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MARIST AUSTRALIA FOOTBALL CLUB ANNUAL YEARBOOK



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“We are the Blue and Blues”
Celebrating 40 Years - 1973-2013





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PRESIDENTS REPORT

2013 has been a significant year for the Marist Australian Football Club. It signified 40 years of Aussie Rules at Marist College Canberra!

In the early 1970s there was a group of parents who begged and pleaded with the Marist Brothers for an Australian Rules side to be formed. Brother Mark the Headmaster at the school initially argued that Marist was a Rugby school and did not have enough boys for more than one winter sport to be offered, but he finally relented, and in 1973 – the Marist Football Club entered two teams in the Junior ACT Competition – proudly wearing the Marist Rugby jumper.

From the beginning the MAFC has been run by a band of passionate Aussie Rules parents. These initial parents started what was to be the beginning of many memorable moments, great victories and dramatic losses for the MAFC. Forty years on, the MAFC had nearly 220 boys registered across 10 teams, with each team supported by two coaches, a manager, and a trained first aid or emergency response co-ordinator. We have come a long way!

The 2013 competition

The 2013 season included the re-structure of the junior league and some eligibility changes to the Rising Stars competition. The junior competition returned to single age progression, to the Under 15s. From Under 15s, the competition moved to Under 17s, with each age group having only one division. In addition, a three tiered final series was introduced for the Under 12 to Under 14 age groups, allowing all teams in these age groups to experience finals footy.

While the move to single age progression has been seamless, the inclusion of only one division in each group has proven to be problematic for clubs like the MAFC who can field more than one side in an age group. The three tiered finals series received a mixed reaction mainly due to some unintended ambiguous wording in the initial advice on how the final series would work. Of greatest consequence however was the changes to the Rising Stars Under 18s competition. In 2013, the rules were changed to allow teams the opportunity to include up to 8 x 19 year olds in their sides, except when playing against the MAFC and Gungahlin. Against these clubs, opposing clubs were only allowed 6 x 19 year olds on the field. While the MAFC appreciated this ruling, it was little consolation for a club that does not have 19 year old players.

The MAFC acknowledges however, that implementing change is difficult and appreciates the way AFL Canberra has listened to, and where possible, been responsive to our concerns. We will continue to work collaboratively and constructively with AFL Canberra as season 2013 is reviewed.

Celebrating 40 years

Events to celebrate our 40th birthday commenced with our season launch on Friday 5th April. Held at the Pavilion, nearly 100 parents, friends, supporters, sponsors and life members met to launch season 2013. However, the celebrations really took full swing at the annual dinner. Held on the 3rd August, in the Bradman room at Manuka oval, nearly 200 former and present committee members, coaches, managers, players and supporters enjoyed a wonderful evening that paid homage to the tireless efforts of those parents and supporters who were the reason that in 2013, the MAFC exists!

In attendance were six former presidents; Peter Maher, Peter Verdon, Tom Wharton, Terry Kimball, Gerry Linehan, and Brendan O'Rourke; with Peter Verdon, Tom Wharton and Brendan O'Rourke also life members, as well as life members John Brown, David Bailey, Denis Sweeney, Mark Winchester, John Sirr and Chris Toogood.

Significantly, the special guest for the night was Craig Bolton. Craig is a former Marist student, and 2005 premiership player of the Sydney Swans. Craig spoke with affection of his time at Marist and with gratitude to the past coaches of the MAFC who all helped him, on what was to become a very successful AFL journey. Craig talked about a time at the club when finding the numbers to play on game day was a significant challenge and yet those team mates he had are his firm friends to this day.

While all at the dinner thoroughly enjoyed listening to Craig, it was the announcement of our newest life member Helen Delahunty (Della) that commanded the standing ovation. Della was the 2013 First 18 Manager and as a mother of four boys, has had a long association with the Club. She has always been involved in the MAFC in some capacity, either as Treasurer on the committee, or team manager. On game day she is either setting up, cleaning up, assisting in the canteen (she's quite the barista) or doing whatever odd jobs need doing! Her contributions to the MAFC have been invaluable. Della is a most worthy recipient who is fondly regarded and loved by all who know her.

Contributing to our community

During 2013, the MAFC continued to give back to our community. Approximately \$2,000 was raised through Pink Sports Round for the Breast Cancer Network Australia. An additional \$500 was raised in support of the Snowy Hydro Southcare Helicopter Service through the raffle at the annual dinner. Both very worthy causes, and of sentimental value, for many members of the MAFC.

Celebrating our successes

The main business of the MAFC is of course is to support our boys to play footy. In 2013, our Under 11s came equal second on the premiership ladder (no finals were held) and we had six teams in the competitive age groups make the semi-finals and a further two teams make the preliminary finals, but unfortunately we did not have any teams in the grand finals. This outcome, while I realise is disappointing, is quite contrary to the talent of the MAFC.

In 2013:

- Tom Highmore and Sam Fisher joined the GWS Under 15 Academy.
- Patrick Sharp, Oliver Hicks, Tom Green, Josh Green, Jackson Crowe, Sam de Sousa, James Elwin, Sam Fisher, Josh McGovern and Tom Highmore represented the ACT in either the PSSA or SSSA.
- Max Beaumont, Sam Brearley, Patrick Sharp, Daniel Cerni, Nelson Dunphy and Luke Palisi were chosen in the Under 13 ACT South Coast Regional team.
- Billy Clark, James Williams, Ryan Crowley, Rhys Pollock, Jordan Stuart with Henry Cooney as emergency were chosen in the Under 14 ACT South Coast Regional team.

In addition the Club was well represented at both the Junior and Senior AFL presentation evenings. At the junior presentation the following boys came in the top 5 in the ACT best and fairest for their age groups:

- Tom Green came 4th in the Under 12s
- Sam Brearley came 4th in the Under 13s
- Hugh McKenzie came 5th in the Under 15s; and
- Sam Fisher came 2nd in the Under 17s.

At the AFL Canberra Senior Presentation evening, awards for the Rising Stars competition went to:

- Shae Darcy - Best and Fairest, winning by a convincing 11 point margin.
- Sam Short was equal third in the Best and Fairest.
- Michael Peterson was the leading goal kicker.

In addition, all three boys were named as players in the 2013 Rising Stars team of the year for AFL Canberra.

To the coaches of all these boys – a very special thank you for your tireless commitment to the boys all season.

- To the first year coaches; Matt Ryan, David Geremia, Steve Miller, Leo Quirk, Jim Brennan, Adam Jeffrey, Wayne Kenner, Phil Beaumont, Rogan Sharp, Xavier McMahon, Phil Tonkin and Liam Stakelum.

- To our returning coaches: Greg Brearley, Mark Winchester, Chris Maher, Simon Dunphy, Richard Williams, Richard Simpson, Paul Sheahan, Ash Watson, Ash Colmer, Martin Darcy and John Clark.

I would like to make a special mention of our First 18 coaches, Martin Darcy and John Clark. The season was a long and a particularly difficult one in 2013 due to the player eligibility changes. You were both very philosophical about the changes and worked hard to ensure the boys develop to the best of their potential. Your leadership cannot be understated.

Celebrating our heroes

While there are many heroes within the MAFC – there are two in 2013 who require a special mention.

The 2013 Volunteer of the Year, Michael Cashion started the season as Registrar. He has spent countless hours redeveloping the club database and aligning our records to AFL Canberra's payment system to streamline registration and aid in our planning for the current and future seasons.

Michael has also taken on the responsibility as web master. Our weekly game reports are published on the website as well as club information, committee contacts, details about upcoming events and promotion of our sponsors. To help celebrate our 40th Anniversary, Michael shaped the website so that it now represents our past as well as our future. Previous year club year books are being digitised and linked to the website allowing former players to remain connected to the club.

When the role of the Canteen Manager became vacant - Michael volunteered. The MAFC relies heavily on the reputation of its well managed canteen to bring in much needed revenue to the club. Each week Michael orders stock and stocks the canteen before game day. On game day he is often there by 7am to ensure the bacon and egg rolls are ready when the first spectators arrive. He is also there when the last siren sounds, packing up and cleaning up ready for the next game - which with our Rising stars team can often be the next day! When not manning the BBQ or making coffee, Michael steps out from behind the apron, camera in hand to record the season for the annual yearbook. Yes – compiling the annual yearbook is another activity for which Michael has responsibility. Thank you Michael for your dedication and commitment to the MAFC. You are a living legend and the award of volunteer of the year is small recognition of our appreciation.

The 2013 Damian McMahon Coach of the Year, Richard Williams or Rich, as he is affectionately known, has passion and dedication as coach of the Under 14 Sky team, which is second to none. Rich started coaching with the MAFC Under 12s in 2011. He co-coached the

under 14/2 Royals Grand Finalist team in 2012; and in 2013 he co-coached the Under 14 Sky team, a team that made it all the way to the preliminary finals before losing a very close game.

Rich approaches his coaching with total professionalism. He offers encouragement to all the boys and ensures that they all grow as football players. He is able to focus the boys on competing without losing sight of the fact that above all footy should be fun. He treats all the boys as equals. He is not only focussed on the best interests of his team, but understands the importance of, and acts to promote, a strong and ethical club culture. Thank you Rich for your contribution to, and passion for, coaching. You are a worthy recipient of the Damian McMahon Coach of the Year.

To the following – we say an enormous thank you

- The managers – for getting all the admin done in a timely manner and being the number one support to the coaches.
- The first aiders – for caring for our boys in time of injury and for their assistance in preventing injury.
- Eastlake Football Club - the MAFC principal sponsor who has a long association with the Club and continues to provide significant support for AFL at Marist.
- Canberra Connections – another major sponsor who has a long association with the Club and provides significant support to our First XVIII.
- Aspen Medical Supplies – a new sponsor who provided our senior squad with their warm up shirt which was proudly worn throughout the season.
- Karen Edwards – our 2012 Volunteer of the year, who after 7 years of managing the Canteen, called it a day.
- Suzanne Paterson Podiatry – our 2013 Pink Footy Round sponsor!
- Our team sponsors – Hartwigs Trucks, Remloc Advisory, GymQuip Fitness and Spas, Streamline Creative Brand Management, Brooks Marchant Industries and Callida Consulting.
- The College – in particular Mark Winchester as our college representative (and assistant Under 11s coach), Michael Lloyd and the Ground and Facilities staff who ensure Lindwall oval and our facilities are well maintained.
- The parents who volunteer each weekend in various roles

- The MAFC boys who have proudly represented the MAFC throughout 2013.

To the 2013 Committee. This year has been a particularly busy year, but we have achieved everything we set out to do. With sincere thanks to:

- Philippa Brearley and Sharon Hart – for organising the season launch and 40th anniversary dinner and to Ash Colmer for being such a wonderful MC.
- Michael Cashion – for his significant contribution in his many roles as registrar, photographer, canteen manager and photo day organiser!
- John Clark – for his commitment to supporting the coaches and running the coaches forums.
- Kerrie Scott and Helen Delahunty – for keeping the books up to date and bills paid.
- Trish Reeve – our eloquent High Marks editor.
- Scott Hicks – for all his work on property and ordering merchandise.
- Peter Moon – for his work as secretary and in keeping our correspondence up to date.
- Tony Kidd – for his role in assisting on game days.
- Jay Clarke – for keeping our parents trained in first aid and ERC and organising our third year physiotherapy staff for the older age groups.
- Cathy Cashion – for all our communications work.

And finally to the two Vice-Presidents who have been my constant support particularly in addressing the sometimes difficult issues this season.

To Janine Clark and Ciril Karo– thank you both for your diligence, integrity, commitment and hard work in your roles as Senior and Junior Vice-President. You have both worked extremely hard and the MAFC is a better club for your efforts. A very big thank you to you both.

Together, we are the Blue and Blues.



2013 COMMITTEE

President	Maria Hicks
Vice President Senior Operations	Janine Clark
Vice President Junior Operations	Ciril Karo
Secretary	Peter Moon
Secretary Assistant	Philippa Brearley
Registrar	Michael Cashion
Treasurer	Kerrie Scott
Treasurer Assistant	Helen Delahunty
Senior School AFL Coordinator	Mark Winchester
Junior School AFL Coordinator	Michael Lloyd
High Marks Editor	Trish Reeve
Property & Merchandise Officer	Scott Hicks
Property Officer Assistant	Tony Kidd
Canteen Manager	Michael Cashion, Karen Edwards
Social Coordinator	Sharon Hart, Philippa Brearley, Clare McMahon
Sponsorship Coordinator	Emily Hicks
Sports Medicine Coordinator	Jay Clarke
Coach Coordinator & GWS Liaison	John Clark
Communications Manager	Cathy Cashion

2013 COACHES AND MANAGERS

First XVIII

Senior Coach
Assistant Coach
Manager

Martin Darcy
John Clark
Helen Delahunty

Under 17

Coach
Assistant Coach
Manager

Senior Squad Trainers

Liam Stakelum
Paul Sheahan
Michael McMahon

Matthew Ott, Alex Bann, Kevin Chiu

Under 15

Coach
Assistant Coaches
Manager

Xavier McMahon
Ash Watson and Ash Colmer
David James

Under 14 Sky

Co-Coaches
Assistant Coach
Manager

Richard Williams and Richard Simpson
Phil Tonkin
Cathy Cashion

Under 14 Royal

Co-Coaches
Manager

Phil Beaumont and Michael Sharp
Maree Bridger

Under 13

Coach
Assistant Coach
Manager

Chris Maher
Simon Dunphy
Alan Caines

Under 12

Coach
Assistant Coaches
Manager

Wayne Kenner
James Brennan and Leo Quirk
Andrew Males

Under 11

Coach
Assistant Coach
Manager

Greg Brearley
Mark Winchester
Rick Creech

Under 10 Sky

Coach
Assistant Coach
Manager

Matt Ryan
David Geremia
Kristina Geremia

Under 10 Royal

Coach
Assistant Coach
Manager

Steve Miller
Adam Jeffery
Sarah Mahar

2013 MAFC SPONSORS

Principle Sponsor
Eastlake Football Club



Major Sponsors
Canberra Connections



Club Sponsors
Coordinate Communications



Team Sponsors

U10 Royal
U10 Sky
U11
Management
U13
U14 Sky
U15
U17

Callida Consulting
Brooks Marchant
Streamline Creative Brand

GymQuip
GymQuip
Remloc Advisory
Hartwigs Trucks



First XVIII

Canberra Connections
Aspen Medical

U18 Jumper Sponsor
Senior Squad Training Shirts



Pink Sports Day Sponsor
Suzanne Paterson Podiatry



Canteen Sponsors

Canberra Coffee Company
VIP Pies - Phillip
Baker's Delight - Woden/Weston

STREAMLINE
CREATIVE BRAND MANAGEMENT



aspenmedical
Wherever we're needed

We encourage everyone at the Club to reciprocate our sponsors' generous support. Sponsor support is essential to the financial well being of our Club and the supply of equipment and facilities that are available to the players.

Whilst most of our sponsors will return in 2014 we are always looking for new sponsors, if you have a business and would like to promote it through Club or Team sponsorship, or know some who would be interested in sponsoring us, then we encourage you to contact the Club President or Secretary at president@mafc.com.au.

MAFC LIFE MEMBERS

John Brown	1986
David Bailey	1998
Denis Sweeney	1998
Peter Verdon	1998
Tom Wharton	1998
Mark Winchester	1998
Paul Sullivan	2000
Sue Sullivan	2000
Denis Heritage	2001
John Sirr	2002
Kerry Woods	2002
Br Mark May	2003
Anne Davies	2004
Peter Woods	2005
Andy Finlay	2005
Joe Box	2006
Brendan O'Rourke	2008
Chris Toogood	2011
Helen Delahunty	2013

2013 MAFC LOYALTY APPRECIATION CERTIFICATES

Awarded to the following Year 12 members of the Marist Australian Football Club who played the following number of games for Marist since they enrolled at Marist College.

Michael Peterson	148
Marco D'Amico	123
Jordan Fulton	120
Nicholas Ryan	109
Grange McMahon	95
Shae Darcy	94
Samuel Short	91
Chris Watson	82
Tim Keys	78
Jeremy Hopkins	51
Joshua Van Meurs	41
Phil Tonkin	20
Will Downing	17



2013 AFL CANBERRA AWARDS

AFL Canberra Senior Awards

Best and Fairest - Rising Stars

Shae Darcy - First

Leading Goal Kicker

Sam Short - Third

Michael Peterson

Top 5 in the AFL Canberra Junior Best and Fairest

U12

Thomas Green

U13

Sam Brearley

U15

Hugh McKenzie

U17

Sam Fisher - Second



Players who reached their 150 game milestone in 2013 are:

First XVIII

Shae Darcy

Under 17

David Cox

Under 17

Dean Simpson

Under 14 Sky

Billy Clark

Players who reached their 100 game milestone in 2013 are:

First XVIII

James Hicks

First XVIII

Nicholas Ryan

First XVIII

Samuel Short

Under 17

Sam De Sousa

Under 17

Jacob Gaynor

Under 17

Stephen Zeitlhofer

Under 15

Jackson Crowe

Under 14 Sky

Hayden Crockett

Under 14 Sky

Patrick Ellis

Under 14 Sky

Benjamin Hunter

Under 14 Sky

Liam Karo

Under 14 Sky

Eric Karo

Under 14 Sky

Bradley Simpson

Under 14 Royal

Max Beaumont

Players who reached their 50 game milestone in 2013 are:

Under 17

Nick Anderson

Under 15

Connor Lake

Under 14 Royal

Tom Brewer

Under 14 Royal

Alex Clarke

Under 12

Harry Brennan

Under 12

Isaac Males

2013 MAFC CLUB AWARDS

First XVIII – U18

Best and Fairest
Best and Fairest Runner Up
Coach's Award
Most Improved
Mark Winchester Spirit and Dedication Award

Shae Darcy
Samuel Short
Matthew Pert
Jordan Fulton
Marco D'Amico

Under 17

Best and Fairest
Best and Fairest Runner Up
Coach's Award
Most Improved

Thomas Highmore
Josh McGovern
Sam Fisher
Ben McMahon

Under 15

Best and Fairest
Best and Fairest Runner Up
Coach's Award
Most Improved

Hugh McKenzie
Tyler Hollingworth-Dessent
Josh Hackwill
Logan Ayres

Under 14 Royal

Best and Fairest
Best and Fairest Runner Up
Coach's Award
Most Improved

Max Beaumont
Nikesh Joseph
Ben Fely
Brett Reid

Under 14 Sky

Best and Fairest (equal)
Best and Fairest (equal)
Coach's Award
Most Improved

Rhys Pollock
James Williams
Nick Koeck
Lachlan McGovern

Under 13

Best and Fairest
Best and Fairest Runner Up
Coach's Award
Most Improved

Sam Brearley
Nelson Dunphy
Ethan Hart
Luke Gaynor

Under 12

Best and Fairest
Best and Fairest Runner Up
Coach's Award
Most Improved

Tom Green
Jude Henderson-Burch
Sebastian Quirk
Christopher Cooper

Under 11

Coach's Award
Coach's Award
Coach's Award
Most Improved

Josh Green
Harry Creech
Will Brearley
Harry Williams

Under 10 Royal

Coach's Award
Coach's Award
Coach's Award
Most Improved

Ryan Fitzgerald
Harry Miller
Lachlan Savage
Finley McRae

Under 10 Sky

Coach's Award
Coach's Award
Coach's Award
Most Improved

Charlie Ryan
Felix Henderson-Burch
Remy Stroud
Tom McLoughlin



Junior Clubman of the Year

Joint award Sam Brearley and Luke Palisi

Senior Clubman of the Year

Grange McMahon

Sirr-Woods MAFC Volunteer of the Year

Michael Cashion

Damian McMahon Coach of the Year

Richard Williams

Eastlake Scholarship

First XVIII

Christopher Kemp

Under 17

Lachlan Bowers

Under 15

Toby Morwitch

Under 14 Royal

Connor Brice

Under 14 Sky

Lachlan Tazreiter

Under 13

Sean Kirk

Under 12

Spencer Mooney

Under 11

Cai Corey

Under 10 Royal

James Bolton

Under 10 Sky

Ryan Fraser

Champagnat-Rice Cup

For the winner of the most games between traditional sporting rivals Marist and St Edmunds in the AFL Canberra Competition in the 'home and away' season.

2013

Marist

2012

St Edmunds

2011

Marist

2010

St Edmunds

2009

St Edmunds

2008

Marist



2013 REPRESENTATIVE PLAYERS

ACT Secondary School Boys

Sam Fisher (made shadow squad for 2013 All-Australian U15 team)

Tom Highmore

Josh McGovern

Sam De Sousa

Jackson Crowe

James Elwin

ACT Primary School Boys

Patrick Sharp

Oliver Hicks

Tom Green

Josh Green

Jude Henderson-Burch

U13 ACT South Coast Regional Team

Max Beaumont

Sam Brearley

Patrick Sharp

Daniel Cerni

Nelson Dunphy

Luke Palisi

U14 ACT South Coast Regional Team

Billy Clark

James Williams

Ryan Crowley

Rhys Pollock

Jordan Stuart

Henry Cooney (emergency)

Greater Western Sydney Giants Academy Squad

Sam Fisher

Tom Highmore



2013 MAFC UMPIRES

Throughout the 2013 season we have had a significant number of Marist and/or MAFC boys umpiring as well as playing footy – some officiating in the junior games, others at the senior games. Thank you to all those boys who continue to field, boundary and goal umpire – the Club as well as AFL Canberra is thankful for your ongoing commitment and contribution to the game.

In addition, this year the President and Michael Stinziani represented the MAFC on the Umpire Ambassador program, based on the successful club umpire coordinator system used in the North West and North Shore of the Greater Sydney Juniors Sydney Harbour region. The Umpire Ambassadors are the key contact for umpires within their junior club, and focus on the recruitment and retention of umpires and the promotion of a positive match day environment.

The Umpire Ambassadors:

- Actively recruit umpires from within the Club, by promoting umpiring to players, coaches and parents in the Under 13 – U17 age groups.
- Promoting umpiring when at Club training, through the Club website/newsletter, and any club events.
- Provide details of the local umpire training and umpiring contacts within the region to club members.
- Liaise with the Umpire Manager and coaches regarding recruitment, retention, mentors, match day performance and behaviour by umpires.
- Ensure the club is providing a ratio of at least one umpire per team entered in the competition.
- Engage the club committee to ensure that umpire recruitment and retention is a part of the club strategy.
- Assist in the promotion of a positive match day environment within the Club for the benefits of players, umpires, coaches, parents and club volunteers.
- Assist the Ground Manager on match day (when available) in assisting the umpires.
- Remind club coaches to submit feedback on umpires regularly.

The Marist AFL umpires

Special congratulations to Michael Barlow – inaugural recipient of the Russell Taylor Scholarship for most Promising Umpire in 2013.

We also had many boys officiate at finals games:

NEAFL Eastern Conference: Pat Jackson (Boundary)

Division 1 Grand Final: Brad Burns (Emergency) Dean Simpson and Jack Ellis (Boundary)

Division 2 Grand Final: James Hicks (Field) Liam Cashion and Brad Simpson (Boundary)

Division 3 Grand Final: Sam Lee-Steere (Boundary).

Junior Finals: Boys below with an asterisk * officiated in AFL Canberra Junior Grand Finals.

Below is the list of current students at Marist who were umpires in 2013. In addition, there were a significant number of old boys, Marist parents and even a teacher or two who officiated at AFL games in and around Canberra.

Field

Ben Izzard
Jacob Levien*
Jasper Kidd*
James Hicks*
Brad Burns*

Boundary

Michael Barlow*
Sam Brearley*
Pat Sharp
Luke Palisi*
Max Beaumont*
Sam Lee-Steere
Billy Clark*
Hayden Crocket*

Henry Cooney
Jordan Stuart
Will Bourgault
Liam Cashion*
Brad Simpson*
Dean Simpson
Liam Ellis
Jack Ellis (NEAFL)
Pat Ellis
Michael Kendrick*
Paul Carton
Sam de Sousa
Patrick Jackson (NEAFL)

Goals

Tom Highmore
Sam Fisher





UNDER 10 ROYALS COACHES REPORT



Remarkable! Unreal! Epic!

These are just some of the words I can use to describe the season with the U10's. To be honest it has been an amazing year.

Right from the start of the year we had thirty boys on the roster which demonstrated to us that we have a strong and healthy interest in AFL. We made a decision early on that we were one whole playing group that always trained together but just happened to play two games. With that philosophy in mind we made a very deliberate decision to split the Sky's and the Royal's into as even as teams as possible. Both teams also committed themselves to our core values. These values were definitely espoused at Wednesday trainings and the games. Boys, you can hold your heads high with how you demonstrated those values:

- 1) **Have Fun:** We all went out there to enjoy ourselves and as the season progressed there was more and more handballing and kicking across the park and we didn't mind the odd game at training too. We loved singing the song and I believe the renditions got more rousing with each game. We also didn't take ourselves too seriously and it was great being able to laugh at ourselves when we made a mistake.
- 2) **Respect and Pride:** Initially this was just about listening to the coaches so that we could explain the drill. However it soon became about respect for



opposition. One game in particular against Queanbeyan really tested our boys to their limits. I was immensely proud and moved that the boys were able to recognise this and find that courage within themselves and respect of opposition that allowed them to push beyond their limits.



3) **Back your mate:** I love this value. To me the boys showed this in spades. We had boys at the game who will not hesitate in putting on a shepherd or a tackle for their mates.

4) **Improve and Learn:** As with all sports or endeavours, one of the most fulfilling components is self-improvement and team improvement. At the start of the year we had some boys who had not played before and some boys

who struggled with their kicking. You have to see the U10's to believe it, but both the improvement in the level of skill and the team dynamic has been nothing short of outstanding.

The U10 Royals are a solid team with remarkable self-belief and have been a pleasure to coach. Obviously this could not be possible without the help of Adam Jeffrey who was a key part of the boy's self-development this year. Thanks for your help. Also to Lachlan who did a good job by umpiring most games. And obviously Matt and Dave (Sky), who made training fun and were always handy on the phone.

I wanted to particularly mention Sarah Mahar, the Royals manager. Not only did she do a great job with all the administration and organising the team she was a tremendous source of support. Thanks Sarah.

And finally to the parents who came to support and help on the day, I hope you enjoyed seeing your son and his AFL team grow.

U10 Royal Coaches

Steve Miller and Adam Jeffrey

Aidan Poole - Aidan was one of the greatest improvers of the 2013 season. At the start of the year Aidan would be a little hesitant at the ball and not too committed. I am not sure what caused the catalyst for change but it was like a switch was flicked on. Aidan is now often seen breaking through the line and running great lengths to put the team to advantage. Brilliant!

Anthony Egan - Antho is a goal sneak from way back. He loves roving the pack in the forward line, pivoting on the spot and snapping for goal. He doesn't mind a post goal celebration either. Great season Antho!

Brynn Hart - Brynn grew as a player this season and learnt a tremendous amount about team values. Brynn's best games were the ones where he directed all his energy and focus on competitive fair play and going in hard at the ball. Well done Brynn!

Charlie Cooper - Coops was a pleasure to watch and coach all year. From a season opening 'Riewoldt' grab in the forward line to 'Dustin' bombs as the season progressed you could see Charlie loved it. Coops is a true clubman and the yellow and blackest Blue I have ever met. Yellow and Black!

Charlie Mahar - Charlie is strong around the park. You can always rely on his left foot putting the team to an advantage or rescuing us out of defence. Charlie also has one of the most noticeable calls when he is leading for the ball. At times Charlie was tested this year, but I am proud to say that he stood up to the challenge. Always reliable!

Finley McRae - Without a doubt Fin was one of the greatest improvers throughout the year. His tenacity at the ball and never give up attitude around the ruck was a pleasure to watch. Not only has he been hard at the ball he is a tremendous clubman and source of support for his peers. Exceptional year Fin!

Harry Miller - Hazza has raised the bar in terms of skill development this year. Once he had the ball he was consistently able to create an effective disposal to his team mates. This reliability will always impress any coach. Harry also has a unique quality, rare in most footballers, and that is the mongrel! Never lose that mongrel Haz!

Jack Jeffery - Jack is strong, no let me restate that, he is incomparably strong! Jack is tough around the ball and demonstrated exceptional skills both in attack and defence every week. I was also impressed with how much Jack improved his drop punt and accuracy of passing. Brilliant!

Jacob Bauer - Jacob is one of the politest boys on the team. But you wouldn't necessarily recognise that on the field, because Jacob commits himself wholeheartedly each week. He is reliable at the breakdown and his ability to shepherd around the ball has been nothing short of amazing. Great season Jacob!



Jonty Probyn - Jonts had a tough start to the season by not being able to play until round seven. Not to be dissuaded Jonts probably demonstrated the most significant improvement in courage out of anyone. This courage culminated in the game against Queanbeyan. He could have chosen to stop playing after receiving a punch to the back of the head off the play, but no - he took on his responsibility as captain and faced the challenge of a tough opposition. Courageous!

Lachlan Savage - The best word to describe Lachy is hard. He is always one of the first ones to the fall of the ball. He is tough in and under the ruck and has great initial pace. He is able to escape out of really tight situations and direct the ball to advantage. Awesome!

Oliver Zarak - There is no doubt that Olly has improved out of sight this year. And you can tell Olly just loves it. His smiling face and his encouragement to the rest of his mates is brilliant for team spirit. It always brought me great joy as a coach to see Olly nail that goal or take that grab in the pack. Brilliant!

Patrick Seymour - When Pat puts his mind and full concentration to the task at hand he is unstoppable. His booming voice in support of his peers is great to hear. Great season Pat!

Ryan Fitzgerald - Ryan is blessed with an abundance of talent and there is no doubt in his skill as an AFL footballer. The best weeks were the ones where he used that talent to present an option or an effective disposal to his team mates. I encourage Ryan to practice that left foot in the off-season and he will be unstoppable. Outstanding!

Ryan Fraser - I am amazed at how much skill a pies supporter can muster, especially someone on debut. Ryan has brilliant anticipation and clear sense of where he needs to position himself for the ball. A very reliable mark and probably one of the best pound for pound tacklers I have seen. Epic!

UNDER 10 SKY COACHES REPORT



WOW, what a season and what a great team the Marist Sky under 10s proved to be. It was a great pleasure for both coaches to be involved with the team in season 2013. Each week we looked forward to coaching a group of eager and smiling young boys. Together with our Marist Royal under 10 team mates we all worked hard to practice and improve skills and have loads of fun along the way. They boys are to be commended on their dedication and willingness to learn and can be proud of their achievements this year.

At the start of the year the boys, both Sky and Royal, decided they would put together a set of team rules or values. After a discussion the boys decided on 5 key rules for the team to be guided by during the year. They were:

- Have Fun -We're all out there to enjoy ourselves and Don't take yourself too seriously
- Respect and Pride - Pride in Marist and the club, listening to each other, Respect yourself, your team mates, coaches, supporters, family and opposition
- Back your Mates - Encourage everyone no matter how small the effort and pick your mate up when he is down
- Stay on your Feet – if you're on the ground you're out of the game
- Improve and Learn – strive to improve and further your skills at every opportunity

These basic rules set the tone for the year and provided a basis for all involved in the team to ensure the team was successful. The coaches worked hard to teach the boys that teamwork is the ultimate goal to ensure success and satisfaction. The boys worked extremely hard to make sure this was the focus each week and it was obvious by the numbers of boys who would handball, smother and tackle and not just want to kick goals.

Each of the boys showed considerable improvement during the season. Kicking, handballing, marking, tackling and pick-ups improved each week. Teamwork was a highlight; we were delighted when players lifted their eyes before kicking to guide the ball to a team mate rather than kick into a pack situation.



The coaches tried hard during the year to address the team's one problem area – slow starts. We tried chocolate before the game, pep talks and coffee was suggested at one stage. It was almost worth the wait each game to see the team in full flight – it wasn't usually the first quarter but by the end of the game the teamwork and skills were on display and we often finished with 6 goal last quarters.

Congratulations to this year's award winners; you thoroughly deserve your awards. It is a very difficult task to pick award winners as each boy brings a unique skill set and approach to the game which is to be admired.

We must pass on our thanks to manager Kristina Geremia. The manager's job is the hardest. The job she did was excellent; she worked tirelessly in the background and enabled everything to run smoothly. Our thanks also go out to Mark Henderson – who willingly umpired each week to a standard worthy of the AFL. Thanks also to all the parents, who gave lifts, put up and took down post pads, brought oranges, supported and ensured the season was a success. Last but not least, thanks to all the lads on the team, we feel honoured to have coached you.

Thank you to everyone at the club; it is a great club with great people a great history and a promising future. See you on the field next year, until then, best for now.

David Geremia and Matt Ryan

Coaches Under 10 Sky

Edward Boland - Eddie worked hard during the year to improve his skills. He especially enjoyed the quick handballs back and forth with team mates at training and in the games. Eddie always had some words of wisdom for the boys during the breaks in the games and was often providing words of encouragement to the team. He gained cult status as a ruckman, often out rucking taller opponents. Well done Eddie and I hope we see you again next year.

James Bolton - James is a very talented sportsman. His skills are well developed and his general understanding of the game is excellent. James is not afraid to practice his skills at training and in the games and often has shots for goal with his non preferred left foot. James works hard to bring his team mates into games and at training. James has a bright future and we hope to see him again next year.

Pierce Brennan - Pierce improved considerably during the year. Pierce is a small guy with a big heart. This was

evident in his first game of the year when he was not afraid to take on and tackle guys twice the size of himself. Pierce listens attentively and gives his best during the games. Pierce had a number of games where his pressure and harassment resulted in a number of turnovers and goals for Marist. Well done Pierce.

Patrick Fitzgerald - Pat is a great team member. A lovely boy who at each training and game endeavours to give his best. Pat is a strong mark and is working hard to improve all his skills. Pat hits the packs hard and often comes out the other side with the ball and a long kick to the team's advantage. Well done Pat and keep practicing over the summer.

Tony Geremia - Tony is a jack in the box, lively competitor, that is super keen to play football. His agility and ability to turn quickly in games created a number of goals for his team mates and himself. A big kick for a little fella, he would often kick goals from great distances. Tony's tackling is first rate and his continued development over the coming years will be something to look forward to.

William Harding - Will had a late start to the season due to a broken arm and once he started couldn't be stopped. A fantastic reader of the play, Will worked hard to get to the fall of the ball and provide long kicks to his team mates further afield. Will loves his football and given a full season of football will improve out of sight. Well done Will, and keep the arm safe for next year.

Felix Henderson-Burch - Felix had an outstanding year. Felix has a great skill set and is able to kick, handball, spoil and run to a high standard. His silky left foot often slotted goals or provided team mates with passes to the team's advantage. Felix is a great team player and was often encouraging and bringing other players into the game. A great year Felix and we look forward to your continued development over the years.

Josh Hunter - Josh is a natural born goal scorer. His direct running, solid marking and ever improving kicking showed us all signs of a future Tony Lockett. Josh often showed great awareness and was constantly thinking ahead putting himself into free space as a target for his team mates. Josh was a pleasure to coach and who could forget the day he scored 4 goals in one third. Keep plugging away Josh and you will be rewarded.

Matias Jensen - Matias is a passionate player. Matias strikes an imposing figure on the field and his explosive athleticism ensured he saw plenty of the ball. He has a booming kick (bigger than Tom's dad), which assisted the team on numerous occasions in attack and defence. Matias showed consistent improvement throughout the year and was an avid listener at training. It will be exciting to follow your progress Matias, as you are a naturally gifted sportsman.

Tom McLoughlin - Tom is as tough as nails. Watching Tom develop throughout the season has been extremely

pleasing for the coaching staff. Tom is a natural born ruck rover who displayed a commitment for the ball that cannot be taught, he often threw himself into a pack and reappeared with the ball in his hands. His understanding of the game developed throughout the year, which heightened his involvement and was a direct reflection of his attitude at training. Great season Tom and we are looking forward to seeing you next year.

Patrick Nangle - Patrick is a natural born leader. Patrick constantly encouraged his team mates and was often heard offering direction to them. He took some spectacular marks, made crucial tackles and numerous bullocking runs through the middle of the pack all of which cap off an excellent season. The respect Patrick showed to the coaches and his team mates throughout the season was first rate and will put him in good stead for the future. Good luck Patrick.

Dylan O'Hara - Dylan's skill set constantly improved throughout the year. Dylan displayed a never-give-up attitude and it was a pleasure to witness his development. Dylan constantly improved all facets of his game, none more than his tackling. The coaches watched with pride as Dylan's confidence grew each time he played. By seasons end Dylan was a smothering expert and loved nothing better than getting into the thick of the action, often sneaking kicks out of a crowded pack. Well done Dylan.

Charlie Ryan - Charlie had a standout season. His game possesses all elements required to be a superstar. Charlie would convert from a shy, modest boy off the field into a ferocious footballer on the field. He has electric speed, brilliant skill set, fantastic vision and a crunching tackling technique which left many an opponent wondering what had hit them, all this from a pocket rocket. Charlie is a great team player and was always looking to bring his team mates into the game. Brilliant season Charlie, and to think that you will only get better!

Remy Stroud - Remy was a pleasure to coach. His commitment at training was first rate and this was a major contributor to his development as a player throughout the year. Remy has a powerful set of lungs, which ensured his light-footed running game was always of a high standard. His kicking developed throughout the year and by seasons-end it became an extremely accurate weapon. Remy has a great understanding of the game, which often injected him into key plays throughout the season. Fantastic season Remy.

Sam Wilshire - Sam was always full of beans. Sam possessed a slick handball, which was often used to clear the ball from a congested pack. His ability to run all game was something to admire and his team mates appreciated this as well. He would tirelessly chase the opposition and often executed crucial tackles on the run. Sam had eyes for the ball only which ensured he gained plenty of possession. He consistently improved throughout the year. Look forward to seeing you next year Sam.

UNDER 11 COACHES REPORT



STREAMLINE
CREATIVE BRAND MANAGEMENT

The 2013 season for the Under 11's was one of great success with the team only losing two games. We welcomed some new faces in Max Eccles, Josh Green and Tarkyn Page and these boys were great assets to the team. The new rules of no zones and a bit more tackling suited our type of game and the players adapted well. Our season was also disrupted through injury and absences so, at times, Under 10 players were needed to fill in for us. These players were Matias Jensen, Ryan Fitzgerald, Felix Henderson-Burch, Josh Hunter, Charlie Mahar, Harry Miller and Lachlan Savage. These boys all acquitted themselves well and I am sure they will enjoy the more physical nature of the U11 competition in 2014. Well done to those boys!

The first person I would like to thank is Mark Winchester my assistant coach. I am still totally amazed how much passion he still has for the game; his knowledge is immense and his teaching of the skills of Australian Football is second to none. Thanks for all your help over the season and I hope you will be back in 2014. It would be such a loss to not only the MAFC but AFL in general if your expertise is not being used. Thanks again Mark.

The next person I would like to thank is my manager, Rick Creech. This ever reliable man has his job totally in control. I sometimes think the manager's job can be a bit thankless but I sure appreciate how much background work he does. Rick never seems to get flustered and nothing is ever too much trouble, so thank you Rick, from the whole team, for all the work you do.

I would also like to thank John Palisi for his umpiring efforts - he does the most thankless job of all the



parents and he does a fine job of it! I must have had at least four opposition coaches come to me after our games a say to me that John was the best umpire in our age group. (The Lions weren't one of those, out of interest!). John gives as good as he gets and that alone sets him apart- well done John! I would also like to thank Dave Gollasch for his help coaching during the games; his effort was

much appreciated. To all the parents who also help out in various capacities from transporting children, attending to injuries, bringing the snakes, doing the running and completing the weekly write up for High Marks - thank you, it was all much appreciated.

To finish off I would like to thank each and every one of our playing group. I do not think the boys realise how much pleasure they give their parents each Saturday morning running around playing our great Australian game. They have been a pleasure to coach and I hope they will all be back next season to play for premiership points. Have a great summer break and I hope to see everybody back ready to go in 2014.

Greg Brearley - proud coach of the MAFC Under 11
2013



Eddy Angus - Eddy had another fine season backing up his great year last year. He is ready made to be a centre half back next year and he rarely gets beaten by an opponent. He is our most solid defender and an absolute pleasure to coach. Well done Eddy!

Will Brearley - Will revelled in the more physical side of the under 11 competition, being very willing and able to make a tackle on an opponent. He was also a tough ball getter who is learning to kick on both

feet. He was also very happy to kick a goal when he drifted up forward. A great year Will!

Cai Corey - Another of our tough on ballers, who copped plenty of hits from opponents, but always got up and went again. Cai's tackling is first rate and he is never scared to take a bigger opponent down. Cai is one of our best hand-ballers in the close contest and I look forward to seeing him again in 2014. Well done Cai!



Harry Creech - Harry was a big improver this year; when he found confidence to use his running ability he would burn the opposition and create great forward drive for the team. Harry kicking ability also improved greatly this year and he was able to start hitting targets on the run. I am looking forward to seeing bigger things from him next season. A great season Harry!

Elliott Dunn - Elliott had a great season playing all different positions around the ground. His game matured this year as he chose much better options when he had the footy. Elliott is our best kick for goal and is also a strong mark overhead - a readymade full forward. Well done on a good year Elliott!

Max Eccles - This was Max's first year of AFL and he showed that he was more than capable of handling himself. Max became a great defender who never stopped trying, he is an absolute pleasure to coach and his dad happens to write a handy match report. A tremendous first season Max!



Liam Florence - Liam this year started to find the football and this led to much better disposal of it. Liam also found confidence to take a man down with solid tackles. Liam is going to continue to be a good footballer next year as he never missed training and is very coachable. Thanks for a terrific year Liam!

Max Giannasca - Max had a great season and is ready made to play on the half forward flank next year. He is a gun shot for goal and has now found the ability to put his head over the ball and get it. One area of his game that has really improved is his defensive tackling. I look forward to seeing him next season. Go the G-Train!

Kane Gollasch - Kane had another outstanding season backing up from last year- a tough competitor who has that "never say die" attitude. Kane is an outstanding midfielder and with his partner in crime, Will, they are going to make a lethal centre/on ball combination. A pleasure to coach. Well done Kane!



Josh Green - Josh is an absolute gun AFL player. He made a massive difference to the playing group this season. Josh is a prolific ruckman who was never beaten. Josh can take a great overhead mark and when moved forward would always kick a goal. He earned a well deserve spot in the ACT PSSA side. Well done on a successful year Josh!

Fraser Kelly - Fraser had another solid season. He has a perfect size for the game of AFL and that showed in his performance. A tough ruck-rover type who never stops trying. He has a great tank to keep running and this gave him several BOG performances this year. One to watch in the future. A super season Fraser!

Sam Misic - Sam is not big in stature but he is big in heart; another one of our players who punched above his weight. A very coachable player who never missed training, his kicking also improved and he found confidence to give off a hand pass in traffic. I am looking forward to seeing more of him next year. A super effort Sam!

Tarkyn Page - Tarkyn was one of our new players and he really improved over the season. He found the confidence during the year to start to take other players on and make a tackle. His kicking also improved and he showed he can score goals, as he did in the last game. Thanks for a great season Tarkyn!

Rohan Palisi - Rohan moved forward with his football this year and is now starting to take the opposition on, to gather the football and make a tackle. Rohan only has to believe in his own ability as a footballer and he is capable of anything. Rohan is a super kid and a great part of our team. A top effort Rohan!

Corey Reid - I have been coaching Corey for nearly six years and this year has been his best! He kicked a goal in our last game and it made my season as a coach. Corey also became one of our best defenders, he is very coachable and never leaves his opponent. Great stuff Corey!

Harry Williams - Harry is another of our biggest improvers and I gave him that award this season deservedly - he is now able to kick a ball to a target and land a tackle when he has to. Harry is also able to handball in traffic under pressure. Well done on a great year Harry, and I looking forward to seeing you again next year.

UNDER 12 COACHES REPORT

Well what a fantastic season our Marist U12s have had. We started the season with just 17 players and by the end we had 22, 4 first year AFL players, 6 new players to the team with the remainder backing up from at least one year with the same group. This very diverse spread of skill and experience was a great challenge to the coaching group and to finish the home and away season in 3rd and playing the finals series was an amazing achievement.



The aim of the season first and foremost was the development of the boys' skills and enjoyment of the game. If numbers at training through the season are an indicator of player enjoyment, I believe we succeeded. With a mix of simple skill work, fun competitive games and more complex drills, the team approached each session with endeavour.

This same endeavour was bought to game day where the team had a number of very good wins but more importantly put together some outstanding passages of play. One particular highlight was at Pearce oval where the boys moved the ball from the back pocket by hand and foot with consecutive marks and play on handballs, into the forward line for a truly outstanding team goal. In another stand out game Marist provided 9 players to an undermanned opposition, yet managed to have 13 individual goal kickers on the day.

All teams have support personnel that keep the team running and this season I have been fortunate enough to have an outstanding group on people supporting the team. On the coaching panel with me we had Jim Brennan and Leo Quirk who also performed Running duties and Leo umpired when needed. Mark Henderson and Martin Boland gave valuable assistance at training when needed. Managing the team, game day operations and weekly communications we had Manager extraordinaire Andrew Males. Thank you for all your time and effort over the year, including organisation and coordination of a fantastic AFL experience weekend for many of the boys and parents.

Our extended parent support team would have to be the most involved and willing to assist group of parents I've had the pleasure to be involved with. You have made the season all the more enjoyable and made it easy for me to just get on and coach the team. Over the season more than a dozen parents were involved with game day operations and when playing at Lindwall oval, more

assisted the club in the canteen or on the BBQ. I wish to thank you all.

To finish off I would like to thank and congratulate all the boys on the team. Making it to the Preliminary final in our first truly competitive season of Aussie Rules, against some very well drilled teams, is truly a fantastic achievement. Well done all!

Coach Wayne Kenner

Ioannis Apostolakis - Ioannis is an awesome utility player. An extremely athletic young man with height that allows him to compete with the tallest players in the league and speed to run with the quickest. It took a few games for Ioannis to find his straps but once he did, he regularly featured in our best players. Ioannis also kicked possibly the most outstanding goal of the season. Reminiscent of West Coast's Nic Naitanui, Ioannis took a Ruck in the middle, gathered the ball and burst forward to kick over all players where the ball bounced through for a 15 second goal. Can't wait to see Ioannis next season.

James Boland - Eagles has silky smooth skills that were put to great effect up forward. James has a very good football brain and often finds himself in the right place at the right time. One on one Eagles is virtually unbeatable which is why much of the season was spent up forward. With hard work James will find himself in the contest more often where he will have the opportunity to show his full potential.

Harry Brennan - Harry is a fantastic addition to the line-up this season. A determined ball getter that regularly wrong foots opponents getting onto his smooth left boot. Harry is a passionate footballer that reads the play well and is prepared to do the hard things. Across the season Harry played in nearly all midfield positions and found a natural home on the wing where he finds space and transitioned well between defence and attack. I look forward to seeing Harry develop in the coming seasons, harnessing his passion to be that damaging utility player.

Richard Caines - Cainsey has battled well this season showing that no nonsense, straight through play we enjoy. He attacks the ball with courage and regularly stopped an opposition surge forward, sending the ball into our forward line. Richard took some strong marks against bigger opponents this season and showed the

potential within. Keep working mate and continue to love your footy.

Christopher Cooper - A first year player, Chris took every challenge asked of him. Not the tallest in the team but a strong competitor, Chris was called on to be one of our Ruckman and went at it with enthusiasm. Game after game Chris improved and began to be a massive contributor to the team. Always in good spirits Chris is a fantastic member of the team. It would be great to see the heights Chris would reach with another couple of seasons under the belt. Thanks for a fantastic season Chris.

Michael Cooper - The second part of the Cooper duo, Michael is another first year player. Michael is a very enthusiastic young man that is constantly seeking to improve. The change to Aussie Rules bought some fantastic questions from Michael that clearly shows his thought and analysis of not only the game, but his abilities and improvement areas. Michael is competitive and on game days really got involved and contributed to some very good passages of play. Well done Michael you've been great for the team this season.



Sam Corey - A first year AFL player, Sam is an enthusiastic tenacious competitor, with excellent ball gathering skills. We regularly saw Sam take fantastic single grab marks and low ball pickups. Over the season he became a reliable defender that attacked the ball with confidence and started many forward drives. Still developing his kicking technique it will be great to see Sam return in 2014 and keep improving on the experience gained this season. Well done Sam.

Lachlan Fitzgerald - Lachie would have to be one of the best ball winners in the comp. He reads the game exceptionally well, positioning to advantage the team or in and under the pack coming out with the ball. With all the possessions Lachie racked up he also suffered a battering. He may not be one of our largest players but he is certainly one of the most courageous. Lachie will take his game to the next level and increase his effectiveness and overall contribution to the team with work on quick disposals. Great season Lachie; let's see if we can get you through next season without damage. :-)

Thomas Green - Tom returned to AFL this season and from the very first game demonstrated his sporting

ability and feel for the game. Tom racks up possession after possession and has grown to bring other players into the game. A gifted athlete and strong competitor, Tom's line breaking runs sent the team into attack or gave him a shot on goal game after game. Tom's achievements were recognised with selection in the ACT PSSA team. Well done on a great season Tom, I look forward to seeing where you take your sporting life.

Jude Henderson-Burch - Jude (Hendo) is one of the best in and under ball getters in the competition. When a pack forms you can count on this young man being in there and coming out with the footy. Strong through the core Hendo is able to break tackles which allows him the next option. It's that next option the Hendo needs to make quickly to avoid being caught. This will take his game and the team's success to the next level. Hendo's focus and commitment at training is brilliant, which he then takes into each and every game. It's a pleasure having Hendo on the team and I look forward to seeing his progress in the years

ahead.

Aidan Kelly - Aiden (Pies) is one of our teams fearless "in and under" ball getters. Playing in the forward and back pockets, changing on the ball, Pies was called on to take on other teams best players, which he did brilliantly. A great competitor, Pies will not back down from any contest. With accurate foot disposal Pies was involved in many great passages of play. Keep working on those hand and foot skills Pies and we'll get those fitness levels up to enable all day running.

Jacob Kenner - After missing the first few games after being concussed in a school yard incident, Jacob (JK) burst onto the field with speed and enthusiasm. Over the season JK has continued to develop his skills and understanding of the game and is now one of our key link players. On the wing, JK is finding space and transitioning the ball from defence to attack with good effect. In packs JK is getting his hands on the ball and follows with lightening quick disposals that hit his targets to open up the play. Well done Jake, I can't wait to see what you can achieve with a pre-season under the belt!

Isaac Males - Isaac (Malesy) is one of our experienced campaigners who has played in most positions over the season. He has good skills and puts in the effort on the training track and on game day. It took Malesy a

few games to get back into the swing of things after the mid-season break, however going into the finals Isaac really became involved and was a great contributor to the team. With a solid pre season, working further on disposal skills, I know Malesy will have a great season.

Spencer Mooney - For much of the season Spencer (Spanner) filled the tough position of Centre Half forward and played it extremely well. Spanner also played in all key positions and demonstrated his fantastic game awareness, knowing where to be at the right time. He has passion for the game, his team and success. All great traits that when harnessed will see Spanner achieve the successes he is certainly capable of. I look forward to watching Spencer develop in the coming years.

Brett Murray - Brett (Bullseye) is a big strong bloke that can have the on field presence to make a big impact on opposing teams, literally. Over the season we saw patches of this and I know everyone would like to see it more often. He has good hands and can take a strong mark. Brett has played in nearly all key positions over the season, doing well at each. When Brett put in the effort on the training track we saw it on game day. He has a fun temperament and is a valuable member of the team. Well done Bullseye.

Mitchell O'Brien - Mitch made a return to AFL and showed what a dynamite player he is. One of our regular rovers, Mitch gets into the pack and comes out with the ball. More often than not, Mitch is competing against bigger players and it's his courage and competitive nature that see him come out on top. When up forward Mitch is a great little goal sneak but it's his second and third efforts that make him so valuable. Great season Mitch, I can't wait for next season already.



Jack Phillips - Coming to Marist in term 3, Jack had just a handful of games with the team but what a start he had. A light, nimble player that gets in the right place at the right time, Jack nabbed two goals on debut to make his presence known. His enthusiasm and fun approach to training made him a pleasure to coach. Jack will be a dangerous goal sneak that opposing teams will have to combat. Welcome to Marist Jack, it was great to get you onboard.

Nick Pinkas - Nick joined the team from round 10 and immediately showed his natural ability. Big and strong with good hands to take a grab, Nick has already imposed himself on games this season. Nick trains with enthusiasm and raises questions that show he is thinking about the game and the skills he would like to work on. With only a handful of games under his belt Nick has shown great potential. Welcome to AFL Nick, I look forward to seeing you smash it next season.

Sebastian Quirk - Sebastian (Seb), quite simply, is a fantastic Aussie Rules footballer! New to Marist and the team, all I can say is what a pickup!! Across the season Seb played mostly in the midfield, however when needed has successfully filled key roles in both the forward and back lines. Seb has skill, strength and balance and reads the play as well as any young player I've seen, however it's Seb's commitment to run hard that separates him from the pack and makes him one of the competitions best. Great season Sebastian!

Jacob Ryan - Jacob was new to the team this season and showed good improvement over the year. After an uncertain start, Jake began to get involved using his strong frame to break out of packs and impose himself around the ground. With his developing skills, Jake shows definite potential. I look forward to seeing Jake again next season and developing on the growth he's had this year.

Ted Stewart - Ted is another new addition to the team this season that took a few games to find his feet, however continued to develop over the season. Ted has nice foot and hand skills that I encourage him to keep working on, particularly getting two hands to the footy. I see great potential in Ted that with focus at training and commitment in the game will see him become a very solid young footballer.

Ewan Wyles - With a really strong finish to the 2012 season I was really looking forward to working with Ewan (Wylesy) in 2013. As our experienced Ruckman Wylesy embraced the challenge and showed what a valuable player he has become. Wylesy gets around the ground with super effect and rarely missed a ruck contest. In packs, Ewan uses his size to protect our smaller brigade or make the play himself. He has taken some good pack marks over the season and I can't wait to see Ewan develop in the years ahead.

UNDER 13 COACHES REPORT



Another rewarding year for everybody involved with this terrific group. The approach in 2013 was all about enjoyment and for the boys to continue to develop as footballers, particularly around winning contested footy and the use of handball. Although the scoreboard did not always do us justice, this is a very competitive group and there were some excellent results. It is my view that this group was once again the strongest tackling side in the competition.

The highlight of the year was the victory over a strong St Edmund's side. Even at training in the week leading up to the game, you could sense the desire to win the match and the boys never wavered. One of the challenges for this group is manning-up but this was not a problem against Eddies! We were never going to lose. Fourteen individual goal kickers in a comprehensive victory over Tuggeranong Lions and the win against Gungahlin at Hughes were also highlights. It is also worth mentioning our five point handball training drill in which the objective is to go for as long as possible without dropping the footy. The boys got to 500 not out (it was getting dark so we had to wrap it up)! Surely some sort of world record.

It was also a team effort off the ground. Assistant Coach Simon Dunphy did a fantastic job. Simon made a significant contribution to the group at training and on game day and it was a pleasure working with him. Our manager Alan Caines raised the bar even higher this year with his organisational skills. Everything just gets done when Alan is involved. To our runner Andrew Garrety I apologise – did you notice every message was to the other side of the ground? You did an awesome job! Once again we had the competition's best umpire in Paul Palisi. There is never any funny business when Paul is umpiring. Thank you too to our first aid guru Phil Brearley. The boys all finished the season in one piece - great stuff Phil!



We had so many more contributors such as boundary umpires Ken Rooke and Rob Szell and also a quality goal umpire in Andrew Hackwill. Our parent group in general are unbelievable. They were always positive in their support and showed up rain, hail or shine. Most even watched us play at Amaroo (three times!). The great man Alan Caines summed it up mid-season: "well mate,

I'm stuffed now, we have too many volunteers and not enough jobs".

Thank you to the entire MAFC. So many committed people in what can be a challenging environment. We never wanted for anything.

I hope to see everybody again in 2014. It's going to be awesome!

Coach Chris Maher

Josh Baker - Quality defender who rarely gets beaten. Makes smart decisions and almost unbeatable one on one. Super disciplined and works hard at training. Another excellent season.

Sam Brearley - A-grade midfielder who sets the bar for courage and determination. Regularly racks up big numbers and was one of the best players on the ground every single week. Machine.

Alan Caines - Determined big man who thrives on the contest. Competitive in the ruck and also knows how to take a grab when up forward. An important cog in our team.

Lorenz Daley - Tough nut who loves the contest. Regularly wins the hard footy and tackles hard. Gives as good as he gets and played some important roles for the team. Played all over the ground.

Nelson Dunphy - Another excellent season from one of the competition's best midfielders. Has a stack of tricks and loves to tackle hard. Kicked some crucial goals for his team.

Isaac Egan - Spent time up forward and also down back and played well in both roles. Surprisingly quick and hits targets. The longer the season went, the better he got. Can also take a grab.











Callum Garrety - Played through the midfield and across half back and always made a contribution. Clean hands below his knees and uses the ball well. Works hard at his footy and it shows. Also has a sizeable tank.

Luke Gaynor - This year progressed from a handy player to a very good player. Played mainly across half forward and always looked dangerous. Won plenty of footy, kicked some unbelievable goals and was in many ways the barometer for our team. Quality season.

Adam Hackwill - Smart footballer who played at both ends of the ground. Wins his own footy and makes sound decisions with the ball in his hands. Continued to make real progress as a player. Also a hard worker at training.



Ethan Hart - Quality player who played a variety of roles for the team. Wins his own footy and also tackles strongly. Has plenty of leadership potential and trains hard. Puts in every week.

Oliver Hicks - Terrific ruckman with plenty of class. Takes plenty of marks, kicks it a mile and a very good mover. Also a fantastic tackler. Very good player.

Mikey Kemp - A real surprise packet. Talented player who finds space and uses the footy very well. Played mainly through the midfield but also spent time in defence and occasionally up forward. Top season.

Sean Kirk - Rugby convert who is a natural footballer. Reads the play extremely well and takes a stack of marks. Wins the contested footy and by the end of the season was a key member of our midfield group. Outstanding year of footy.

Daniel Long - Fearless defender who hates to be beaten. Takes on all sizes and loves to run and carry. Great to see him back playing footy.

Ted Maher - Played mainly as a forward and kicked some amazing goals. Beautiful kick and provided a strong target all year. Very good season.

Campbell Moon - Made massive improvement to become a very important part of our back six. Aggressive, determined and uses his size well. Excellent team man.

Harrison Morton - Has the hands and the kick to be a top notch key forward. One of very few players at

this age who takes pack marks and when backing into traffic. Can also ruck. Fantastic potential.

Luke Palisi - Another fantastic season from the skipper. Played mainly as a midfielder but was also used when needed in defence and occasionally up forward. Wins hard footy, runs all day and marks overhead. Potential top-liner.

Sam Rankin - Mr Dependable was again our rock on the last line of defence. Consistently backs himself to beat his opponent and also loves to run and carry. Regularly hits targets.

Simon Rooke - Hard and competitive player who played in defence and also through the midfield. Wins his own footy and is a strong tackler. Continues to improve as a player and has a real sense of humour.

Nick Starkovski - Clever player with the ability to take a grab. Played at both ends of the ground and showed he could kick a goal when up forward. Another consistent season.

Jonny Szell - An excellent season from a hard working player. Quality team man who has the versatility to play anywhere. A strong tackler and also kicks it a long way. Loves his footy.

Jordan Wood - Super talent playing his first year of footy. Played in key positions at both ends of the ground and also pinch hit in the ruck from time to time. Made a contribution in every role. Took plenty of catches and kicks it a mile with both feet. Quality season.



UNDER 14 ROYALS COACHES REPORT

U14 Royal is a composite team drawn from the U13 and U14 player groups. Fourteen of the 25 Royal players are U13 including a number of boys who are new to Marist this year as well as some first year AFL players.

As the season got underway the strength of the Royal team became its competitive effort and intensity. The boys worked hard on basic skills and began developing a contested style where first to the ball was the main objective. In the new format U14 competition that generally meant the opposition was bigger and more experienced, the Royal team put in several strong and courageous performances.

In the season opener, Royal had a fantastic ten-goal victory. Round 2 was a different story when we ran into a strong and fast Tuggeranong team. In round 3 we played Cooma and although the Cats technically forfeited, Royal won the game in fine style with several goal scorers and a couple of big bags kicked. Our next game was the Friday night fixture against Queanbeyan. The Tigers kicked away and secured the win by half time. But to Royal's credit, we fought hard in the second half and displayed the spirit that was to be the hallmark of games to come. In round 5 we played Gungahlin in perhaps the contest of the year where Royal stormed home to grab the lead only to go down by one point in the final minutes! The next round saw the inter-Marist clash between Royal and Sky. Royal opened with real intensity and stuck with the Sky team for most of the match, which was played in great spirit. Good efforts followed against Ainslie, Belconnen and Eastlake. Round 11 saw a heavy loss to St Edmunds but Royal regrouped against Ainslie the following week. In the final round, Royal competed strongly and out-scored the highly placed Hawks in the last three quarters, partly atoning for the big defeat early in the year.

In the middle of the season several players were rotated with our co-U14 team, Sky. The rotations allowed Royal to press hard against the competition's stronger sides, gave many Royal players the chance to play in the Sky team, and maintained great camaraderie among the boys in the entire U14 list. Sixteen Sky players in total played between 1-3 valuable games for Royal across five particular rounds. Royal and Sky players also played two very enjoyable practice matches against the ACT PSSA side that competed in the national AFL carnival.



My first thankyou is to Maree Bridger for her great job as team manager. Also, many thanks to Peter Evans for standing in as manager in the middle of the season. Thanks also to all parents for undertaking game day rostered duties, with special thanks to Steve Kibble and Tony Whalen for doing the tough job of umpiring in a number of games. I'd also like to thank senior boys Grange

McMahon and Michael Peterson for helping as runners when they were available.

I would especially like to acknowledge the U14 Sky coaches; Rich Simpson, for his cooperation and assistance, and Rich Williams, for his tireless support, advice and efforts to make things work throughout the season.

Also, a big thank you to Rogan Sharp for his assistance and co-coaching. Rogan's knowledge of footy and his rapport with players and everyone associated with the team is tremendous and I know we have both really enjoyed our involvement with the Royal boys this season.

Phil Beaumont - Coach

Aidan Herstik - a talented U13 sportsman that has the makings of an excellent footballer. Aidan played most of the season as first ruck and could go forward and win hard contested ball and kick goals.

Alex Clarke - an U13 player who shows great enthusiasm both at training and during games. An excellent runner and vocal contributor, Alex displays a real knowledge of the game and was always prepared to put the team first.

Ben Answerth - a dangerous player especially around goals. Ben is U13 and often had to play out of position for the sake of the team. Capable of kicking multiple goals, Ben is a real attacker on his day.

Ben Fely - one of the leaders of the team, Ben displayed great attitude and work ethic at training and in games. He was often asked to do a lot and always gave his full effort for the benefit of the team.

Ben Mills - Ben is a great team player who consistently puts in his best effort. He was asked to play various roles down back and up forward and did this successfully no matter what the task or circumstances.

Brett Reid - after fully recovering from injury, Brett became a mainstay of the team. He increasingly displayed a great attitude towards his game, and his endeavour on the field was one of the key reasons the team competed with the intensity it did.

Connor Brice - this was Connor's first year playing AFL and his natural sporting abilities and good skills made him a senior player. He shows great potential and quickly began to pick up a good knowledge of the game.

Cooper Browne - returning to footy after a couple of years away, Cooper is an U13 player with great run and good skills. He grew in stature through the season and became increasingly reliable down back taking some telling marks at tight moments.

Jack McLean - a hard tackling U13 player who is also a strong rugby league player. Jack adapted his play to Aussie rules and made many valuable contributions to the side particularly in defence.

Matthew Dragisic - is an U13 player who is an accomplished rugby league player, and it shows in his ability to lay a huge tackle. Matt also takes a strong overhead mark and played many great key position games throughout the season.

Max Beaumont - played very consistently in every match throughout the season. Max is an U13 player that continues developing in all aspects of the game and shows great commitment to AFL.

Nicholas Lawlis - provided a big presence on the ground and held down a key defensive position or provided a solid ruck option on occasions. Nick developed throughout the season as one of the more senior members of the team.

Nicholas Wagland - a beautiful kick and strong overhead mark, Nick has the skills of a very good player. He performed well at full back under pressure against strong opposition. When given an opportunity up forward he proved himself capable of kicking multiple goals.

Nikesh Joseph - as an U13 player in his first year of AFL, Nikesh had an outstanding season. He is a dynamic and gifted athlete who consistently wins the ball and provides great example and team leadership.

Noah Bridger - as a relatively new player in just his second season, Noah's attack on the ball typified the

team's competitive intensity. He works hard at training with the result that his kicking and overhead marking has become a real strength.

Owen Bell - an U13 player in his first year of AFL, Owen played the first four rounds of the season with Royal and a few games with Sky. His highlights include a goal in the night game against Queanbeyan.

Patrick Sharp - an U13 player who plays key positions in attack, defence and on ball. Patrick was selected, for a second year, to play in the ACT PSSA team at the National AFL Carnival held in Darwin and was Co-Captain of that side.

Patrick Sheil - Pat's enigmatic style and mercurial abilities potentially make him a valuable player when on song. He performed well as a tall defender and in the forward line.

Sam Kibble - after a break from AFL, Sam's return to footy showed real dedication and enthusiasm. Never missing training, he works hard on his skills with the result that he made several great contributions, particularly up forward.

Sam Lee-Steere - in just his second year of AFL, Sam shows tremendous endeavour and enthusiasm. He has good run and nice skills and often finds space in the middle of the ground to create a good linking option.

Tom Brewer - Tom had a very consistent year both playing and at training. He shows real dedication and hard work and was always prepared to put the interests of the team first.

Tom Levien - possesses some very nice football skills, especially his kicking. Tom is an engaged member of the team and displays a good understanding of AFL. He often provided clear insights and suggestions during games.

Toby Whalen - after a late start to the season due to injury, Toby's performances improved markedly as he gained greater match fitness. An U13 player and great team man who played various roles and put the side first.

Vyv Evans - an U13 player with excellent goal sense and scoring ability. Vyv shows a real passion for footy and is a natural crumbing forward. He often bobs up with an extraordinary possession and a straight kick.

Zach Rauter - a very consistent and reliable player who possesses natural sporting ability. Zach is an U13 player that is always willing to do his best and have a go for his team mates and the benefit of the side.



UNDER 14 SKY COACHES REPORT



The Sky entered the 2013 season with the view of balancing increasing competitiveness that comes with older age groups, opportunity, improvement, fitness and mixed in with that - fun.

We as a coaching group continued to focus on "how you play", and as in previous years, trained the boys to facilitate a style of football that brings everyone into the game, quick movement, skill improvements, technique and most of all playing relaxed. To balance this we continually focussed on the following key messages - MAFC spirit, respect, sportsmanship, team roles, keeping possession of the footy and game day structure.

Also the coaching group went to great lengths to provide each player with as much equal game and position time as possible. Hopefully the results of this will also be shown next year as the boys continue their progression up through the age groups.

The team had super home and away season, 7 wins and only 4 losses (all games that with a bit of luck we could have gone thru the season undefeated), says it all. Standout games for the team where all of our key messages came together, include v Eddies (round 3), v Queanbeyan (round 8), Hawks (round 10) and of course all the finals!

Then came the finals - awesome team orientated wins in the first two Elimination Finals against Eddies and the Hawks, was followed by a narrow heartbreaking loss to the Magpies where it was left to a few. Our intensity was way down on previous weeks and not where it needed to be for such an important game. A slightly disappointing end to the season, but the boys did well to get to the preliminary final after finishing 5th on the ladder.

Congratulations to our ACT/South Coast representative players Rhys, Billy, James W, Ryan and Jordie S and Henry (reserve) for the U14s and Daniel for the U13s. Further congratulations to James Williams and Rhys Pollock who both had outstanding years and deserved



joint best and fairest winners and to the other award recipients Nick Koeck; Lachlan McGovern and Lachlan Tazreiter.

Thanks to Phil and Rogan and the Royal boys for working with us so closely during the year and making player and training management so much easier. Thanks to all the Royal boys who played for Sky this year and thanks to all the Sky players who played for Royal this year.

Thanks to Cathy Cashion for managing the Sky team this year.

Another enormous thank you to the parents who helped at training and match day, there are a significant number. Players, coaches and the MAFC are very appreciative of your efforts. A great job done by Fox Footy's Dan Rankin, for his excellent High Marks reports and the MAFC committee for their support and overall tireless efforts in ensuring it all runs smoothly. A very, very special mention to Maria and Ciril who gave all U14s coaches and players incredible support this year.

Most of all the coaches would like to thank all the player's parents who always ensured the boys were ready (and on time) to train and play and for the overall support, cheering and encouragement you gave the boys and ourselves throughout the season. We are very lucky to have such a supportive parent group.

Importantly, see you all next season.

Rich and Rich



Will Bourgault - Will has had another consistent season of footy. Will is a key member of the "brothers" defensive group who always gives 100%, at training and match day. Awesome fella with a great attitude, Will's season was again punctuated by a broken finger, coaches and team mates have got their fingers crossed for Will to be injury free next year.

Jordan Brunt - JB has been a bit up and down this year, his best is up there with any player in the comp (eg his last quarter v Eddies in the

Elimination Final), just needs to add consistency and “more footy” to his handbook. Super kid who is always team orientated in his approach, JB will be a prime mover next year.

Liam Cashion - Liam has continued his journey in taking the next steps in his AFL development . Techniques are getting better all the time, coupled with his extraordinary athleticism, training attitude (the best in the team), team orientated approach, and willingness to compete, Liam will play a significant role for the team/club over the coming years.

Daniel Cerni - Daniel has had a fantastic year, his work rate this year has been outstanding. Daniel has spent his year either taking on the heavy hitters in ruck, playing a key defensive role or switch hitting in the forward line. Rewarded with selection in the ACT/South Coast U13s team, well done big fella.

Billy Clark - Billy, the Sky captain, has had another outstanding year. A leader in the true sense of the word. Billy has had to sacrifice his game this year to play a key team defensive role, which has been a key factor in our success this year. Rewarded with selection in the ACT/ South Coast U14s team. Great job skipper.

Henry Cooney - Henry has had a super season. Skilful, courageous and always team orientated, are his strengths. A popular player with team mates, coaches and the opposition, Henry has been earmarked for future leader roles at MAFC. Emergency for the ACT/ South Coast team (well done mate), Henry is sure to go one better in season 2014.

Hayden Crockett - Hayden, another member of the “brothers” defensive group, has had a good year. A leader within the team, with his sublime skills and courage, Hayden just needs to add the word consistency to training and match day to take the next step, of which the coaches know he can. A great kid, with an awesome attitude, 2014 will be his year.

Ryan Crowley - Ryan, is the leader of the “brothers” defensive group. Ryan is without doubt the premier defender in the comp. Ryan has had an awesome year, a top 5 B&F finish and ACT/

South Coast U14s selection further validates this. A pleasure to coach, Ryan always gives 100% training and match day. Great season big fella.



Pat Ellis - Pat, a super athlete, is another player who has been a bit up and down this year, his best is outstanding, just needs to add the word “consistency” to his resume. Coaches are positive this will happen over time. An absolute pleasure to coach and great company for the coaches, Pat is always team orientated in his approach and popular with his team mates.

Liam Ellis - Liam, another member of the “brothers” defensive group, has had a great year. His games against the Tigers, Demons and Hawks, absolute standouts. He will strive for representative selection over the coming years. Like his brother Pat, Liam is a super athlete and very popular amongst the team and coaches. Looking forward to watching his progress next year.

Ben Hunter - Ben has had a consistent season, with his form post the July break outstanding. Ben with his ‘just get on with it’ attitude and strong attack on the ball, always gave 100% EVERYTIME he went out on the field, whether it was training or game day. Ben will be rewarded in the coming years with this approach. He is a player to watch next year!

Liam Karo - Coaches and team mates are very proud of Liam’s year. Both as a Sky player and from a club perspective, playing for Royal and U15s. His versatility gives the team plenty of options, and the experience he gained when taking the “club” perspective paid dividends post the July break and during finals. Was our best player in the final against Eddies.



Eric Karo - Eric, another player who coaches and team mates are very proud of in 2013, both as a Sky player and from a club perspective, playing for Royal and U15s. Eric is one of a number of players who just needs to be more consistent both at training and match day. Eric enjoys the big games, and by adding the consistency bit, Eric will be a prime mover in 2014.

Nick Koeck - Nick has had a big year and deserved winner of the Sky coaches award. His courage is without peer in the competition, throw in his ability to read the play, tackling and team orientated approach, Nick has been pivotal to Sky’s success this year. An awesome

kid who is respected by both his peers and opponents, Nick is a future leader within the team.

Lachlan McGovern - Lachie, has had a great season. A deserved winner of the Most Improved award. He spent his year playing in the tough, but incredibly important positions, either in the forward or backline. He did it with no fuss and quite simply got the job done. A great character, popular with both his team mates and coaches, with more injections of self belief and some fine tuning of his engine, he WILL become an elite player.

Andrew Nangle - Nangas has had a quality season, with some big goals at critical times the highlight, games against Eddies and during the finals come to mind quickly. The Sky full forward who can take a big mark, is another player who just needs to be more consistent both at training and at match day to continue his progression through the age groups.

James Palisi - James, another member of the “brothers” defensive group. James has taken the next step in his footy progression this year. With his current strengths – skills, team approach and versatility, this season James added training and game day consistency and successfully taking on key team roles to his resume. Great season big fella.

Rhys Pollock - Rhys has had another super year, always plays well in the big games and finals. His ability to read the play, run and carry and high contested possessions count continue to be his strengths. Joint B&F winner with James W plus ACT/South Coast U14s representative selection indicates how good a season Rhys has had. Well done champ.

Jack Rankin - Jack's year started a little slowly, however as the season gained momentum so did Jack. He had some absolute standout games, Tigers, Hawks and finals come to mind instantly. An outstanding leader with an always team first approach – Jack is the man. Jack is another one who push towards representative footy in the future.

Max Scott - Maxie a terrific kid, with an uncanny knack of bursting out of nowhere in a contested situation and driving the team forward, had a very consistent and

strong year. Excelled in the second half of the season. Max still good for some feedback for the coaches, is on track to become an elite player and another one who will push towards rep footy in future years.

Bradley Simpson - Bradley has had a “breakout” year. A top 5 finish in the Sky B&F validates that! Super consistent during the season, Bradley has the ability to dictate a match result and his strength/team play in the middle and around the ground has been a key reason for Sky's success this year. Coaches still believe his best is yet to come. Bradley will push for representative selection next year.

Jordan Stuart - Jordie has had another strong year, consistency, gut running and competing being his strengths. Invaluable member of the team – when Jordie played well, Sky played well. A popular player amongst the players and coaches, Jordie was rewarded with ACT/South Coast U14s team selection this year. Well done champ.

Ben Surtees - Ben, another member of the “brothers” defensive group, has had a strong year, especially in the big games and during the finals. Ben has all the “tools” for the game, just needs an injection of self belief and a set of turbos added to his engine. Coaches definitely believe his best is yet to come and will become an invaluable team player/clubman in the future.

Lachlan Tazreiter - Lachie's 2013 season has also been a little up and down, although on the whole Lachie has done a great job with some big touches and even bigger goals during the year. A standout pre-season resulted in selection in the Sky team, we just need to keep working with Lachie to increase his self belief and improve some techniques. Well done big fella.



James Williams - James has had a standout year. The premier forward in the comp, by a fair distance, and strangely for a forward, his ability to bring players into the game, being one of his strengths. ‘Coleman Medallist’, joint B&F winner with Rhys, plus ACT/South Coast U14s representative

selection summarises his year. Just still needs to work on his goalkicking

UNDER 15 COACHES REPORT



The Marist Under 15's exceeded all expectations this year by advancing to the second week of the finals. It was reward for the hard work and effort they put in throughout the season in training and in games.

The season started with a pre-season of three weeks before the opening round with the appointment of a new coaching group led by Xavier McMahon and assisted by Ashley Watson and Ashley Colmer. The three coaches shared the duties between training and game day and were organised by the fantastic David James. The coach wanted to implement a new style of play that focused on setting up structures around the ground that would allow the team to move the ball fluently and fast down the ground. To the boys' credit, they embraced the coach's plan with enthusiasm and trust. They were always willing to try new things and as such, training nights ran smoothly and this led to improvements on game day.

With the leadership of the team captain, Jackson Crowe together with vice captain Toby Morwitch, the Under 15s began to believe in their abilities to beat the better teams and as the season progressed, the gap between the first placed team and Marist began to shorten, culminating in securing the fifth position on the ladder.

Going into the first week of the finals, the team was hampered by injuries to key players. Despite the lack of numbers, the team with the help of some dedicated Under 14 players (who should be commended for their help throughout the season and is testament to the club spirit in the Marist Football Club) defeated the fourth placed Ainslie team with a fantastic effort, especially in the third quarter. They proved to themselves and to their supporters what they can achieve through hard work and discipline.

Special mention should go to James Elwin and Jackson Crowe for being selected in the ACT Under 15 side (SSSA), which defeated the Victorian side for only second time in the history of this age group.

It has been a great year, and next year this team will go one better and make the grand final.

Coach Xavier McMahon



Tyler Hollingworth-Dessent - (Runner-up Best & Fairest) Tyler was a very dependable backman this year, usually taking the opposition's best forward. Tyler reads the play very well and disposes of the footy smartly. To improve next year he needs to ensure he spoils the ball when caught behind.

Toby Morwitch - (Eastlake Award) Toby is a mature leader of the team and used his voice to drive the team to success. Toby attacked the footy very well and was clean below his feet. One point to improve in the future would be to use his height to impose himself in aerial contests and take more contested marks.

Ethan Rosin - Always influenced the play when the footy was around him, which made him a great on-baller. He also had great endurance which allowed him to run out every quarter. To improve next year Ethan needs to work on his short kicking and handballing out from the packs.



Hugh McKenzie - (Best & Fairest) Hugh was the hard nut midfielder who always put his hand up to put his head over the footy and dish it out to his fellow midfielders. He has very good endurance which helped him move around the ground. To improve Hugh needs to use his endurance to push into open space to create an option for his defenders.

James Elwin - Another one of our on-ballers, James used his skill by hand and by foot to pass with precision

to his team mates. James reads the play very well and was rewarded for his efforts this year with selection in the ACT team. To develop into an all round footballer James needs to work on his defensive efforts such as tackling and manning up.

Jackson Crowe - Our captain this year led from the front with his attack on the ball and his composure with ball in hand. Our other representative in the ACT team, Jackson was very versatile in the positions he could play. To improve next year Jackson could work on his endurance and leading into space.



Tom Verghese - Has a very smart footy brain. Tom knew where to position himself at both ends of the field which made him a versatile utility. He took some good contested marks and has a very good kick. To improve next year Tom needs to work on his consistency during games by making sure he gets involved in the play.

Dinan McMahon - Dinan had a solid year at the book ends of the ground this year; being able to swing forward for a goal, while also providing a good match up in the backs. Dinan knows how to read the play very well and has a good pair of hands. To improve next year Dinan needs to work on his mobility and disposal by foot.

Andy Colmer - Our wingman this year was very good at covering large amounts of ground and providing a good option out of defence and putting it into the right area for our forwards. Bomber is also very good at using his voice to encourage his team mates and put the opposition off. To improve next year Andy needs to work on his contested footy and marking.

Sam Watson - The hard luck story of the year due to the amount of injuries sustained. When fit, Sam was a very dangerous forward line player, leading hard, marking well and finished off his efforts with goals. To improve next year Sam needs to work on his skills below his knees.

Joshua Hackwill - (Coach's Award) Our first choice ruckman this year. He used his height and athletic ability to advantage. Giving our on-ballers first use of the ball and providing a great tall option around the ground.

To improve next year Hackers needs to improve his overhead marks and goal kicking.

James Toohey - Our second string ruckmen and first choice full forward, James was a live wire up forward. With his basketball skills and height Toohey dominated the aerial contests and provided a fantastic option up forward. His goal kicking improved greatly through the year. I think for James to improve next year he needs to work on his basic skills such as kicking and handballing.

Jeremy Bridger - The main tall defender this year, Jeremy used his height to contest the ball in the air. He also could be used as a good forward target as well. Unfortunately injury caused him to miss our finals. To improve next year Jeremy needs to work on his leading and overhead marks.

Nathan James - Was a very solid forward or back pocket player. His crumbing ability was probably the best in the team and he was known to pop up and score a goal every few games. Again injury was to blame for disrupting another one of our players. In the future Nathan needs to improve on his ground ball work and feeding handballs to outside players.

Matt Parnell - Was another one of our very versatile utilities. He played in the forward line and defence and always provided a strong contest and used the footy very well. To improve next year he needs to attack the footy harder and influence the play more often in matches.

Logan Ayers - (Most Improved) Throughout the year



Logan was thrown into many different positions, all of which he accepted and played his role well. He found his niche in the forward line because he is very elusive and finds himself open a lot. When he gets the footy he always used the right option. To improve next year Logan needs to use his voice better to let his team mates know he is open!

Conner Lake - As the year went on Conner's confidence in his ability grew, which in turn showed on the field with some great performances. Whenever the ball was near him he would feed a handball out or lay a tackle. He was a great defender and created good contests wherever his opponent led him. Next year Conner needs to be more confident in his ability to play the game.

Dan Ruhen - Dan has a great footy mind and was always keen to hit the field. His use by foot and by hand was fantastic and he always put himself in a good position to influence the play. His attendance at training was the best out of any player and it showed on the field with the knowledge of our structures. To improve next year Dan needs to improve his mobility.

Mike Kendrick - Our first choice centre half forward, Mike provided us a great option up forward. His long searching leads showed us his great engine and his marking ability was first class. His kicking ability was probably what let him down at times, whether it was kicking to his team mate or kicking for goal. Next year Mike needs to work on passing to the right option and improving his endurance.

Mike Rowland - Our other winger and all round utility, Mike was very easy to coach. He always took instructions well and made use of them on the field. His foot skills were great and his awareness around the ball was fantastic. To improve next year Mike needs to work on his contested ball work and his handpassing.

Kyle McLeod - A very solid forward and back pocket Kyle was a dangerous player when near the ball. He knew where to position himself and crumbed off the taller forwards perfectly. He also influenced the score board in a few games which was very beneficial for the team. To improve next year Kyle needs to work on his marking and leading into space.

James Elliot - A solid defender who knows how to play a good defensive role. James always spoiled the ball when caught behind and gave our team drive off the half back line. To improve next year James needs to work on his versatility so he can be thrown into different roles.

Xavier Mooney - Not only did Xavier have the best name in the team, he was also the most versatile player as well. He could very easily play forward or back, but his best footy was played through the midfield. Given his height he could play a key position role or crumb packs. To improve next year Xavier needs to work on getting a consistent kicking action and receiving the footy on the outside to use his pace.



UNDER 17 COACHES REPORT



The Under 17's have had a fantastic season with all players contributing to the success of the team. In the first time in my coaching career- the team finished off the season with more players than it started, which hopefully is a sign of the morale of the team.

We started strongly and despite a few losses early to strong teams, we went on a roll towards the end of the season. We tried to play a brand of football which was fast and free flowing, taking on our opponents at all costs. This style allowed us to play to our strengths as many of our players have speed to burn and weren't afraid to move the ball through the open space by running with it. We finished the season with 8 wins and 3 losses and a tight draw against Ainslie. Many times throughout the season, we played with players having already played that day with the First XVIII. This is not only a sign of their talent and ability to play up a grade, but also of their commitment to the team. My thanks to all the boys that help support the Firsts this year.

It would be remiss of me not to mention a few personal successes. Firstly, to our best and fairest Tom Highmore who had a fantastic season and led from the front. Sam Fisher also came second in the league best and fairest, a remarkable achievement given the number of games he missed through representative duties or having played First XVIII. We had four members make a representative side this year and it was great to see their names regularly in the Best and Fairest votes for each game. These boys helped the team monumentally throughout the year, not only through their personal performances, but also helping to coach and mentor the other players, so my thanks to them.

Many of the boys were playing in their first couple of seasons of Australian Rules. It has been a highlight of my year, watching these boys progress and set personal milestones such as scoring goals, gaining kicks, or laying on strong tackles. I hope the boys continue on with their development as it can only make us a stronger team.

Lastly, a huge thank you to all the people who helped out this year. Managing a team of 30 odd players is a huge task so my thanks to Michael McMahon for the hours of hard work and to Steve Zeithofer for stepping in when needed. Thanks also to my assistant coach Paul Sheahan and the support crew runners of



Simon De Sousa and Paul Highmore who ran their guts out and gave a huge amount of advice and assistance on game day. Thanks also must go to the President, Maria Hicks, the Senior Coordinator Janine Clark, and to the First XVIII Coaches Martin Darcy and John Clark. Your help and support this year has been vital. To all the parents who helped out in whatever capacity, whether cutting

oranges to waving the flags, to manning the canteen for the day. It is your help which makes Marist such a strong community club.

The finals were a disappointing end for our team. It's not hard to say that the emotion of the final week may have got to us, but were beaten by a better side on the day. It is often said that you learn more about yourself in a loss than you do with a win. For the Under 17's, I think the grit and determination they showed throughout the season will hold them in good stead for the future of their AFL careers.

Coach Liam Stakelum

Nick Anderson - Nick had an outstanding season on the wing and was a crucial link in us moving the ball out of the back line and into the forward line. He uses his speed well and would often beat his opposition with sheer pace. The highlight of the season was not only his run and carry, but his courage. Several times against St Edmunds, Nick backed himself into a marking contest against much bigger opposition demonstrating a huge amount of courage.

Lachie Bowers - Lachie is one of those players that always seem to pop up in the right place at the right time which indicates his ability to read the play. Although he has played a lot of football in the backs, Lachie moved forward for us this year and played extremely well. Lachie's strength should enable him to continue to improve and play a vital role next year.

Jack Briggs - Jack had an outstanding season playing in one of the hardest positions, the ruck, for the first time. He showed his ability, often beating vastly more experienced Ruckmen with his agility in the tap. He put his body on the line every game, and no one can doubt his courage. He worked hard on his new skill, and I believe he can be one of the best ruckman in the competition if he continues on this path,

Will Campbell - A talented key backman, Will's achievements were often overlooked. In most games, Will's opponents would be barely sighted and would hardly touch the ball. He reads the play well and uses his agility and strength to his advantage. Every time the ball went

into the backline, with Will there, we were confident that it would rebound out quicker than it came in. Will also played several games for the First XVIII and played extremely well.

Paul Carton - A tall running player is hard to find! Paul used his speed and endurance to contribute to our running game plan this year. He has a great kick on him, accurate and long, and he often delivered the ball cleanly into our forward line. Played many games after having umpired earlier which demonstrated his fitness levels.

David Cox - Normally a midfielder who reads the contest well, David developed his understanding of the game by playing in the midfield and off half back this year. He was outstanding in his run and would often be the vital link man in our switch across the back line and into the midfield. David was also given vital defensive roles against key players this year, and his influence towards the end of the St Edmunds game at the end of the year turned the game.

Sam De Sousa - A big strong leading forward, Sam was the lynchpin of our forward line. Accurate in front of goal, Sam could be relied upon to take a big mark when we needed it most. Another natural leader, Sam worked tirelessly every game and helped develop other players around him. He performed extremely well at the National Championships and should continue to improve next year.

Angus Dryburgh - Angus had a late start to the season due to injury, and he showed right from his first game what an influential player he is. His ability to read the play, and his decision making in getting rid of the ball should be an example to the rest of the team. He has an excellent kick, and his ability to move the ball into the forward 50 or out of the backline when he moved back there, showed his talent and class. I look forward to having him for a full season.

Pat Dunphy - Due to the number of excellent backmen we had in the team this year, we were lucky enough to free Pat to go up the ground and play as a ruckman and as a key forward. A hard leading player, with an ability to take a great contested grab, Pat was one of the key influences of our success this year. He uses his size to advantage, and he laid on many bone crunching tackles and bumps this year. I hope that Pat continues to develop as I see him playing a significant role in marking the ball through the midfield.

Sean Egan-Richards - One of the toughest backmen I have seen. Rarely beaten, Sean's strength is his ability to keep his feet and to bust through packs. Would scare the opposition with his hard attack at the ball and could easily turn into a bulldozing midfielder if needed. Sean was consistently in our best players and will be a lynch-pin of the team next year.

Jack Ellis - Jack must have set a record for the number of uncontested marks in the competition this year playing in the floating role at half-back. His ability to read the play and be in the right position was an asset to the team. Jack was just as effective playing in the midfield, and he created the movement through the middle in every game. Another leader on the field, we looked to Jack in those key

moments to stand up and deliver and he was one of our best players for the entire season.

Sam Fisher - Sam has all the necessary skills and attributes to become a very good footballer. A competitor, he wants to win the ball and have the ball at all times, which is a desirable trait in a midfielder. Sam is known for being able to evade opponents, and would regularly scythe his way through the midfield. Sam finished 2nd in the League Best and Fairest despite missing many games due to Representative commitments and playing in the First VXIII, which is a remarkable achievement and highlights his ability.

Jacob Gaynor - The crowd's reaction to Jacob's return to footy demonstrates his popularity and importance to the team. He lifted the team instantly, and was denied a much deserved goal at the end of his first game which would have brought the house down. In the few games he played, Jacob showed his ability to win the ball and beat his opponents. It was gutting for the team to lose Jacob again to injury, and I hope that he returns next year and remains injury free,

Tom Highmore - A talented midfielder who assumed the Vice-captaincy role this year in the Under 17's and is a natural leader. A gifted player with great decision making skills, Tom inspired others by consistently winning contested possessions or floating high to take a decisive mark. His work rate to move around the ground and get from contest to contest was outstanding. Tom has a very bright future in the game.

Spyro Kay - Spyro's ability to read contests and crumb the ball made him an asset to the forward line. Although he played in various roles this year, he is best suited to the freedom of the forward line where he can use his pace and ability to crumb and set up goal scoring opportunities. Spyro was hard into the contest and didn't shy away from putting his body on the line.

Jasper Kidd - An unlucky break of the wrist for Jasper was lucky for the Under 17's as we acquired Jasper's services for the season. A midfielder who could float around the ground wreaking havoc on the opposition's defence and attack, through his ability to read the play and put his body on the line. Another natural leader, Jasper's ability to help others around the ground was a major reason for our success this year

Joe Lawler - A key forward with a strong mark who uses his body well in contests. Joe had a good year up forward kicking a few vital goals as well as setting up others with goal scoring opportunities – a valuable trait. The team needs players like Joe to step up and take their opportunities, and I look forward to seeing him take his game to the next level next year.

Beau Martiniello - One of the most popular members of the team, Beau showed a good football brain throughout the year, and developed into a very good half forward flank. His game against Eastlake highlighted how much he improved, and he became a vital link moving the ball up the

ground. Beau also relished the opportunity and kicked a few goals this year which was great to see.

Josh McGovern - A fearless Captain and a dedicated servant to Australian Rules at Marist. Led through his actions and demonstrated courage all season. A forward who could interchange into the midfield, and often did, Josh could be relied upon to lift the team with his fierce approach to winning the ball. He is simply irreplaceable. We wish him well in his future endeavours, but hope he never plays against us.

Ben McMahon - One of the most versatile players in our team and has played out of the backline, in the midfield, and up forward this year – all with great results. He has a great kick and an ability to hit a target under pressure. Ben played his best game for us at Centre Half Back, and despite not being able to display his normal run and movement, he shut his opponent out of the game. Another of the key reasons for our success, he was outstanding in moving the ball on quickly and taking on his opponents.

Clem McManus - A ball magnet, Clem did a magnificent job for us in both the midfield and in moving the ball off the half back line. He has a great work rate, and would run himself into the ground before putting his hand up for a rest. When the game was on the line, Clem was often the player to stand up and make an impact at the right time.

Lachie Moon - Lachie's ability to read the play made him one of our key players in the back line. It was great to see him improve throughout the year, and his composure under extreme pressure was one of the reasons our backline was so effective this year. He was outstanding in some of our crucial tight games, and stood up when we needed him most.

Matthew Pert - Matthew was another player who assisted us from the First XVIII this year. In my opinion, Matthew was one of the driving forces in us making the finals as he played a significant role in the backline after Darcy's knee injury. He showed his composure under pressure and could consistently clear the ball out of the backline in an effective manner. More importantly, Matthew put the disappointment of the end of his season behind him and still supported the team which says a huge amount about his character.

Ryan Pike - Pikey is a tremendous athlete who has been hampered by a knee injury all year. He has shown glimpses of his talent this season, and began to gain in confidence towards the end of the year. He has the ability to become a key defender or forward and can use his height and agility to his advantage. Hopefully Pikey's knee can improve which will enable him to play a greater role next season.

Jordan Rao - A newcomer to AFL, Jordan displayed remarkable ability for a beginner and became a vital player in our forward rotation. He has the ability to take a big grab, and has excellent skills for a key position player. Jordan kicked several big hauls of goals this year and we look forward to watching him continue his development next year.

Darcy Sheehan - Although Darcy had a disappointing year

with injuries, he showed his adaptability and versatility by transforming himself into a deep full forward by the end of the season. His ability to take a pack mark allowed him to be a dangerous key forward despite limited mobility. Having the ability to move forward and kick goals adds another string to his bow, having already been an excellent centre half back and fill-in ruckman. I'm sure everyone is looking forward to having a fully fit Darcy back next year.

Dean Simpson - Another of our classy wingmen, Dean would demonstrate his ability to run and carry every game. He gained a mountain of possessions on the wing this year, and lots of those possessions were heavily contested under extreme pressure. For a team to perform well, they need wingers who can read the play and Dean could not only read the play, but also influence every contest he entered.

Steven Thom - Steve was a late addition to the team, and showed his talent almost immediately. He can play as a backman or up forward, and his best talent is his ability to win contested possessions and to keep his feet. Steve can add another dimension to his game by taking on his opponents next year, and using his pace.

Liam Tutty - A classy midfielder with one of the best kicks in the team and an ability to find the ball all over the ground. Tutty was also one of the toughest on the field despite his size, and his tackle in the Gungahlin game against a rampaging ruckman single-handedly won us the game. He worked extremely well in the midfield this year, and was instrumental in beginning our run out of the back line.

Sean Warren - Another late starter this year due to injury, Sean showed his passion and enthusiasm at every training and match. He runs harder at the ball than anyone in the team, and is always looking to use his trademark pace to his advantage. He learned several new positions this year, and performed admirably for someone who has never played these roles. I hope Sean can have an injury free pre-season and attack next year with the same passion

Steve Zeithofer - Ziggy has one of the best abilities to read and crumb the ball in the team. He has showed his commitment to the team by playing in almost every position and improving in every game. He is gaining in confidence and this showed, putting on a few big hits in the game against St Edmunds. I look forward to seeing Steve continue his development next year.

Kyle Zuccato - Kyle's strength was his outstanding speed and ability to outrun his opponents. He was most dangerous when playing on the half forward flank, however could adapt his skills to the wing or the half back line in the future. He has a good goal sense, and was always looking for the next goal scoring opportunity. One of the highlights of the team's year was Kyle kicking the goal against Gungahlin to win us the game. He should improve next year and become a real force on the half forward flank.

FIRST XVIII COACHES REPORT



There was an element of uncertainty to start the year as to how an U18 Marist First XVIII would go in the new U18's Rising Stars competition (that allowed opposition sides to play a maximum of six U19 players). The team started preseason in January with great enthusiasm and as always the team unity was exceptionally strong amongst the group. It always felt that we could provide a competitive team if we could keep our injuries at bay. Unfortunately, long term injuries to key players early in the year hampered our ability to field our best team until late in the season.

Marist First XVIII finished 5th for the season and was very competitive against three of the four sides in the top four – defeating one and only marginally losing a handful of games with only a couple of goals the difference. When we put our best play together, the team had an ability to play with wonderful skill and demonstrate their complete control of the pace and play, which saw us continually move the ball from end to end without the opposition influencing the contest.

Individually, we congratulate Shae Darcy on winning the league Best and Fairest for the ACT AFL Rising Stars competition, Sam Short for coming equal third and Michael Peterson for winning the Rising Stars Goal Kicking Award with 40 goals for the season. Additionally, all three players were also named in the inaugural Future Stars team of the year - a terrific result for the players and the club.

Special thanks to John Clark as assistant coach for his continual enthusiasm and filling in during my absences, Della for her wonderful work as Manager (and Michelle Fulton as her proxy), Dan Fulton for his efforts as runner, our trainers Matt, Alex and Kevin who provided such expert care to the team throughout the year, Scott Hicks for managing our property so well and finally to all the players in the senior squad (U17 players) who played throughout the season to support us with much needed numbers.

Thanks also to all the committee members for their tireless work off the field to keep the wheels of the



club turning, in particular President Maria Hicks and Senior Operations Manager Janine Clark.

I would also like to acknowledge the generous support of our sponsors; John Sirr of Canberra Connections, Glenn Keys from Aspen Medical and Craig Wisdom from Kingston Physiotherapy for his valuable clinics on Tuesday nights. Every player and supporter is

very grateful to you all for your commitment to the team and the whole senior squad.

Finally, a big thank you to the parents for supporting their son and our team in 2013. Your support is invaluable.

To the players we say congratulations and well done. The 2013 First XVIII are a great bunch of guys and Clarky and I are very proud of what they have done this year. It was a privilege to coach you and be a part of the team.

Coach Martin Darcy

Brendan Clark (Clarky) - Clarky has improved a lot this year and being one of the physically strongest members of the team, he at times displayed his fierce tackling and defensive presence that made him a valuable member of the backline rotation. With some more confidence and initiative, I would expect Clarky to have a terrific year next year in the First XVIII. Well done Brendan.



Marco D'Amico - Marco always gives his all in any position on any given day! Marco is one of the First XVIII fittest players and he used this well to continually get to as many contests as he could to 'mop up' out

the back of the pack. Marco is incredibly versatile and played in many position this year. Marco has been a dedicated and valued player for MAFC over the years and is a worthy recipient of the Mark Winchester Spirit and Dedication Perpetual Trophy. Congratulations Marco and thanks for your commitment.

Shae Darcy - As captain of the First XVIII, Shae led by example and was always involved in the contest. Shae's



ability to read the play and combine this with his clean and effective disposal always made him dangerous. Shae's successful season is illustrated in him winning the 2013 Rising Stars league Best and Fairest by 11 votes, being named in the Rising Stars team of the year, finishing equal second in the Rising Stars league Goal Kicking Award and winning the MAFC First XVIII Best and Fairest. Well Done Shae.

Will Downing (Downers) - Will had to work harder

than most as this was his first season of AFL football this year. Whilst it took some time for Will to learn the flow of the game, by mid season his game sense had really developed and he played some outstanding football on the wing. With some confidence under his belt, Will used his speed to continually get into space and be a valuable option for his team. The coaches were super impressed with Will's improvement throughout the year and got a thrill from watching Will learn and develop. Terrific job Will.



Jordan Fulton (Jordo) - Jordan was certainly one of the big improvers for the year. Jordan used his fitness to play an exceptional second half of the season on the wing where he really developed his positional play. Equally pleasing was his renewed focus to channel his 'energy' into the next contest to the benefit of the team. Congratulations Jordan on being awarded the First XVIII Most Improved Player.

James Hicks (Hicksy) - Hicksy was another one of our terrific backline rotation players who were so good throughout the season. By seasons end, James was really playing excellent footy and was consistently influential in the backline. A very versatile player, James also played on the ball and as one of our fittest players, was often given the task of tagging one of the best players in the opposition. James should have another cracking season again next year in the First XVIII. Awesome season Hicksy.

Jeremy Hopkins (Hoppo) - 2013 was a season that we welcomed back Hoppo who was playing his first season of AFL since U14's. Hoppo loves a goal and was always dangerous in the forward line. Unfortunately, just when Hoppo was really hitting his straps, a brutal tackle saw

him break his collar bone which ended his season. It was a brief but successful season for Jeremy. Thanks for the comeback Hoppo!

Christopher Kemp (Kempy) - Kempy really found his feet in the First XVIII when moved to Centre Half Back. Here, he really learnt to take the game on and use his height and strength to good effect. Kempy had a terrific second half of the season and his versatility was invaluable as he played in many different positions including the ruck where his tap work continually provided our on-ballers with first use. Congratulations on winning the First XVIII Eastlake Scholarship.

Tim Keys (Keysey) - Tim is a valuable member of the team who unfortunately missed half of the season due to a broken wrist. Known for his good ruck work and ability to take a pack mark with his sticky hands, Tim made a big impact on his return. Tim is a terrific contributor to the team in all facets. Thanks for your contribution Tim.

Jasper Kidd - Jasper was shaping up for a big season and was in ship-shape fitness condition. However, Jasper suffered a bad broken wrist and missed most of the season. It was very impressive to see Jasper try his hardest to get back and play some games at the end of the season. Jasper shows real leadership on the field and gives his all for the team. Jasper will have a terrific season in the First XVIII in 2014.

Grange McMahon (Gengha) - Grange had a terrific season and was the anchor and general of the backline. At full back, Gengha continually beat the opposition and provided valuable run from the backline to set up the next push forward. Gengha provided many highlights for the season and the coaches always looked forward to the last 200m running drill when we knew Gengha was going to get to the front and power home in a competition with Hicksy and Marco to win the last sprint. Grange loves his footy and he has been a wonderful player for the MAFC. Congratulations on winning the MAFC Senior Clubman of the Year – a terrific reward for all your efforts.

Matthew Pert (Perty) - Perty is very unassuming but incredibly effective! A terrific mark for his size he is also one of the best tacklers in the team. As part of the backline group, Perty was very consistent all year, and time and time again would thwart the opposition's push into their forward line. Perty is a tough nut and it was not uncommon to see him emerge from a training drill

with a fat lip or bloody nose. He also provided the team with many highlights at training with his philosophical comments! Well done Perty and congratulations on winning the First XVIII Coaches Award – thoroughly deserved.

Michael Peterson (Roughy) -

Michael has had a terrific season and showed his versatility by playing forward, in defence and on the ball. Michael had a terrific pre-season and consistently was in our leading goal kickers. In defence Michael added a new dimension to his game and provided the team with lots of run off the half back line. Mike's effort this year was rewarded with him winning the Rising Stars league Goal Kicking Award with 40 goals for the season and being named in the Rising Stars team of the Year. A great effort Mike.



Nicholas Ryan - Nick had a good year in the ruck but really showed his skill for a big man by finishing the year at centre half back where he played some excellent footy. Nick has terrific hand and foot skills and really tries to give 100% to everything he does on game day and training. Thanks for all your work this year Nick.

Ryan Sandison - Ryan has a wonderful ability to use his pace and play the half back sweeping role. Ryan is another player who you can count on to try his best week in week out for the team. Unfortunately, Ryan's season came to an early end with a head injury but he continued to support his mates as runner. Thanks for your hard work Ryan.

Sam Short (Shorty) - Shorty had a terrific year as the First XVIII vice-captain. Shorty is always in and under the contest and is really effective at the stoppages in providing a contest and breakaway clearances. Sam is another player who does everything at full pace and intensity, and this year he was rewarded by being equal third in the Rising Stars league Best and Fairest and being named in the Rising Stars team of the year. Congratulations Sam on a wonderful season.

Josh Sims (Simsey) - Josh played around the ground before settling on the half forward line. Josh was a solid contributor and the coaches applauded his willingness to improve his game. Simsey worked hard all year and was a great team man. Josh is also the 'official' fastest man in the team over 80m. Well done Josh and thanks for all your efforts this season.

Tom Stuart - Tom has a gift with running and often used it to break away into space and the opposition had

no answer for his swift feet. With some more confidence and initiative to take the game on, Tom will be a very influential player with two more years in the First XVIII. Tom is a very coachable player who loves his footy. Thanks for your good work this season Tom.

Phil Tonkin - Phil is another player who is relatively new to the game and is continually learning the finer points of positional play. Phil played all season up forward and in the last half of the season really played some good footy, particularly off half forward. Phil is a very coachable player and tried his best at all times. Phil should be congratulated for his work supporting the U14 Sky team this year where he took it upon himself to help out. Great effort Phil.

Josh Van Meurs (Spud) - Josh was a very versatile player for the First XVIII and as the 'trouble-shooter', played in defence, on ball and up forward where he used his straight running and skill. Josh is a very disciplined player and has loads of ability. Well done Spud on a terrific season.

Chris Watson (Watto) - Chris started the season in spectacular fashion at centre half back and was on track for a cracking season. Unfortunately, Chris injured his thumb that kept him out for half of the season. Chris is a dedicated footballer who commits himself to the team and every contest on the field. Watto's ability to play tall, take a strong contested mark and then use his pace off the half back line was very damaging to the opposition. Congratulations on a good year of football Chris.

Chris Williams - Blessed with speed to burn and a great set of hands, Chris often could be seen taking a strong mark then taking off for a run. Chris played all over the ground displaying his versatility. Chris will again be a very dangerous player for the First XVIII next year.

Nick Wood (Woody) - Nick is another player returning to AFL this year. Woody is endowed with skill and in his second half of the season we saw him really start to influence the game when he started to find space and grow in confidence. Nick is a very coachable player and one of the team's fittest and hardest working. Hopefully Nick will return again next year where he should be a terrific player for the First XVIII in 2014. Well Done Nick on a very good season

MAFC CLUB AWARDS HISTORY

Year	Age Group	Best & Fairest	Runner Up B&F	Coach's Award
2012	Under 10	na	na	Edward Angus
	Under 11	na	na	Lachlan Fitzgerald
	Under 12	Sam Brearley	Luke Palisi	Josh Baker
	Under 14 Div II Royal	Billy Clark	James Williams	Liam Cashion
	Under 14 Div II Sky	Jordan Stuart	Ryan Crowley	Liam Ellis
	Under 14 Div I	Hugh McKenzie	James Toohey	Thomas Verghese
	Under 16 Div II	Clem McManus	Tom Stuart	Ben McMahon
	Under 16 Div I	Ryan Sandison	James Hicks	Ryan Catelli
	Ist XVIII - U18	Sean Drummond	Shae Darcy	Sam Short
2011	Under 10	na	na	E Whyles
	Under 11	na	na	N Dunphy
	Under 12	R Pollock	W Clark	J Rankin
	Under 14 Div II Royal	H McKenzie	T Morwitch	X Mooney
	Under 14 Div II Sky	J Elwin	S Warren	J McGovern
	Under 14 Div I	N Cooke	T Stuart	C Williams
	Under 16 Div II	B Burns	M Peterson	D Smith
	Under 16 Div I	S Mills	M Carney	H Jackson
	Ist XVIII - U18	S Kenny	C O'Rourke	T Short
2010	Under 10	na	na	S Brearley
	Under 11	na	na	W Clark
	Under 12	B Van Meurs	J Crowe / T Verghese	J Bridger
	Under 14 Div II Royal	J Gaynor	A Dryburgh	S Warren
	Under 14 Div II Sky	C Williams	N Anderson / C Kemp	D Sheahan
	Under 14 Div I	M D'Amico	R Sandison	J Kidd
	Under 16 Div II	S Short	J Fulton	J Colmer
	Under 16 Div I	S Darcy	B Fenech	C Sandison
	Ist XVIII - U18	J Kane/K Mahon	n/a (Equal B&F)	A McManus
2009	Under 10	na	na	W Clark
	Under 11	na	na	J Bridger
	Under 12	J McMahon	B Van Meurs	C Napier
	Under 14 Div II	G McManus	M Luder	P Jackson
	Under 14 Div I	S Darcy	S Maloney	J Colmer
	Under 16 Div II	K Martyn	E Miles	J Franklin
	Under 16 Div I	K Mahon	C O'Rourke	T Short
	Ist XVIII - U18	H Armstrong	R McMahon	N Kane
2008	U10 Sky	na	na	J Crowe
	U10 Royal	na	na	J Hackwill
	Under 11	na	na	J McMahon
	Under 12	T Murphy	L Harman / M Pert	B Clark
	Under 14 Div II Gold	R Bartholomew / J Colmer	na	M Clark
	Under 14 Div I	M Laing	C O'Rourke	S Drummond
	Under 16 Div II	M Brook	K Mahon	L Flaherty
	Under 16 Div I	S Gilfedder	D Campbell	D Garlick
	Ist XVIII - U18	R McMahon	C Ryan	J Brown

Coach's Award	Coach's Award	Most Improved Player	Eastlake Scholarship
Kane Gollasch	Fraser Kelly	Rohan Palisi	Elliot Dunn
Aidan Kelly	Spencer Mooney	Jack Castles	Jacob Kenner
na	na	Sam Rankin	Harrison Morton
na	na	Ben Surtees	Sam Lee-Steere
na	na	Nicholas Lawlis	Noah Bridger
na	na	Michael McCormack	Ethan Rosin
na	na	Jack Briggs	Luke Bicket
na	na	Shaun Egan-Richards	Matthew Pert
na	na	Matt Fely	Tim Keys
M O'Brien	S Mooney	C Reid	I Apostolakis
L Palisi	S Brearley	A Clarke	M Dragisic
na	na	D Cerni	B Hunter
na	na	O Kuskie	A Colmer
na	na	S Kay	N Wagland
na	na	N McNab	N Hart
na	na	R Catelli	C Bowers
na	na	J Kidd	P Badalassi
na	na	J Divorty	J O'Halloran
N Dunphy	L Palisi	E Plenty	A Herstik
N Koeck	R Pollock	H Scott	L McGovern
na	na	A Chapple	M McCormack
na	na	L Colquhoun	W Campbell
na	na	N McNab	B McMahan
na	na	N Ryan	C. McManus
na	na	F Martiniello	G McManus
na	na	A Bazzana	E White
na	na	J Leahy	Matt Laing
R Crowley	R Pollock	L Cashion	N Koeck
J Crowe	B Izzard	M McCormack	J Hackwill
na	na	C Williams	J Levien
na	na	J Correll	N White
na	na	J Kidd	R Sandison
na	na	N Prasad	S Mills
na	na	S Kenny	S Drummond
na	na	D Discipio	S Gilfedder
T Morwitch	A Colmer	D McKenna	N James
X Mooney	P Cross	H McKenzie	B Izzard
A Dryburgh	H Weber	N Jackson	J Gaynor
na	na	J Hicks	Z Sijacic
na	na	J Hopkins	J McKenna
na	na	R Smyth	S Kobal
na	na	D Burns	T Dryburgh
na	na	B Foley	T Kazias
na	na	L Cusack	D O'Rourke

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2007	Under 10	na	na	C Napier
	Under 11	na	na	N Ryan
	Under 12	J Bueno	S Maloney	M Luder
	Under 14 Div III	S Kobal	T Catlin	E Miles
	Under 14 Div I	S Kelly	J Linehan	E White
	Under 16 Div II	J Kane	D Drew	M Carton
	Under 16 Div I	N Kane	D Nulley / R McMahon	
	Ist XVIII - U18	X McMahon	J van Meurs	A Lewis
2006	Under 10	na	na	L Harman
	Under 11	na	na	A Martinello
	Under 12	M Laing	C O'Rourke	E Miles
	Under 13	L Flaherty / J Linehan		T Eagle
	Under 14 Sky	S Gilfedder	J Kane	T Hodge
	Under 14 Royal	J Eagle / D Garlick		P Jones / S Kelly
	Premier Div II	N Kane	E Kimball	R McMahon
	Premier Div I	C McRae	J Gill	A Lewis / R Wilson
	Ist XVIII - U18	R Linehan	A Hayward	K Clarke
2005	Under 10	na	na	J Bueno
	Under 11	na	na	M Laing
	Under 12	K Mahon	S Kelly / J Linehan	T Short
	Under 13 Marlake	A McManus	D Lewis	T Sullivan
	Under 13 Marist	D O'Rourke	T Kazias	D Garlick
	Under 14	E Kimball	L Cusack	N Kane
	Premier Div II	J Brown	X McMahon	R Corrigan
	Premier Div I	P McCartney	B Kane	B O'Toole
	Ist XVIII - U18	A Hayward	M Williams	S O'Brien
2004	Under 10	na	na	M Toogood
	Under 11	na	na	K Martyn
	Under 12	D O'Rourke	J Kane	S Gilfedder
	Under 13	L Cusack	E Kimball	M Ephraums
	Under 14	J Brown	X McMahon	A Lewis
	Premier Div II	P McCartney	R Fort	C McRae
	Premier Div I	A Nunn	R Linehan	A Hayward
	Ist XVIII - U18	S Campbell	T Gray	D McLeod
2003	Under 10	na	na	J Linehan
	Under 11	na	na	N Smith
	Under 12	M Ephraums / E Kimball		J Bowden
	Under 13	X McMahon	J Brown	A Lewis
	Under 14 Sky	M Williams	P McCartney	D Little
	Under 14 Royal	J Smith	J Bouchier	N Young
	Premier Div II	T Nolan	R Linehan	A Hayward
	Premier Div I	A Ryan	S MacPherson	P Leahy
	Ist XVIII - U18	S Campbell	J O'Brien	D McLeod

Coach's Award	Coach's Award	Best 1st Year Player	Eastlake Scholarship
D Sheahan	S De Sousa	M Barlow	D Simpson
S Baker	M Peterson	D Cox	C Gonsior
na	na	A Karo	W Lane
na	na	J Sherring	J Franklin
na	na	J O'Halloran	C Sandison
na	na	na	S Gilfedder
na	na	M Fletcher	D Arnold
na	na	S Smith	R O'Brien
B Burns	J McMahon	B Duke	B Clark
W Lane	J Colmer	H Jackson	S Maloney
na	na	B Fenech	M Smith
na	na	S Dwyer	J Gilmartin
na	na	na	D Lewis
na	na	W Purcell	K Mahon
na	na	L Wesney	N Dunn
na	na	P McDonald	D Oakshott
na	na	na	J van Meurs
J Colmer	S Maloney	S Curtis	M Franklin
C O'Rourke	M Toogood	T Catlin	D Turner
na	na	J Severs	L Flaherty
na	na	D Drew / L Margois	T Hodge
na	na	na	J Eagle
na	na	N Dunn	S Smith
na	na	K Palmer	M McCormack
na	na	K Clarke	J O'Malley
na	na	D Roche	J McMillan
C O'Rourke	M Laing	R Bartholomew	M Rose-Campbell
J Linehan	S Kelly	J Hamon	L McDevitt
na	na	D Garlick	T Kazias
na	na	C Ryan	R McMahon
na	na	T Vidas	T Storey
na	na	S Murphy	J Bouchier
na	na	J Smith	M Williams
na	na	na	S O'Brien
K Martyn	K McLachlan	W Bouchier	M Laing
T Kazias	J Kane	J Covington	R Pridham
na	na	R Goodwin	L Cusack
na	na	na	J Mason
na	na	L Monagle	K Bridger-Bartel
na	na	J van Meurs	D Oakshott
na	na	C Vidas / J O'Malley	P Mills
na	na	C Cox	P Wild
na	na	G Parker	T Hollis

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Given Names	Surname	2013	Career
Nick	Anderson	14	57
Edward	Angus	13	65
Ben	Answerth	13	26
Ioannis	Apostolakis	15	43
Logan	Ayers	13	24
Joshua	Baker	12	49
Jacob	Bauer	13	13
Maxwell James	Beaumont	19	106
Owen	Bell	6	6
James	Boland	15	40
Edward	Boland	11	41
James	Bolton	13	13
Will	Bourgault	9	22
Lachlan	Bowers	12	32
Sam	Brearley	15	97
Will	Brearley	15	76
Harry	Brennan	15	60
Pierce	Brennan	13	13
Tom	Brewer	12	61
Connor	Brice	12	12
Noah	Bridger	10	25
Jeremy	Bridger	9	77
Jack	Briggs	14	114
Cooper	Browne	12	12
Jordon	Brunt	12	25
Alan	Caines	14	31
Richard	Caines	16	30
Will	Campbell	16	71
Paul	Carton	11	65
Liam	Cashion	15	76
Daniel	Cerni	16	91
Brendan	Clark	17	177
Billy	Clark	19	156
Alex	Clarke	12	51
Andrew	Colmer	13	134
Henry	Cooney	13	80
Michael	Cooper	16	16
Christopher	Cooper	16	16
Charlie	Cooper	14	14
Cai	Corey	13	22
Samuel	Corey	11	11
David	Cox	19	151
Harry	Creech	12	24
Hayden	Crockett	13	106
Jackson	Crowe	10	105

Given Names	Surname	2013	Career
Ryan	Crowley	12	89
Marco	D'Amico	13	123
Lorenz	Daley	14	26
Shae	Darcy	17	159
Sam	De Sousa	14	110
Will	Downing	17	17
Matthew	Dragisic	12	36
Angus	Dryburgh	9	94
Elliott	Dunn	13	23
Nelson	Dunphy	13	91
Patrick	Dunphy	19	120
Max	Eccles	14	14
Isaac	Egan	14	80
Anthony	Egan	14	14
Shaun	Egan-Richards	12	23
James	Elliott	12	91
Liam	Ellis	16	95
Patrick	Ellis	15	100
Jack	Ellis	19	75
James	Elwin	12	80
Vyvyan	Evans	13	91
Benjamin	Fely	11	17
Sam	Fisher	19	149
Lachlan	Fitzgerald	15	29
Patrick	Fitzgerald	13	13
Ryan	Fitzgerald	22	34
Liam	Florence	10	22
Ryan	Fraser	13	13
Jordan	Fulton	16	120
Callum	Garrety	13	45
Luke	Gaynor	13	26
Jacob	Gaynor	4	101
Tony	Geremia	14	14
Maxx	Giannasca	10	20
Kane	Gollasch	11	22
Thomas	Green	16	16
Joshua	Green	13	33
Adam	Hackwill	14	64
Joshua	Hackwill	11	98
William	Harding	6	6
Ethan	Hart	14	88
Brynn	Hart	14	14
Jude	Henderson-Burch	16	74
Felix	Henderson-Burch	17	17
Aidan	Herstik	12	76



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James	Hicks	18	105
Oliver	Hicks	9	39
Thomas	Highmore	17	134
Tyler	Hollingworth-Dessent	14	86
Jeremy	Hopkins	3	68
Benjamin	Hunter	12	107
Joshua	Hunter	13	34
Nathan	James	8	111
Jack	Jeffery	15	15
Matias	Jensen	14	14
Nikesh	Joseph	14	14
Liam	Karo	14	101
Eric	Karo	14	105
Spyro	Kay	12	118
Aidan	Kelly	15	85
Fraser	Kelly	11	22
Michael	Kemp	14	69
Christopher	Kemp	16	147
Michael	Kendrick	14	85
Jacob	Kenner	13	27
Tim	Keys	10	117
Sam	Kibble	11	70
Jasper	Kidd	14	74
Sean	Kirk	14	14
Nicholas	Koeck	14	90
Connor	Lake	12	53
Joe	Lawler	10	67
Nicholas	Lawlis	9	68
Samuel	Lee-Steere	12	24
Thomas	Levien	8	32
Daniel	Long	12	27
Charlie	Mahar	15	15
Ted	Maher	13	65
Isaac	Males	13	54
Beau	Martiniello	13	47
Lachlan	McGovern	12	75
Josh	McGovern	18	134
Hugh	McKenzie	12	119
Jack	McLean	10	21
Kyle	McLeod	8	61
Tom	McLoughlin	14	14
Grange	McMahon	16	95

Given Names	Surname	2013	Career
Ben	McMahon	14	90
Dinan	McMahon	12	83
Clem	McManus	11	64
Finley	McRae	13	13
Harry	Miller	14	14
Ben	Mills	12	64
Samuel	Misic	12	24
Campbell	Moon	14	25
Lachlan	Moon	14	149
Spencer	Mooney	16	80
Xavier	Mooney	15	115
Harrison	Morton	13	24
Toby	Morwitch	14	121
Brett	Murray	15	99
Andrew	Nangle	14	90
Patrick	Nangle	13	13
Mitchell	O'Brien	16	43
Dylan	O'Hara	13	13
Tarkyn	Page	13	13
James	Palisi	14	93
Luke	Palisi	12	79
Rohan	Palisi	14	26
Matthew	Parnell	14	73
Matthew	Pert	22	131
Michael	Peterson	17	148
Jack	Phillips	5	5
Ryan	Pike	11	15
Nicholas	Pinkas	7	7
Rhys	Pollock	17	119
Aidan	Poole	14	24
Jonty	Probyn	9	9
Sebastian	Quirk	16	31
Jack	Rankin	15	71
Sam	Rankin	13	63
Jordan	Rao	10	10
Zachary	Rauter	10	23
Brett	Reid	13	81
Corey	Reid	14	86
Michael	Roland	13	94
Simon	Rooke	13	26
Ethan	Rosin	13	23
Daniel	Ruhen	14	45

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Given Names	Surname	2013	Career
Nicholas	Ryan	14	109
Jacob	Ryan	14	14
Charlie	Ryan	13	13
Ryan	Sandison	11	75
Lachlan	Savage	13	13
Max	Scott	15	33
Patrick	Seymour	12	12
Patrick	Sharp	14	14
Darcy	Sheahan	13	95
Patrick	Sheil	12	29
Samuel	Short	16	101
Bradley	Simpson	17	105
Dean	Simpson	14	158
Josh	Sims	14	25
Nicholas	Starkovski	10	45
Ted	Stewart	13	35
Remy	Stroud	14	14
Tom	Stuart	18	91
Jordan	Stuart	15	86
Ben	Surtees	13	80
John	Szell	13	38
Lachlan	Tazreiter	14	85
Stephen	Thom	6	26
Phil	Tonkin	13	20
James	Toohey	13	22
Liam	Tutty	18	120
Joshua	Van Meurs	16	41
Thomas	Vergheze	14	43
Nicholas	Wagland	8	67
Sean	Warren	9	129
Chris	Watson	10	126
Samuel	Watson	7	63
Toby	Whalen	10	35
Chris	Williams	17	70
James	Williams	17	123
Harry	Williams	12	38
Samuel	Wilsmore	13	13
Nicholas	Wood	15	15
Jordan	Wood	12	12
Ewan	Wyles	15	43
Oliver	Zarak	13	13
Stephen	Zeithofer	14	103
Kyle	Zuccato	13	13





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We are the good old Blue and Blues
We're the team that never will give in
Marist is the team that plays to win
With all the champions
They like to send up
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And they will know that they've been playing
Against the good old Blue and Blues!

