, going down by 24 points. While disappointing for the girls they played the game with passion and toughness, showing the skills they had developed during the season. Summer Hupfeld being named best on ground from the losing team was outstanding and well deserved. Sarah Whitton showed her skills in the ruck winning most of the contests and Kate Duffy, Tia Post and Charlize Robinson covered a lot of territory.

A big thank you to all the parents who showed their support for the girls throughout the year. Also to our team manager, Megan, who kept everything running smoothly. A big thanks to James Mooney who was irreplaceable, both at training and game day, supporting the girls to develop as footballers while assisting me in learning the ropes as a coach. Finally, to Mick Post, Craig Robinson and Stephen Davis who throughout the year were at training to assist in developing the girls' skills, running water at the game, performing goal umpire duties and anything else that needed to be done.

Great effort girls and looking forward to going one better next year.





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## Player Profiles:

**Allana Davis** – Transferred to the Magpies this year and captained the team in her first year with the club. Played in the ruck and a very competitive, tough, no nonsense player who has a great kick, 13 goals for the year, and when needed can beat defenders with ease.

**Savannah Codd** – Speed to burn again in her second season playing in the middle and this year saw her kicking game improve, cracking 21 goals for the season. Can change a game quickly covering a lot of ground and beating defenders with ease.

**Sarah Whitton** – Very fit with a big motor on the field. A good midfielder and back and also a great ruck, leaving little chance to the opposing ruck to win the contest. A great defender and consistently chasing down the opposition. Had a great game in the grand final.

**Bridget Corcoran** – First year with club after transferring from Blacktown and an exceptional player in all aspects. Tough, committed and a great runner with the ball and the ability to evade defenders with a potent left foot kick, racking up 34 goals for the season. Would have two to three players mark her each game but would still find space. A courageous effort in the grand final.

**Summer Hupfeld** – Great player with all the skills and a super kick, landing 20 goals for the year. Small in stature but very tough, mixing it with the biggest on the field. A well-deserved best on ground in the grand final.

**Summer Jones** – Always has a smile and an absolute pleasure to coach, listens and learns and brings the team together. Versatile and can play anywhere. A great achievement in notching up her 50<sup>th</sup> game in 2019.

**Sarah Hicks** – Talented consistent footballer who is tough with great game sense. Played half back most of the year reading the game beautifully, great positioning, courageous defender and solid kick. You know what you will get every week.

**Nikki O'Neill** – A tough player that does not mind the hard stuff. Passionate and loves her teammates. A great defender but can also play well in the forward line, kicking 5 goals for the season. Had a great game at fullback against the Giants in the semi-final.

**Isobel Prince** – Played in both the U11YG and U13YG in 2019. A great player who fitted into our backline winning the ball and getting it out of our danger zone. Played limited minutes in the grand final but had a great game.

**Sienna Mooney** – Was a leader this year and consistently played strong. Tenacious defender with a great handball and improved kicking game. Another one with a big motor being an integral part of our midfield and working well with her teammates.

**Kate Duffy** – Tough, Tough, Tough. A great defender that no one gets past and this year saw her attacking skills flourish, playing mostly on the wing and bringing a solid kicking and passing game. Fantastic to coach and lets her actions do the talking on the field.

**Charlize Robinson** – Continued to grow as a player this year and able to cover all positions. Has all the skills and had her best game in a great win against Baulko taking mark after mark in the forward line.

**Gabriella Bell** – Played in both the U11YG and U13YG in 2019. A great ruck and a pleasure to coach, trains and plays with a smile always thinking of her teammates.





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**Ariel Davis** – A great year playing on the wing for the majority of season. Fit, agile and fast developing throughout the year. Her kicking game improved and she had her best performance in our semi-final against the Giants kicking 2 important goals.

**Keira Mooney** – Played in both the U11YG and U13YG in 2019. Our youngest player but very tough and a great defender. Although small in stature took on bigger, faster girls and came out the better.

**Sophie Lombardi** – A quiet achiever who just gets on with business on and off the field. Moves around the field with ease and always where she needs to be. Loves being in the backline and had a great game in our semi-final win against the Giants.

**Cienna Paull** – A great athlete with plenty of potential. Played limited games in 2019 and has a natural ability for the game.

**Tia Post** – A natural athlete, tenacious and resilient player who fitted in our forward line taking on opponents much bigger and not shying away. Set herself a high standard both on the field and the training paddock.

**Evelina (Eva) Whitley** – First year in the game and rock solid in defence at full back and able to take a mark and kick a goal at full forward. A booming and accurate kick saw her make a move in the final series to full forward playing well. Great to coach and looking forward to seeing her run around in her second year.

**Allura Chesworth** – A late registration this year but what a pleasure to coach. Developed well, playing in both the forward and back lines.

**Abigail Rickens** – Only got to play a few games and has a natural ability to take a mark and kick the ball scoring 5 goals.







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