

**Research  
Junior**



**Yearbook  
1998**

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

What a great season it has been with success both on and off the field. With 8 teams to field each week it has indeed been a busy year and I would like to thank everyone who helped to do the jobs necessary each week.

Congratulations to the teams who were successful in reaching finals. Off field the committee has been very active with a number of projects being completed: cyclone fencing/goal net and a new heater.

The highlight of our social calendar was our Sportsman's Night, which was again successful and enjoyed by all. Thank you to the Social Committee for their tireless work in all the fundraising activities this year.

I would also like to thank the Lower Plenty Football Club for their help and support during the season.

Special thanks to Steve Young, Allan Gibbs, Paul Malone and Neal Sterling as well as the coaches and team managers. Thank you all for your past support and I wish the new committee every success in the future.

Kevin McTaggart  
President  
Research Junior Football Club

## SOCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

Well what a huge year! We would like to thank the members of the Social Committee: Pauline McTaggart, Jenny Glavin, Sue Wightley, Rhonda Malone, Janet Phillips, Leslie Daley, Neal Sterling, Stuart Sutcliffe and Steve Layt for all their help, support and great ideas throughout the season.

Thanks also to the general committee who gave us their 100% support.

On the social side we had a: -Wine and Cheese Night in May

- Trots night in June
- Dinner Dance in July

These events all made a handsome profit for the club and everyone had a great time, especially at the Dinner Dance, where we had record numbers and made a handsome profit.

Thanks to Steve Layt for organizing our guests and to Neal Sterling for providing all of the prizes for the raffle via our sponsors. For the youngsters we had a film night at the clubrooms and had a great turn out. Thanks to Rod Ward and the Lower Plenty Football Club for sponsoring this night, John Peressini for the set up and use of the projector and equipment and Neal Harrison for organizing the videos.

To all of our new families who joined the Research Junior football club (The Family Club) this year, we hope you had an enjoyable year on and off the field and hope to see you all back next year.

Carol Gibbs and Roslyn Ritchie  
Social Secretaries  
Research Junior Football Club

## SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Secretary's job is a very involved one and touches on all the aspects of the running of the club. The job has become too big for one person to handle and probably has been for some years.

The club does not run successfully if the "T's" are not crossed and the "Is" are not dotted, as we can all see with a number of other clubs in the in the DVFL.

Unofficially I have has some fine assistance from the committee this year and I thank them for their help.

From where I sit this season, I believe we need to appoint a registrar to look after the registration of players, a newsletter editor to put together a newsletter and look after it's distribution, and an assistant secretary to share the responsibilities as far as the everyday mechanics of the job go.

I urge the members to consider taking up an active role and offering their services to our office bearers at the Annual General Meeting this year.

If we share the wear, we lesson the risk of burn-out of the office bearers, incomplete tasks costing the club and causing inconvenience.

Also, if anything should happen to an office bearer which stops them from performing their duties, there would be someone who could take up the mantle on a temporary basis, and the club would not suffer as a result.

I thank the committee for their hard work this year as we have come a long way in a short space of time. The projects I have been directly involved in include the Council submission

For improved car parking facilities at the ground and this was put forward as the first joint submission from all of the Research Park Users. We are proud of this feat as it has been successful to the tune of \$45,000. Hopefully we can complete this job next season.

The "Ball Stopper" installation has seen a huge decrease in the number of footballs lost behind the goals and judging by last years figure could have paid for itself in its first season.

We also have our friends Research Auskick to thank for their contribution to the fence repairs and the "Ball Stopper". Further co-operation in years to come is vital if we are to move forward as a club.

Thank you to all of the team managers for their efforts again, as they have made my job a lot easier by being on time and pretty much correct with their paper work.

Special thanks to Paul Malone for his help with registrations and the Gibbs Family for their fabulous efforts in organizing most other things in the club.

Congratulations to all of the teams for their efforts and we have had probably one of the most successful years ever at Research. Out of 7 teams, 4 made the finals and two narrowly missed out.

Next year we can look forward to an even better season with some plans for further development of the rooms and the surrounds.

I urge all to attend the Annual General Meeting and put your hand up to make a contribution. I wish you all food luck over the summer and look forward to seeing you all back next year.

Steve Young  
Secretary  
Research Junior Football Club

## TREASURER'S REPORT

We have certainly had a successful year financially. I would like to thank the following people:

- the General Committee for all of their assistance and support
- The Social Committee for the efforts throughout the year. To end up with such a great result was a fabulous effort.
- Pauling McTaggart for her great organizing of the canteen and to all of the parents who helped out in the canteen each Sunday.
- Neal Sterling who put in another grand effort in raising a terrific amount of sponsorship dollars, gift vouchers and gifts for the club.
- Rod Ward and the Lower Plenty Football Club for their generous sponsorship of Pie Nights, Film Night and sponsorship of the "Most Improved" Trophy this year. All of this sponsorship was directed totally to the kids.

Financial outline of the club:

<b>Cash Receipts:</b>	Social Committee	\$21,000
	Canteen	\$9600
	Registration	\$8200
	Sponsors	\$1600

<b>Expenses:</b>	Social Committee	\$13,000
	Canteen	\$6000
	Ground Maintenance	\$3100

Note: This is not a financial statement. A full statement of the club's finances will be presented at the Annual General Meeting.

Allan Gibbs  
Treasurer  
Research Junior Football Club

# Research Junior Football Club

**'The Family Club'**  
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**Club Champion 1998**

Ben Strongman

**John Dinsmore Trophy Leading  
Goal Kicker**

Chris Wyatt

**John Paul Jones Trophy**

Kim Gardiner

## **SPECIAL AWARDS**

**Best Player in Final Series - U10**

Billy Barden

**Best Player in Final Series – U12 Div 2**

Kris Patterson

**Best Player in Final Series - U13**

Joshua Renfrey

**Best Player in Final Series - U15**

Aaron Baxter

## Awards 1998

### UNDER 10

Best and Fairest	Billy Barden
2 <sup>nd</sup> Best and Fairest	Brad Perry
3 <sup>rd</sup> Best and Fairest	Jordan Hyde
Most Consistent	James Stevenson
Most Improved	Ryan Hocking
Best Team Man	Tim Crimmins

### UNDER 11

Best and Fairest	Matthew Harrison
2 <sup>nd</sup> Best and Fairest	Kane Tenace
3 <sup>rd</sup> Best and Fairest	Jason Bloore
Most Consistent	Matthew Canty
Most Improved	Ryan Gray
Best Team Man	Shane McLagan

### UNDER 12 Div 1

Best and Fairest	Ben Phillips
2 <sup>nd</sup> Best and Fairest	Shannon Malone
3 <sup>rd</sup> Best and Fairest	Hayden Miles
Most Consistent	Brent White
Most Improved	Matthew Olaris
Best Team Man	James Fuhrman

### UNDER 12 Div 2

Best and Fairest	Jarrold Shaw
2 <sup>nd</sup> Best and Fairest	Dale Lyons
3 <sup>rd</sup> Best and Fairest	Matt Weissenfeld
Most Consistent	Clinton Connane
Most Improved	Ben Freeman
Best Team Man	Michael Payne

### UNDER 13

Best and Fairest	Robert Young
2 <sup>nd</sup> Best and Fairest	Joshua Renfrey
3 <sup>rd</sup> Best and Fairest	Michael Hossen
Most Consistent	Ryan Thompson
Most Improved	Brendan Nardella
Best Team Man	Graham Gibbs

### UNDER 15

Best and Fairest	Ben Strongman
2 <sup>nd</sup> Best and Fairest	Leigh McTaggart
3 <sup>rd</sup> Best and Fairest	Aaron Baxter
Most Consistent	Chris Cartwright
Most Improved	Brendan Harty
Best Team Man	Ben Gill

## Awards 1998

### UNDER 17

Best and Fairest	Shannon Gill
2 <sup>nd</sup> Best and Fairest	Nick Ritchie
3 <sup>rd</sup> Best and Fairest	Tim Whittaker
Most Consistent	James Dodd
Most Improved	Ben Reid
Best Team Man	Steven Paterson

## 1998 MILESTONES

### 100 GAMES

Under 13	Rhett Hibberd	Under 13	Graham Gibbs
Under 13	Michael Hossen	Under 15	Leigh McTaggart

### 75 GAMES

Under 12	Ben Freeman	Under 12	Shannon Malone
Under 13	Joshua Doyle	Under 13	Marcus Smith

### 50 GAMES

Under 12	Aaron Nardella	Under 12	Jarrod Shaw
Under 12	Das Dinsdale	Under 13	Adam Marr
Under 13	Troy Ford	Under 13	Brent Schoning
Under 13	Ahren Roy	Under 15	Matt Jewson

## FOUNDATION MEMBERS

Ronald Broome

Dean Craker

Marty Dale

Martin Fitzmaurice

John Paul-Jones

Adam Dinsmore

Paul Treadwell

Michael Baker

Mark Haase

Danny Clark

Peter Baker

## UNDER 9

Coach: Colin Belmore

Team Manager: Rohan Searle

Firstly I would sincerely like to thank the members of the Committee for 1998 who worked together as a team and who provided great support to me. For that I am extremely grateful and appreciative.

The U9s success this year has been possible because of the children's teamwork and commitment to each other, and their parent's commitment to their children.

I congratulate you all and thank you for an enjoyable year. A special thank you goes to the wonderful assistants that were there every week at 8:30am voluntarily. Namely:

- Gino Lendaro, Assistant Coach
- Rohan Searle, Team Manager
- Brett Weatherald, Umpire
- Brian Dillion, Runner
- Graeme Deany, Tim Keeper

Their enthusiasm and commitment will be an asset to our children and to the Research Junior Football Club in the Future.

Colin Belmore

## UNDER 9

Coach: Colin Belmore

Team Manager: Rohan Searle

<b>Player</b>	<b>Jumper Number</b>	<b>Total Games</b>	<b>Commenced at RJFC</b>
Liam Austin	22	11	1998
Darcy Barden	39	12	1998
Matt Barden	9	12	1998
Shaun Belmore	45	13	1998
Sean Brazzle	9	10	1998
Adam Clymo	6	10	1998
Bradley Craig	7	21	1997
Edward Crimmins	18	13	1998
Matt Dillion	2	13	1998
Nicholas Gray	21	14	1998
Aaron Lendaro	25	19	1997
Chris Maynard	1	3	1998
Damian Mazzone	47	13	1998
Cassidy Moran	14	5	1998
Josh Morell	5	14	1998
Lucas Peressini	37	12	1998
Josh Searle	16	14	1998
Josh Seymour	21	20	1997
David Tantsis-Hall	11	8	1998
David Vocale	20	8	1998
Brent Wallace	35	14	1998
Jackson Weatherald	17	22	1997
Phillip Zumbo	5	19	1997

## **UNDER 10**

Coach: Steve Layt

Team Manager: Bruce Wightley

Irrespective of whether we go on to win the premiership or not, I believe it has been a fantastic year for the boys. As we are all aware we had to endure interruptions with a number of unexpected byes scheduled, which made it difficult to maintain momentum with the boys.

Overall though I truly believe that our boys were able to clearly show that they could respond under pressure when required as displayed in our third quarter against Mill Park in the second Semi Final to take us to a Grand Final berth.

I think just about all the boys showed improvement throughout the season, ably led by Captain James Stevenson.

I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of myself and the team to thank all of the parents who support us and in particular my support team in Assistant Coach John Freeman, Team Manager Bruce Wightley, Runner Campbell Waters, Boundary Brian Weissenfeld, Medics Bernie Crimmins and Mal Stevenson and our water carrier, Paul Lapira.

Finally I would like to encourage all parents to continue to support the Research Junior Football Club in future years as I believe we have established a fantastic development club, to give our children every opportunity to fulfill their potential and have a little fun along the way.

Steve Layt.

## UNDER 10

Coach: Steve Layt

Team Manager: Bruce Wightley

<b>Player</b>	<b>Jumper Number</b>	<b>Total Games</b>	<b>Commenced at RJFC</b>
Billy Barden	29	16	1998
Matt Baxter	2	11	1998
Timothy Crimmins	6	40	1995
Matthew Egglestone	49	12	1997
Luke Freeman	1	48	1995
Lee Goldsworthy	9	11	1998
Timothy Hender	17	12	1998
Daniel Henderson	11	24	1997
Ryan Hocking	39	18	1997
Jordan Hyde	4	11	1998
Aaron Lapira	22	25	1997
Nathan Llewellyn	23	35	1996
Adam Layt	14	24	1997
Flynn McBean	5	21	1997
Jarrold McKenzie	3	11	1998
Sean Mitchell	13	11	1998
Anthony Natsis	41	24	1996
David Paros	8	9	1998
Brad Perry	27	12	1998
Doug Perry	19	10	1998
Grant Savari	43	25	1997
James Stevenson	15	38	1996
Jesse Waters	25	23	1997
Ben Weissenfeld	21	21	1997
Aaron Wightley	16	25	1997

# UNDER 11

Coach: Gary McLagan

Team Manager: Neil Harrison

Well done boys! All put in their best effort over the season with a steady run home to finish 5<sup>th</sup> on the ladder, only to miss out on the finals berth by one game.

As a coach it was really great to see how the boys have moulded together as a team and not as individuals, by talking each other up and looking for each other out on the field, which is very encouraging.

Their determination was quite evident when they knew they had to win their last 5 games straight to make it to the finals. They did!.. But someone forgot to tell Whittlesea they needed to lose one more game!

The boy's on-field behaviour was nothing short of excellent and this reflects on the great bunch of families we have in the U11s, who each week were quite willing to help out.

I must thank Neil Harrison, who has done a fantastic job as Team Manager, making sure everything runs smoothly all season and also helping out on training nights.

Len Tenace for being a great runner and encouraging the boys all the time, Steve Wyatt our ever reliable time keeper, Justin Flannery for running the boundary each week, Brian Kinsella, Will Gerhard and Peter Cullum for goal umpiring, Rod Cahill our water carrier and Brent Barber, our medic.

Thank you also to all the other parents who helped out this season as couldn't do without you. I would also like to thank a very encouraging committee who were very approachable and easy to work with. Well done. It has been a great season for us all and I have especially enjoyed being part of coaching the boys and I hope to see you all back next year in the U12s. See you all then.

Gary McLagan.

# UNDER 11

Coach: Gary McLagan

Team Manager: Neil Harrison

<b>Player</b>	<b>Jumper Number</b>	<b>Total Games</b>	<b>Commenced at RJFC</b>
Ryan Adamczyk	48	24	1997
Justin Barber	22	46	1995
Phillip Barclay	1	9	1998
Jason Bloore	46	26	1997
Matt Canty	30	45	1995
Michael Cullum	44	30	1996
Dylan Flannery	34	12	1998
Ryan French	8	47	1995
Kim Gardiner	40	11	1998
Linden Gerhard	47	9	1998
Ryan Gray	3	11	1998
Matt Harrison	32	37	1996
Alex Hutchinson	10	46	1992
Tim Jones	4	16	1997
Jason Kyal	36	12	1998
Jarryd Kinsella	20	32	1996
Shane McLagan	24	36	1996
Matthew Searle	11	12	1998
Kane Tenace	38	48	1995
Stewart Ward	27	12	1998
Brent Watkins	1	8	1998
Brendan Widdowson	28	19	1997
Christopher Wyatt	12	25	1997

# UNDER 12 Div 1

Coach: Neal MacLaren

Team Manager: Greg Nash

All the boys contributed to the team's efforts at some time during the season, they improved their skill level and made some improvement in the team play aspects.

We were generally a smaller team (in height and weight, but particularly weight) than our opposition, which places a lot of pressure on the need to have very good team skills.

The need for these skills will make the boys better footballers in the long run but a growth spurt over the summer for a few boys will help too.

The competition this year was extremely even with very little difference between the top and bottom teams – lots of games were decided by less than a kick. In most games we gave the opposition a goal or two start, but that would never discourage the boys from fighting out the games.

That persistence really put the opposition teams under pressure and as a result we outscored most teams in the last half of the games. Sometimes we were able to over run them, but in the last 4 or 5 games we were not kicking enough goals to catch up – despite the fact we were having enough of the play to get there.

Training can be fairly lively at times so I would like to thank Geoff Crisp for his support each week and to Brett Lander and Paul Malone for their contributions as well.

I'd also like to thank all the parents who made match days happen and for the support offered to the boys from behind the fence.

Our core list was 21 players but most weeks we had players unavailable. In the end we used 37 players so thanks also to Ron Chapman (U12 Div 2), Steve Young (U13) and Gary McLagan (U11), for allowing their players to help out.

Neil MacLaren.

## UNDER 12 Div 1

Coach: Neal MacLaren

Team Manager: Greg Nash

<b>Player</b>	<b>Jumper Number</b>	<b>Total Games</b>	<b>Commenced at RJFC</b>
Damian Cian	5	17	1997
Tim Craker	34	30	1996
Brendan Crisp	14	36	1996
Das Dinsdale	26	58	1992
Sean Downey	7	64	1994
James Fuhrman	1	43	1995
Bryan Galvin	13	32	1997
Dale Lander	12	36	1996
Matthew Lloyd	3	44	1995
Cameron MacLaren	35	43	1996
Shannon Malone	2	82	1993
Hayden Miles	19	45	1995
Matthew Nash	27	69	1993
Matthew Olaris	23	46	1995
Danny Perry	9	10	1998
Ben Phillips	8	68	1994
Kynan Rampling	4	7	1998
Kris Saw	12	35	1996
Ryan Sparks	61	34	1996
Lachlan Sutherland	10	6	1998
Brent White	28	28	1996

## UNDER 12 Div 2

Coach: Ron Chapman

Team Manager: John Freeman

1998 was a very exciting year for the team winning 9 out of 14 games to finish 3<sup>rd</sup> on the ladder. The team was extremely competitive in all matches, many of which were decided by only a few goals.

The closeness of the competition was reflected by the final points and the difference between first and second verses third and fourth came down to only a few key players.

The boys developed through the season in various ways. One outstanding facet was their development as a very close knit unit, with the new players adapting very quickly, due in no small part to being welcomed into the side by the existing group.

I was very proud of the boys in the way they supported each other in good times and bad. The culmination of the year's work was their performance in the Semi Final.

Against a bigger and stronger opposition, they clawed their way back into the game to be 4 points up with minutes to go, only to have the opposition score from a free kick and lose by 2 points.

Their effort and determination was exceptional and they should not be disappointed with their efforts. I am honored and proud to have worked with this group of youngsters many of whom have the potential to go on to bigger and better things in the future.

Even though training nights were cold, they did not lose their enthusiasm, sense of humor or willingness to apple themselves. Congratulations to the boys and my appreciation to the many parents who assisted on match days and at training, and to the dedicated parents and their sons whose support and confidence in me was very much appreciated.

Ron Chapman.

## UNDER 12 Div 2

Coach: Ron Chapman

Team Manager: John Freeman

<b>Player</b>	<b>Jumper Number</b>	<b>Total Games</b>	<b>Commenced at RJFC</b>
Joe Amenta	15	42	1996
Adam Chapman	40	38	1996
Clinton Connane	3	38	1996
Tom Crimmins	5	70	1993
Cullum Cockayne	31	24	1995
Stefan Dalla Rosa	10	8	1998
Jamie Ellis	27	12	1998
Ben Freeman	33	79	1992
Ben Gaylor	20	13	1997
Matthew Layt	17	28	1997
Dale Lyons	25	11	1998
Eoin Mitchell	13	11	1998
Matthew Neil	23	37	1996
Aaron Nardella	29	52	1995
Michael Payne	37	12	1998
Stephen Pollard	19	34	1996
Daniel Rowe	21	13	1998
Kris Pattison	35	36	1996
Jarrold Shaw	11	55	1996
Ben Saunders	46	35	1996
Nick Thomas	43	14	1997
Matt Weissenfeld	4	40	1996
Daniel Wilson	39	21	1997

## UNDER 13

Coach: Steve Young

Team Manager: Allan Gibbs

The season started off with a bang and success almost all the way through the season saw our team as the ones to beat. Unfortunately, the odd game let us down during the season, especially the last game of the home and away season, which cost us dearly.

Our first semi final was a tragedy filled with mistakes from all team members, myself included. The positives we can take from the year however, are many.

The improvement shown by a number of our players was very heartening and it showed that with honest effort and confidence in themselves, the lads can achieve almost anything they desire.

Thank you to the players for their confidence in me and for their efforts over the year. Thanks also to all of our parents for their support, especially those who did that bit extra to make things a bit easier for all of us.

Allan Gibbs and Family for the fabulous efforts managing the team and making my job pretty much a piece of cake. Mark Hossen for assistance with those training nights and times I could not attend, and for being adviser and team runner.

David Thompson for boundary umpiring, Gary Harding for being medico (both for their moral support as well) and to all of those people who chipped in when needed to do those often obscure tasks which help us get onto the field. Congratulations on a fine year guys. See you next season.  
Steve Young.

# UNDER 13

Coach: Steve Young

Team Manager: Allan Gibbs

<b>Player</b>	<b>Jumper Number</b>	<b>Total Games</b>	<b>Commenced at RJFC</b>
Joshua Doyle	7	85	1993
Keaton Dunne	13	12	1998
Troy Ford	43	63	1994
Mark Franklin	34	28	1997
Graham Gibbs	23	101	1992
Jason Harding	9	12	1998
Rhett Hibberd	10	100	1992
Daniel Horan	1	11	1998
Michael Hossen	35	101	1992
Adam Marr	49	53	1995
Brendan Nardella	20	91	1993
Mark McDonald	30	37	1996
James Northrop	2	10	1998
Joshua Renfrey	50	22	1997
Daniel Rogalski	33	22	1997
Ahren Roy	32	50	1995
Paul Savari	19	66	1995
Brent Schoning	31	50	1995
Evan Sharp	44	21	1997
Chris Slade	41	40	1996
Marcus Smith	47	81	1993
Ryan Thompson	18	21	1997
Andrew Wembridge	45	24	1997
Mark Wightley	15	37	1997
Robert Young	37	127	1991

# UNDER 15

Coach: Kevin McTaggart

Team Manager: Pauline McTaggart

The season started with numbers down and we initially needed the support of a few under 13 players but through the recruiting efforts of the boys and a few new faces from other clubs we ended up with a very competitive team.

This season saw the boys finish in 3<sup>rd</sup> place and I congratulate every player for the commitment and determination they have shown throughout the year.

It was indeed pleasing to see the steady improvement in both individual and team performance and I am sure all of our supporters would have been proud of the spirit shown in their finals appearance.

The good news is that although they lost the game by 2 points we still earned the right the play in the Preliminary Final as Kinglake were disqualified during the year due to a breach of DVFL rules.

Congratulations to Ben Strongman who represented the DVFL during the year again and I would also like to congratulate all players who won awards this year.

As with any sporting club you need lots of support to field a side each week and I would like to thank the following people for the help and support they provided during the season.

Team Manager, Pauline McTaggart, Runner Randal Strongman, Trainer Neal Sterling, Boundary Kevin Gill, water, goal umpire, time keepers Lance Cassidy, Kevin Shawyer, Russell Henderson and to all other parents who helped during the year. Special thanks also to the Lower Plenty Football club for providing senior players to take training sessions a number of times. I would also like to thank the boys as it is gratifying to see the enjoyment they derive from football. Thanks for a fantastic season and I wish you all the best for the future.

Kevin McTaggart.

# UNDER 15

Coach: Kevin McTaggart

Team Manager: Pauline McTaggart

<b>Player</b>	<b>Jumper Number</b>	<b>Total Games</b>	<b>Commenced at RJFC</b>
Luke Austin	12	4	1998
Aaron Baxter	24	26	1997
Dale Cadee	6	13	1998
Chris Cartwright	30	27	1997
Steve Cartwright	32	28	1997
Nathan Cassidy	3	70	1994
Ryan Daley	16	85	1993
Graeme Downey	4	64	1994
Benn Gill	44	17	1998
David Graham	2	26	1997
Brendan Harty	34	24	1996
Daniel Howard	17	3	1998
Matthew Jewson	28	52	1995
Leigh McTaggart	36	104	1992
Steve Northrop	18	24	1997
Luke Ogilvie	26	67	1994
Mike Phillips	45	27	1997
Daniel Ryan	14	90	1992
Adam Shawyer	37	13	1998
Ben Shawyer	40	10	1998
Andrew Sterling	48	99	1990
Ben Strongman	9	118	1991
Scott Wheeler	46	13	1998
Craig Williams	8	13	1998
Ben Withers	42	65	1993

# UNDER 17

Coach: Stuart Sutcliffe

Team Manager: Roslyn Ritchie

I took on the U17s this year expecting the worst. On my first training night we had 5 players and there were no guarantees that it would go beyond this.

The reasons this were varied, lets just say that if it weren't for the efforts of the current committee, the players that we did have and the support from Lower Plenty and its committee led by Rod Ward and players led by Paul Hicks, I could confidently say that we would not have fielded a team.

I make no apologies for stating that there are a few people around the club who would have been delighted not only to see this team fall over but the club and current committee as well.

I'm here to tell you that not only has this year's committee done a fantastic job in running and supporting the club as well as bringing it closer together, the U17s not only stood up but stood tall.

From a quarter of a team at the start of the season, through sheer hard work by everyone we recruited upwards of 20 new players for Research and only 1 had played football last year.

Throughout the season we had a few lows in performances, but we also had a number of highlights as well. Our first game against South Morang we won on walk-over.

Our first played win was a thriller against Holy Child, where we won by 1 point, with 5 under 15s in the side. Our next was a 6 goal win against Newlands Coburg. We finished 6<sup>th</sup> position on the ladder.

The best thing is that  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the team are still able to play U17s next year. Special thanks to Ros Ritchie our team manager, Bill Paterson our trainer, Tim Loughman our water person and our various runners throughout, particularly Andrew Solum and our other helpers and supporters.

Many thanks to Steve Young for a great job as Secretary.  
See you all in 1999.

Stuart Sutcliffe.

# UNDER 17

Coach: Stuart Sutcliffe

Team Manager: Roslyn Ritchie

<b>Player</b>	<b>Jumper Number</b>	<b>Total Games</b>	<b>Commenced at RJFC</b>
Christian Adams	7	9	1998
Luke Badans	10	5	1998
Robert Boschma	11	4	1998
Paul Carbone	13	11	1998
Jason Crawford	29	24	1996
James Dodd	12	12	1998
Brendan Dummett	40	32	1994
Shannon Gill	31	12	1998
Corey Hall	49	12	1998
Daniel Horner	36	7	1998
Mark Horner	14	7	1998
Michael Neal	17	6	1998
Steven Paterson	38	9	1998
Ben Reid	32	11	1998
Nick Ritchie	23	87	1993
Garth Smith	50	7	1998
Chris Solum	39	24	1997
Peter Spark	30	2	1998
Brent Sweeney	47	65	1993
Daniel Vitonopolous	50	1	1998
Tim Whittaker	5	12	1998
Joel Whyte	30	81	1992

# Research Junior Football Club

**'The Family Club'**

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## COMMITTEE

**President**

Kevin McTaggart

**Vice President**

Paul Malone

**Secretary**

Steve Young

**Treasurer**

Allan Gibbs

**Sponsorship Officer**

Neal Sterling

**Canteen Manager**

Pauline McTaggart

**DVFL Delegates**

Terrie Ritchie; Stuart Sutcliffe

**Tribunal Advocates**

Greg Nash; Mark Hossen

**Ordinary Members**

Mark Hossen; Neal Sterling

The committee meetings this year were an open invitation for any members who wished to attend but unfortunately again, few members attended. It was pleasing to see however, the numbers of coaches, team managers and others closely involved with the teams who did attend and contribute to the discussions and the direction of the club.

There are many people who assist in very important ways throughout the year but are hardly ever noticed or recognized. Some of the most important tasks are those which people take for granted, though, without the job being done, the club would not get teams onto the field.

To those many people who have done the time keeping, scoreboard, ground marking, goal post padding and the very important task of running the canteen we thank you very much for your efforts.

RJFC Committee.

# Research Junior Football Club

**'The Family Club'**  
Affiliated with Lower Plenty F.C.



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## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Research Junior Football Club Annual General Meeting will be held on Friday, October 9<sup>th</sup> at Research Park Pavilion commencing at 7:30pm sharp.

This meeting gives all members an opportunity to elect a new committee for 1999, and to hear the financial statement of 1998.

The current committee would like to see as many people as possible attend the meeting and have a say in the future of our football club.

## **LIFE MEMBERSHIP PRESENTATION**

### **Norm McMurtrie**

The awarding of Life Membership to the Research Junior Football Club is a great honor and has been awarded to Norm McMurtrie. Norm has had 10 plus years service to the club involving committee work including : Vice President 1996, 1990 and 1989,

U17 Team Manager 1996, 1995 and 1994, Under 13 Coach 1989 (side included two present day AFL players in Simon Prestigiacommo and Max Hudghton), Tribunal Advocate 1989.

Norm has taken on many other duties over the years. These include being runner and trainer for our sides. Norm and wife Claire and sons Rodney and Darren (who also played for Research) have lived in and been part of the Research community for many years. Norm's family should also be proud of their collective achievements in service of the club. The Research Junior Football Club congratulates Norm on receiving this Life Membership and sincerely thanks Norm and his Family for their service to the club.

## **RESEARCH JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB LIFE MEMBERS**

Helen Dale  
John Dinsmore  
Jenny Clark  
Sue Ward  
George Peterson  
Peter Jackson  
Ray Brook  
Barry Finster  
Nita Cusma  
Paul Cusma

Doug Dale  
Mick Clark  
Bruce Ward  
Stuart Baker  
Elaine Peterson  
John Brook  
Adam Dinsmore  
Cathy Finster  
Lesley Daley  
Stuart Sutcliffe

# **BEAR BANTER**

As the junior season finishes we enter the business end of the season and finals football for seniors. This year the Lower Plenty Bears are in the fortunate position of once again being participants in the DVFL Division 2 finals series.

Our senior firsts side coached by Paul Hicks has finished the minor season in the top 2 with a great opportunity of taking the club into Division 1.

Our reserves side coached by Kelvin Donaldson has finished 4<sup>th</sup> and will field it's strongest team yet in the finals.

Our 3rds side coached by Mick Hodges and featuring many former Research juniors such as Nick Colgan, Joel Murray and Adam Prestigiacomio, to name a few, have finished in the top 2 and are on target to record a hat trick of premierships.

Of course as well as having on field success we also realize that we must be proactive off the field and we therefore appreciate the support of the Research Juniors and look forward to a continuation of our current relationship with all the rewards it has so far produced and hopefully will continue to do so.

This season we have provided pie nights for all sides as well as regular attendance at U15 and U17 training of senior players.

We also have awarded to every 1<sup>st</sup> Best and Fairest player a Lower Plenty Bears jumper to help promote our relationship as well as supplying trophies for the Most Improved player in each team.

In closing we at Lower Plenty would like to congratulate all committee, coaches, players and supporters of Research on their efforts and results this season in particular the U10 team, U12 Div 2, U13 and U15 sides on making the finals and remind you that should you get the opportunity, please come along and support us in our finals campaign. All of the best in the off season and we look forward to making your acquaintance once more next season.

Yours sincerely

Rod Ward.  
President.  
Lower Plenty Football Club

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