

# Research Junior Football Club



Yearbook  
1996

## OFFICE BEARER'S 1996

<b>President</b>	John Freeman
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<b>Secretary</b>	Phil Nardella
<b>Assistant Secretary</b>	Terry Ritchie
<b>Treasurer</b>	Allan Gibbs
<b>Social Secretary</b>	Grace Schneider
<b>Publicity Officer</b>	Neal Sterling
<b>Canteen Manager</b>	Pauline McTaggart
<b>DVFL Delegates</b>	Jim Antoniadès, Neil Smith
<b>Tribunal Advocates</b>	Greg Nash, Bill Rudd
<b>Property Officer</b>	Kevin McTaggart
<b>Ordinary Committee Members</b>	ken Hibberd, Peter Stubbs

**Coach**  
**Team Manager**

### Under 9

Len Tenace  
Mal Stevenson

**Coach**  
**Team Manager**

### Under 10 Raiders

Tom Johnston  
Ron Chapman

**Coach**  
**Team Manager**

### Under10 Rockets

Paul Malone  
Greg Nash

**Coach**  
**Team Manager**

### Under 11

Paul Cusma  
Stuart Sutcliffe

**Coach**  
**Team Manager**

### Under 13

Kevin McTaggart  
Lance and Helen Cassidy

**Coach**  
**Team Manager**

### Under 15

Jim Antoniadès  
Roslyn Ritchie

**Coach**  
**Team Manager**

### Under 17

Steven Doyle  
Stuart Sutcliffe

# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Well another season has come and what a great year it has been for Research Junior football Club.

## Highlights

There were a number of highlights for the club this year, the main one being that we increased our number of players by approximately 40 by fielding another under 10 team and of course the under 9s.

The major function of this football club is to provide an opportunity for as many boys as possible to play and enjoy the game of football and to provide a suitable environment for that to occur and I believe that this year we have certainly done that.

Also as a result of the performance of our under 13, under 15 and under 17 teams the club has been promoted for the first time in its history to division 2 next year which is a great achievement. We also finished equal 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Lew Hall Trophy.

## Sponsorship and Social

We have again had a very successful year with our Fund Raising and Sponsorship activities and this is due to the outstanding efforts of our social committee of Grace Schneider, Fil Nardella, Kerry Antoniadis, Robyn Freeman, Ken Hibberd and Peter Stubbs and also our sponsorship Co-Ordinator Neal Sterling. Well done.

Thank you also to Pauling McTaggart and the other ladies that staff our canteen during match days. Well done also.

## Financial Results

As you can see from the treasurers report the club as a result of the Fun Raising and Sponsorship efforts is now in the strongest financial position it has ever been with no debts and a very healthy bank balance which will be used to further enhance the facilities that we enjoy at Research Junior Football Club.

## On Field Performance

The on-field performance of all our teams has been exceptional with our Under 11s, 13s 17s and 19s all competing in the final series. This is due part to the tireless efforts of the coaches, team managers, trainers, runners, water boys, boundary and goal umpires who gave up their time for training and matches every week.

I thank you for your commitment and dedication.

John Freeman  
President

## SECRETARY'S REPORT

It really is amazing how fast the season has gone. It only seems like a few weeks ago when we were firing up for our first game.

Again we have had another successful year. Our membership is up, our fundraising is at an all time high level, our teams have been successful on field and to top it all off for the first time in the history of the club we have made second division.

A huge congratulations to all on achieving this great success!! A success I believe attributable to the great input by this years committee and in particular the time and efforts given to the club by our president, John Freeman.

On the field, all of our teams showed great courage and enthusiasm. Congratulations to all the coaches for their involvement in bringing the boys together as team mates, as was always evident on the field.

I wish the under 11s and 17s good luck in their respective Grand Final days on Sunday. They have already done the club proud and I am sure they will take it one step further.

Thank you to the social committee for organizing two of the best nights in fundraising. Namely the trivia night and the dinner dance. Both very successful evenings!!

Thank you to all of the families and supporters of the research junior football club, especially those who volunteered their time and services in relation to time keeping, goal umpiring, training, running, water boy, team management etc you are the backbone of the club and your involvement is vital for our continued existence and success.

Special thanks also to Pauline McTaggart and her Helpers for her efforts in running the canteen this season.

I wish you all a happy few months away from the football but remember, its just around the corner and we will need you again soon.

Phil Nardella  
Secretary

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Well another season comes to an end. I would like to thank the committee, all the parents, team managers and the coaches for their help throughout the season.

We have had another successful season financially, with the main areas being sponsorship, canteen and social functions.

A special thanks to Neal Sterling for his Sponsorship collections, Pauline McTaggart and all the parents who helped out in the canteen, Grace Schneider and the social committee for organizing all the social events, especially the dinner dance which was hosted by Peter Stubbs and Diane Dunleavy. Great Night!!

On the field the club enjoyed a good season with the:

Under 17s – making the grand final “good luck guys!”  
Under 15s – just missing out on the finals on percentage  
Under 13s – making it to the first semi final  
Under 11s – making it to the grand final “good luck guys!”  
Under 10s (rockets) – just missing out on finals on percentage  
Under 10s (raiders) – starting midway through the season  
Under 9s – just having a good time and a kick

A full statement of income and expenditure will be available at the annual general meeting.

Allan Gibbs  
Treasurer

## SOCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

Firstly I would like to thank everyone who has supported the club during the season whether it be the social events or through the home game raffles.

This was another successful season on the social calendar. Our trivia night at the clubrooms was a profitable evening, full of fun and excitement.

Next came our major event for the year, we decided to change the event from a very popular sportspersons night to a dinner dance, well as it turned out, I think it was the best entertainment we have ever had, with lots of laughs and dancing and of course fundraising.

Much thanks to Peter Stubbs and Diane Dunleavy for their personal contribution.

Finally, this year we have had a fair amount of support, but we do need more support at the social functions from more families and more new faces.

I would like to give a special thanks to Fil Nardella for her enormous amount of help and also the rest of the social committee Kerry Anotiades, Robyn Freeman, Ken Hibberd and Peter Stubbs for their fantastic input and support.

With all their help, my job was made easier.

Once again I would like to thank parents, children and committee for their help and support this season.

Grace Schneider  
Social Secretary

# Research Junior Football Club

'The Family Club'  
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## SPECIAL AWARDS

**Club Champion 1996**

Robert Young

**Leading Goal Kicker**

Chris Landy

**John Paul Jones Trophy**

Leigh McTaggart

**Neil Smith Medal**

Joel Murray

## **AWARDS**

### Under 10 Raiders

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Best and Fairest</b>	Ben Saunders
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Best and Fairest</b>	Adam Chapman
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Best and Fairest</b>	Jarrod Shaw
<b>Best Team Man</b>	Tom Crimmins
<b>Most Consistent</b>	Aaron Denes
<b>Most Improved</b>	Kristian Pattison
<b>Coaches Award</b>	Adam Chapman

### Under 10 Rockets

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Best and Fairest</b>	Shannon Malone
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Best and Fairest</b>	Ben McConnel
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Best and Fairest</b>	Ben Phillips
<b>Best Team Man</b>	Cameron McLaren
<b>Most Consistent</b>	Matthew Nash
<b>Most Improved</b>	Hayden Miles
<b>Coaches Award</b>	James Fuhrman

# AWARDS

## Under 11

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Best and Fairest</b>	Robert Young
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Best and Fairest</b>	Michael Hossen
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Best and Fairest</b>	Adam Marr
<b>Best Team Man</b>	Graham Gibbs
<b>Most Consistent</b>	Joshua Doyle
<b>Most Improved</b>	Ryan Hargraves
<b>Coaches Award</b>	Luke Kernaghan

## Under 15

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Best and Fairest</b>	Lloyd Nash
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Best and Fairest</b>	Gavin Andrew
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Best and Fairest</b>	Graeme Pollard
<b>Best Team Man</b>	Tim Loughman
<b>Most Consistent</b>	James Rudd
<b>Most Improved</b>	Nick Jones
<b>Coaches Award</b>	Joel Whyte

## Under 13

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Best and Fairest</b>	Ben Strongman
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Best and Fairest</b>	Leigh McTaggart
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Best and Fairest</b>	Joshua Gazzola
<b>Best Team Man</b>	James Stubbs
<b>Most Consistent</b>	Ryan Daley
<b>Most Improved</b>	Brendon Harty
<b>Coaches Award</b>	Luke Ogilvie

## Under 17

<b>1<sup>st</sup> Best and Fairest</b>	Joel Murray
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Best and Fairest</b>	Jeremy Renfrey
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Best and Fairest</b>	Adam Prestigiacomo
<b>Best Team Man</b>	Damian Bezemer
<b>Most Consistent</b>	David Mitton
<b>Most Improved</b>	Andrew Struve
<b>Coaches Award</b>	Hayden Waterham

# 1996 MILESTONES

## 200 GAMES

Under 19 Paul Cusma

## 150 GAMES

Under 17 Clayton Chrisholm Under 17 Jonathan Garrard

Under 19 Darren McMurtrie

## 125 GAMES

Under 15 Dale Nardella Under 17 Nick Cogan

## 100 GAMES

Under 15 Ben Garrard Under 17 Gavin Nardella

Under 19 Jarrod Eames

## 75 GAMES

Under 13 Joshua Gazzola Under 13 Ben Strongman

Under 15 Michael Godsell Under 17 Damian Smith

Under 17 Andrew Struve Under 17 Luke Sutton

Under 17 Brendan Thrower Under 19 Scott Strongman

## 50 GAMES

Under 10 Ben Freeman Under 10 Shannon Malone

Under 11 Daniel Da Costa Under 11 Joshua Doyle

Under 11 Brendan Nardella Under 11 Marcus Smith

Under 11 Kane Sterling Under 13 James Stubbs

Under 13 Chris Black Under 13 Ryan Daley

Under 15 Jon Jupp Under 15 Nick Ritchie

Under 15 Blair Rowan Under 15 James Rudd

Under 15 Trent Van Gool Under 17 Bradley Wilson

Under 17 Joel Murray

## UNDER 9

Coach: Len Tenace

Team Manager: Mal Stevenson

We commenced the season with a list of 23 players and the prospect of playing 9 games out of 14 away from our home. Our first two games at home were good, both for numbers and the endeavour displayed by our boys.

Our next four games on the trot were played away and our team number gradually dropped to a core group of about 14-16 players. During this time they emerged as an extremely competitive outfit, even though undermanned they played some great team footy and their gradual improvement was evident.

Of the next 8 rounds we managed to play one game at home with a further two home games being forfeited by our opponents. Of the five games we played away we still produced our competitive brand of team football.

This terrific bunch of under 9 mini footballers overcame the constant travelling away and lack of numbers to become the basis of a great footy team. Their improvement and progress from game one gave me and all the parents involved a lot of enjoyment and satisfaction.

R.J.F.C has a bright future if these boys stick together and show the same determination to succeed.

Many thanks to my team manager Mal Stevenson and assistant coaches Gary McGlagan and Neil Harrison. Special thanks to all parents involved for their support and encouragement in my first attempt at coaching!

Finally to the team, if scores and premiership points counted you would have definitely played off for a flag and probably won!

Thanks for being a terrific bunch of footballers and I wish you success for your football careers and remember, its not about winning or losing, its about how you play.

Len Tenace  
Coach

## UNDER 9

Coach: Len Tenace

Team Manager: Mal Stevenson

<b>Player</b>	<b>Jumper Number</b>	<b>Total Games</b>	<b>Commenced at RJFC</b>
Justin Barber	16	21	1995
Matthew Canty	14	21	1995
Tim Crimmins	19	19	1995
Michael Cullen	2	8	1996
Ryan Fraser	20	3	1996
Luke Freeman	22	23	1995
Ryan French	23	22	1995
Matthew Harrison	4	11	1996
Tim Jones	6	7	1996
Jarryd Kinsella	18	10	1996
David Leveret	13	8	1996
Nathan Llewellyn	17	11	1996
Shane McGlagan	15	12	1996
Anthony Natsis	12	11	1996
Kane Ord	10	10	1996
Robert Pruschino	9	10	1995
Ben Sinclair	24	2	1996
James Stevenson	21	12	1996
Kane Tenace	3	22	1995
Adrian Ward	7	4	1996

# UNDER 10 RAIDERS

Coach: Tom Johnson

Team Manager: Ron Chapman

What a great year the boys had considering they never started playing together until round 4.

The boys really started to play well towards the end of the season and their results reflected that. During the year a number of players joined us for their first competitive game of football and they have learned quickly and have steadily improved with each game. It all goes well for the future of Research Junior Football Club with boys like this playing for it.

I would like to thank the committee for giving me the opportunity to coach the team and congratulate them on making the decision to create two under 10 teams this year and give every boy the opportunity to play a full game of football every week which is what I believe is crucial at this age level.

Thanks to my team manager Ron Chapman, also to Peter Shaw, Doug Connane, Brian Weissenfeld and Paul Pattison for their assistance during the year.

Tom Johnson  
Coach.

<b>Player</b>	<b>Jumper Number</b>	<b>Total Games</b>	<b>Commenced at RJFC</b>
Joseph Amenta	34	23	1995
Adam Chapman	12	12	1996
Clinton Connane	35	12	1996
Tom Crimmins	5	46	1993
Aaron Denes	17	10	1996
Luke Evered	19	5	1996
Ben Freeman	10	56	1992
Tom Johnston	3	12	1996
Brent Llewellyn	37	12	1996
Aaron Nardella	25	26	1995
Matthew Neill	45	12	1996
James Papparousis	27	22	1995
Christian Pattison	6	13	1996
Stephen Pollard	2	13	1996
Ryan Post	20	5	1996
Ben Saunders	16	12	1996
Jarrold Shaw	33	13	1996
Paul Sonza	12	17	1995
Nick Thomas	20	3	1996
Tim Ward	46	6	1996
Matthew Weissenfeld	21	12	1996
Luke Zecevic	24	5	1996

# UNDER 10 ROCKETS

Coach: Paul Malone

Team Manager: Greg Nash

Thirty players wishing to play football for Research under 10s at the start of the season was wonderful to see but created great difficulties. After round 4 the club was in the fortunate position of being able to field two teams thus ensuring that every player had a full game of football rather than only half.

With the introduction of five new players the Research rockets were formed. All the players combined well together to produce some very good quality teamwork. Every team which played against these boys certainly knew they have played a game of football by the final siren.

All the players contributed at some stage of every game producing an excellent team effort. It is not only the kicking of goals that produces success but all the behind the scenes play that enable those goals to be kicked.

At the end of this season we finished fifth on the ladder missing out on the final four by percentage. This was disappointing for the players as they had really strived to win the last few games but we had a very successful sausage sizzle/mud night as compensation.

I would like to thank Tom Johnson and Ron Chapman for taking over the coaching and training of the Research Raiders. Also to the boys who recruited their friends when we were short of numbers, a big thank you.

A very good foundation for the future has been laid ensuring Research will be a very strong club for many years to come.

Thanks to my team manager Greg Nash for his support throughout the season. With his help every major problem became minor. Also thank you to Neil McLaren, Brett Lander, Brendan Hill and the many parents who helped on and off the ground during the season.

Hop to see you all next year for another round of footy madness.

p.s. tony locket is hanging over my fire place.

Paul Malone  
Coach

## UNDER 10 ROCKETS

Coach: Paul Malone

Team Manager: Greg Nash

<b>Player</b>	<b>Jumper Number</b>	<b>Total Games</b>	<b>Commenced at RJFC</b>
Steven Brush	7	9	1996
Tim Cracker	28	8	1996
Brendan Crisp	13	13	1996
Das Dinsdale	16	34	1992
Sean Downey	42	37	1994
James Furham	14	18	1995
Rhyce Hogan	25	7	1996
Dale Landers	37	13	1996
Matthew Lloyd	10	21	1995
Cameron McLaren	2	12	1996
Shannon Malone	41	51	1993
Ben McConnell	17	11	1996
Hayden Miles	4	23	1995
Matthew Nash	43	42	1993
Matthew Olaris	12	20	1995
Ben Phillips	45	36	1994
Kris Saw	8	12	1996
Ryan Sparks	34	9	1996
Brent White	24	7	1996

# UNDER 11

Coach: Paul Cusma

Team Manager: Stuart Sutcliffe

Well I didn't know what to expect at the beginning the season. My first year as coach, some new and experienced players. The year started with a loss to Newlands Coburg, after that we had a couple of wins against sides that struggled for numbers.

They then started to gain confidence in themselves. The turning points was the game against Mill Park where they performed well as a team and won comfortably. From there on the boys felt they could match it with any side.

We finished the home and away series in third position. In the first semi-final we beat Newlands Coburg by 41 points. This was due to one of the best team efforts for the year. In the preliminary final in terrible blustery conditions the boys put in a great gutsy effort.

They held Keon Park scoreless in three quarters because they followed their instructions. It was a great win by the boys and I am sure they will be able to go all the way and win the grand final. Good luck boys!!

As coach I would like to thank the following people:

<b>Team Manager</b>	Stuart Sutcliffe
<b>Assistant Coach</b>	Mick Kernaghan
<b>Runner</b>	Steve Young
<b>Trainer</b>	Steve Smith
<b>Water boy</b>	Mark Hossen
<b>Goal/boundary Umpires</b>	Gary Roy/Ryan Quirke

Also there were times when we needed help with various jobs, thanks to Dale Ford and Allan Gibbs. For training I would like to thank Bruce Wightley, Darren McMurtrie and Scott Strongman.

Paul Cusma  
Coach

# UNDER 11

Coach: Paul Cusma

Team Manager: Stuart Sutcliffe

<b>Player</b>	<b>Jumper Number</b>	<b>Total Games</b>	<b>Commenced at RJFC</b>
Matthew Bugg	23	9	1996
Alister Cant	27	37	1993
Julian Casabene	32	12	1996
Daniel Da Costa	50	52	1993
Joshua Doyle	38	59	1993
Jordan Foo	14	8	1996
Troy Ford	24	29	1994
Graham Gibbs	36	69	1992
Ryan Hardgraves	22	16	1995
Rhett Hibberd	6	71	1992
Michael Hossen	34	70	1992
Luke Kernaghan	44	31	1992
Jai Lee	43	7	1996
Evan Lyons	26	24	1995
Raine Macauley	12	12	1996
Adam Marr	10	24	1995
Mark McDonald	20	10	1996
Brendan Nardella	40	61	1992
Matt Pattison	8	14	1996
Ahren Roy	30	24	1995
Paul Savari	4	18	1995
Brent Schoning	16	22	1995
Chris Slade	2	14	1996
Marcus Smith	48	51	1993
Kane Sterling	21	50	1993
Mark Wightley	7	9	1996
Robert Young	28	91	1991

# UNDER 13

Coach: Kevin McTaggart

Team Manager: Lance and Helen Cassidy

I started my second year as coach of our under 13 side unsure of how we would perform and following a very one sided practice match against Greensborough, I thought we were in for a very tough year.

Initially numbers were down but thanks to a few of the boys for their recruiting efforts we eventually ended up with a list of 23 players. Despite our indifferent practice match form we started the season with a good win and by the end of the season we had won a creditable 10 out of 14 matches and placed in the finals. Unfortunately we lost our first semi to West Preston.

With a team that had only 5 from last years under 13 side their efforts in finishing the home and away season in fourth position is indeed commendable and I congratulate every player for the determination and commitment they have shown throughout the season.

We had three boys who represented the DVFL in Ben Strongman, Ryan Daley and James Stubbs. Well done boys. I would also like to congratulate Ben Strongman who finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in the DVFL Under 13 Best and Fairest count.

Many thanks to the following people for their help and support during the season:

<b>Team Manager</b>	Lance and Helen Cassidy
<b>Runner</b>	Randall Strongman
<b>Trainer</b>	Neal Sterling
<b>Water</b>	Marcus Moar
<b>Boundary</b>	Steve Daniels
<b>Best All-Rounder</b>	Peter Stubbs and Steve Ord

And to all the other parents who helped throughout the year.

In finishing I would like to thank the most important people within our club and they are the players. The gratification and fulfillment I get from being involved with the club is seeing the excitement and enjoyment that our children derive from playing this magnificent game called Australian Rules Football.

Thank you boys for a fantastic season and I hop you all continue to play and enjoy your footy with Research.

See you all next season.

Kevin McTaggart  
Caoch

# UNDER 13

Coach: Kevin McTaggart

Team Manager: Lance and Helen Cassidy

<b>Player</b>	<b>Jumper Number</b>	<b>Total Games</b>	<b>Commenced at RJFC</b>
Chris Black	49	53	1991
Nathan Cassidy	25	43	1992
Ben Chalmers	33	68	1992
Ryan Daley	13	56	1992
Nicholas Daniel	27	69	1992
Graeme Downey	23	38	1994
Joshua Gazzola	11	80	1991
Brendan Harty	47	12	1996
Matthew Jewson	39	25	1995
Matthew Joy	35	12	1996
Leigh McTaggart	15	74	1992
Evan Nuggent	17	9	1996
Luke Ogilvie	9	40	1994
Tyson Ord	5	11	1996
Daniel Ryan	31	64	1992
Russell Smith	1	13	1996
Andrew Sterling	19	69	1990
Ben Strongman	3	87	1991
Troy Summers	37	6	1996
James Stubbs	7	57	1993
Jordan Trevorah	43	6	1996
Lee Williams	45	26	1993
Ben Withers	41	41	1993

# UNDER 15

Coach: Jim Antoniadis

Team Manager: Roslyn Ritchie

Firstly let me congratulate each and every player of the 1996 under 15 team for their dedication, commitment and efforts throughout the season.

Season 1996 had a very shaky beginning – with less that a full side several injuries and assistance from a few of the under 13s we were able to field a side each week. As the season progressed and team members introduced new players to the side the team was able to string together some excellent wins.

Confidence grew as each game came and went. The team was building and a close knit band of players had bonded together which was evident in their never say die approach to each game that was played.

I was impressed with their self discipline on and off the field and in the way the boys encouraged and looked after each other when provoked by the opposition. The official records read: Research Juniors Under 15s – 9 wins – 5 Losses Ladder Position – equal 5<sup>th</sup>.

This was a fantastic achievement under the circumstances. I enjoyed assisting the boys this year in my capacity as coach and hope to see them all back for 1997 playing for the Research Junior Football Club.

This year the under 15 side should not forget that through their efforts they have aided the club in progressing into the second division of the Diamond Valley Football League in 1997.

Finally there are a few parents I must thank for their most valuable assistance on and off the field (Rain, Hail or Shine but mostly Rain), on the day of the games, and they are:

<b>Team Manager</b>	Roslyn Ritchie
<b>Runner</b>	Michael Jones
<b>Trainer</b>	Kevin McTaggart
<b>Goal Umpires</b>	Bill Rudd and Ray Sweeney
<b>Water Boys</b>	Terry Ritchie and Leigh McTaggart
<b>Orange Girls</b>	Aprille Ritchie and Marie Jones
<b>Time Keepers</b>	Maria Rudd and Geoff and Gemma Whyte

To any person that assisted this season and I have omitted to mention, my apologies.

Once again my congratulations to the boys on a job well done and to the Research Junior Football Club for a very successful year.

Jim Antoniadis  
Coach

# UNDER 15

Coach: Jim Antoniadis

Team Manager: Roslyn Ritchie

<b>Player</b>	<b>Jumper Number</b>	<b>Total Games</b>	<b>Commenced at RJFC</b>
Gavin Andrew	2	10	1996
Matthew Antoniadis	6	59	1990
Lockie Ashelford	34	29	1993
Jason Crawford	42	10	1996
Mitch Craze	14	7	1996
Ben Garrard	18	101	1990
Michael Godsell	16	79	1990
Blair Hathaway	26	4	1996
Nick Jones	46	46	1993
Jon Jupp	40	55	1992
Tim Loughman	12	36	1994
Lloyd Mash	48	12	1996
Steven Meredith	20	26	1995
Dale Nardella	4	128	1999
David Pollard	32	17	1995
Graeme Pollard	30	12	1996
Nick Ritchie	22	61	1993
Blair Rohan	38	53	1992
James Rudd	29	55	1993
Brent Sweeney	28	44	1993
Ben Van Gool	10	18	1994
Trent Van Gool	44	55	1992
Tim Whittaker	8	9	1996
Joel Whyte	50	65	1992

# UNDER 17

Coach: Steven Doyle

As I write this report, our team has reached the grand final. This has been a marvelous achievement.

During the season we were only beaten once, finishing two games and 100% ahead of the second placed team. This was due mainly to a number of factors

- high percentage attendance at training sessions
- high percentage of the players had a dedicated and disciplined attitude to training and competition games.
- Many new players were recruited to the club thanks to Joel Murray, Drew Larkin and Nick Colgan and Many Others.

I would like to thank my back up coaching staff for their many hours of support and help given to myself and all the under 17 boys, they being John Freeman, Jim Antoniadis, Tony Prestigiacomo, Jim Colgan, Rick Chrisholm and Stuart Sutcliffe.

Many thanks also to Neil Smith our Time Keeper for a wonderful job and our water boy, Joshua Renfrey who was a younger brother or Jeremy.

To the parents, thank you very much for your support and you should be very proud of them as they were a fantastic group of boys to coach.

Steven Doyle  
Coach

# UNDER 17

Coach: Steven Doyle

<b>Player</b>	<b>Jumper Number</b>	<b>Total Games</b>	<b>Commenced at RJFC</b>
Damian Bezemer	49	30	1995
Dwayne Charles	17	13	1995
Clayton Chrisholm	15	151	1988
Nick Colgan	7	126	1988
Nathan Demellos	14	4	1996
Jonathon Garrard	39	152	1988
Cameron Hill	5	39	1994
Chris Landy	23	14	1995
Drew Larkin	37	28	1995
Robert McCurdy	25	12	1996
David Mitton	45	39	1994
Joel Murray	1	60	1993
Leo Iacone	4	10	1996
Gavin Nardella	41	100	1989
Victor Pisevski	3	19	1995
Adam Prestigiacomio	21	115	1989
Jeremey Renfrey	42	13	1996
Damian Smith	22	77	1991
Garret Stanley	19	13	1996
Andrew Struve	12	87	1991
Luke Sutton	11	83	1991
Brendan Thrower	47	85	1991
Travis Teichelman	31	14	1996
Hayden Waterham	19	9	1996
Bradley Wilson	35	59	1988

# UNDER 19

Coach: Mick Hodges

At the time of writing we have one game of the regular season left and we will be participating in the finals, which, is a great achievement for the guys. I guess I should sum the season up for the benefit of the Research people.

When I resigned from the Lower Plenty Presidency I was approached by your club to work on putting together an under 19s side to have a say on appointments etc. some how after finally getting away from football after all my life being involved, John Freeman maneuvered me into the coaching position. I still wonder how he did that!

The first game I did not even know the players names and we were whopped by the best Under 19s side North Heidelberg could muster from four sides. This was a critical point of our season. I was told that these guys had lacked success for years but they were not prepared to accept it any longer. All I did was explain the difference about being a winner and just another number.

I slipped very easily into political mode after being president for a few years as well as other positions and hated it! This is by far the most enjoyable year I have had with football. Talking guys like Jet who wanted to play seniors, to play with us and recruiting a number of his mates to join us. Looking at most of the guys in the side I am immensely proud of the transformation in their discipline and maturity.

Support has been left to too few in this side and I will no longer ask for it, but as this is the only time to present my view to you the members of Research, I will take this opportunity to state that this group of young men are of the highest quality who have done you proud in every way.

Learn from the way they have, and do conduct themselves as they are the future leaders of your club, they are proud of their team an club, as am I. we will perform over the coming weeks to the best of our ability. Get on us!

Thanks must go to Randall Strongman, Stuart Sutcliffe, Norm McMurtrie, Austie and Bear, Nita Cusma and supporters who always come like little Jimmy, the Struves and Steve Doyle and to others who have taken the time to support your under 19 side. Your first. Most thanks go to John Freeman who deserves tremendous credit in doing everything to keep the side ticking over sometimes against the tide.

I can relate to the pressure from club and family and to fully understand this you must serve as president to know what is involved. Thanks. I will not pick out certain players as they all deserve recognition, but I would be lax not to mention Joel Murray. Joel has helped with playing and running duties and his awards are deserved over the last couple of weeks. He is not only a great player, but also a fine young man. Walk proud. I also thank the Under 17s for helping out during the year and I hope they learned something and gained a taste of what is to come.

Good luck to the U11s and 17s in their finals campaign. Do the club proud.

Mick Hodges  
Coach

# UNDER 19

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<b>Player</b>	<b>Jumper Number</b>	<b>Total Games</b>	<b>Commenced at RJFC</b>
B. Arandt	2	26	1994
F. Ascenzo	26	8	1996
A Benninga	30	18	1994
P. Cusma	12	205	1985
D. Callinar	20	33	1991
M. Dommage	50	12	1996
J. Eames	8	104	1990
S. Edmonds	22	9	1996
M. Cursio	30	4	1995
R. Forrester	18	11	1996
J. Fahey	16	11	1996
F. Hecke	38	1	1996
N. Hall	48	24	1994
M. Lacey	30	5	1996
R. Mariner	22	1	1996
C. Miller	18	6	1996
D. McMurtrie	44	155	1985
L. Naughton	10	5	1996
B. O'Toole	38	11	1996
T. Psaila	28	8	1996
B. Rickwood	46	27	1995
M. Ryan	34	28	1986
B. Struve	32	190	1985
M. Struve	20	120	1987
S. Strongman	6	85	1989
J. Still	24	15	1996
R. Steven	42	3	1996
J. Sutton	42	30	1990
D. Smith	40	8	1996
C. Underwood	36	40	1985
K. Wilson	14	9	1996

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## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

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