

**Research Junior  
Football Club**



**Yearbook  
2002**

## **RESEARCH JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB POLICIES**

The aim of the Research Junior Football Club is to achieve the highest level of integrity, sportsmanship and competitiveness within the Diamond Valley Football League by adopting the following policies:

- To give all children the opportunity to play Australian Rules Football for enjoyment.
- To assist all players to achieve the highest level of skill possible
- To ensure only acceptable behaviour from all players, officials and parents of our club.
- By appointing only trustworthy officials to the committee and all positions requiring involvement and interaction with players.
- To abide by all rules and guidelines laid down by the Diamond Valley Football League.
- By adopting policies against discriminations for sex, color, race, religion or socio-economic circumstances.
- By abiding by the club rules as set in the club constitution.

Only by insisting on total adherence to these behaviours by all associated with the club can we all achieve our vision.

## **RESEARCH JUNIOR FOOTBALL VISION**

Our vision is to be the most progressive, successful, development club in the Diamond Valley Football League, while maintaining an environment that encourages family involvement.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I know we say it every year, another year gone and what a season we had. It was only a matter of weeks before the kick off to the season and we did not know where we would be playing or training.

This interrupted the coach's pre-season training and made it difficult for them to plan anything in advance. To their credit, they had the patience to put up with not being at Research Park, and got on with what we were given. Susan St for training and Panton Hill for playing our Home games. Thanks to Eltham Junior Football Club and to Panton Hill Football Club for the co-operation and assistance.

Welcome to all the new families that joined the club this season. I hope your first season was an enjoyable one. Congratulations to all the players this season who helped Research to have such a successful season on the field.

It was first with six sides making the finals, and to have all of them make the Grand Final was exceptional. Well done to the U10s, U11s Rebels and U12s for taking out the premiership and commiserations to the U13s, U15s and U17s for missing out, but congratulations on making the Grand Final. If it wasn't for your performance throughout the season, we would not have got back into Division Two.

To the hard working committee, thanks for all your help and support throughout the season. To Tich Zumbo and the social committee, thanks for arranging all the social functions this year. It was a shame that our two major function nights, Trivia Night and Dinner Dance, were not supported as well as they deserved.

To all the parents who helped in the canteen during the season; thanks for making it the most profitable season for many years.

Congratulations to our latest inductees to join the Research Legends Club; Robert Young and Graham Gibbs.

Finally I would like to thank all the players and parents for being a part of our great club and wish you all a great "off season" and hope to see you all back next year for a successful 2003 season at Research Park.

Allan Gibbs.  
President  
Research Junior Football Club

## SECRETARY'S REPORT

What a year. We started without a home ground due to ground renovations at Research Park and not knowing where we were going to train. In the end, teams trained at different venues and played home games at Panton Hill and Latrobe University.

I would like to congratulate all the players, parents and coaches who patiently put up with this difficult season. Withstanding these difficulties, what a fantastic year on field with six teams playing in Grand Finals and three being Victorious.

As a result of our success on the field Research gained promotion to Division Two for season 2003. the club also had a record number of players registered, reaching the 200 milestone for the first time.

Congratulations to James Tantsis-Hall for winning the Diamond Valley Division 3 U13 Best and Fairest award as well as being the Diamond Valley Division 3 U13 Leading Goal Kicker. I believe at Research we are very fortunate to have coaches of the highest standard coaching our children.

I would like to thank them for their time and commitment and also thank their Team Managers who had the difficult task of organizing their teams as well as all the parents, family and friends who assisted their Team Managers in performing the tasks that are required to be completed, especially those who helped out in the canteen.

To organize a club of our size successfully requires a lot of work being completed by dedicated people behind the scene. I would like to thank the committee members for their outstanding effort and commitment for the year. Especially Steve Young and Neal Sterling who have put in an enormous amount of work over the years at this club, unfortunately these two will be standing down at the end of this year.

I believe the strength of a football club starts at committee level and for the club to continue to be successful the work load of people like Steve and Neal will have to be picked up by others. You will have the opportunity at the Annual General Meeting in October to put up your hands and carry on the good work of previous committee persons and assist in keeping the club successful.

I believe the success of the year will only be assess in regards to how many players return to play next year, I hope that all players and families have enjoyed their year and I would like to wish you all a happy and safe summer and I look forward to seeing you all return next year when we return to Research Park.

Brian Weissenfeld  
Secretary  
Research junior Football Club

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Congratulations to all our Coaches, Team Managers and Assistants on a very successful year on the football field. The year has been disjointed, caused mainly by our compulsory move to Pantan Hill for the season; however the benefits of doing so will be reaped in the many years ahead.

The committee has been hardworking and has dedicated itself to keeping the club on track throughout the year. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our President, Allan Gibbs for his excellent effort in running our canteen at Pantan Hill. Without his enormous effort, the club would not have benefited by many thousands of dollars.

Further I would like to thank Tich Zumbo and her Social Committee for their outstanding efforts in raising funds from various social activities. Thanks also to Neal Sterling for his sponsorship efforts and of course all club members and committee assisting.

We must plan now to prosper our club for the next and future years. Members will be periodically informed of the committee's intentions in this area. Full details of income and expenditure included in our full financial statement for the year will be available for all members to inspect at our Annual General Meeting and I will be only too pleased to discuss and explain any issues there from.

Lindsay Hender.  
Treasurer  
Research Junior Football Club

## SOCIAL REPORT

What a great season of footy it has been both on the field and socially! Success in any club is achieved by a hard working and passionate group of parents who are willing to participate both on field and off. Everyone from Committee Members to Coaches, Team Managers, Water boys, Boundary Umpires, Runners, Time Keepers, Umpire Escorts, Goal Umpires and Canteen Helpers, is what Junior football clubs are about.

I would like to thank all the girls on the Social Committee, Anne Cadee, Liza Dickson, Julie Peressini and Cheryl Tantsis-Hall for all their assistance, enthusiasm and patience in what I would call a very frustrating and difficult "Social" year, due to our grounds being out of use.

This made communication with parents, coaches, team managers etc, very difficult. Putting all this behind us, I personally hope that next year, "EVERY" parent in one way or another attends as many functions as possible which will in turn contribute to the continued success of our club.

Special mention to Neal Sterling for putting up with us for yet another year and possibly his last??? Wishing him all the very best for the future. Perhaps he might hang around the club with all the other veterans!!

Tich Zumbo

## FOOTBALL OPERATIONS MANAGER'S REPORT

The year started with a great deal of uncertainty due to the ground works at Research Park and if not for the work of Allan Gibbs and all the teams, from Coaches to Parents, the season could have gone down as one of the most difficult in the history of the club.

To everyone's credit, it has gone down in history as our most successful yet. As mentioned, a lot of the credit for our success is due to the high standards we expect from our coaches and their assistants and they have not let the club down.

They are without doubt the most diligent and professional in the Valley. We had six sides reach, not only the Final Series, but the Grand Final, the best of any club in the Diamond Valley League.

Even with the ground disruption a fantastic effort from all. Considering the ground circumstances, everything ran rather smoothly on the surface with a lot of the credit going to our parents who supported the club magnificently and showed unquestionable support to their kids.

We must also thank the Panton Hill Football Club for agreeing to let us use their facility and wish them well in their planned extensions. Thanks also to our senior football body, Lower Plenty Football Club for their continual support and assistance, especially with allowing the U15s and 17s sides to train at Lower Plenty in the lead up to the Junior Finals.

I would like to thank all the Committee for their hard work, in particular Allan Gibbs, Brian Weissenfeld and Campbell Waters. In closing, I wish you all the best for the Summer months and look forward to seeing you in division 2 in 2003 back home at Research Park.

Stuart Sutcliffe.  
Football Operations Manager  
Research Junior Football Club

# Research Junior Football Club

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



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**Club Champion 2002**

Nathan Cadee

**John Dinsmore Trophy Leading Goal Kicker**

James Tantsis-Hall

**John Paul Jones Trophy**

No Nominated Candidate for 2002

**Mick Kernaghan Memorial Trophy**

Brent Wallace; Darcy Barden

**Neil Smith Medal**

Cameron Elmore

**Best Player in Finals Series**

U10 James Kroussoratis  
U11 Darcy Barden  
U12 Nathan Cadee; David Tantsis-Hall  
U13 James Tantsis-Hall  
U15 Simon Abdallah  
U17 Robert Young

## Awards 2002

### UNDER 10

Best and Fairest	Ben Buller
2 <sup>nd</sup> Best and Fairest	Hugh Kavanagh
3 <sup>rd</sup> Best and Fairest	James Kroussoratis
Most Consistent	Brendan Canty
Most Improved	Jake Paterson
Best Team Man	Lachlan Henderson
Best Finals Player	James Kroussoratis

### UNDER 11 REBELS

Best and Fairest	Darcy Barden
2 <sup>nd</sup> Best and Fairest	Rhys Boyden
3 <sup>rd</sup> Best and Fairest	Steven Harrison
Most Consistent	Edward Crimmins
Most Improved	Mathieu White
Best Team Man	Ben Flannagan
Best Finals Player	Darcy Barden

### UNDER 11 ROCKETS

Best and Fairest	Brent Wallace
2 <sup>nd</sup> Best and Fairest	Liam English
3 <sup>rd</sup> Best and Fairest	Michael Ward
Most Consistent	Ben Frazer
Most Improved	James Daff
Best Team Man	Mitchell Schoning

### UNDER 12

Best and Fairest	Nathan Cadee
2 <sup>nd</sup> Best and Fairest	David Tantsis-Hall
3 <sup>rd</sup> Best and Fairest	Dean Buchanan
Most Consistent	Phillip Zumbo
Most Improved	Matt Parker
Best Team Man	Daniel Fallshaw
Best Finals Player	Nathan Cadee; David Tantsis-Hall

## Awards 2002

### UNDER 13

Best and Fairest	James Tantsis-Hall
2 <sup>nd</sup> Best and Fairest	Bradley Craig
3 <sup>rd</sup> Best and Fairest	Ben Weissenfeld
Most Consistent	Jackson Weatherald
Most Improved	Tim Scales
Best Team Man	Lachlan McCleary
Best Finals Player	James Tantsis-Hall

### UNDER 15

Best and Fairest	Matthew Olaris
2 <sup>nd</sup> Best and Fairest	Matthew Canty
3 <sup>rd</sup> Best and Fairest	Michael Toward
Most Consistent	Matthew Harrison
Most Improved	Matthew Nash
Best Team Man	Tim Smith
Best Finals Player	Simon Abdallah

### UNDER 14

Best and Fairest	Aaron Lapira
2 <sup>nd</sup> Best and Fairest	Brad Perry
3 <sup>rd</sup> Best and Fairest	Ryan Hocking
Most Consistent	Simon Gunn
Most Improved	Daniel Henderson
Best Team Man	Anthony Natsis

### UNDER 17

Best and Fairest	Cameron Elmore
2 <sup>nd</sup> Best and Fairest	Graeme Brown
3 <sup>rd</sup> Best and Fairest	Jarrold Shaw
Most Consistent	Matt Neil
Most Improved	Andrew Wembridge
Best Team Man	Sean Downey
Best Finals Player	Robert Young

# 2002 MILESTONES

## 150 GAMES

Under 17 Graham Gibbs Under 17 Shannon Malone

## 100 GAMES

Under 15 Matthew Olaris Under 15 Kane Tenace  
Under 17 Graham Brown Under 17 Hayden Miles

## 75 GAMES

Under 11 Darcy Barden Under 12 Phillip Zumbo  
Under 13 Matthew Barden Under 13 Bradley Craig  
Under 13 Jeremy Gercovich Under 13 Aaron Lendaro  
Under 13 Jackson Weatherald Under 13 Ben Weissenfeld  
Under 14 Billy Barden Under 14 Aaron Lapira  
Under 14 Anthony Natsis Under 15 Aaron Geary  
Under 15 Linden Gerhard Under 15 Ryan Gray  
Under 15 Alex Hutchinson Under 15 Christopher Wyatt  
Under 17 Mark Franklin Under 17 Shayne Ryland  
Under 17 Brent Schoning Under 17 Ryan Thompson  
Under 17 Andrew Wembridge Under 17 Brent White

## 50 GAMES

Under 10 Brendan Canty Under 11 Bradley Meredith  
Under 11 Mitchell Schoning Under 11 Cameron Craig  
Under 11 Max Ferdinands Under 11 Patrick Flynn  
Under 11 Steven Harrison Under 11 Christian Lendaro  
Under 11 Tom Shaw Under 12 Kyle Thompson  
Under 12 Hamish Bourne Under 12 Nathan Cadee  
Under 12 Charlie Dickson Under 12 Calham Dower  
Under 12 Daniel Fallshaw Under 12 Marcus Hibberd  
Under 12 Ricky Holder Under 13 Brendan McCleary  
Under 13 Luke Beattie Under 13 Nathan Flynn  
Under 13 Lachlan McCleary Under 14 Matthew Reeves  
Under 14 Steven Beattie Under 14 Daniel Henderson  
Under 14 Jordan Hyde Under 15 Jarrod McKenzie  
Under 15 Michael Toward Under 17 Eoin Mitchell  
Under 17 Chris Slade

## LEGEND INDUCTEES 2008

Robert	Young	185 Games	1991 - 2002
Graham	Gibbs	155 Games	1992 - 2002

## FINAL YEAR PLAYERS 2008

Graeme	Brown	44 Games	2000 – 2002
Cameron	Elmore	16 Games	2002 - 2002
Mark	Franklin	87 Games	1997 – 2002
Graham	Gibbs	155 Games	1992 – 2002
Jason	Harding	72 Games	1998 – 2002
Daniel	Rogalski	49 Games	1997 – 2002
Brent	Schoning	76 Games	1995 – 2002
Chris	Slade	62 Games	1996 – 2002
Andrew	Wembridge	80 Games	1997 – 2002
Robert	Young	185 Games	1991 – 2002

## UNDER 9

Coach: Craig Flenley

Team Manager: Brian Coghlan

Firstly I would like to congratulate all the kids for their great season and development of their skills. Each and every one of you has improved a lot this year and I hope you continue with your football in the future.

All season I was well supported by my Team Manager Brian Coghlan. I'd like to thank Brian for his efforts. Brian ran the day-to-day tasks of managing the U9s very efficiently, making my job much easier to perform.

Brian and I would also like to thank, Shane Kernaghan, Wayne Boyden, Liam Coghlan and Glenn Schneider who were at every training night and game to help with the development of the kids skills and their refreshments and other needs.

Also thanks to all the other parents who helped out in the other areas of running the football team. Special thanks to Paul Taylor, who umpired our home games.

A big thank you to all the mothers who helped out in the canteen or other duties that are required to run a successful game day.

Lastly I would like to thank all my team players. A great bunch of kids who have improved a lot over the season. It's been a fun year for me! Watching the kids develop their skills while enjoying the game of football is what it is all about.

I hope all you come back next year to lead the new recruits into another year of success in 2003. Congratulations!

Craig Flenley

## UNDER 9

Coach: Craig Flenley

Team Manager: Brian Coghlan

Player	Jumper Number	Games Played in 2002	Total Games	Commenced at RJFC
Ryan Boyden	43	23	36	2001
Matthew Campbell	15	11	24	2001
Sean Coghlan	25	12	12	2002
Taylor Dillon	37	11	11	2002
Alexander Flannagan	23	11	11	2002
Leigh Gray	13	11	11	2002
Patrick Hayes	7	10	10	2002
Jake Kalanj	19	2	2	2002
Jack Kernaghan	52	12	23	2001
Riley Kirman	27	6	6	2002
Brandon Lee	21	19	31	2001
Trent Marshall	47	12	12	2002
Gregory Page	35	15	15	2002
Daniel Psaila	17	10	10	2002
Jake Schneider	49	10	23	2001
Ben Schneider	45	10	10	2002
Tyson Seymour	41	11	11	2002
Emerson Smith	31	10	10	2002
Matthew Tantsis-Hall	29	19	32	2001
Hayden Taylor	39	11	11	2002
Marcus Tebbett	15	11	24	2001
Cameron Wallace	9	12	25	2001
Max Waters	33	10	10	2002
Spencer White	45	2	2	2002

**Runner** Liam Coghlan  
**Trainer** Campbell Waters  
**Umpire** Paul Taylor  
**Water** Shane Kernaghan; Mike Tebbutt; Brian Dillon

# UNDER 10

Coach: Richard Buller

Team Manager: Glen Wynd

Well what a season. Talk about venturing into the unknown! The first season as a coach, you wonder what the season hold. Will we win a game? Will we make the finals? Will the boys improve. Our first practice match saw the team gallant in defeat, the second practice match, much the same.

As the season unfolded the team played some champagne football, having only one loss, which in turn, inspired the boys to a Grand Final win. Well done Fellas!!!

As coach I would watch every game closely and be in awe at the competitiveness, team spirit and never say die attitude. The continued improvement of the team was pleasing and most importantly, the conduct on and off the field was first class. An absolute credit to all of the boys and their parents.

I would like to congratulate each and every player who participated in the year 2002. Keep up the good work and I look forward to seeing you all next year.

They say to be successful you must surround yourself with the right people and in my case I was very lucky. Thank you to all the people who supported the team and myself throughout the season. Without you the season would not have been as enjoyable.

To my Team Manager, Glen Wynd, a born manager who gave countless hours of his time and who writes the best newsletter in the business. My runner, John Duckworth, who is an encyclopedia of knowledge and a great support.

My medic, Peter Saldaneri, always on time and always quick with a joke. Con Kroussoratis, there every week running the boundary. Water boys Terry Kavanagh and son. Goal Umpire Malcolm Tilley. Umpire Escort, Kim Dahl-Cope and Time Keeper Rib Giuliani and all the parents who helped with training.

The mums who worked so hard in the canteen. The hierarchy of the club and all the people that have made the season successful and enjoyable, you are to be commended. Thank you.

Richard Buller

<b>Runner</b>	John Duckworth
<b>Trainer</b>	Peter Saldaneri
<b>Boundary</b>	Con Kroussoratis
<b>Goal Umpire</b>	Mal Tilley
<b>Umpire Escort</b>	Kim Dahl-Cope; Garry Henderson
<b>Water</b>	Terry Kavanagh

## UNDER 10

Coach: Richard Buller

Team Manager: Glen Wynd

<b>Player</b>	<b>Jumper Number</b>	<b>Games Played in 2002</b>	<b>Total Games</b>	<b>Commenced at RJFC</b>
Matthew Abdallah	28	13	26	2001
Luke Balding	18	14	14	2002
Ben Buller	10	16	24	2001
Brendan Canty	44	15	53	1999
Leif Dahl-Cope	20	12	12	2002
Tim Duckworth	46	16	20	2001
Andrew Giuliani	36	13	13	2002
Lachlan Henderson	30	15	15	2002
Hugh Kavanagh	4	17	28	2001
James Kroussoratis	2	15	31	2000
Blake Martyn	26	10	21	2001
Stephen Morahan	34	15	28	2001
Jake Paterson	32	16	16	2002
Aaron Oake	24	16	16	2002
Jackson Reid	16	15	15	2002
Michael Saldaneri	6	16	28	2001
Corey Sharp	11	12	25	2001
Justin Tilley	8	15	15	2002
William Venn	50	16	16	2002
Tate Willmott	40	14	14	2002
Ben Wynd	38	15	15	2002
Paul Young	22	13	13	2002

# UNDER 11 ROCKETS

Coach: Darren Smith

Team Manager: Tony Ziino

The Research Rockets are a newly created U11s team consisting of many first year players and previous U10s played from 2001. a great combination; A challenging task ahead!

As a team we were formed for the first home and away game. My objective for the year was to make football at this age (particularly for the first year players), an enjoyable learning experience, while developing skills, team work, friendships and commitment to the game.

In round 2, our team captain was established in Brent Wallace. To his credit he set a bench mark for many of the players in skill and knowledge of the game. His on and off field leadership has been exceptional for a ten year old.

He has been an important role model for the new players and his constant encouragement of his team mates helped build a great team spirit.

As a team we achieved terrific results in early rounds that exceeded my expectations. However, during mid season we had a couple of unexpected losses that cost us some end of year finals action. As a team we learnt some valuable lessons from these games.

Round 13 was the making of this team. Rockets vs Kingsbury was unreservedly the boy's greatest team win for the season against quality opposition. They put into practice all lessons and skills learnt during the season and it all came together in a great team effort.

The boys have been a true quality team with friendships and team well established. At seasons end, the Rockets finished with 7 wins / 7 losses – a very credible win/loss ratio for a newly formed team. It is a result that all the boys can be proud of considering they have only played 14 hours of game time together.

Signs for 2003 can only be encouraging. I thank all team members for their great efforts and making my introduction to coaching a very enjoyable experience for season 2002. THANKS GUYS!!

I would also like to thank our parent brigade for their genuine support throughout the season in their various roles (A great team effort). Special thanks to Tony Ziino who put up his hand for the Team Manager's position. Tony has worked very hard in his role and to his credit, with his great organizational skills, has excelled in the position and has been an invaluable back-up to me. WELL DONE TONY!!

Finally I would like to thank both Neale Harrison and David Thompson from the Rebels for their support in both coaching and administrative procedures throughout 2002.  
A TERRIFIC YEAR. Thank you U11s.

Darren Smith

# UNDER 11 ROCKETS

Coach: Darren Smith

Team Manager: Tony Ziino

Player	Jumper Number	Games Played in 2002	Total Games	Commenced at RJFC
Michael Amadori	31	13	13	2002
Alistar Bentley	39	13	13	2002
William Bateman	13	12	12	2002
James Daff	35	13	13	2002
Liam English	23	14	37	2000
Ben Frazer	9	14	37	2000
Tom Harper	15	12	12	2002
Ned Harper	27	14	14	2002
Michael Kirkpatrick	33	13	13	2002
Bradley Meredith	29	13	55	2001
Brett Middleton	41	14	14	2002
Mitchell Schoning	11	14	53	1999
Joshua Smith	25	14	14	2002
Brent Wallace	1	14	70	1998
Michael Ward	7	14	38	1999
Tim Woods	21	13	13	2002
Troy Ziino	5	14	14	2002
Harry Rynia	17	8	30	2000
Aiden Rowe	37	5	5	2002

<b>Runner</b>	Mark Ward
<b>Trainer</b>	Steve Harper ; Larry Middleton
<b>Boundary</b>	Ron Schoning
<b>Goal Umpire</b>	Warren English
<b>Time Keeper</b>	Warrick
<b>Umpire Escort</b>	Denzil Bentley
<b>Water</b>	Michael Woods
<b>Video Taping</b>	Frank Amadori

# UNDER 11 REBELS

Coach: Neale Harrison

Team Manager: David Thompson

Well what a big year it has been in football. Beginning with such a large influx of new players and the dilemma of creating two teams whilst trying to keep everyone happy.

The end result was very pleasing with the Rockets finishing 5<sup>th</sup> on the ladder a bit stiff not making the finals. I was happy to see the talent and experience of the existing players that joined the team, shine through on presentation night.

The Rebels set a perfect record, undefeated for the season, a fantastic finals campaign and rewarded with a premiership medallion each. The benefit of 3 or 4 seasons together really showed this season. The level of maturity the boys showed towards their football this year was very impressive.

It was evident they really wanted to do well this season and really "clicked" as a team, showing respect and understanding of each other, seemingly beyond that of 10 and 11 year olds.

Their ability to play position, play zone, set plays and pass to a team mate in the best position, (not look for the best player or a mate), is what made the difference in out classing most of the opposition.

The parent helper brigade is magnificent in this team. Stuart Ferdinands, Peter Shaw, all the way through. Everyone chipped in, in some capacity to create a cohesive and happy little "football family" that has been a joy to be a part of.

Dave Thompson, you've been a gem with your management and help. Thank you. Parents you should be proud of these kids, how they conducted themselves and what they achieved. I've loved every minute of being a part of it. Kids, be proud of yourselves and hope you had fun. Enjoy your medallions. REBELS RULE!!

Neale Harrison

## **Assistant Coach**

## **Runner**

## **Trainer**

## **Boundary**

## **Goal Umpire**

## **Umpire Escort**

## **Water**

Stuart Ferdinands

Peter Shaw

Chris Craig ; Bernie Crimmins

Gary Meale ; Gino Lendaro ; Brett Grimley

Assorted

Steve Flynn

Steve Pearson ; Gary White ; Brett Grimley ; Grant Mitchell ;

Wayne Boyden

## UNDER 11 REBELS

Coach: Neale Harrison

Team Manager: David Thompson

<b>Player</b>	<b>Jumper Number</b>	<b>Games Played in 2002</b>	<b>Total Games</b>	<b>Commenced at RJFC</b>
Darcy Barden	32	18	93	1998
Rhys Boyden	9	16	46	2001
Cameron Craig	13	18	58	1999
Edward Crimmins	5	15	70	1998
Max Ferdinands	17	16	58	2001
Ben Flannagan	21	14	14	2002
Patrick Flynn	37	16	58	1999
Sam Grimley	39	12	27	2001
Steven Harrison	7	16	58	1999
Christian Lendaro	19	16	57	1999
Thomas McKellar	27	15	25	2001
Alden Meale	3	16	43	2000
Bradley Mitchell	35	12	38	2002
Lachlan Pearson	15	15	67	2001
Tom Shaw	33	15	54	1999
Cameron Snooks	11	16	41	2000
Kyle Thompson	1	17	58	1999
Mathieu White	25	15	29	2001

## **UNDER 12**

Coach: John Gray

Team Manager: Gus Zumbo

I must congratulate every player on what has been a magnificent year. Our success in winning a premiership brought the first division 2 flag to Research.

We shared many responsibilities around this year with opportunities coming to a few players in the role of Captain and Vice Captain. Hopefully the boys selected for these roles benefited from their experience.

Every parent should be proud of the boys. We have all seen the boys develop their own skills along with team spirit. The vast improvement in our player's skills gave us many opportunities on game days.

During those games when we weren't travelling too well, we were able to make moves enabling us to win games. The behaviour of our team both on and off field is a credit to our boys, their parents and it stands R.J.F.C well for the future.

My assistant coach, Steve Frost, was a big asset to both the team and me and know that the team achieved more through Steve's involvement with them. Big thanks to Gus, Paul and Jamie for all their help on training nights. On game days we were again fortunate to have many helpers and I thank each and every one of them for their efforts. We cannot do without them.

I hope all the players enjoyed themselves this year, as premierships are a great achievement. Hopefully this year will be one that the boys will never forget. Thank you for all your support.

John Gray

## UNDER 12

Coach: John Gray

Team Manager: Gus Zumbo

<b>Player</b>	<b>Jumper Number</b>	<b>Games Played in 2002</b>	<b>Total Games</b>	<b>Commenced at RJFC</b>
Shaun Belmore	18	12	62	1998
Hamish Bourne	16	14	54	1999
Dean Buchanan	20	16	30	2001
Luke Buller	38	18	46	2000
Nathan Cadee	34	16	57	1999
Charlie Dickson	8	13	56	1999
Matt Dillon	40	14	68	1998
Calham Dower	36	14	57	1999
Daniel Fallshaw	10	16	57	1999
Matt Francishelli	46	15	15	2002
Nick Gray	44	16	71	1998
Marcus Hibberd	1	13	53	1999
Ricky Holder	48	15	57	1999
Brendan McCleary	22	16	59	1999
Dylan McKenzie	28	18	45	2000
Jack Mason	32	15	15	2002
Chris Maynard	6	16	60	1998
Brent Milczuk	42	15	42	2000
Matt Parker	30	15	29	2001
Lucas Peressini	4	14	69	1998
Nicholas Roach	14	16	16	2002
Joel Sardi	26	12	12	2002
David Tantsis-Hall	2	15	66	1998
Phillip Zumbo	50	16	79	1997

## UNDER 13

Coach: Grant Barden

Team Manager: Peter Scales

A disappointing end to a year that promised so much. I suppose we found ourselves short of competitive practice in the end. Which is a legacy of having such a lopsided competition. The boys never really settled into a position due to having to swap the team around most weeks so everyone could get into the action.

It also created an unhealthy environment where 3 or 4 of our better players could get us over the line while a lot of the others looked on. This problem manifested itself in the Grand Final.

I should have given the second level players a lot more responsibility during the year and this may have averted a lot of the panic that enveloped the players when things got a bit frenetic on Grand Final day. I felt sorry for the top 5 players they felt that they had to carry the whole load themselves. And they nearly did!!

By three quarter time they were spent, which is something I should have seen coming and taken steps to avert earlier in the contest. I'm still kicking myself over not managing that situation better.

From a club point of view, what a fantastic year. Especially Allan Gibbs and those involved in stitching up the 11<sup>th</sup> hour deal at Panton Hill and Susan Street and making it work so seamlessly. I think that some strong lobbying should be under way now to try and secure a second training venue for next year.

With the prospect of a second U17 team and the need for the younger teams to train twice a week our newly resurfaced Research Park will be under too much pressure. Eltham have the luxury of Susan Street and I think we should be able to share it.

The boys simply cannot attain the fitness and skill level they require training for only 1 hour per week. It's the only junior sport I know that has such a low commitment to training. Especially for a sport so demanding.

In signing off I would to sincerely thank Patto, Brett, Peter and all the other parents that pitched in during the year.

Grant Barden

## UNDER 13

Coach: Grant Barden

Team Manager: Peter Scales

Player	Jumper Number	Games Played in 2002	Total Games	Commenced at RJFC
Matthew Barden	23	14	88	1998
Luke Beattie	9	15	56	1999
Daniel Belveder	43	9	9	2002
Bradley Craig	47	15	75	1997
Nathan Flynn	35	12	52	1999
Jeremy Gercovich	21	15	80	2001
Conal Horsley	37	14	49	1999
Alexander Jupp	25	2	28	2000
Daniel Kourim	29	9	19	2001
Aaron Lendaro	27	15	76	1997
Damian Mazzone	41	11	49	1998
Lachlan McCleary	7	15	57	1999
Brent McCormack	1	4	4	2002
Cory Mihocic	39	15	28	2001
Ashley Muir	11	14	30	2000
Ryan Nabbs	45	11	39	2000
Jarryd Pearson	17	14	72	2001
Matthew Reeves	13	11	50	1999
Justin Ryland	19	15	28	2001
Timothy Scales	49	15	41	2000
James Tantsis-Hall	33	16	71	1998
Jackson Weatherald	3	15	81	1997
Ben Weissenfeld	31	17	82	1997

**Assistant Coach**

**Runner**

**Trainer**

**Boundary**

**Goal Umpire**

**Umpire Escort**

**Water**

Steven Pattison

Brett Weatherald

Allan McCleary ; Chris Craig

Gino Lendaro ; Brian Weissenfeld

Bernie Horsley

Steven Flynn

Ang Tantsis-Hall ; others

# UNDER 14

Coach: John Duckworth

Team Manager: Campbell Waters

So ends a tough season of football. And what a year it was!

We finished in 7<sup>th</sup> place, 4 wins and 10 losses. We were probably on of, if no the "smallest" team in division one. We were isolated somewhat form the club being the in-between age group. We were essentially homeless with the grounds of Research Park were resurfaced.

We had to cover several injuries and illnesses throughout the year, and, while we (like most teams outside the four) received a couple of good old fashion "hidings", we still developed into a very competitive and an structured team over the journey, beating 5<sup>th</sup> place Mill Park and pushing 4<sup>th</sup> placed Monty for full 4 quarters to go down by just a couple of goals.

We also "frightened" both Greensborough (3<sup>rd</sup> position) and Alphington (Premiers) for 2 quarters towards the end of the season. The year was by no means a loss. The boys proved themselves to be a team of great character and resolve.

We also sincerely believe that every single player has demonstrated an improvement in their game throughout the course of 2002, whether it be purely in their skill level or the manner in which they play the game.

We are confident that while it was a difficult year in many ways, the experience will serve you and each of your mates well in the U15s next year as the club moves back into Division 2.

We should like to thank each of the boys for their effort and friendship this year, as Coaches and as fathers, we have enjoyed the experience immensely. We trust that each of you have as well. We look forward to seeing you all again next year for the U15s. Who knows, perhaps a finals campaign awaits.

Finally special thanks to all the parents for their support throughout the year, on and off the field. It was fantastic. Coaching is not an easy pass-time, yet the job was certainly made easier having such a wonderful support network around us and our boys over all. Thanks again!!

John Duckworth.

**Assistant Coach**  
**Runner**  
**Trainer**  
**Boundary**  
**Goal Umpire**  
**Umpire Escort**  
**Water**

Glen Townsend  
Brian Hyde  
Paul Lapira  
Peter Talty  
Lindsay Hender  
Michael Bull  
Paul Hocking ; Andrew Godfrey

## UNDER 14

Coach: John Duckworth

Team Manager: Campbell Waters

<b>Player</b>	<b>Jumper Number</b>	<b>Games Played in 2002</b>	<b>Total Games</b>	<b>Commenced at RJFC</b>
Billy Barden	17	13	81	1998
Steven Beattie	14	14	50	1999
Matthew Bull	34	13	13	2002
Dale Comley	42	11	11	2002
Michael D'Agostino	4	12	46	1999
Matthew Duckworth	2	14	19	2001
Nicholas Genovese	18	14	27	2001
Ben Godfrey	30	13	13	2002
Nathan Grimshaw	6	10	23	2001
Simon Gunn	32	12	12	2002
Tim Hender	20	11	61	1998
Daniel Henderson	22	11	60	1997
Ryan Hocking	40	14	67	1997
Jordan Hyde	24	12	56	1998
Matthew Klar	37	9	9	2002
Aaron Lapira	8	14	76	1997
Max Leropoulos	10	14	47	1999
Jarrold McKenzie	32	14	61	1998
Anthony Natsis	38	8	80	1996
Brad Perry	26	10	64	1998
Brad Page	12	14	14	2002
Glen Townsend	16	13	27	2001
Jesse Waters	28	12	72	1997

# UNDER 15

Coach: Will Gerhard

Team Manager: Stephen Wyatt

The team reward in 2002 was the opportunity to play in a Grand Final. With a tough season in 2001, the players were out to prove their capabilities in the U15 competition.

With mixed performances up to round 10, the team, as a group, decided to make their run into the finals with a full commitment and desire. A tough first semi against Wallan at Wallan saw Research run out winners by 45 points.

The Preliminary Final was played against the old enemy, Fawkner Park at Watsonia in perfect conditions. Our team was relentless in thrashing the opposition by 111 points. The game was a memorable game for all and Tim Smith who slammed on 10 goals in a best on ground performance.

The Grand Final was our next step and for many of the players, it was their first opportunity at the ultimate prize. Unfortunately Research came up against unbeaten Epping, who controlled the game from the outset and went on to win comfortably. Congratulations to Simon Abdallah for his determination and courage throughout the finals series.

All players are to be congratulated for their efforts in season 2002 and will take with them the experience of playing finals football, and the work ethic that is required to be successful.

One win in 2001 to 12 wins in 2002 and then to play in a Grand Final. As a coach it was very encouraging to see players like Matthew Canty, Michael Toward, Matthew Nash, Matthew Harrison and Tim Smith work consistently hard throughout the season on the track and develop as footballers on the field.

The challenge is now for all players to take the next opportunity provided to them and make the most of 2003. In addition to the players contribution, a special thank you must go to Gary MacLagan (Assistant Coach), Stephen Wyatt (Team Manager), Len Tenace (Runner), Neale Harrison (Trainer), Lester Gerhard (Boundary), John Olaris/ Peter Gray (water), Craig Hammon (Time), Sally Gerhard/ Margaret Wyatt (Team Refreshments) and all those parents who assisted with goal umpiring, umpire escorts and canteen duties throughout the season.

The terrific contribution by all support staff was an important factor in keeping up the team spirit and discipline in 2002.

Congratulations to all the players who achieved milestones and this was highlighted with Matthew Olaris and Kane Tenace playing their 100<sup>th</sup> game for Research. Special congratulations to those players who capped off their performances with end of season club awards.

As a group, this team can now look forward to season 2003 with a positive approach.

Will Gerhard

## UNDER 15

Coach: Will Gerhard

Team Manager: Stephen Wyatt

Player	Jumper Number	Games Played in 2002	Total Games	Commenced at RJFC
Simon Abdallah	37	14	26	2001
Matthew Canty	29	15	91	1995
Dylan Flannery	31	15	66	1998
Ryan French	23	10	98	1995
Aaron Geary	50	11	78	2002
Linden Gerhard	33	14	63	1998
Ryan Gray	46	15	80	1998
Dean Hammon	3	14	63	2001
Mark Harding	27	12	40	1999
Matthew Harrison	41	14	92	1996
Alex Hutchinson	15	14	81	1992
Alistair Mason	9	14	25	2001
Shane McLagen	5	15	94	1996
Matthew Nash	21	14	122	1993
Kent Ohanessian	49	13	33	2000
Matthew Olaris	1	14	103	1995
Allister Skelly	25	15	86	2001
Timothy Smith	35	10	73	2001
Kane Tenace	13	15	106	1995
Michael Toward	19	14	53	2000
Stewart Ward	39	14	67	1998
Jason Watson	12	12	12	2002
Christopher Wyatt	51	14	78	1997

**Runner**

Len Tenace

**Trainer**

Neale Harrison

**Boundary**

Lester Gerhard

**Goal Umpire**

Assorted

**Umpire Escort**

Geoff Mason ; Michael Ohanessian

**Water**

John Olaris ; Peter Gray

# UNDER 17

Coach: Gordon Towan

Team Manager: Terry Franklin

To say it has been an interesting year off the field would be an understatement, congratulations must go to Alan Gibbs and the committee for the work done around the club this season.

A year where our home ground was at Panton Hill and to have six teams reach the Grand Finals in their respective grades is sensational.

The goal set by the committee and coaches at the start of the year was to regain our status in 2<sup>nd</sup> Division.

It is extremely pleasing that we as a club have achieved that status. Now, how to remain in 2<sup>nd</sup> Division and take the club to the next level. If we work collectively as hard next as we have this year I have no doubt that we will have success.

Congratulations must go to all the players with their achievement this year, we came up against a formidable opponent in Wallan, however, not once did the boys ever concede.

In the Grand Final we headed Wallan at the quarter time break. I think we were the only team to do that all year. As a group we agreed our aim and goal for the year was to play on Grand Final day. As a group we achieved that goal.

It was disappointing to lose a Grand Final but I would say every player that represented the club gave their all on the day and I am certain we will all learn from the experience.

The boys all year displayed the true values of the club and they, as well as the mums and dads, should be congratulated for their efforts.

I want to thank the on field leaders of the Club, Matt Neal, Mark Franklin and Jarrod Shaw. your leadership all year has been fantastic.

To the boys who this year, finish their junior days of football and now face the challenges of senior footy, I wish you luck and all my very best wishes. I will be watching with great interest, your football careers.

I have seen most of you develop both physically as well as mentally to be strong and excellent leaders in your own right. So it is with great pride I send you guys off to continue your journey.

To Mark Franklin, Rob Young, Chris Slade, Jason Harding, Graham Brown, Graham Gibbs, Brent Schoning, Cameron Elmore, Andrew Wembridge, Eoin Mitchell and Danny Rogalski, thank you for the opportunity to coach each of you and good luck with your footy, I am sure I will see you around the club next year.

As for Rick West and Peter Shaw. What a fantastic back up team. I know that the teams performance both on and off the field was due to your combined efforts. The respect and rapport developed by the coaching staff and the team in my opinion was second to none.

## UNDER 17

Coach: Gordon Towan

Team Manager: Terry Franklin

We as a coaching team concentrated on developing the boys mental capabilities (leadership and decision making), rather that focus on the skill levels. An observation is we are on the right track with all our coaches, in that there is concerted effort in developing the ball skills of the younger boys and the development of the mental capabilities regarding football in the older boys.

I would like to especially thank Terry Franklin, as Team Manager, getting the boys on the field (is no mean feat), organizing the dads and their roles during game day and having the stats that assist Rick, Peter and myself, was fantastic.

Thanks also go to Steve Young for ensuring the boys were well looked after medically, before – during – and after the game, and to Ron Schoning being my Runner this year (I think you got to know the boys pretty well by the end of the year and got fitter).

Thanks to all the parents and their commitment to the Research Football Club, without your continued support the club would suffer. Once again congratulations to all the players, coaches, committee and parents for one of the most successful years the club has experienced.

It makes me extremely proud to be a part of it.

Gordon Towan

<b>Assistant Coach</b>	Peter Shaw ; Rick West
<b>Runner</b>	Ron Schoning
<b>Trainer</b>	Steve Young
<b>Umpire Escort</b>	Dennis Brown
<b>Time</b>	David Thompson
<b>Water</b>	Terry Downey ; Geoff Crisp ; Paul Malone

## UNDER 17

Coach: Gordon Towan

Team Manager: Terry Franklin

<b>Player</b>	<b>Jumper Number</b>	<b>Games Played in 2002</b>	<b>Total Games</b>	<b>Commenced at RJFC</b>
Graham Brown	42	17	105	2000
Brendan Crisp	26	16	94	1996
Sean Downey	14	17	127	1994
Cameron Elmore	32	16	16	2002
Mark Franklin	16	15	87	1997
James Fuhrman	36	16	97	1995
Brain Galvin	44	16	94	1997
Graham Gibbs	45	15	155	1992
Jason Harding	52	16	72	1998
Aiden LeGassick	4	14	14	2002
Dale Lyons	8	17	72	1998
Shannon Malone	22	17	150	1993
Ryan Mihocic	47	11	37	2001
Hayden Miles	30	16	105	1995
Eoin Mitchell	46	10	51	1998
Matthew Neil	34	14	93	1996
Daniel Rogalski	10	15	49	1997
Shayne Ryland	50	17	77	1999
Brent Schoning	20	14	76	1995
Jarrold Shaw	24	17	120	1995
Chris Slade	28	15	62	1996
Ryan Thompson	48	14	88	1997
Andrew Wembridge	38	15	80	1997
Brent White	51	13	78	1996
Robert Young	40	14	185	1991

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## Congratulations

We are very proud of the level of achievement you have all of our Teams have attained this season and you should all feel proud of yourselves.

We were especially lucky to have 6 teams participate in the finals series, all of which made it to the Grand Final. A Research Record Result. Three Teams, U10, U11 and U12 were victorious and brought a premiership flag home with them. Another Research record.

A new height to aspire too. Our entry into 2<sup>nd</sup> Division, never to return. Farewell to those moving through the club. We wish you all well and hope to see you from time to time at the club.

All people involved at the club this season, we would like you to attend the 1<sup>st</sup> home game next season for unfurling of the flags. Celebrate the success!!

# Research Junior Football Club

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## Annual General Meeting for RJFC 2002

The Annual General Meeting for the Research Junior Football Club will be held at the clubrooms on Monday, 28<sup>th</sup> October at 7:30 pm.

Please forward applications or expressions of interest to;

The Club Secretary  
Research Junior Football Club  
PO Box 2040  
Research 3095.

It is very important that all members take an interest in proceedings as the AGM shapes the committee for next year. The club relies on a strong, dedicated committee to control the issues involved in running the club and the policies of the club are in turn dictated to a certain extent by the members.

Should any concerns regarding club policies be had or not understood by any members, the AGM is also a forum where these issues can be raised for further discussion. If situations during the football season follow club guidelines and policies, there should be no reason for complaint through miss-understanding from any parent who does not attend the AGM and does not fully understand the club aims and policies.

We urge all parents to attend and have a say in the running of the club and if you so desire, volunteer for a support role within or outside the committee