



# U14 Div 1



## Trophy Recipients

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Best and Fairest	Ethan Garcia
Best Team Player	Jesse Eldred
Coaches Award	Angus Lewis
Most Improved	Ethan Hyams
Leading Goal Kicker	Spencer Brown (20)

## Season Summary

The season started way back in February with all boys putting in a strong pre-season.

It was great to introduce 6 new players to the team this year from last year.

With some players finding themselves playing in new positions. It was going to be a challenging year along with the new joint-venture team entering the competition and opposition team players growing in size. In addition to the increasing high standard of football in this competition you soon realise there is not much room for error in the game of AFL football.

After four rounds the AFL decided to bring in two new teams to our competition from Division 2 - making a 10 team comp. With the introduction of the two new teams, and the new draw ensuring that each team did not play each other equal amount of times, made for a a bit of a unsettled season for us.

Unfortunately, we had our share of bad luck with injuries with a lot of boys are missing a fair chunk of the season. Starting with Ben Murray early in the season, Josaia soon following Ben, then Thomas and Ethan Followed by Joey who missed the remainder of the season. We also had Luke return for the last few games. Then we started truly feeling like the Collingwood team of 2019. After the first few games the boys seem to find their feet and start playing some strong football together. We restructured our forward line and found a good spread of goal kickers throughout the year.

Our midfielders started running the football and dominated more centre clearances and our wingers became very important in our game structure this season with there continuous running up and down the wings, creating space.

Manager: Sharon Brown

Coach: Greg Thomas



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We had a solid season and just fell short on playing semi-finals. With a partial washed out round 9 seemed to do more harm than good for us on the ladder. Playing one game short from a washout didn't help our cause.

In saying that we had chances throughout the year where we were unable to kick straight in certain games even though we had more scoring shots than the opposition teams. Unfortunately with the game of AFL, it is all about scoreboard pressure and capitalising on your opportunities. I hope to see all of you back next year in the Magpies colours playing in the under 15s competition.

I have a few thank yous I would like to get out:

To Charlene my wife for your support for now and for the past 17 years with the Magpies club. I know for some the game only goes for an hour and 15 minutes and training for one hour and 30 minutes twice a week. As a coach, you invest so much more time and effort into a season with phone calls, planning of games and training etc also being on the committee for more than 15 years. I appreciate your support and help and I know stepping out of the committee now there may be a few less comments like is that another footie call. (Lol)

To Gavin Jones, for being the Team Runner this year and also for your guidance and advice along the way. We worked extremely well together to get the boys ready for game day.

To Sharon Brown, who is new to the club this year and for taking on the Manager's role, which made my life much easier and enjoyable to coach the boys.

To Anthony Lyneham and Mick Knight for getting water out to our thirsty boys this year.

To Peter Carger, who every week provided stats through for the whole game which gave a great insight to the way our boys played the game.

To Stacey Sankey, who provided the sweets and fruit every week for the boys. I know you are their favourite parent come game day.

To Steve Pullen for all your amazing photos taken throughout the season. There were some absolutely cracking photos and the smiles on the boys' faces truly showed how you captured some of the emotions of the boys.

To all the other volunteers who ran Boundry, Goal Umpire or who help with preseason and also for your chats along the way. I thank you. At the end of the day these are our kids and we all are there to try to get the best out of them and then so they enjoy their time playing football.

Also thank you to Craig for taking on the West Team this season and congratulations on winning the flag. Our communications every week were important this year and we were able to organise a few players to help out the other's team when required.





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## Player Profiles:

**Spencer Brown:** New to our Club this year coming across from the Northern Lights, Spencer had an immediate impact in Round 1 against Manly. Spencer worked hard during the year at training and game day. He used his speed and enjoyed taking on the opposition players with his strength. Spencer enjoyed playing on in the forward line and was very damaging on the scoreboard. Well done Spencer on a great first year of the Club. Goals kicked = 20

**Ethan Carger:** Ethan had a strong pre-season and really turned up this year full of run, Ethan started in our midfield rotation and had great ability to read the play and was able to be a strong defender as well. A few little niggles halfway through the year saw us use Ethan more upfront and Ethan became very damaging, becoming a strong leading forward. Looking forward to seeing Ethan back next year, well done. Goals kicked = 8

**Josaia Delana:** It's great to see Josaia playing football, Josaia is one of the most naturally gifted players who has great attitude towards training and brings his bubbly character along. He is well liked amongst his teammates and he has the ability to beat his opponent nearly every time. Josaia is exciting to watch in open space but unfortunately for Josaia he broke his wrist early in the year which was a set back for him and his teammates but I have no doubt this kid has something special and look forward to being part of his football development next year. Goals kicked = 4

**Jesse Eldred:** Jesse had a great pre-season and he has been with this team for several years now and is a player that can play in several positions on the field. Jesse became part of our midfield rotation and was very consistent with his performance every week. As a coach, you knew he was going to do his job and he was always going to give his best. Jesse worked hard at training to lead by example every week. Jesse wears his heart on his sleeve when he plays football and is a credit to Jesse winning Best Team Player of the year. Well done Jesse on a super year. Goals kicked = 3

**Nicholas Fischer:** Nick is one of the happiest footballers I know with his smiling face at training and is bubbly energy he brings. Nick is a pleasure to coach, when he steps onto the football field though he's a very tough competitor and is a really strong attacking defender that was able to have a run up the field from time to time and be a very creative player out of the backline. Nick has a huge future in football and I hope he sticks with it and works hard in developing his game. Well done Nick on a solid performance this season. Nick was also recognised at the awards night for his outstanding efforts at the representative carnival. Goals kicked = 1

**Ethan Garcia:** Ethan was one of our Joint Captains this year and has been in this team for several years now. Ethan had to travel from the city every weekend but committed to his team and his teammates was great to see. His leadership on the football field is a credit to Ethan and the way he played the game. Ethan always gave his all and never took a backward step in the contest. Ethan is involved with the Swans Academy and was able to keep his training up. Ethan also won Best Player voted by the parents in a solid season of football. Well done Ethan on a fantastic year. Goals kicked = 4

**Daniel Gauci:** Daniel played in the midfield who is strong, tough, robust and able to break tackles. Daniel has a strong marking ability and he is a very damaging player. What he lacks in height he makes up for in heart. Daniel gives you 110% every week and has the ability to bust tackles and create some great passages of play and works well with his teammates. Daniel also received third in the best and fairest for the 14's div 1 competition chosen by the umpires, which is a true indication of the type of player Daniel is. Well done Daniel on a super season, looking forward to seeing you next. Goals kicked = 3



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**Ethan Hyams:** Ethan had a strong pre-season and worked hard, really putting the time and effort with his football. Ethan played several positions early in the year and we eventually played him out of the backline, where he really took this challenge on and work hard for the remainder of the year and improve his football ability. You could see the enjoyment in his face and the way he played and kept working hard to improve. Ethan also won Most Improved Player this season and I look forward to seeing Ethan improving even more next year. Ethan was also recognised at the Awards Night for his outstanding efforts at the representative carnival. Goals kicked= 4

**Luke Hayhow:** Luke had a solid pre-season but also had a huge opportunity with his baseball to go to the States. He was really committed and focused on his baseball and decided not to play this year. Just prior to leaving for America, Luke had decided when he came back, he wanted to play football again and to Luke's credit he worked hard at training and played four games at the end of the year. Goals kicked = 0

**Jacob Jones:** Is our other Joint Captain, Jacob has the ability to read the play better than anyone and is able to play in several positions on the field. Jacob played forward and midfield and is a very creative player. His ability to read the play and draw his teammates into the game enabling us to get the upper hand through the midfield. He could also be very damaging forward, in setting up or kicking goals for his team. Jacob keeps improving with his football and I have no doubt he has a long career in football yet to come. Well done on a very consistent year. Goals kicked =15

**Caleb Knight.** Caleb worked really hard during the pre-seasons and on learning a new position - playing in the ruck. Caleb had the ability to be strong in defence as well. Calab trained hard and showed improvement every week and was able to contribute in a few different positions in the game. Well done Calab and looking forward to seeing you back next year goals kicked =1

**Angus Lewis:** Angus has been around this team for several years, starting the season in a few different positions. Angus had a real positive vibe around training and showed a new side to himself where he took on a more leadership type role. This year he had a burst of energy on game day and the enjoyment you could see in his eyes and how happy he was playing football with his positive energy level. Angus became a strong marking target up front and his ability to do the 1% right. The 'hit of the year' went to Angus on the Northern lights player was a cracker. He showed what can be achieved when you put effort in. Angus had a strong season and was a joy to coach this year. He also received the Coaches Award for his outstanding season. Goals kicked:18

**Jack Lyneham:** Jack had grown in the off- season and came back faster and fitter than last year. Jack is one of our main midfielders with his damaging runs through the middle of the ground and his ability to break tackles and follow-up time after time is one of the main contributors to our boys winning the football out of the middle. Jack is definitely one of the cylinders in our engine room. His football keeps on improving and with hard work, he can reach some extraordinary heights. Jack also was recognised at the Awards Night for his outstanding efforts at the representative carnival. Goals kicked =2

**Joe McEneaney:** Joe worked hard in the pre-season and then had a few setbacks with a leg injury but kept pushing through the pain barrier to get himself up and going. Once the season started Joe was able to play several positions with the team this year. Joe created a lot of run up and down the wing and forward line and we had the flexibility to play him through the back line as well. Unfortunately for Joe he fractured his arm which put him out for the remainder of the year looking forward to see Joe having a solid preseason for 2020 season. Goals kicked = 3





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**Ray Murphy:** Ray was new to the club this year, coming across from Baulkham Hills. He had an immediate impact at pre-season training. Ray got along well with his new teammates and fitted in straight away. The way Ray approached his football is a credit to him and his hard work attitude was great to see. Ray showed tremendous ability to attack the football at all times as much as he got tackled to the ground he just kept getting back up. Ray became one of our consistent wingers this season and worked hard at training and game day. Well done Ray on your first season at the club and looking forward to seeing you back next year goals kicked =4

**Ben Murray:** Ben turned up to pre-season in February with a lot of energy and you could see he had done a lot of off-season work. Ben was looking forward to a strong season, however, unfortunately for Ben he broke his hand in an Academy game early in the year which put him out for majority of the season. Ben is one of those guys you want in your team. He always brings energy and will always support his teammates. It was great to see Ben get back to football in the last few games and I know he will be keen to put in a solid pre-season next year and get himself back playing football in 2020. Well done with your positive attitude throughout the year. Goals kicked=0

**Riley Mackay:** Riley has one of the best attitude when it comes to training and always gives 100% in his efforts at training and game day. Riley brings a strong energy level on and off the field and his work rate is the credit the way he plays football. Riley tries his best in every position given to him and never complains about any challenge asked of him. Riley give everything he can to help the team and was important through the wing and forward rotation this year. He was able to set up several goals for his team mates and kick a few himself. Well done Riley on a solid season look forward to seeing you back next year. Goals kicked =9

**Thomas Pullen:** Thomas had obviously grown alot in the off season and worked hard in the pre-season. With Thomas starting in the ruck in the pre-season games and his work around the ground we were able to use Thomas as starting ruckman and also up forward as a target. Thomas continued to improve his football and was also able to take strong contested marks up forward. He copped an injury hit to his hip at training, which kept him sidelined for several weeks. It was good seeing Thomas get back playing towards the back end of the year and I know you'll be back bigger and stronger in 2020. Goals kicked =9

**Liam Sankey:** Liam had a very strong pre-season and earn his way in the team. I was going to play Liam out of the back pocket for the year. However, Liam soon change the way he approached training and was full of run and his hard work. Liam was improving his game and soon found his way in our wing / back rotation. He gave us a lot of energy up and down the ground. Liam improved his football this year and was a credit to his hard work at training and game day. Liam wasn't afraid to attempt to beat his opponent and always put his head over the ball. Liam's football really developed throughout the year and had a strong season well done Liam. Goals kicked=2

**Kieran Thomas:** Kieran worked hard during the pre-season and was the only player to attend every training session in pre-season and regular season. Kieran would always do his best for his team. Kieran has been part of this team for the past 6 seasons and enjoys playing football with his teammates. Kieran played up front as a small forward who will always give the ball off to someone in a better spot for his team mates to score and also was able to kick a few goals himself. Looking forward for Kieran to work hard on pre-season to improve his football and come back bigger and stronger in 2020 well done champ, love you xx. Goals kicked= 16



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**Maverick Wells:** Mav started off the pre-season well and spoke to me early in the peace about developing his football and playing more up the ground. Mav worked hard in preseason and we were able to play him up into the wing position and sometimes forward line but was also able to run off the half backline and create the extra player in games. Mav gives his all and always does his best for his teammates. MAV enjoyed sneaking forward and enjoyed having a few shots towards goal. Well done mate on a solid year of football and I look forward to seeing you back next year. Goals kicked= 1

**Ethan Xerri:** Ethan came across from Hawkesbury this year and work hard during pre-season and improved every training session. Ethan just wanted to improve his football and was willing to listen and work hard to improve his game every time he stepped onto the paddock. Ethan was a solid inclusion in the back line and put his body on the line and work hard in defence. Ethan also took an injury hit to his arm/shoulder but to Ethan's credit he kept turning up to training and putting the

