



# BRFC YEARBOOK 2017





# PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2017

2017 marks the 21st playing season for the Mighty Barden Ridgebacks Football Club. The season starts earlier than most people would imagine with the need to set up all the online registration processes and packages. Garry Leech in his 11th year as Registrar spends hour after hour dedicated to the registration system ensuring that every player is approved to start the season. BRFC had in excess of 650 players ranging in age 4yo to 74yo.

RidgieRoos nursery soccer was once again held over 4 weeks at the beginning of February and grew in numbers from the previous year. It is a great introduction to the game and the kids that participate in the program all leave with big smiles on their faces whilst knowing a little more about the game and participating in a team sport. Thank you to Grant Palmer and Dave Neill with the assistance of some junior members (Danielle, Callum, Jaden, Taliese and Ebony) as Coordinators and mentors.

The BRFC Grading Committee led by Alan McNair had the difficult task of placing players into teams and the teams into grades. The dedication to the task must be commended by this group. At the completion of the season the results back up the hard decisions made by the grading committee showing that the vast majority of players were playing with and too their ability to ensure an enjoyable season.



The BRFC Committee is striving to bring back some community spirit and enforce the family orientated environment. 2017 saw the Junior Presentation day changed to a Junior Disco, to all reports received this was a refreshing change and enjoyed by all that attended, with some minor tweaks and fresh ideas this event will get better and better





2017 was a year of mixed weather conditions with Round 1 washed out for the second season in a row. SSFA ensured that players would play as many games as possible and extended the season by a week. It was clear weather until the Round 10 matches were called off, excluding the games played on the All Weather Pitches. This enabled all teams to complete 17 rounds with a handful of teams playing all 18 Rounds. I can't remember the last time that teams played all 18 games.

At the completion of the normal rounds BRFC had 5 Minor Premiers and 17 competition teams playing Semi Finals, from there 7 teams went on to compete in the Grand Final weekend games. After all Grand Final games were played BRFC had 4 teams successfully win their Premierships and returned to the clubhouse with their Premiers plaques whilst all the other Grand Final games went to extra time and missed out by the narrowest margin.



I can't thank the BRFC Committee enough for all the time and effort and new ideas that they contribute to the running of a volunteer based sporting club. Each and every member is responsible for the ongoing success of this superb football club. The entire group shares the responsibilities and enthusiastically ensures that the club is managed to the highest level. As always it's been a pleasure to resolve the difficult time as well as celebrate the successes and I could not do this job without you. I would highly recommend that every member serve some time on the Committee as I have met wonderful people and made great friendships during my time on the BRFC Committee.

I've been informed that it's time for a couple of long serving volunteers to hang up their boots and sadly will not have their dedication and professionalism to call on at hand.



**Alan McNair** – No task was ever too much for you for Alan, not only did he coach a minimum of 1 if not 2 teams each season there was always time for other teams that needed a stand in coach due to injury or vacation or just some additional skills training. Add to this the Grading, Development Squad and Goalkeeper training and I wonder if Alan's wife Liz ever saw him during the winter months. Alan's ability to connect with all the members that he trained was truly inspirational. Alan proved that he's one of the most talented coaches that this club has ever had the pleasure to be guided by.

**Carolyn Howard** – After 6 years as the Merchandise Office, several years on the General Committee and sharing the services as Canteen Coordinator it's time for her to just be a mother (as if that's not hard enough). Carolyn's services will be recognized for a long time to come as she was an instrumental with the introduction of the 20 year playing strip as well as the modernized and user friendly New BRFC website with online stores among other things. I thank you for all your efforts and support over the many years as well as being my rock and allowing me to preside over this wonderful club.



BRFC welcomed some new sponsors this year and their support is greatly appreciated. HV Hill Plumbing, Elite Physiotherapy and Menai Sand and Soil. Thank you Club Central Menai, CSM, Coral Air, Diamond Photography, All Aussie Water Blasting, Dewood Interiors for your continued support.





Thanks go out to all the Coaches and Managers. Without your commitment and dedication the teams would not function or improve. Your time and effort is greatly appreciated.

To all the parents and players that volunteered some time to help out during the season with Ground Set-up, clean-up, Canteen, BBQ or Ground Control I say thank you. Without your assistance the club would not function as it does.



A huge thank you goes to Lee Downie for all the hours and kilometers that you travel watching Ridgebacks games all over the shire taking photos and compiling slide shows that become a slice of history for our club for many years to come.



**Thank you to all the Ridgebacks community for another highly successful season.**

Regards  
Scott Howard  
President BRFC

# **BARDEN RIDGEBACKS FC COMMITTEE**

## **Executive Committee**

President: Scott Howard

Senior Vice-President: Andrew Edwards

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Registrar: Garry Leech

Secretary: Lou Chandler

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Technical Director: Alan McNair

## **General Committee:**

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Nicole Castle (Canteen)

Danielle Leech (Canteen)

Ada Palmer (Grounds)

Paul Ferguson

Mark Leech

Lisa McClure

Laura Grady

## President's Merit Award 2017

### Grant Palmer

I'm pleased to announce that the recipient of the 2017 President's Merit Award goes to Grant Palmer.

As each year passes Volunteers from outside of the Committee go that little bit further than most to assist in the functioning of the BRFC. For several years Grant has gone above and beyond with his assistance in multiple areas including formulating the Grading day schedule, Trial Match roster, Field allocations, printing of all Match Sheets just to name a few. This all helps ensure that every member has a trouble free and seamless opportunity to participate in the sport that they love.

2017 also saw Grant take responsibility of being on the SSFA Grading Committee as well as coaching the U16A and U21A BRFC teams and also as a playing member of our O45 team. Grant's ability as an exceptional coach was endorsed when he took his U21 team all the way to the State Cup Semi Final only to narrowly miss out on progressing to the final with a loss by Penalty Shootout after extra time. I know Grant can lead this team 1 game further next year. Grant's younger team also grew and developed into a highly skilled and competitive team under his leadership.

I thank Grant for all his time and effort in making 2017 a very successful and memorable year. He is a very worthy recipient for the 2017 President's Merit.

Congratulations

Scott Howard.  
President BRFC





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# TECHNICAL DIRECTOR REPORT 2017

Technical Director Report 2017. Once again Barden Ridgebacks FC was to the fore both on the park and off the park in 2017. We continue to promote activities within the club and in particular the encouragement of our female members not only to play but to take on a team and coach.

## **Development Squad**

Once again we had 3 Development Squads this year drawn from all grades. U8/U9, U10/ U12 and a girl's squad. U12 / U16 On the first night we were completely blown away with the attendance. Over 60 players turned up. Numbers did drop a bit as the weeks went on but even on the wet and cold nights we had excellent numbers. We always say at the start of the first night, "this is not a game night" we encourage players of all grades to attend with the goal and the emphasis being on skills development. Control, First touch, passing and Moving off the ball are the features of each night, and at the end of the 10 weeks it is truly rewarding to see the players improving in these areas. The success of the Development Squad is due mainly to the passionate and patient coaches who volunteered their time to assist me with the Squad. My sincere thanks go to Tom Bell and David Batten for their unrelenting passion for the game and their desire to help all the kids in the squads. Without these gentlemen the squad would not exist. Also a big mention to my son Calum McNair who came along each night and as a goalkeeper faced many shots at the end of each session, it was great to see the young players determined to score a goal past him. Each night he came home with very warm hands!

## **Goalkeeper Sessions**

We are one of the few clubs that seem to realise the importance in providing exclusive goalkeeping coaching sessions to our keepers. We all know that the goalkeeper is a specialised position and as such requires specialist coaching and once again we had ex Arsenal and Portsmouth keeper Ron Tilsed come along and give the keepers the benefit of his years of experience. Keepers do not simply stand between the posts trying to get in the way of the ball. Distribution and footwork are now fundamental skills in being a good keeper and that is a skill many of our keepers worked hard at. This year the weather was magnificent, we did not lose one night due to bad weather which is a record. At the end of the 10 weeks Ron gives out an award to the keeper who he thinks has excelled at the sessions and this year it went to 16A Keeper Jacob Rebeiro. Well done Jacob and I know from watching Jacob play throughout the season this is well deserved. One of the highlights of these sessions was the night Spurs Goalkeeper Tom Glover came and helped run one of the sessions. Tom has since signed a loan deal to play with Central Coast Mariners for a season and we wish him all the best.





### **Coaching Courses**

Once again we had a number of new coaches join the club and many of these took the time to go along and attend a Grassroots Certificate course run by the Association. It was also good to see some of our female coaches and players go along to the Association "Ladies" nights. We also provided online assistance to coaches via our website and the Association website and it was good to see this being used.

### **Team Training Sessions**

To all the teams I had the opportunity to work with and run sessions throughout the season, I thank you and the coaches. It was a pleasure working with you all.

### **Menai Indoor**

Once again the club booked Menai indoor Centre for teams to use during bad weather and teams Our online booking system allows teams of all age groups to book a session and all paid for by the club. Again showing what a forward thinking and community minded club the Ridgebacks is.

## Season Summary

Sadly this year the weather caused us to cancel our annual Pre Season Friendly weekend against Bangor. My thanks to Grant Palmer for all his effort in helping us putting this event together, just a shame the weather was not on our side. Once again the club had success on the field with 7 teams playing Grand Finals and 4 of them emerging the winners. In fact, of the other 3 games, one was a draw and in the other 2 we went down by a goal. Great effort from all concerned. Success like this is only achieved by hard work and commitment from committee, coaches, managers, players and in the case of the younger players, dedicated parents. To the Coaches and Managers, without you we do not have a club, thanks for your commitment, time and effort, and to the players, be you in an Under 6 team to one of our "Slightly" Over 45 teams, you are a Ridgeback and be proud of it. This is my fifth year in the role of Technical Director and it is time to hang up the clip board and whistle and pass the job onto a younger member of the club. I want to sincerely thank the committee for all the help they have given me from Day One. Grading Days to Grand Final Days their support has always been there. Thanks also to all the players I have coached at various training sessions and to their coaches for letting me do so. It has been an honour and a privilege to have held this position. See you all "Up the Ridge"

**Alan McNair BRFC**  
**Technical Director (Retired)**





## 2017 Perpetual Award Winners

### **Club Person**

Dave Batten

### **MiniRoo Coach**

Andy O'Brien 6

### **Coach of the Year**

Graeme Ross 14D

### **Goalkeeper Award**

Jamison Cawsey  
Renee Westwood

### **Little D Award**

Cally Stevens

### **MiniRoo Referee Award**

Ayden Vangi  
Ebony Harmer

## 2017 AWARD NOMINATIONS

### Club Person

Kev Harris  
Tom Bell  
Theresa Fitzgibbon  
Grant Palmer  
Dave Batten  
Lee Downie

### Miniroo Coach

Andy O'Brien 6E  
Lucy Cullum 9G  
Rod Creighton 7E  
Dave Batten 10D  
Paul Decelis 10A  
Jim Parker 6I/2

### Coach of the Year

Grant Palmer 16A & 21A  
Kev Harris W18B & 35F  
Daniel Church 18B/1  
Alan McNair 15A  
Chris Lekkas AL3  
Shaun Lyall AL11  
Colin Armstrong AL9  
Graeme Ross 14D  
Garry Leech WSF  
Greg O'Rourke WSC  
Roman Werezynski W16C

### Goalkeeper Award

Jacob Rebeiro 16A  
Kallan Ward AL9  
Zac Wade 18B/1  
Elyse Cugley W18B  
Jamison Cawsey 21A  
Renee Westwood WSC  
Taylor Fagerstrom WSH  
Stavros Christophorou 45A  
Mark Hogan 45D

### MiniRoo Referee

Jaden Chandler  
Jackson Rebiero  
Jacob Rebiero  
Alex Knijik  
Calum McNair  
Danielle Faour  
Ayden Vangi  
Mia Karooz-Lipscombe  
Ronan Fitzgibbon  
Connor Fitzgibbon  
Matt Fouracre  
Tom Minchew  
Porty Harris  
Ebony Harmer  
Kirsten Bell  
Andrew Cooper  
Will Payne  
Sam Hunt  
Camryn Bird



## 10 YEAR AWARDS

Kurt Da Vanzo

Connor Fitzgibbon

Michael Graziano

Christopher Hamilton

Patrick Hull

Bradley Hunt

Joshua Hunt

Samuel Hunt

Jack Knight

Dylan Leech

Frank Manduca

Stephanie Manduca

Aidan O'Hara

Shay O'Hara

Luke Rope









## 6E

It has been an absolute pleasure coaching the 6E's this year. Such an enthusiastic and fun bunch of kids. Whilst we only had 5 in our squad most weeks, often we played with 4 and a few times only had 3 turn up to the game. This didn't stop them at all.

Our junior superstars always had a "Never give up attitude" and always had really big smiles on their faces.... Irrespective of what the score was. This season was a mixed bag of wins, losses and some draws. I don't think the kids really cared about the result from each game as long as they got a red frog or lolly snake at half-time or after the game. Leila and Sam led the attack this year both scoring numerous goals from week to week. They were both very solid all over the park.

Harry was our most entertaining player on the field this year. Even scoring a few goals too. He was a real crowd pleaser. He could dribble the ball quite comfortably but would often run from one side of the field to the other side of the field then end up doing a forward roll like a stuntman. He would always turn around to the home crowd and smile.

Our very solid defence this year consisted of Jared and Kayleigh. They spent most of the year up the back guarding our goals like a pair of security guards at a nite club. Just when the other team look like scoring Kayleigh would stick her foot out at the last minute and save another goal. Jared will be most remembered for his big long kick ins from the sideline & from kick offs. He had a very big boot on him and often hit the post from long range.

A special thank you to all our families and friends who came and supported us from week to week. And a big thank you to our team Manager, (Michael) for helping out this year, along with Dean for running some training sessions when I couldn't make it.

Thanks guys.

Another great year with another great bunch of kids.

Enjoy the summer break and see you all back in 2018.

Andy O'Brien- 6E's coach 2017







## 6H

The 2017 soccer season has provided our little players an opportunity to develop new skills and learn the basics of the game. The boys particularly enjoyed our training sessions; lots of fun was had with modified games and practise games against fellow Ridgebacks. Each Saturday the Barden Ridgebacks 6H team would take the field with excitement and the hope to kick a goal. They displayed sportsmanship and compassion both for each other and their opponents – when a player was down on the ground there was always a little Ridgeback to help them up. Cuddles were freely given, even during the game at times!

A special mention must go out to each of my players:

Lyndon – showed great improvement throughout his first season of soccer. Better placement of the ball and faster dribbling enabled him to involve himself more in the game. Lyndon consistently supported his team mates both on and off the field.

Ben – in his second year of soccer he knows where to be at the right time. He backs up his team mates and played well both in offence and defence. He often came out with interesting commentary on the state of play!

Levi – always strong in defence; saving many goals being scored against us. His strong kick would see the ball travel from one end to the other. Increased confidence and focus enabled Levi to take control of the game.

Ky – showed great commitment in his first season of soccer; attending every game and training session. He demonstrated great determination at times on the field; whilst at other times he enjoyed just being with his mates.

Cruz- our happiest little player who always had a smile on his face. He enjoyed running to the ball getting in as many kicks as he could. Cruz showed great improvement in his overall control of the ball.

Dean – has the ability to dribble the ball past all the opponents and go for goals. He defended well and stopped many goals. A quiet achiever who played well under pressure and consistently demonstrated excellent ball control.

Thanks for a great season 6H!

Kim Maurer (Coach Kim)







## 611

Our little team that could. At the beginning of this season, I met 6 x very young kids. It was my first attempt at coaching and for most of them, their first attempt at playing. The progress that we have made is outstanding. I now understand the rules and "flexibility" of U6 soccer and why that flexibility needs to be present. The goal this season was to teach about sportsmanship, fair play and teamwork which I think we have achieved.

As for the kids themselves. Lexy is the only girl on our team and is the little pocket rocket. She rules the roost and keeps the boys in line. She loves to kick and equally tackle the ball away from the other teams. Matthew is committed to every second he is on the field. This shows in his often puffed red cheeks. His improvement from round one until now is significant and he always tries his hardest. Cruz has taken his fair share of knocks this season but that hasn't kept him down. He loves playing with his team mates and is keen to run wherever he can. His hair is always in place and he is ready to impress. Tommy has achieved great success this season. He started off the season as a very shy kid who wasn't the most confident, but he has sincerely blossomed and progressed through the season as is totally different player now who has confidence to take the shot. Lucas has done well this season. He is our only left footer in the team which makes it a little harder when teaching passing and shooting skills. He has improved significantly and loves taking the goal line kicks. Ryder has loved playing this season. He is the player on the team that might not concentrate as much but just loves the time with his mates. He is still adamant that's he wants to be a goalkeeper so for now we just hope that he carries on cheering, no matter which teams scores a goal.

A big thank you needs to go out to the parents who supported us each weekend with cheers and lollies and often spend time in the cold on a Wednesday training day. Thanks also to our Manager Dee who ensured clear communication of information throughout the season. We

wouldn't of been able to get through it without you. I hope all the kids continue to play soccer next year and I look forward the seeing them grow and blossom.

Cheers for Now,  
Regards,  
Mike Thomas







## Barden Ridgebacks Football Club 2017



Team: 612

Coach (L) - Jim Parker Manager (R) - Danielle Rauzan

Front Row: (L to R): Blake Hieber, Lachlan Parker, James Kerr, Archer Rauzan, Beau Melia, Benjamin Croucher

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## Barden Ridgebacks Football Club 2017



### Team: W6B

Coach: Robert Jenkins (L)    Manager: Donna Reberger (R)

Front Row: (L to R): Scarlett Franklin, Sian Jenkins, Hannah Franklin, Ruby Palisi, Mikaela Reberger,  
Olivia Kiely, Abigail Cullum.

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## 7A

The 2017 soccer season was a bit of a mixed bag for our 7A's team. We started off the season with a couple of close games with a win here or there. Then as the season progressed we found ourselves up against some teams that were just 'next level' so we went down in a few games by large margins. To the boys credit they never let the game score bother them and they kept trying week in, week out. They came together toward the end of the season and really started working well as a team.

Eben was our key defender. He knew his job was to stay back and defend and he did it really well every week. Connor was our all rounder. He was keen to score goals and defend and was always there as backup for Eben when he needed him. Then we had Luca who had never played soccer before this year and boy did he improve from the beginning of the season to the end. Ethan was our big booter. He loved to really boot the ball and also loved to be ready for a pass from his team mates to score. Lucas was our little pocket rocket. Playing up an age group often meant he was the smallest but he really didn't let that bother him and was able to keep up with the big kids no problem at all. All the boys loved to score goals so they really shared that around too which was great to see.

A big thanks go to Dave and Trevan for coaching for the season and being ready to train in the freezing cold every week at the "fridge". Also a thanks to the parents for bringing the boys every week and helping them all to enjoy their soccer season.

Looking forward to doing it all again in 2018.



## 7E

For the second year in a row I have to say how proud I am as a coach and I know all the parents feel the same way.

With our first game being a tough ask with only 3 players for half the game and the second not having any subs the boys made it through the 2 games with plenty of determination coming out with 1 loss and a draw.

Round 3 came around and we welcomed Beau to the field, new to the team and starting the season after having a broken wrist, he settled into the team perfectly.

The change I have seen in Beau, Ethan, Jack, Riley and Ryan from week to week in skill, determination and how to read a game is fantastic and its great to see such a young bunch of kids string a couple of passes together as a team and always hit the field with a smile on their faces.

This is evident as they have not lost a game since round 1.

They are definitely ready for the bigger field next year and I look forward to seeing them all develop their skills in what is a fantastic game.

I would like to thank all the parents whom have assisted throughout the year at training, I know you and I have enjoyed the game at the end of each training session as much as the kids :)

See you all next year

Thanks

Rod Creighton (Coach)





## Barden Ridgebacks Football Club 2017



### Team: 7G

Coach: Richard Baird (L)    Manager: Lauren Shanahan (Absent)

Front Row: (L to R): Seth Vowles, Dylan Shanahan, Taylan Cameron, Ryan Jones, Patrick Kelly, Elizabeth Baird

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## 8C

U8C's have had an enjoyable season of soccer where they have grown together as a team in confidence and skill. The boys grew to love their new positions, showing great versatility in playing a variety of positions within each game. They became a tight knit group, that worked well together and enjoyed each others company.

### Meet the Team:

Blake – Developed his dribbling skills and passing game throughout the year. He understands positional play and contributed well to the overall team's performance.

Mitchell – Found his role in the team as a defender. He reads the game well and has a good tackling technique.

Harry – Solid and reliable player who always gave 100% , his dribbling and ball skills improved considerably throughout the season.

Evan – Unsure if he is natural left or right foot kicker as he is great with both. Great team player and understands positional play better than most.

Isaac – Great season who scored many great goals, he developed his dribbling skills well throughout the season.

Mathew Cooper – Became more confident in his own abilities throughout the year. Matthew is a great team player.

Xavier –Passing game improved as the year went on. He grew in confidence over the season and found his niche as a good defender and goal keeper.

Isaiah – Great ball control and dribbling skills on show at the back end of the season, always gave 100% and contributed well to the overall teams results.

Matthew Guest – Grew in confidence throughout the year, always gave 100% what ever position he played and always put the team first.

Koda – One of the most improved throughout the season, his dribbling and passing game was his greatest strength. He scored some great goals this season.



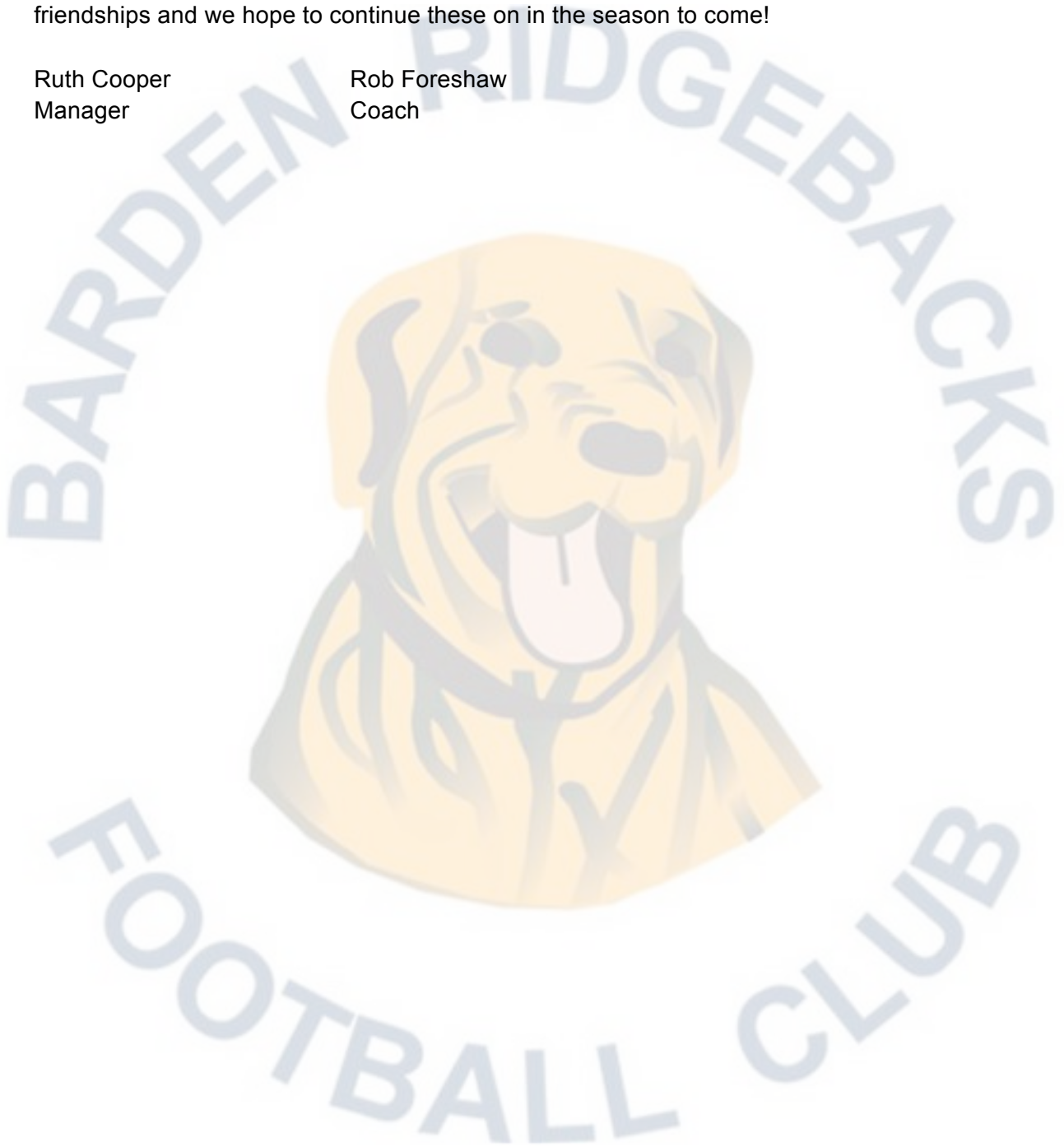
A HUGE thank you to our coach Rob for the enthusiasm and patience that he brought to each training session. Thank you for the great activities you organized each week. The boys looked forward to each training session and game!

Thank you to the BRFC for the amazing development squad. The U8C'S thoroughly enjoyed themselves and learnt so much!

Thank you also to the wonderful parents of our boys. It was a pleasure to make new friendships and we hope to continue these on in the season to come!

Ruth Cooper  
Manager

Rob Foreshaw  
Coach





## 8F 1

This was a fantastic year for the boys in particular when you reflect on last year and the noticeable improvements the players have made - both in their understanding of the game as well as their skill levels in twelve months. The team has bonded well this year in particular with having Nathaniel and Lysander joining the team and the positive aspects they have brought to the group. Each and every player developed in their own way throughout the year while having lots of fun along the way.

**Matthew:** Matthew proved himself again this year as the team's zippy little bullet - able to take the ball, run with it and score some goals. While always giving 100% and coming off the field with a red face, Matthew still managed to have the odd chat with players around him when he could to discuss team tactics or what was happening after the game.

**Nathaniel:** Super defender!!! Nathaniel was an important part of this year's team with a keen eye for understanding positioning in the back of the field and positioning himself just right to stop the other team from scoring. Never afraid to just run at the ball if he could try and stop the other team from advancing.

**Billy:** It was great to see Billy's confidence on the field grow even further this year being a central person in many of the tackles within the game. This intensity seemed to come out even more on at certain games which seemed to always align to weeks in which he received extra one on one coaching from his mum. Just a coincidence I am sure.....

**Jeremy:** Jeremy's all-round game improved for another year, in particular his love for marking. If it was one thing Jeremy loved beyond the fluoro orange goalie gloves it was chasing an opponent around and around and around the field during a throw in, sometimes well after the ball had been thrown in. His enthusiasm and enjoyment for the game has been a pleasure to watch this season.



Caleb: Another fantastic year with his enthusiasm and drive ensuring he was always in the mix of the game with noticeable improvements in his ball control and positioning on the field. This year was the start of having a goal keeper and with a lot of players giving it a try it was something Caleb has been able to excel in and hopefully something he will be interested in continuing into next year as well.

Lysander: This was Lysander's first year of soccer and it was a pleasure seeing him grow in both confidence and enthusiasm with each game. It was evident on Lysander's face at both training and in the game the joy he was getting running around with the rest of the team and learning the game which will hopefully grow further the more he continues to play.

Ben: Ben had a fantastic year in particular with his foot work and ball control. Over the course of the season Ben has made notable advances from just kicking the ball to being able to control, dribble and pass the ball with more confidence. Ben has not just taken a shine to controlling the ball, but also the team with a lot of team coordination on the field coming from Ben, a real team captain in the making.

Zac: Zac has been a joy to have in the team this year, always focused on listening and learning and notably trying to focus on his skill development and ball control which was evident through the season as his skills improved. Always giving 100% throughout the game and never giving up when chasing the ball down.

A big thank you to all the parents and other family members who have supported the team this year both in their dedication to weather the cold winter night training sessions as well as sideline supporters on the weekends.

Also a big thank you to Matt and Trinity as Managers, ensuring we all knew the game details well in advance, as well as Matt's dedication to ensuring everyone had the same amount of game time on the field each and every week.









## 8F 2

The 2017 season was a good season for the boys, some of the boys had played together last year and welcome the new players to the team like they were all best mates. There was lots of excitement between the boys.

Their team spirits and comradeship was awesome to watch at both training and the games.

Charlie's left foot was amazing, he was always trying 100%.

Ben is our super friendly player, always offering to play for the other team if they were short players and putting his body on the line multiple times in goals or on the field.

Ryan had an awesome no fear attitude, he was really good at running onto the ball and developed great ball skills throughout the season.

Angus was solid in defense and our leading goal scorer,

Toby was our quiet achiever, always turning up to games with a big smile on his face.

Lucas was a great goalie and was good at covering the wings.

Jeremiah aka Dash, was our speedster, and was fantastic in goals.

Jordan always managed to find the biggest player to defend without any fear even though he was our smallest player.

Jonty was always eager to push up the front and never afraid to get in there and try to get the ball.

A big thanks to our coach Dave for his hard work and a special thanks to all the parents who helped out at training and to Gav for having the big voice on Saturdays to help direct the kids.

Well done boys, we are looking forward to 2018.



### 8F 3

The U8F3's had a brilliant year! We had a great first couple of games with 1 win and a loss. Then the regrading presented itself. The kids struggled in the coming weeks with this and the score lines reflected some challenges. When we were again regraded things changed as did the spirit of the team.

So Thursday nights were training, and chilly at that. Not that you would know, most of the team would turn up in shorts and t-shirts, whilst parents huddled together, like penguins protecting eggs, on the side. New friends were made, throughout all ranks and the balance of boys and girls was perfect.

The Falcon award, without doubt, has to go to Hayley, who always seemed to attract a ball to the face, 2 in 1 game and a few in subsequent games. This however did not blunt her enthusiasm; Hayley was always perusing an opportunity and scored numerous goals this season.

Izzy and Holly what a pair, the dancing, the flips the cartwheels (Hayley also) were great! At times during training it looked like you two were the Max cheer squad, with random tackles and laughter haha. Both of you house speed that surprised everyone; you defended like seasoned champions and constantly supported your fellow team mates. Bailey and his super boot! You could not miss the speed of this little go getter, Bailey often broke the line and his cannon left foot was brutal and evident in many training sessions whilst I was playing goalie for the kids.

To the super Archie, what a season, you are 1 tenacious little player. You never gave up, you always tried and I couldn't count how many little line breaks you made. The look on your face when you got through the defence was priceless. Archie you had a stellar year and should be proud of your efforts.

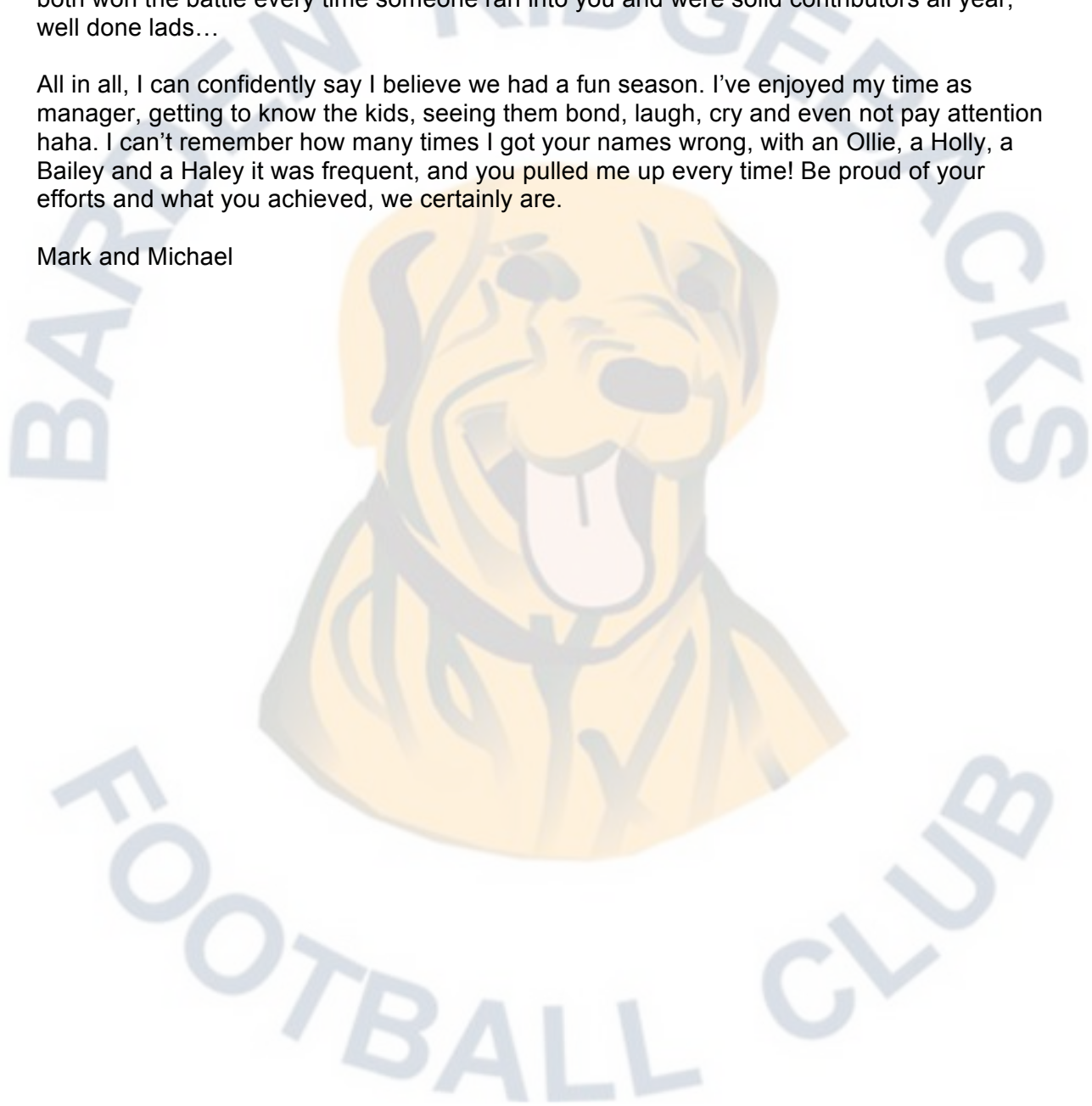
Max was everywhere this year; he covered goals, made breaks and was competitive in every challenge for the ball. Max was rewarded with goal glory too, if I remember correctly, an over the head of the goalie kick from almost half way. Well done Max.



So finally to Andrew and Ollie, what can I say, you all but looked like brothers on the pitch! Andrew your ability to protect the goal was commendable and I see a future talent developing, I'll say the same about your throw-ins, I reckon some of the older teams would be proud with your throwing distance. Ollie, you owned the centre of the pitch, and when you connected with the ball, the crowd went up every time. There was always a conversation you guys would have, and Ollie your random dance breakouts mid game kept us all looking your way! Andrew I love to passion that you bring, I recall many times seeing you marshal your fellow team mates around, whether from goals or the half way line, you brought passion. You both won the battle every time someone ran into you and were solid contributors all year, well done lads...

All in all, I can confidently say I believe we had a fun season. I've enjoyed my time as manager, getting to know the kids, seeing them bond, laugh, cry and even not pay attention haha. I can't remember how many times I got your names wrong, with an Ollie, a Holly, a Bailey and a Haley it was frequent, and you pulled me up every time! Be proud of your efforts and what you achieved, we certainly are.

Mark and Michael





## W8A

It was an enormous challenge for the girls this year, being graded in the 'A's'. Considering the team was made up of girls with a range of abilities, our Coach Stacey did a fantastic job in helping the girls come together and learn from each other. The girls can be extremely proud of the determination and effort they put into every game. They never gave up and always had fun.

All the girls improved considerably through the season and by the end of the season were playing extremely well as a team, passing to each other and holding their positions.

Ashlyn was always strong with the ball, making it hard for players to tackle her.

Alysha improved considerably though the year, with her ball skills developing in leaps and bounds.

Breanna was our star full back, rarely letting the opposition get past her.

Sophie's confidence grew enormously this season, creating many scoring opportunities.

Jasmine was able to out run any of the players on the field and also had a fantastic kick.

Sienna worked well with Breanna at the back and never gave up chasing after the ball and making clearance kicks.

Mikayla was our star goal scorer. She excelled all over the field and assisted her team mates during the games and also at training to develop their skills.

Riva was a very energetic player and didn't shy away from defence. Also worked well with our fullback Breanna and co-defender Sienna.

Sarisha continues to show her talents with the ball. Dribbling up field and getting around the defence with her agility and ball skills.

It was a pleasure to Coach & Manage the girls and we look forward to next year!

Stacey Martin & Steve Browne





## 9B

Twenty years into the future when Mikayla is captaining the Matildas and publishing her autobiography, she will be able to point to the 2017 9B's season (where the number of coaches pretty much outnumbered the players) as the year where she and her team mates truly learnt the value of teamwork. From the tireless work of the entire coaching panel (Michael, Rod, Bob and Chris) to the huge effort put in by each one of the kids every week, the team combined beautifully to pull off some fantastic wins during the season. The great thing about the 9Bs was that they never relied on a single player to get them over the line, it was always their sharp passing and team play. The kids rotated through all of the roles this year but each one seemed to find their own niche as the season progressed. Robbie always seemed most at home flying down the right wing or flying between the posts as goalie, Ethan and James worked hard as the engine room in the middle which resulted in some amazing goals, Ewan was a tackling machine in the backs and loved diving around as goalie as well, Isaac was the director who loved the ball at his feet and distributed the ball beautifully to his team mates, Adam put his rocket right foot to good use every week resulting in a few bent cross bars along the way, Jackson ran a marathon every week and never gave up, and of course there was cyclone Mikayla who's crunching tackles and attacking raids terrorised every other team in the competition. Can't wait for next year when the kids move to a bigger pitch to showcase their passing skills! Thanks to all the parents, grandparents, friends and family involved in getting the kids to the games each week, and of course thanks to the kids for providing us with so much entertainment.

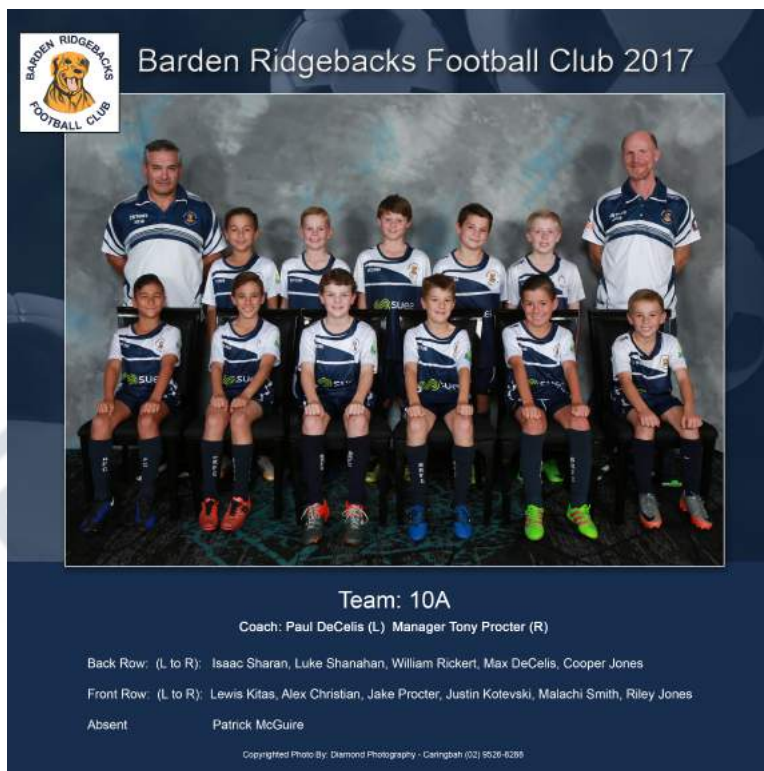
Manager: Emma Fouracre



## 9G

The 9Gs have had a wonderful season, building their confidence and beginning to play really well together as a team. It is great to see them so enthusiastic about their football. Cameron was a newcomer to football when he joined the team and it has been amazing to watch his confidence grow in all parts of the field, particularly when dribbling and backing up in defence. Eddie is the player every coach wants in their team. He always listens and tries his best no matter what position he plays in. He's been one of the best goalies in the team this year and also contributed a few fantastic goals at the other end of the field. Jacob B is the super striker in the team. He is developing masterful control of the ball, and he always gets himself into a great position to score, also setting up a few great opportunities for his teammates. Jacob C is an energetic midfielder and determined defender. He never gives up on a tackle and when he gets into a bit of space with his left foot he is hard to stop. He specialises in long-range goals! Jay has shown fantastic improvement over this season. His confidence in defence has increased enormously and he is also getting into great positions in attack. If he continues this way, the goals will really start flowing soon. Liam is the team's great defender. He has a great ability to move the ball down the field both with big kicks from in goals and in defence. He's also started doing some great work in the midfield which makes him a player to watch. Lucy is another newcomer to soccer who has had an impressive first season. She doesn't hold back when attacking the ball, and she always keeps her head up even if the team should happen to get behind on the scoreboard. Marcus is one of the team's best attackers. He has enormous energy and enthusiasm for the game and is hard to stop once he gains control of the ball, leading to a few goals throughout the season. Michael is a great all-rounder who always seems to be involved in the play. He has been working hard on his positioning in the field which is making him a valuable player in both defence and attack, scoring and setting up a number of goals for the team. It has been a pleasure to coach this team this year, and I look forward to seeing even more great things from them in future seasons.





## 10A

The 10A's this year came together as a fairly new bunch. It was great to see the team gel early on in the season.

A strong start to the season, seen us come away with number of good results. Fair to say the "State of Origin" series took its toll on our mid season but we rallied hard to finish the season strong. This was most evident at our end of season gala night. The team played amazing and came away with heads held high.

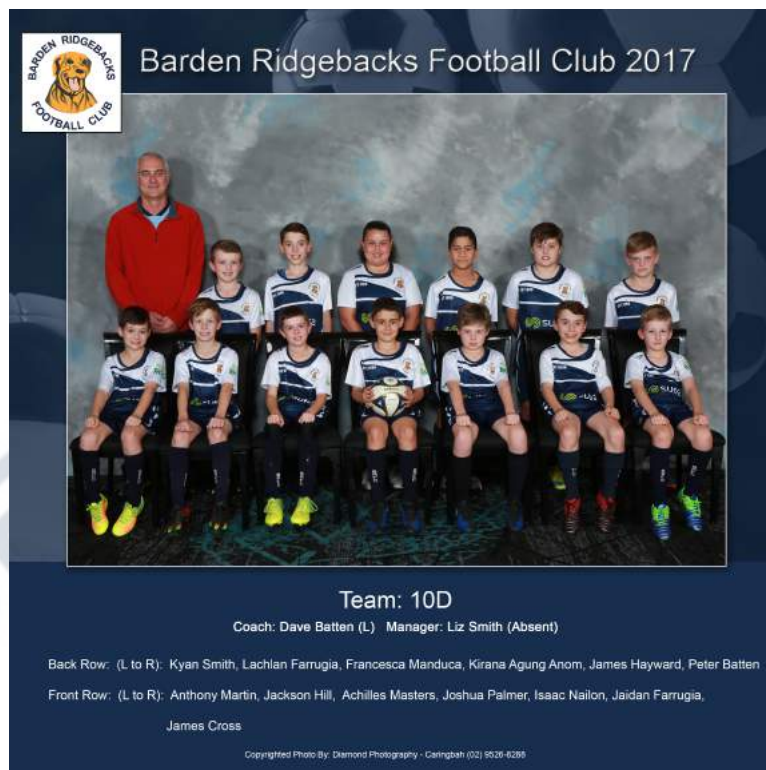
As always it is important for the boys to have fun whilst also learning to be competitive and fair. I think we found a good balance throughout the year and the team as a whole will be competitive in years to come.

Individual performances were there for all to see. More importantly all the boys improved their skill, knowledge of the game and learnt to play a structured brand of football (soccer). From a coaching perspective this is always pleasing to see.

Thanks For having me as Coach and I look forward to bigger and better things to come from all the boys.

Thanks to Tony for his co ordinate management skills and to all the parents for the support throughout the season. Great Bunch!!!!

Regards,  
 Paul DeCelis (Coach)



## 10D

It's with great pleasure that I am writing this year's team match report for the mighty Barden Ridgebacks 10D's. This year we had plenty of wins mixed in with some losses and couple of draws. The kids were always gracious in defeat, showing fantastic sportsmanship, always willing to shake hands at the end of the game, regardless of the result. This year I saw great improvement in all the kids, which for a coach is the most satisfying thing about coaching. It also makes my job a lot easier when we get all 13 kids to training and to the game every week, thanks to all the parents for continually getting their kids to training and the games. This year I tried to play the kids in positions that they were naturally drawn to and felt most comfortable in, we had our goal scoring attacking kids, Anthony, Francesca, Kyan and Peter. We had our game controlling central midfielders, Achilles, Jackson, Jaidan and James H and then we had our impenetrable defensive team of Isaac, James C, Josh, Kirana and Lachlan. Every child did an outstanding job in their field positions. Once again, it's been another fantastic season and I truly hope to see you all again next year.

Dave Batten  
 Coach









## Barden Ridgebacks Football Club 2017



### Team: 12B

Coach : Jorge Knijnik (L) Manager: Chris Bradshaw (R)

Back Row: (L to R): Jackson Rebeiro, Sean Finn, Adam O'Brien, Cameron Magner, Alex Knijnik, Caden Jackson

Front Row: (L to R): William Payne, Jordan Rogers, Thomas Vogt, Matthew Bradshaw, Reuben Netto, Nicholas Petris,

Zac Jordan

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## 12D

The U12D's have had a GREAT season of soccer. The season started off a bit sluggish as the boys adjusted to a full field, some new rules and a new group of teammates. With a mixture of 11 and 12 year old boys, they needed to learn each other's strengths and weakness and begin to gel together. They trained hard and gave their all.

With a start in U12C's we were regraded into the 12D's and thus began our journey upwards. Through training and dedication, the boys worked together as a team and became a force to be reckoned with. Finishing the season with 7 wins a draw and 9 losses, the boys can hold their heads high this season. They played with integrity, grit and skill, displaying great sportsmanship, camaraderie and passion for the game.

### Meet the Team!

Joash Alvarez – was a dependable footballer who helped form the solid foundation of the defense team.

Matthew Baird – Matt's commitment to the team has been valuable and very much appreciated. He showed great improvement in agility and speed within the game.

Christian Castellan – Christian's accuracy and positioning has improved enormously resulting in a number of goals this season.

Aiden Coker – Aiden played well in a critical position within the defense squad. He was reliable teammate.

Andrew Cooper – Andrew's passion as a defender made him the natural leader of the defense team. He showed a natural ability to read the ball play well.

Toby Evans – Toby was reliable player committed to mid-field and defense that has shown great improvement through the season.

Santos Flores – Santos has improved his ability to read the game allowing him to place the ball and kick strategy passes.

Nathan Guest – Nathan’s insight has added crucial decision making ability to the mid field. His energy and speed were a real asset to the team.

Ryan Humbley – Ryan had great skill and enthusiasm to be a great goal keeper for our team. Sadly with holidays and injury, Ryan missed quite a few games, but we look forward to him returning in full strength next season.

Steven Kouroulis – Steven’s positive attitude was inspiring for his team mates. He improved in fitness and skill level and was a valued member of our team.

Ashton Rudder – Ashton’s striking skills have added depth to the attack, scoring and assisting quality goals during the season. His speed and agility often meant he outsmarted the opposition, winning the ball.

Dante Sayegh – Dante’s energy, tenacity and persistence wreaked havoc on the opponents in every game. He was a fearless defender who always gave 100% to every game.

Matthew Steele – Matthew was the season’s surprise when he found his skills and talent as a goal keeper. Often put in tough circumstances, Matthew managed to save many goals and was an integral part of our team.

Cade Straatman – Cade was first timer to soccer this year and displayed so much natural talent! He found his strength as a striker, scoring his first goal very early in the season. We look forward to seeing what the next season brings!

Thank you

Thank you to Alan McNair, who often made himself available to our team and came to several training sessions. His passion for soccer and dedication to see each child reach their potential was a blessing to us. Ashton, Cade and Andrew really enjoyed and grew in skill level from the development squad run on Friday nights. A HUGE thankyou to all involved from the club and Alan who coached them.

I just wanted to end by thanking our coach, Raf Flores, for stepping up to be coach this year. It wasn’t an easy task, but we appreciate you taking it on. You encouraged the boys to play to their potential and enthusiastically taught them to work as a team. Thank you also to our faithful parents. Thank you for supporting our team in lots of little ways, and being our greatest cheer squad on the sidelines each week!

Ruth Cooper  
Manager

Raf Flores  
Coach





## 14D

To the Boys of the BRFC Under 14D's, thanks for a wonderful season. From the Coaching staff, manager Emma, coaches Gary and Grahame. What a turnaround from last year. We finished a very respectful 3rd place this season. Some simple stats this year are, we only lost ONE match into the semi's that was better than any other team in our grade. Finishing equal first on points (but for and against saw us finish in second place.) A tremendous effort nearly taking out minor premiers.

The Semis weren't as kind to us, but we played very hard against difficult teams that played rough and tough, something our boys had to learn to deal with. At training the boys enjoyed the one on one with each other learning how to defend themselves and the ball. I am sure our boys will give back ....within the rules of the game, as good as they get next year. It was interesting to see how well our boys could pass the ball around. Something Gary and I worked on at training. Thus winning great praise from the opposition coaches including our own Alan McNair BRFC technical director. These skills will surely put them in great stead to go further as a team in years to come. This will be enhanced with seasons to come ahead.

I would love to tell a little story about each boy. However there isn't enough time or space to do that in this forum. Each boy has great strength's and work as a team, and there are some improvements that could be put into their game, as can be said for the coaching staff.

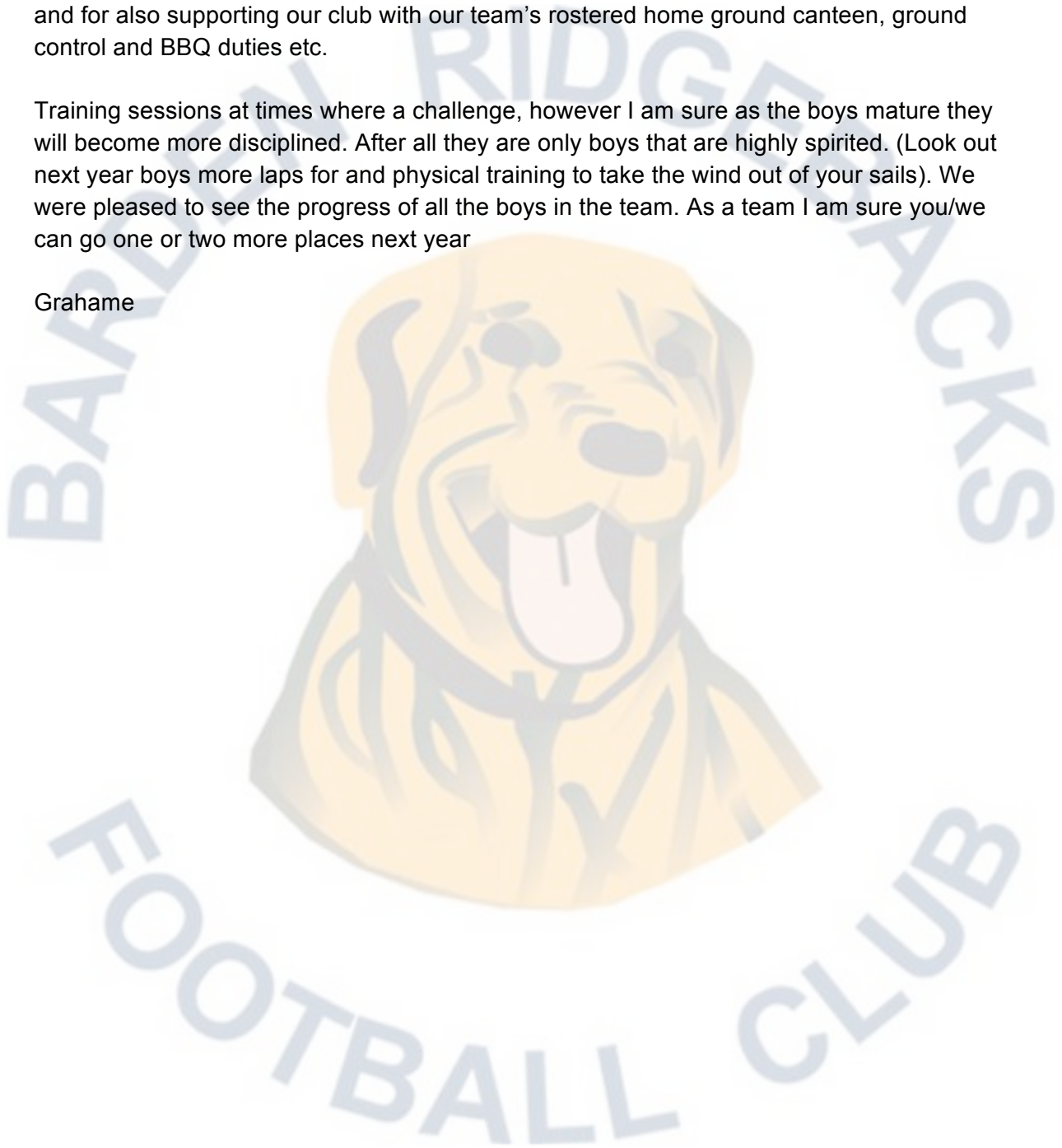
Thanks to Barden Ridgebacks F.C for giving our boys a great club to play for. Also for all the clubs volunteers and executive staff. A special thanks to Alan McNair for his coaching assistance throughout the year. In Alan's words-" the boys played better in the semi's but couldn't get the ball into the goals with several balls hitting the posts and skimming the feet of our strikers". Unfortunately lady luck wasn't on our side.

The team came together with several new faces and a massive 18 players registered. This was a challenge within itself, but a far cry from last year's team with no reserves. However, difficult selections had to be made into the semis, which was a tough job no coach or manger or parent would want to make, I am quite sure!

Thanks to all the parents that assisted with game days when coaching staff couldn't make it and for also supporting our club with our team's rostered home ground canteen, ground control and BBQ duties etc.

Training sessions at times where a challenge, however I am sure as the boys mature they will become more disciplined. After all they are only boys that are highly spirited. (Look out next year boys more laps for and physical training to take the wind out of your sails). We were pleased to see the progress of all the boys in the team. As a team I am sure you/we can go one or two more places next year

Grahame







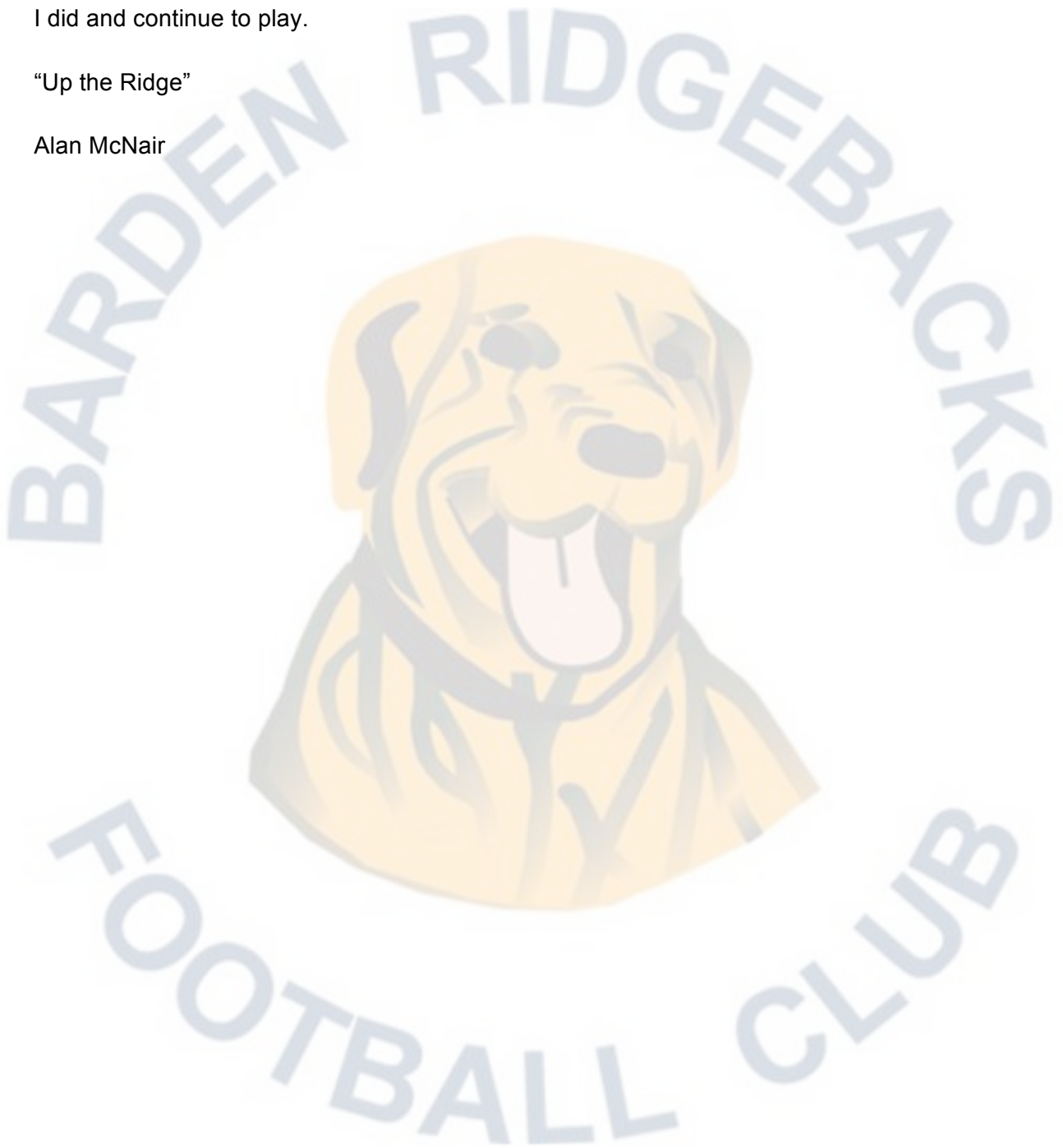
## 15A

This season we welcomed 3 new players to the squad. Ethan Deal, Luke Roper and Brayden Roeger. 2017 season started off with a bit of a surprise, we were all ready to compete in the B Grade comp when we discovered the Association had decided to put us up into A Grade. I have to admit I was a bit concerned this was going to be a tough season ahead. I need not have worried as all the players in the team showed they were more than ready to play against A Grade teams and proved this by being competitive throughout the season. Our first game was against Sylvania away, they were reigning premiers and had it not been for their keeper and the crossbar instead of a 0-0 draw we could have walked off the park with 3 points. We also played most of the second half with 10 players due to an "Over zealous" refereeing decision. Week 3 saw us lose Keeper Calum with a broken wrist and I have to say a huge thanks to Braydon for letting me put him in goals every week Calum was out. Outstanding job Braydon. The boys trained hard and numbers at training were always good and the attitude of the boys to learn and work on their game was consistently outstanding. In the end our lack of goals cost us dearly as 3 teams finished on the same points but we lost out on goal difference. Two games stick out for me, 1-0 win away to eventual runners up Engadine, and the 2-1 win away to Gynea. The team showed they can compete with A Grade teams when they put their mind to it. Home games were like Déjà vu from last year, we did not win one until the last game of the season. Maybe next year we play all our games away. When it comes to team managers I was lucky enough to once again have the best at BRFC. Theresa organised all the administration before and after games. She kept meticulous records of every game and was able to tell me when subs were due down to the second. I don't normally like to single out individuals but if I had to pick someone to take a penalty to save my life it would be "Ice cool" Rocco. Not only 3 superb penalties but finished top goal scorer for the season. Not bad for a full back.

To all the boys a huge thanks for their endeavours throughout the season. It was tough at times. It's not all about winning trophies, only one team in the comp is crowned the premiers, Enjoying the football, making new friends that may be friends for years to come is far more important. To the parents, my thanks for yours support. Your demeanour at games and for entrusting your boys in my care every week, I said this last year but I can say it again, every single one of the boys is a credit to their parents. I hope you enjoyed the season as much as I did and continue to play.

“Up the Ridge”

Alan McNair





## 16A

As we finish the season for the lads from our 16A team I would have to say that I am a very proud coach.

It was a very interesting and unexpected start to the season as we saw the team (who have traditionally played in B Grade) placed into the A grade competition. Definitely the right call made as all the Top 4 from the 15B's from 2016 moved up.

The great thing was that as we started our preseason training as a group we were pleased to be able to really challenge ourselves at a much harder level. We also gladly had some new faces added to our squad with Steven and Jordan joining us and we welcomed back Kyle.

Round 1 started and we couldn't have had a better welcome to A Grade as we had a resounding victory 4 Goals to the good without conceding. We suspected that it wasn't going to be that easy every week and that's how it turned out. Our season ebbed and flowed with some really awesome games and some games that are best describe as average. Consistency is the key when playing A Grade in the Sutherland Shire. These are incredibly strong competitions, as tough as park footy gets anywhere across the state. Its tough going and you have to turn up at your best week in week out to compete.

Some highlights for the season were some really strong performances against teams high up on the table who have been in A Grade semis for years. In particular our 2 games against St Pats. The second round against Bangor (who were playing for second place at the time) was just a sensational performance by the lads and but for some luck and a bounce of the ball we could have easily gotten away with that one. In my eyes we proved that day we can compete strongly in A Grade.

At the end of the season we found ourselves in 7th place. A credible result. Of the 4 teams who moved from B to A with us we finished higher than all but last year Premiers (who also went onto the A Grand Final). I would say I am very proud of that performance and it certainly gives us the impetus to aim higher next year.

The team consisted of:

Kyle – Teams main striker, menace to the opposition

Jordan – Left Mid , scored a bomb or 2

Nick – Centre Mid, cool player outstanding season

Dion - Right Wing, sneaky fast beat players for fun

Declan – Gets better every year, strong defender

Braydon – Most wholehearted player, now a team gun.

Leon – Centre Back and did an awesome job for the team

Sandon – Player of the Year.

Harri – Versatility award, can literally play anywhere and excels at all – highly valued

Nathan – Central player, strong and good vision.

Hayden – Started in the defence and moved to attacking roles, did all of them with class

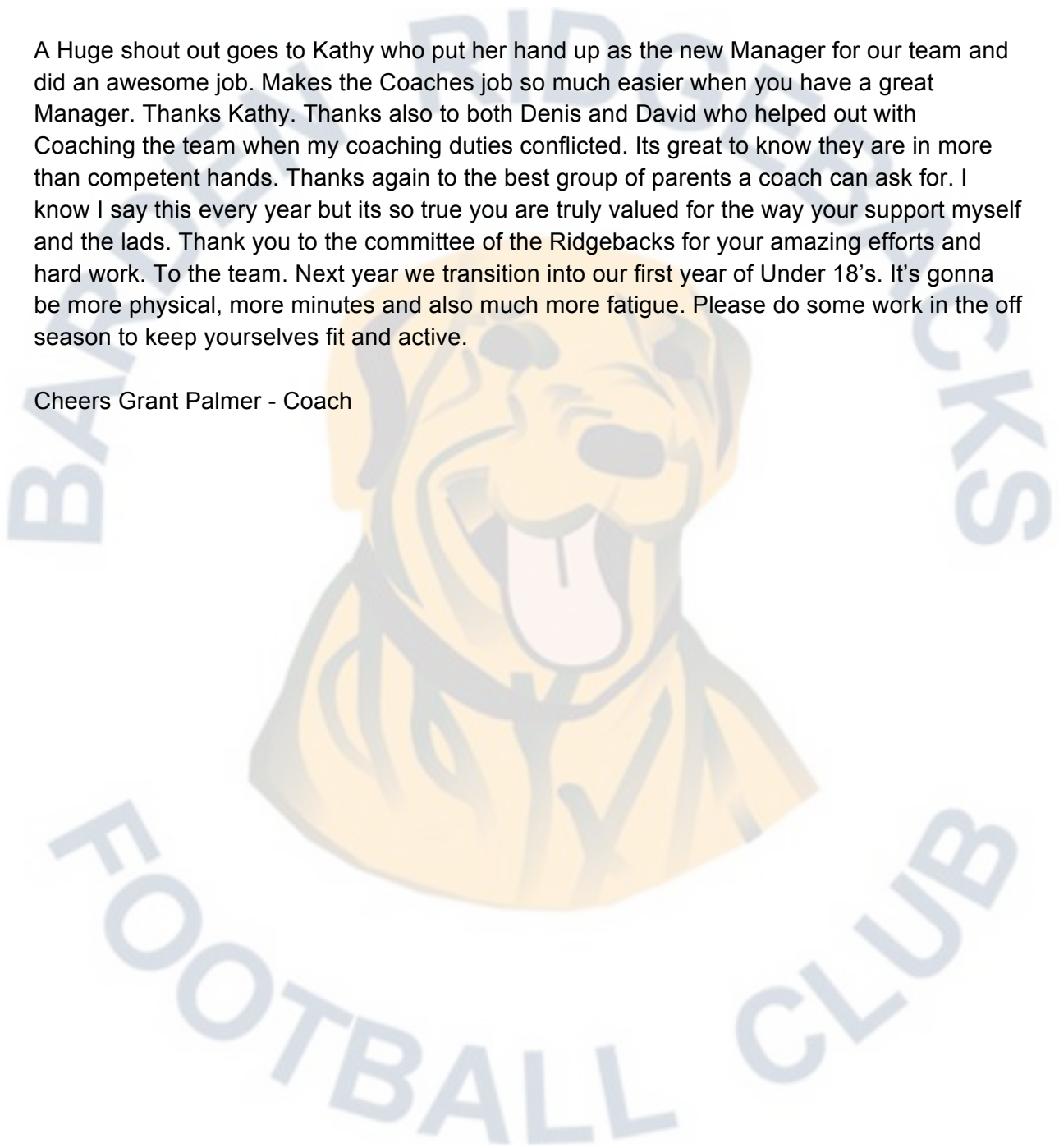
Jacob – First season as our only GK. Was simply superb. We only need one. Coaches Award.

Steven – New addition and was just excellent. Leader on the park and controlled the midfield.

Jules – Can play anywhere, valued member of the team. One of our best. Thomas – Mr consistency. Always turns up ready to have a dig. Valued by Coach.

A Huge shout out goes to Kathy who put her hand up as the new Manager for our team and did an awesome job. Makes the Coaches job so much easier when you have a great Manager. Thanks Kathy. Thanks also to both Denis and David who helped out with Coaching the team when my coaching duties conflicted. Its great to know they are in more than competent hands. Thanks again to the best group of parents a coach can ask for. I know I say this every year but its so true you are truly valued for the way your support myself and the lads. Thank you to the committee of the Ridgebacks for your amazing efforts and hard work. To the team. Next year we transition into our first year of Under 18's. It's gonna be more physical, more minutes and also much more fatigue. Please do some work in the off season to keep yourselves fit and active.

Cheers Grant Palmer - Coach





## 18B1

Well what a fantastic year the boys had and what a great grand final to finish off the year. We started the season with a lot of new players and fortunately the boys all clicked straightaway. We knew that coming into the 18s as a first year team was going to be physically challenging but credit to the boys they proved they were up to the task. The effort put in at training on those cold winter nights at the ridge and the effort on the field by the team was outstanding over the whole year , these efforts resulted in our dominance in the competition finishing the season on 45 competition points 1 point behind first place. We scored 46 goals for and only conceded 17 against , one of our most memorable wins was beating Cronulla with only nine players the effort from those 9 young men was outstanding and it was a must win game if we were to hold onto second position , we also maintained bragging rights over Bardo 18B2s by beating them in both competition rounds. We entered the semi finals full of confidence and defeated Sylvania 1 nil in a spiteful and fiery clash advancing straight to the grand final. We enjoyed the week off which gave us time to get over some bumps and bruises . Sylvania had a scrappy 2 all draw in the preliminary final and so it was determined we would be playing our arch rivals for the premiership. The grand final was such a fantastic game it had it all including a huge crowd a great atmosphere and a really tough game of football , we knew what Sylvania would bring and credit to our boys they stood up physically and played their hearts out with a gutsy effort demonstrating greater skill than their opposition for the majority of the match , the game went into extra time and the boys left nothing in the tank as they were all exhausted , at the end of 110 minutes the final whistle blew with a nil all draw we were beaten by the rules. Hold your heads high boys it was a great effort and you all deserved a better outcome on the day. Thanks to Brad Hunt and Josh Smith who helped us out on the day and a big thanks from Daniel and myself to all the players you are a great bunch of young men and a pleasure to work with be proud of what you have achieved this year. To Daniel on behalf of the team thanks for your efforts and leadership throughout the the year ,good luck with your future endeavours, to Peter for helping out at the end and also to our loyal supporters who turned up week in and week out thanks for your support i know the boys enjoy having you guys on the sidelines.

The 18B1s were represented by:

Zac Wade , Christian Ricci , Jackson Rosa , Connor Mullins , Jack Nesbitt , Sam Ezzy , Ante Banic , Liam Sheldon , Alex Wilkins , Tom Church , Ben Chionchio , Sam Muller , Marcus Tiller , Cayle Ford Coached by Daniel Church and assistant coach Peter Church.

Thanks

Mark Nesbitt (Manager)



## 18B2

What a great season this was with numerous achievements. At the start of the season we retained only 6 players from last year's team and welcomed the same number up from the 16's competition and one playing football for his first season. It was going to be a very challenging season competing for 18 rounds with a squad of just 13 players. The season got off to a flyer, after 4 rounds we were undefeated, top of the table having scored 26 goals and let in 2. Unfortunately, injuries set in, 3 players out for a month and our keeper for 6 weeks which meant we played 10 games with just 11 players and another 6 games with just 12, with many lads playing numerous positions and 90 minutes every single week. Despite these challenges the lads showed tremendous character, spirit and team-mateship going on to only lose 3 games, becoming the league's highest goal scorers with 69 goals and cementing our position in the Top 3 for the entire season. There are not many teams that can claim every single player in their squad scored during the season! Finals football awaited and having won our minor semi-final, the minor premiers, defeated only once all season awaited us in the preliminary final. The team gave 110%, we took the game to extra time and a 2-2 draw saw us eliminated.....just one goal away from reaching the grand final. In my first year as coach I am so proud of this group of young men and must give them credit for the way they played their football which during many games was an absolute pleasure to watch and I am sure entertained those who came to support. My thanks to the parents and supporters who were present throughout the season and to our team manager who made sure that the lads and I simply needed to focus on the football.





## 18D

This season saw the core of the 2016 U16 C joined with two new players to the Club and one former teammates re-joining the Team after 12 months playing with another team. The Boys settled back into training after the summer break. Our training sessions were led by Michael and the Boys fitness was increased with the assistance of “Boot Camp” Brooke. The Boys really loved the opportunity to be trained by a true Soccer mum and many thanks for being assistant Coach, fitness trainer and manager. What an exciting season for the Boys, they finished 4th in their division; we made it to the Semi-finals going down to Cronulla RSL team. Well done and great effort, Boys. All members of the Team will be remaining in the U18s next year. The Team Cameron “Cam” A –Cameron was one of our upfront speedsters. His speed meant that he scored and assisted in numerous goals this season. Cam’s most memorable moment was a great through ball from Jayden to score his first goal this year. Laurence “Loz” A – Laurence was the Team’s Captain again this year. An excellent player upfront and in the mid field. He continued to be decisive in attack and defence, he played a very physical game. Loz sat out six weeks this year after sustaining a hand injury but eager to be back on the field as soon as he could. His most memorable moment was playing with all of his mates every week. Ryan “Beattie” B – A strong physical defender. Ryan’s speed in the backs saved many goals and he could as easily attack the opposition’s goals too. He also acted as Team Captain when Loz was out injured. Ryan’s most memorable moment was Oste’s free kick against Bangor that hit the crossbar and bounced in to score. James “Brownie” B – Brownie was a very fast and physical player. He played every match with passion and was driven to defeat the opposition. Brownie’s most memorable moment was a match against Caringbah Redbacks with only ten players. Kobi C – Kobi is a solid back but also played mid field. This is his second year with the Team and he has been developing as

a player. He made many runs front and could defend as well as attack as required. Harrison "Harry" C – New to the Team and Club. Our dedicated goalkeeper this year, he settled into the role very well. Throughout the season he defended the goals and without his keen and eager approach to the role many a more goal would have occurred. Thanks Harry – you're a wizard! Isaac F – "WOW! Isaac was quick as a flash and everywhere. Isaac played every match speed and power. Every game was physical and fast. Isaac's most memorable moment was when he was told that Jayden had more yellow cards than he had. Lachlan "Finchy" F – Lachlan was a very skilled mid-field and back. He was able to easily manoeuvre around the opposing players. Finchy's most memorable moment was Marcus' missing the ball and running into the goal post – ouch... Marcus G – Marcus was quick upfront and constantly put pressure onto the opposition. Marcus worked together with the other forwards and mid field to achieve our good results. Marcus' most memorable moment was against George's River team when he ran into the goal post. James H – James no longer was our Team's goal keeper, but played in the as a defensive midfielder. His long kicks still cleared many dangerous balls and he played a physical game every match. Jordan M – The Team's motivator – Jordan continued to encourage all the Team to work their best. Even though he had six weeks away overseas, his return confirmed his strength in the backs and his dedication to block any potential goal. Jordan's most memorable moment of the season was his goal line clearance against Menai just before the semis. Anthony "Oste" O – Anthony was an amazing striker scoring a number of goals throughout the season. He always played 100% and would play to his best every match. Anthony was the go to player to attack the opposition. A very level-headed player that everyone went to in attack. His most memorable moment was Bailey's Header goal (it was the 89th minute and he won a free kick near the corner flag and he crossed the ball low and out of nowhere Bailey flies through the air and heads the ball into the net. What a goal! Valentino "Tino" P – Has returned to the Team after a year away. Tino always worked hard in the backs. He pushed himself at every match. Tino's most memorable moment was when he was sandwiched by 2 Cronulla RSL players. Note: later that match he returned the favour. Jayden P – He was the Team's main striker with a hunger for goals. Jayden played every games with power and speed. This is the second season as the Team's leading goal scorer and yellow card holder. Jayden's most memorable moment was his two volleys against George's River and his 4 yellows. Bailey S – New to the Team and Club, but Bailey played like he had been with the Boys for years. He played every match with passion and speed. Bailey's most memorable moment was scoring his first goal in his first match of the season. Season's statistics Played 17 Win 12 Draw 2 Loss 3 For 43 Against 16 Semi-Final vs. Cronulla RSL Thanks to the parents and friends of the team for your trust, early morning starts, duties (The Boys will be able to undertake the duties next year too) and encouragement throughout the year. Congratulations Boys, until next season.

Cheers,  
Coach: Michael Graziano  
Manager: Tony Ang



## 18E

Coaching a soccer team didn't enter my thoughts. So how did I get into this coaching 18E's predicament? Tryout day, my son (Mitchell) contacted me and asked, "dad could you coach us, we need someone?" My response, "What! you know I have no idea about coaching a soccer team, I don't even know the rules. Mitchell then said, "it doesn't matter, we can coach and train ourselves". After much deliberation, I said "okay mate, I'm doing this for you" □ The first training session didn't turn out well! Mitchell was despondent and said to me at the end of the training session "what are we going to do dad?" I said, "I don't know you got me into this coaching". Thereafter, I started to read about coaching the game and got some training drills from a mate. Our team was made up of Mitchell's mates, who didn't want to take the game too serious, as they were mostly all studying for the Year 12 HSC. I must mention though, all the players showed me a lot of respect and are easy to get along with, which is a credit to them regarding their conduct both on and off the field. This complement also extends to their families and all those involved. The season started with some high scoring wins, mid-season was inconsistent, but we started to gain form again leading into the last few games. Unfortunately, we didn't make finals, finishing the competition in 5th place. I know the guys can put together some great entertaining team plays. With their end of season form and without the pressure of Year 12 HSC study commitments, they will be in the finals next time around! I want to say I really enjoyed the season, coaching and learning more about the game from these guys. Them having a great attitude made things easy for me, thanks. Thank you to Kerrie Harrington for organizing the team and the many other tasks managers do, you did a great job. Thanks to all the parents and those involved for their gracious support and humour, which made a relaxed atmosphere on every game day. I'm not going to write an individual player report on the 18E's Ridge Backs 2017. However, they should be all recognized for their overall versatile team effort and willingness to be out of their comfort zone to take on any position they played. From Goalie (it's never my fault if the ball got past all the rest of you) Backs (my goal is stopping theirs) Midfielders (the field aerators) Strikers (life is like soccer, we need goals) On behalf of Kerrie and myself thank you to all who came along to support the game and volunteered their time.

John Thurkett Coach



## 21A

A good (but not quite great) year for the young men of the Bardo 21A team.

In what is probably the strongest U21's competition for park football across the state we found that consistency is the absolute key to achieving the results desired and while we were simply outstanding at times we were also found lacking when we turned up in lets say "not the right state" after enjoying ourselves a little bit too much on Friday nights.

We put a strong team together at the start of the season. Back from last year we had Scott, Aston, Nooie, Cup, Nick, Jordy, Ben, Tahl, Brocky, Laz , Mitch, Robbo, Ropes, and Roumanos. They were joined by the return of Magoo plus we added Wil and Jamo (who guarded the sticks).

Highlights for the team:

- State Cup Semi Finalists – bowed out in penalties after dominating the game to the team that went on to win the Final easily
- 6 players called up to play AL 1 Scott, Mitch, Jordy, Ben, Aston and Magoo
- SSFA Semi Finalists – bowed out with a draw
- Aston bravely guarding the sticks when required
- Ben named Player of the Year. Changed our season when he selfishly moved positions
- In both competitions did not actually lose a game to go out.

Lowlights:

- Training numbers at times
- Missing key players in the really big matches
- Inconsistency.

Thanks to Alan McNair and Dave Neill for their mentorship of my coaching.

A Big thanks to our parents / supporters who always supported us in the right spirit.

Thanks to Big Jase and Tru who took on the Team Managers duties.

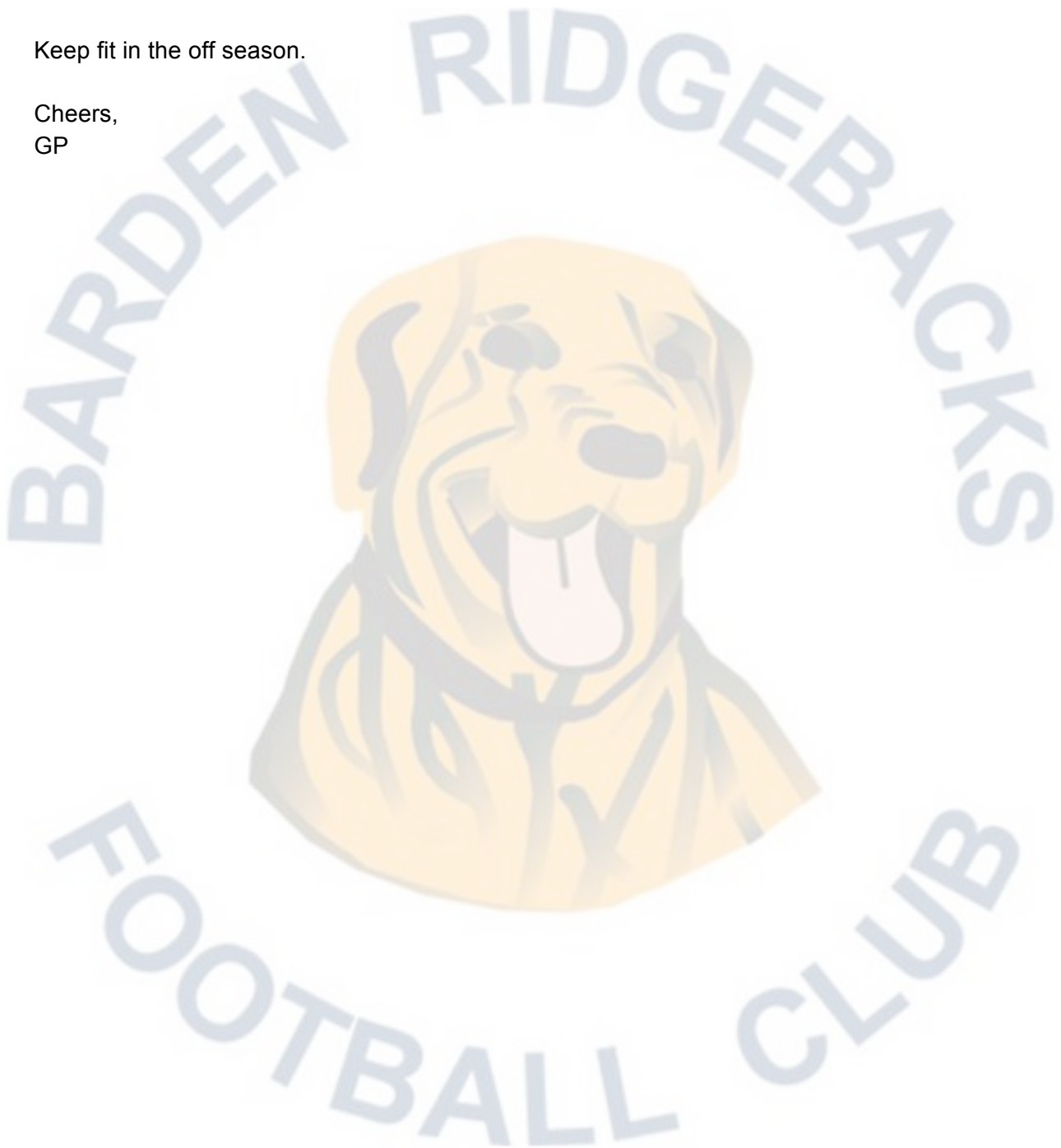


As we move into our third season of 21's I see a lot of similarities in how this team built to go on and win the 18A's competition a few years back. If we can find the consistency required (and plan our holidays better) I truly believe we can go on and win the double or even the triple crown next year.

Thanks for a good season this year lads. The planning has already begun and I am really looking forward to next season as I have a feeling it is going to be a special one for the team.

Keep fit in the off season.

Cheers,  
GP





## 21F

While we had 15 registered players this year, as a result of new career directions, full-time (and parttime) work commitments for many of the guys (as is often the case in under 21's), we sometimes struggled to put a full team on the park every week. On the flip side, we still had one of those years where we ended up defeating some of the top teams and still getting beaten by some of the bottom teams ... Our thanks also to the guys from the 18's that filled in for us when we were short (especially Brock!). Overall, it was a great year and one that we all still enjoyed regardless of the outcome of every game. Our players for 2017 were: Dion, Josh, Byron, Dale, Liam, Adrian, Nick, Carter, Jared, Zac, Conal, Jack, Joe, Morgan, and our super-keeper Scott. I'd like to thank each and every one of them for all of their efforts in showing up each week for the game, training, and attending the (rostered) club duties, and note that while some of the new guys had never played soccer before, by the end of the season they were more than capable of matching it with other teams. I'd also like to thank the long-term support of the many parents who came along most weeks, as they have done for many years; - I'd also like to note the support we've received from all of the BRFC Committee, especially Scott, Carolyn, Gary, and Lou, without whom we would have (no doubt) struggled to get the team off the ground again in 2017. A special mention goes to Dave Messiter, who has been coaching the team for (well) over 10 years; - (however we're both not too sure when the first year that we coached and managed together actually was!). On behalf of the team I'd like to thank him (and his Wife Karen) for his dedication to the team in coaching, mentoring, and being a support to all of us over all of those years. This was the first year in under 21's and while many in the team are not too sure about their plans for 2018, I would hope all of the team comes back to the Ridge for another year.

Ken Downie (Manager)









## W16C

What a season it was! We starting off with a great win and continued our winning streak for many games. The girls played brilliantly! The teamwork, positioning, passing showed off their skills and commitment and many of our goals were spectacular.

We were top of the league for the first half of the season, but then we came across some tougher opposition, which resulted in a few drawn games. Then we lost some of our key players to injuries and holidays and we dropped a few places from the top of the league. We finished in fourth place, but our goal difference was the best in the league, due to our great goal scoring, defending and goalkeeping skills.

The semi-final against Cronulla Seagulls was a great game and one of our best performances, even though we didn't win. The girls played so well as a team, they were focused and committed and worked so hard. But we just couldn't get the ball in the net for the winning goal.

Throughout the year, all of the girls played well and have developed their football skills. Although I did lose my voice at training sometimes! Taliese was our number 1 goalkeeper, making many great saves in the year. Our defenders, Porty, Lucy, Ebony, Lauren and Camryn were very solid and reliable in defence. Our mids (and sometimes forwards or defenders) Mia, Lara, Bronte, Kiera, Ashleigh and Mikki controlled the game and they set-up and scored a few goals too. Our main forwards, Dani, Mare and Grace had many great performances and scored some outstanding goals, which any footballer would be proud of. Overall, the team had a good season. They played some very nice football and their performances ranged from being classy, exciting to nail-biting. I really enjoyed coaching the girls and hope they continue to play and develop their skills.

I would also like to thank Carolyn for managing the team so well, Alan for filling as Coach for a month and all of the parents for their support through the year.

Stressed but Pleased Coach  
Roman





## Barden Ridgebacks Football Club 2017



### Team: W16D

Coach: Tom Bell (L) Manager: Tracy Bell (R)

Back Row: (L to R): Danijela Dundovic, Erinn Watts, Georgia Biscaya

Middle Row: (L to R): Kirsten Bell, Sophie Del-Grande, Clare Craven, Reese Craven,

Front Row: (L to R): Tayla Azar, Alice Whelen, Camille Marchisone, Caitlin Britton, Annalia Mitchell, Isabella Munro,

Patrese Antoun

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## WSE

Thank you for a wonderful season! The biggest thank you of all must go to Peter (The Big Dog). Thank you for taking on our team, running our training sessions and ensuring we knew what to do on the park. We couldn't have done it without you.

This season started off patchy as we struggled with numbers but once we found our form we were on a winning streak. We should be extremely proud of our achievements. This season, Ameer, scored her first goal and was unbreakable in defence. Jesse, played her first season of soccer and took the most improved of the season, arguably one of our best. Emily, quick paced and striking in the mids. Jess solid in defence and takes the count for the most apologies in one game (to the other team). Brianna, first season in the team and mighty in every position. Daina, central for team defence and takes the title of ultimate goalkeeper. Kristie, always willing to take on a challenge and fantastic in goals. Olivia, continually giving everything she has to the team and lifting team spirits. Hannah, dominant across the field with the best clearances of the season. Taylor, tiny but mighty taking on everyone in her path. Adrianna, top goal scorer of the year, unstoppable in attack. Elanna, impressive in attack, scoring goals from left right and centre. Georgia, dominant across the park, never missed a beat. Jo, players player of the season, amazing in every aspect of the game, the glue of the team.

Thank you for a fantastic season,  
Looking forward to next year!





## WSF

Girls what an emotional year we had, with the year being in memory of our beautiful angel (little Dee) watching us from above. We started the year with a few new players coming back to play in her honour. Everyone played with her name on the back of their shirts as to say she always had everyone's back which I think she did. We started the season off well with some good wins then we had a meltdown and lost our first game to Georges River 8-0. But to the girls credit we got back in the winner's circle. With only a few rounds left we were sitting in fifth spot and it wasn't looking good but we knew what this season was for and started to gain momentum coming into the semis. To their credit we finished in second spot which I know Little Dee would be so happy and proud the way we finished the season. We did make the grand final against RSL. Grand final day was here and the girls were pumped up for this game and we all wanted to win for Dee. We started the game strong and went to a 2-0 lead and thought we got this, but then we started to tire and RSL came back at us to level at 2 all at full time. Extra time started and the girls were out on their feet and unfortunately RSL scored and we went down 3-2. Keep your heads-up girls I am so proud to be your coach again especially this year and I know Little dee would be proud of all of us. I hope everyone comes back next year.

Thanks to the girls who couldn't play this year but turned up to support us, and a big thankyou to Craig for all his help throughout the year

Garry



## WSH

Another fantastic season from the WSH girls for 2017. Although it didn't exactly start out that way. In the first half of the season we could only manage a win and 2 draws which made making the semi-finals an almost impossible task. That's right - almost. From here the girls really kicked into gear going on an unbeaten streak that lasted right up until semi-finals. In fact we hadn't even been in the top 4 all season until after the last regular season game win against Bosco (4-0) which allowed us to grab 4th spot. We had previously knocked over all the competition leaders so we had no fear taking on any of the top teams. Gwawley Bay were our first victims in the semis (2-0) which lead to a tough game against Como for a spot in the Grand Final. We had a win, a draw, and a loss to them previously so we knew it was going to be a tight game. Knowing we had to win to advance the girls threw everything at them but couldn't get the goal that would take them to the Grand Final. Como slotted away a close range goal in the last few minutes and it was all over <insert sad emoji>.

It was another cracking season managing to go one better than last year. We lost a couple of players but recruited really well with Kieran Berry (yes I can hear everything you're saying on the field as if I'm standing right next to you), Monique Setiwan, Claire Serwa, Janine Flanagan, and Kathy Palmer joining the ranks. These girls stepped in and really made a difference having a positive effect on the team. In fact, Claire had never played soccer before in her life so to come in and be leading goal scorer is a phenomenal effort. A big thanks to Taylor Fagerstrom who stepped up to play goalkeeper for the majority of the year. It's a big ask and you did an exceptional job arguably the best keeper in the WSH competition. Congratulations also for being voted by the girls as the WSH players player award winner!



Thanks again to all the girls who make coaching the team such a pleasure. We may not train as much as we should (!! ) but we certainly got the results. The game is never over until the final whistle and we took that mentality into every game and it's a huge reason we got as far as we did.

Finally, a big thanks to Jess and Diedre Kable who once again handled the managerial side of the team. Everything is so well organised it certainly makes my job much easier. To the parents on the sideline who show up every week, particularly those frosty 8.20am games, you guys get the MVP for being the extra player!

Cheers  
Lou Chandler  
Coach WSH





## 45D

2017 was a great year for the 45Ds, we lost one of last year's players but brought in a few more who all easily fitted into the culture of the team. This left us with 23 available players. From the start the team thought as a team and not as individuals, this makes it a lot easier for the manager. Players put their hands up to stand down where needed, volunteered to help out where needed and offered encouragement where needed with never a bad word for each other, we have a great social interaction, a lot of stirring, a fines system to discourage mistakes on the field, mistakes were easily forgiven as they raise more money, all done with great humour, and as a team, with our esky, we raised our funds towards our end of season trip. This is the culture of our team and why we love this team so much. On our run to the Grand Final we had to play the top four teams in our last four games to get there. There is no doubt that every player contributed through the season to the fantastic result and should feel proud of their contribution as they all had moments on the field that made a difference. I am very proud of the effort the boys put in and the way they conducted themselves in all aspects. And in the end, as a team, we did it, we won the Grand Final, What a season, loved it.

Pistol.



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