



EAST MALVERN
JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

2017

ANNUAL REPORT

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President's Report

On behalf of the Committee we have pleasure in presenting the 32nd Annual Report of the East Malvern Junior Football Club, together with the duly audited Financial Statements for the year ended 30th September 2017.

CLUB HIGHLIGHTS 2017

Football Highlights:

This year we broke our membership record with over 800 players signing up to play with the Knights. In another record, we had six girls' teams for the first time, playing in four age groups of Under 10s, Under 12s, Under 14s and Under 16s. Last year we had 51 girls and this year we welcomed 150 girls to the club. I'm excited to see girl's footy being embraced in our community.

Across the club our number of teams increased from 30 last year to 34 teams in 2017. It's fantastic to see our club is continuing to grow and that we have so many boys and girls wanting to wear the Knights jumper.

Our club operates with the generous help of our parents and this year our teams were supported by over 500 parents. We couldn't do it without you and we thank you for your ongoing support of our club.

We enjoyed a successful home and away season this year, which ended with 16 teams making it to finals. From those teams, ten went on to play in grand finals and we were thrilled to win six premierships - one in every age group from U11 up. Congratulations to our premiership teams - Under 11 Div 3, Under 12 Div 3, Under 13 Div 3, Under 14 Div 4, Under 15 Boys Div 4 and Under 16 Boys Div 2.

Community Highlights:

ANZAC Day: On ANZAC Day we joined the ex servicemen and women of our local community for the ANZAC Day Dawn Service at the East Malvern RSL. Following the dawn service, our Under 15 Boys and Under 16 Girls teams battled for the East Malvern RSL Anzac Day Cup. This is a great community initiative to keep the bond between the younger generations and the brave men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice by representing our country in times of war. Thank you to Mick Thorn and Phil McCabe for all of their efforts in organising the day.

Two Cities Challenge: The tradition continued of the Knights playing the Mosman Swans team in the Two Cities Challenge, with the Under 11 Mosman Swans visiting us in June and two Under 10 Knights teams visiting Sydney in August.

Cairns Trip: This year an amazing group of parents created an opportunity for a team of Under 13 Knights to play a footy match against an Indigenous team from AFL Cape York House in Cairns in June. The tour provided the chance for our kids to gain a better understanding and appreciation of the Indigenous culture and spend time with the Cape York boys. We hope that this can become an annual event and foster an ongoing relationship between the East Malvern Knights and AFL Cape York House.

GWS Raffle: EMJFC again took part in the Gary Warren Smith Community Raffle and we are pleased to announce \$8105 funds were raised. A fantastic initiative that again provides valuable funds we can allocate to critical areas of the Club that require attention.

Life Membership:

It is with great pleasure I announce that Roy Fish was awarded Life Membership of the EMJFC. One of the criteria for life membership to be awarded is for recognition of outstanding contributions to the EMJFC. Roy guided the club through some tough times and his main legacy was his strong passion for making it all about our players. Roy had many differing roles at the club, committee member for 5 years, two years as President, 3 years running the football operations, team manager, assistant coach and club representative on the MSRC. Congratulations on your life membership and thank you for your dedication to the EMJFC.

Volunteer of the Year Award:

This year the award was shared by Warren Wheatley and Sue White.

Warren Wheatley, or “Wazza”, is without doubt the most positive, encouraging and time giving person in our community. His amazing contribution to Malvern District Auskick has been going for 20 years. We all should be thankful to our partner community Auskick here at East Malvern because it provides a wonderful first start for boys and girls wanting to play footy. Wazza is at the core of that success. He is always keen to assist, whether coaching, assistant coaching being a Runner or a Trainer. He coached and assisted when his boys played at the Knights over many years. But the most amazing thing about Wazza is that he still makes a difference now and has been helping out teams long since his own boys stopped playing for the Club. He is always positive and wanting to improve skills and attitudes. If there are any coaches out there wanting a perfect Mentor. Wazza is the guy! Wazza experienced the ultimate pay back this season when he assisted his son Jamie in

winning the Under 14 Division 4 Premiership. We are extremely fortunate to have Wazza around our Club. Always willing to help and develop kids skills and love of the game. We thank you very much Wazza for your unbelievable dedication to the Knights.

Sue White has been an outstanding contributor to our club for many years in the critical area of training and first aid. With 2 sons playing at the Knights, Sue has been a volunteer team trainer several times not only looking after the medical challenges on game day but also extending her services and advise as a Doctor to players and families in need during the following days and weeks. Sue maintains a calm and professional manner on the ground at all times even during those highly physical games in the older age groups where there may be several medical cases going on at the same time. Sue has also kindly supported the committees and club in general imparting her knowledge in several areas where medical and physio advice has been required.

Coach of the Year Award:

This year's Coach of the Year Award goes to a coach who is well respected in our community by players, parents and peers. It is my great pleasure to present the Coach of the Year Award for 2017 to **Gerard Feehan**. Gerard - or Coach Gez as he is known - has coached with the Knights for four years, two years with his eldest son followed by two years with his twins including their U11 season this year. Coach Gez led his team through an outstanding year with almost no losses to the Grand Final. Importantly, he did this with consistent positivity, encouragement and kindness. Every player on his team developed throughout the season, growing their skills at training, games and through the much enjoyed Sunday night edition of 'Coach Gez TV' YouTube channel in which Gerard shared successes and opportunities for the team along with player interviews. Coach Gez gave his U11s the team rules of respect, participate, and have fun. Not only did Coach Gez ask this of his team, he lived the rules and gave them the same in return week after week. To quote a parent from Gerard's team "this has been the most positive and inclusive footy experience [our son] has had during his time with the Knights. We have felt very fortunate to have had you as a role model for our son and us in many ways." Thank you Gerard for your contribution to the club and to the kids.

Retiring Committee:

Retiring Committee members, this year we have three committee stepping down and the service they have provided to the EMJFC has been nothing short of brilliant.

Phil McCabe, Vice President, Football operations and club Incident officer has spent tireless hours over the past 3 seasons and with ever increasing work commitments has decided to step down and enjoy the remaining couple of seasons watching his son play for the Knights. When you throw in the work re football jumpers each season, ground set-ups weekly and Anzac day there are some very big shoes to fill. Phil has some strong views and on a personal level as my Vice President I cannot thank him enough.

Steve Strong, Club Secretary, Registrar and SMJFL delegate for the club has spent 6 years tirelessly on all aspects of Football for the club. His contribution in that role is why our club is highly regarded by the SMJFL, which was evident at their recent award's night. Steve has also had many other team roles at the Knights and looks forward to continuing in some capacity going forward. Great character to have at the club and has always displayed a common sense approach.

Jono Hume, Football Operations and Social Committee chairman, another long standing committee person that has decided it's time to move on. Jono helped set up our Football Operations on a weekly basis and this year took on the role of Social Chairman. Apart from the weekly bar duties Jono's expertise came to the fore organising our end of season Presentation day, well planned and this made it enjoyable for all the Knights Families.

On behalf of the club I wish to thank them for their contributions to the Knights, being a volunteer for any club involves a lot of personal sacrifices and all three of you have shown you were willing to sacrifice your own time to give something back, well done.

Acknowledgements and Thank You's:

Canteen

This year we engaged a contractor to run our canteen who would bring diversity and expertise to this very important part of our club. Maria Karavidas proved to be an extremely capable and dynamic operator of the Canteen service for our members and families.

Maria was able to cater for all needs of the club, from a very hectic Friday night training to running the canteen and mobile coffee and food truck on game day Sundays. By all accounts the feedback has been excellent from the members and I thank Maria and her friendly team for what has been a very successful partnership.

Administration

Natalie Barnes and Trish Feehan combined to form a dynamic team to handle our daily Football Operations and Administrative requirements. With the club growing rapidly these positions have become a major part of the club and both ladies were outstanding this year. On behalf of all members of the Knights I thank you, I am sure this is echoed by the committee.

Thank you.

GO THE MIGHTY KNIGHTS!

Steve Foulds

President

Secretary's comment:

Our commitment as a Club to work closely and align with the values of the South Metropolitan Junior Football League (SMJFL) to ensure football is kept in such high esteem in our community is an ongoing and busy task. As a Club, we continue to focus on the things that matter - creating an environment where our community can come together and enjoy football, development of players, improving resources and systems.

We play in a very large competition. In 2017, the SMJFL consisted of 26 member clubs, 456 teams playing Australian Rules football across 61 different divisions. The SMJFL caters for age groups ranging from Under 8s to Under 18s, including three divisions for girls - Under 10, Under 12, Under 14, Under 16 and Under 18.

With approximately 10,500 participants involved in the League each weekend, 2017 will be one of the biggest years yet in the history of the SMJFL/MSJFL.

The amount of work required to ensure all our teams and players comply is enormous and we would like to acknowledge all the wonderful assistance our parent families provide us to ensure we continue to represent the Knights in best light.

This year we worked extremely hard to comply with the solid administrative tasks the SMJFL require. As a Committee we believe our focus on improving our internal communications and evolving our Club policies and procedures are the best way to ensure all our Knights members and families understand exactly what we are trying to do - It's all about the kids.

2017 has been one of our best years for overall compliance and low levels of reports and incidents. This is a fabulous achievement and everyone in the Club should be proud.

This year the SMJFL expanded on the compliance request for Clubs via the new database recording system, Blue Q, to help Club Administration management. We are very proud to claim that EMJFC had one of the highest compliance rankings, a massive job in the first four weeks of the season. Thanks to all Team Managers and Coaches for their dedication to ensure our Club is at the very highest benchmark.

2017 has also been one of the best years for player behaviour compliance amounting to the lowest level of reports and incidents we have had. Our focus on improving our communication, systems, procedures and processes must take the acknowledgement here.

Congratulations and great thanks to all our wonderful volunteers who really make this Club the Pride of The League!

Steven Strong

Club Secretary

Department Reports

EMJFC Football Department - Mick Hegan and Shane Yole

The 2017 season again saw terrific participation numbers at the mighty Knights (EMJFC). We had 34 teams competing in the SMJFL competition.

In the modified rules competition, we had 12 teams in the U8-U10 age groups including one u10 girls. These age groups continue to be our biggest participation base across beginner, intermediate & advanced grades.

Each team had a great season with the focus being on improving skills at training, making new friends and having a lot of fun. Game day provided the coaches with opportunity to put practice into play with players rotating through various defensive, mid and forward zones. The beauty about the zones and rotations allows gives every player an opportunity to kick a goal, all kids love kicking a goal.

The season concluded with the lightning premiership carnival for all age groups, providing all teams with one last opportunity to showcase their development and celebrate an enjoyable season. We had a few teams win all three matches. Importantly, these events were celebrated by the club, the players, officials and parents for the participation, learning and enjoyment had by so many.

Our U11 and U12 teams all had enjoyable seasons. The club was represented by 9 teams overall which included two u12 girl teams. 7 of the 9 teams made the finals with 4 teams making the GF. Grand finalists included u11 Div 3 & 4, u12 Div 3 and u12 Girls Div 2 culminating in our u11 Div 3 and u12 Div 3 teams taking home the ultimate prize.

U12's was once again challenging given many opposition clubs commence 'hard' team grading whilst EMJFC begins at U13's. As a club, we are looking closely at our grading policy ahead of next season, a decision on whether we 'hard' grade will take time as there are other benefits such as existing friendships & mixing teams to form new friendships whilst providing the opportunity for parents to meet other parents within the community. Our challenge is to try and have our teams in the right section which is not always that easy given our club size.

Our U13 age group is always very challenging. The standard of division is incredible, the pressure and intensity is very demanding not to mention the physicality. We were represented by three teams across Div 1 and two teams in Div 3. Our Div 3 teams played off in a prelim with one taking home the premiership chalice a week later. Our Div 1 team were terrific all year, going down by 4 goals in the GF.

We will look to share learnings from this group for our next season's u13's given the new challenges they will face, some of the challenges include hard grading, player depth and trying to ensure a great football experience and maximum opportunity for all players regardless of their capability and balance that this competitive age group demands on our competition.

Our older age groups delivered the following outcomes:

- Our U14's comprised 4 teams comprising Div 1, 3 & 4 and u14 Girls Div 1. Two teams made the finals. U14 Girls Div 1 and u14 Div 4. The u14 Girls made the preliminary final and the U14 Boys Div 4 team went on to win the flag.
- Our 15's had two teams in Div 1 & 4, both teams made the GF with our Div 4 team celebrating a comprehensive victory whilst it was the opposite for our Div 1 team.

- Our U16's had three teams, 2 Girls teams in Div 1&2 and u16 boys div 2. Our Girls Div 1 team lost an exciting preliminary final by an agonising solitary point, the boys div 2 team won the flag by 15 points.

Overall, we had 16 of 21 teams from u11-16 make finals, 10 teams made Grand Finals and 6 teams won the flag. Two teams in our 9s and 10s won their three lightning carnival games.

The club continued to have terrific growth in our female football under the guidance of Rich Davey. EMJFC will look to continue this growth next season.

In 2017 the club continued with a kicking program via Holiday Programs (BDHP) aimed at improving the most important of all football skills. This program proved to be worthwhile investment however feedback received was that the program needs some tweaking given the number of teams we have and the ability of (BDHP) to provide enough time within each age group to ensure our expectations are met. We will certainly meet with (BDHP) prior to Christmas to address some of the challenges including best practice training plans and execution, pre-season preparation and some academy-style development programs for players wishing to further develop their game.

Season 2018 / Coaches, Assistant Coaches and Team Managers

In August, this year the Football Department advertised that applications for coaching and team manager roles for season 2018 were open. Interested parties were asked to complete a short questionnaire via a 'link' to reflect their expression of interest (EOI). At this point in time the club has received 32 EOI's to coach in 2018 along with many EOI's to be assistant coaches or Team Managers across all age groups. Coaching appointments where possible will be confirmed prior to Christmas.

Links as follows.

coaches: <https://goo.gl/forms/lgOg5w6pHSmpMt1w2>

TMs: <https://goo.gl/forms/qS0aMW6eUMk8Vtfk1>

AFL Level 1 coach accreditation course

We are currently in discussion with the AFL to run a level one course in early December this year. This would be an alternative option for those needing to complete a level one course prior to the 2018 season. If the course is conducted invitations would be sent to other clubs in the adjacent communities.

Season 2018 Player Registrations

Registrations will open prior to Christmas and close a month before the first game. The club has only 4 weeks to organise team lists across all age groups comprising quite possibly 950 kids next year. To state the obvious it's a HUGE job, please do not overlook registration requirements.

The Football Department thanks the committee, the players, the coaches, support staff, parents, sponsors and numerous other volunteers for doing what you did in making the season a great success in so many ways. We are a club that thrives on positive enthusiasm and magnificent generosity to provide the best environment for our young footballers.

EMJFC Girls Football Coordinator - Rich Davey

Well, where do you start with Girls Football in 2017?

The year started off sensationally with the AFLW taking centre stage in the lead up to the season. As we all know it was a huge success. There was now a true pathway for our young girls to follow all the way through to the AFLW. This success generated a lot of interest in AFL for many girls resulting in unprecedented enquiries.

The Knights in particular saw growth. Whilst the numbers of girls increased across the SMJFL by just over 40% we saw numbers go from 48 girls playing in two teams in 2016 through to 158 girls representing the Knights in six teams in 2017 - growth of over 300%. Early indications are that the majority of the girls will be returning in 2018 so who knows what we might have next year- possibly 10-12 teams. Great news for the club.

Individually the teams did well.

Our first year of U10s was terrific. We had a squad of 25 which was difficult to manage as we often played against teams of 12- 14 girls. As a result “rotations’ was the catch phrase for the year. The feedback has been very positive and the girls had a ball.

The U12s had two teams (White and Blue) in Division 2 following a decision early on that we would try to create two even teams rather than have any grading. The girls had a great year and they played each other in the Semi -Finals with the Blue’s team winning by less than a goal. They then went on and played in the Grand Final the next week finishing runners up in the division.

Our U14s also had a great year in Division 1, often playing against teams that were bigger and stronger. They more than held their own making it through to the finals. Many of the girls had only played in lower divisions (if at all) so the year in Division 1 will hold them in good stead for 2018.

The U16s fielded two teams (Div1 and Div2). The Div1 team were very strong during the Home and away season finishing on top of the ladder but struggled a bit in the final going down in the Preliminary Final. The Div2 team whilst not getting the best of results on the scoreboard were very competitive and really got the most out of their football.

There were a few individual rewards that need to be recognised. Initially Jess Stoltz won the Monash Leadership Awards which was recognition of the Leadership and her ability to encourage and develop others. This award had nominees across the whole of the SMJFL. The U16 Div2 team also had a great result with Mia Caffry taking out the SMJFL Best and fairest for the Division. Congratulations to both of you.

EMJFC Football Operations - Andre Calder

The 2017 season was a huge season for the club and consequently for the Footy Ops team. The season saw 832 player registrations (652 boys and 150 girls) and 34 teams created. After a highly structured and organised handover from Jono Hume at the end of the 2016 season the Footy Ops team carried out audits of the store room, balls, Team Manager equipment and handed the medical Kits to Karen Pritchard and Naomi Murray who kindly volunteered to restock and prepare the kits for season 2017.

Phil McCabe and Robert Pick put together the jumpers for all teams - a mammoth job with over 900 jumpers of many different sizes and cuts ensuring that each set of jumpers each had a unique set of numbers and a range of sizes.

34 Team Manager Bags were built and restocked and distributed during the Team Manager briefing evening led by Phil McCabe. This year we tried a different format for the briefings. We had the experienced Team managers attend a shorter information session where we gave an update on any changes to the league rules and regulations as well as answer any questions that arose. There was then a longer session where we 'inducted' the new TM's with a complete run through of the TM manual as well as answering any questions that arose. The TM's did an excellent job throughout the season and we saw a great collaboration between the experienced managers coaching and assisting the new TM's. A suggestion for next season would be for an experienced TM to take the role of TM coordinator to help answer any questions as they arise throughout the season.

The booking and allocation of Ovals for team practice was spread across DW Lucas, Basil, Waverley and Stanley Gross and had to be spread across the week, not just the traditional Friday night. Match day ovals were similarly spread across those grounds. This brought an additional complexity to the set up and tear down of Ovals for practice and match days. Phil McCabe ably assisted by Ben McCabe, Pat McCabe, Sam Hume and Tom Hume did an amazing job whatever the weather. With Phil retiring from his role this season there will be a gap to fill in getting this done in season 2018.

In preparation for Presentation Day Nat Barnes & I visited A-Grade supplies and selected and ordered the trophies and medals that would be awarded on the day. Nat did a fantastic job in collating the awards from each team managers as well as the names and nominations for the perpetual trophies. Presentation day was perfectly executed with less than 5 Trophy's needing replacement or correction.

Aside from the weekly Store Room restocking and answering of questions for TM's and Coaches there is nothing further to report.

I would like to thank the Committee for their support in the Footy Ops activities of the 2017 season, covering of Friday Night Store Room shifts, helping with TM nights, relocation of Store Room, preparation of practice Balls for teams and the many more unnoticed areas of assistance offered. I would like to particularly thank Nat for her help in the organisation of the trophies and the diligence in the checking of the shirts as they were returned by Team managers.

EMJFC Sponsorship Report - Steve Foulds

The EMJFC is a community club and relies on the generous support of sponsors to provide essential game day and training equipment, jumpers, end of season celebration nights and specialist skills development sessions to name a few. Thank you to Tony Phillips for his continued efforts in engaging new sponsors for the 2017 Season.

This year we were delighted and very grateful to all of our 2017 Sponsors and would like to acknowledge and thank our major sponsor, Jellis Craig as well as our other long term or returning partners - VicMesh, Home to Roost, and Scholten Collins McKissock Wealth Management.

Thank you also to our key supporters - Michael O'Brien MP and our girl's footy ambassador, Kelly O'Dwyer MP. We thank them for their interest and support.

This season we were delighted to welcome some new sponsors to the Knights family:

- The Racecourse Hotel
- BJS Insurance
- MHT Dentistry
- Flames Pizzeria
- The Washing Room
- Ralph's Meats
- Boost Juice Malvern
- Cold Rock Malvern

Each of our sponsors have made a significant contribution to our club and we hope that they, in turn, have benefited from their partnership with the Knights. We hope to be able to partner again with each of our sponsors into the 2018 Season and looking at new ways we can deliver their message and engage them with the EMJFC community.

EMJFC Social Committee Report - Jonathan Hume

The 2017 season from a social perspective was highly successful. The main events held throughout the season were our famous "Friday Night" bar and canteen nights, a major social event at The Races, the End of Season Pizza nights and of course Presentation Day.

Despite being told several times by council that we were going to be evicted from our long standing home at Lucas Pavilion, we were fortunate to see some building delays which enabled us to stay the entire season there. This meant that our parents and families could continue enjoy a well deserved drink at the end of the week, and feed the kids before they went home! The bar and canteen sales were strong throughout the season and special thanks must go to our fantastic bar men Zac, James and Charlie. Also

special thanks to Maria who took over the canteen responsibility this year and provided a great selection of yummy foods for the kids and adults.

The next event on the calendar was the major social event of the year “A Day of Knights at the Races”. Based on a number of challenges getting support for the traditional “Night of Knights” in the past couple of years, we decided to completely change the model and try a race day at Caulfield Race Course. Whilst this seemed to be well received as a concept, unfortunately again we struggled to get the support from the member base and were only just able to get it off the ground. Unfortunately as is usually the case, there were a number of other major social events on the community calendar on the same weekend which restricted a number of parents from attending. Despite all that, the parents who did decide to attend had an awesome day. The venue was superb and the company excellent - the only issue was that the races were cancelled after Race 4 due to strong winds! That did not stop the guests continuing to drink and eat until the very end! A very big thanks goes to Tracey Steedman who was kind enough to organise the entire event. Great effort Trace!

Toward the end of the season, we were kept very busy with the end of season pizza nights. These celebrations ran over several weeks for teams finishing on the Sunday each week. This was a great way for coaches, teams and families to celebrate the end of a great season and in some cases finals and grand finals. Well done to all the coaches who stood up to reflect on their season and celebrate what seemed to be a highly successful season for all teams involved. The free pizza and soft drinks were a hit of course as well! Thanks to all the committee members who helped to serve the pizza and soft drink each week.

Finally we ended the season with a major bang at our annual Presentation Day. The event was extremely well attended with what must have been in excess of 1000 guests over the duration of the day. The weather turned on for us and families enjoyed the formal presentations in the marquee as well as kids jumping castles, a yummy BBQ and of course a bar for all the proud parents to celebrate a great season! Thanks again to the committee members, especially Naomi Murray who put in hours of their time to help on the day, and thanks also to all the teenage siblings who also helped tirelessly all day on the bar and BBQs. A perfect finish to a great season!

Communications Report - Clark Randerson

This year was a big year in online as the Knights launched a new website, building it from scratch rather than using the league’s template. We also began engaging the Facebook page which had long been neglected, by posting regularly and engaging with the members in a more direct format. Next season we will launch the online merch stall, giving families the opportunity to purchase their Knights gear online for the first time. We will also look to communicate more through social media by using Instagram as a way to share photos and build the Knights fan base.

Merchandise Report - Naomi Murray

Merchandise sales were up this year on last - see Treasurer's Report for details. Next season will see online orders available as well as openings at Friday training. Club bags were a success and will run again pre-season 2018 - inline with registration opening and once during first half of season. Stocktake to be done mid-October 2017.

Treasurer's Report - Paul Sopikiotis

Significant Changes

Increase in revenue across the majority of income streams - mainly in Merchandise, Bar, Sponsorship and Registration fees.

There was a change in the Canteen operations. This year the Canteen was outsourced to a third party and as part of the agreement, EMJFC received a 30% royalty fee on net sales. This reduced our overhead costs (wages and workcover) with an overall reduced variance of \$1,700 to the prior year sales.

During the year, there was an increase in spending in our Football Department and Operations. Money was expended on key areas such as Coaching, Football Equipment and Medical expenses.

There was also an increase in administration costs, mainly due to the increased number of junior footballers playing at the EMJFC and cleaning costs, as this was now the responsibility of the individual members clubs of the MSC and not the MSC directly.

The most significant change which occurred during the year was the redevelopment of the Club Rooms at Dunlop Pavilion. The City of Stonnington appointed the builder during the year and construction commenced on 18 September 2017. We anticipate the redevelopment will be finalised by the end of the calendar year 2018 in readiness for the 2019 football season.

See attached EMJFC Financial Report 2017

Sponsors

Everyone at the Knights gratefully acknowledges the generous support of our sponsors. Please return the support to any of the below Sponsors to show our appreciation of their support.

2017 Sponsors		
Major Sponsor		
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Platinum Sponsors		
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VicMesh	80-84 Ventura Place, Dandenong South	
Home to Roost	146 Burke Road, Malvern East	
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Scholten Collins McKissock Financial Consultants	731 Whitehorse Rd, Mont Albert	
Flames Pizzeria	649 Warrigal Rd, Chadstone	
The Washing Room	205 Darling Rd, Malvern East	

Ralph's Meats	South Melbourne Market, Coventry St, South Melbourne	
Game Day Sponsors		
Boost Juice Malvern	Malvern Central Shopping Centre	
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Honorary Supporters		
Michael O'Brien MP	313 Waverley Rd, Malvern East	
Kelly O'Dwyer MP	Suite 1/1343 Malvern Rd, Malvern	

2017 Knights Highlights

Club

- 832 players - 682 boys and 150 girls;
- 34 teams - U8 to U16 boys and U10, U12, U14 & U16 girls.

Teams

- 12 Modified Rules teams played Lightning Carnivals - 1 Winner
- 16 team played in finals with 10 of those teams playing in Grand Finals
- 6 Premierships
 - Under 11 Div 3
 - Under 12 Div 3
 - Under 13 Div 3
 - Under 14 Div 4
 - Under 15 Boys Div 4
 - Under 16 Boys Div 2

Interleague Representatives

Under 13 Div 1	George Burney, Sam Hansen
Under 13 Div 2	Sam Bowen, Thomas Feehan, Oliver Gill, Callum Hankin
Under 14 Boys, Div 1	Ned Crowe
Under 14 Boys, Div 2	Angus Edgar
Under 15 Boys Div 1	Patrick Bannister, Joshua Lake, Harry Manton, Ryan Pietsch, Conor Stone, Will Veseley
Under 15 Boys Div 2	Ollie Lowe, Lachlan Templeton
Under 15 Girls	Mia Cowan, Lily Enders, Holly Kenealy, Abbi Moloney, Lily Murray, Jessica Stolz

2017 Club Awards

Best & Fairest Awards

U8 Blue:	Jack Tucker	U8 White:	Thomas Schubert
U8 Red:	Fynn Fitzgerald		
U9 Blue:	Ben Baker Josh Hegan	U9 White:	Finn Mann
U9 Red:	Angus Goodale	U9 Black:	Jarred Munro
U10 Blue:	Jack Dalton	U10 White:	Lucis Yole
U10 Red:	Max Lightbody	U10 Black:	Oscar Bowen
U10 Girls:	Matisse Eabry		
U11 Div 2:	Patrick Retschko	U11 Div 3:	Campbell Tsocanos
U11 Div 4:	Andrew Procopiou		
U12 Div 1:	Matt Carroll	U12 Div 3:	Ollie Bawden
U12 Div 4:	Nathan Munro	U12 Div 5:	Lachlan Brand
U12 Girls Blue:	Sophie Bates Laura Sonneman	U12 Girls White:	Annabelle Embelton
U13 Div 1:	Josh Cumberlidge	U13 Div 3 White:	Ollie Grodski
U13 Div 3 Red:	Henry Worth		
U14 Div 1:	Zac Cumberlidge	U14 Div 3:	Max Grodski
U14 Div 4:	Joseph Godwin	U14 Girls Div 1:	Holly Kenealy
U15 Boys Div 1:	Ryan Putsch	U15 Boys Div 4:	Will Welsh
U16 Boys Div 1:	Jack Rosier	U16 Girls Div 1:	Mia Cowan
U16 Girls Div 2:	Mia Caffry		

Bruce Fox Club Captains Award

- Jack Andriske (U16 Boys)
- Jack Milburn (U16 Boys)
- Aaliah Dawson (U16 Girls)
- Annabel Sutherland (U16 Girls)

Alicia Eva Award

- Jessica Stolz (U14 Girls Div 1)

Darren Baxter Club Champion Award

- Josh Cumberlidge (U13 Div 1)

U13 Ross Foster Team Player Award

- U13 Div 1 Liam Hepburn
- U13 Div 3 White Alexander Tsocanos
- U13 Div 3 Red Finn Cahill

Coach of the Year

- Gerard Feehan

Volunteer of the Year Award

- Warren Wheatley
- Sue White

Life Members

- Roy Fish

150 Game Milestone

- Jack Andriske (U16 Boys)

100 Game Milestone

- Julian Chaffey (U16 Boys)
- Patrick Croagh (U16 Boys)
- Angus Halse (U16 Boys)
- Jack Hann (U16 Boys)
- Jack Hansen (U16 Boys)
- Lachlan Kirkwood (U16 Boys)
- Benjamin McCabe (U16 Boys)
- Ryan Pritchard (U16 Boys)
- Marcus Redman (U16 Boys)
- Jack Rosier (U16 Boys)
- Travis Shannon (U16 Boys)
- Oliver Tyrrell (U16 Boys)

2017 SMJFL Awards

Best and Fairest Top 10

U11 Mixed Div 2

U11 Mixed Div 3

U11 Mixed Div 4

U12 Mixed Div 1

U12 Mixed Div 4

U12 Mixed Div 5

U13 Mixed Div 1

U13 Mixed Div 3

Patrick Retschko, equal 5th

Campbell Tsocanos, equal 9th

Andrew Procopiou, 3rd

Matthew Carroll, 3rd

Lachlan Francis, equal 7th

Nathan Munro, 5th

Luis Sari, equal 7th

Luke Dimopoulos, equal 5th

George Burney, equal 7th

Archie Connors, equal 4th

Ollie Grodski, equal 4th

Henry Worth, equal 5th

U14 Girls Div 1	Piper Sweeney-Johnston, 4 th Holly Kenealy, 5 th Carly Witts, equal 6 th
U14 Mixed Div 2 Under 14 Div 4	Angus Edgar, 6 th Joseph Godwin, 3 rd Sebastian Anderson, equal 5 th
Under 15 Div 1	Harry Manton, 3 rd Jack McCorkell, 4 th Patrick Bannister, equal 6 th Ryan Pietsch, equal 7 th
Under 15 Div 4	Tom Perry, Winner Alexander Dietze, equal 6 th
Under 16 Girls Div 1	Charlie Rowbottom, 3 rd Abbi Moloney, equal 7 th
Under 16 Girls Div 2	Mia Caffry, Winner Aaliah Dawson, equal 5 th
Under 16 Boys Div 2	Jack Rosier, equal 3 rd
Interleague MVP, U16 Girls Div 2 Monash Leadership Award Secretary of the Year Coach of the Year	Mia Caffry, Winner Jessica Stolz, Winner Steven Strong, Runner-up Gerard Feehan, Winner

2017 Coaches & Team Managers

Age Group	Team Colour	Coach	Team Manager
8 Mixed	White	Callum O'Neill	Jane Munro
8 Mixed	Red	Jeff Milton	Meredith Manning
8 Mixed	Blue	Richard Vasta	Shane Yole
9 Mixed	White	Paul McCann & Hugh Gretton Watson	Nick Mann
9 Mixed	Black	Dave Munro	Dan Williams
9 Mixed	Red	Heath Goodale	Matt Aubor
9 Mixed	Blue	Nick Fay	Mick Hegan/Kate Teixeira
10 Mixed	Black	Luke Kenealy	Craig Buffhan
10 Mixed	White	Rick Cullinan	Shane Yole/Vanessa D'Cruz
10 Mixed	Red	Theo Konstantos	Scott McInness/George Bassili
10 Mixed	Blue	Andy Wyer	Mark Pozzi
10 Girls	Blue	Hugh Genoult-Smith	Sally Osmond/Kirsten Eabry
11 Mixed	Red	Troy Wild	Tim Elliott
11 Mixed	White	Gerard Feehan	Natalie Barnes
11 Mixed	Blue	Matt Hopkinson	Stephen Micaleff
12 Mixed	Black	Sam Dorevitch	Sally Heely
12 Mixed	White	Ben James	Sam Price
12 Mixed	Red	Ed Cheesman	Brad Jukes
12 Mixed	Blue	Michael Scalzo	Chris Ladds
12 Girls	Blue	Mark Deacon	Amy Williams/Gina Cattalini Morris
12 Girls	White	Richard Kerr	Liz Officer
13 Mixed	Red	Alex Lowe/Harry Schaffer	Carolyn Beadle
13 Mixed	White	Paul Connors	Mick Elseworth
13 Mixed	Blue	Andrew Ralph	Nick Sutherland
14 Mixed	White	Jamie Wheatley	Mark Riley
14 Mixed	Red	Jason Francis/Tom Andriske	Mark Adams
14 Mixed	Blue	Wil Walford/Sam Noonan	Richard Sibly
14 Girls		Tony Witts	Kylie Richardson
15 Boys	Red	Marty Kelliher	Roy Fish

15 Boys	Blue	Tony Phillips	Kath Pietsch
16 Boys	Blue	Josh Galbraith	Noel Duncan
16 Girls	Blue	Troy Moloney	Naomi Murray
16 Girls	White	Matthew Noonan	Sean Slattery
17 Boys	Blue	Lewis Fitzgerald	Graeme Salmon

EMJFC Knights Honour Board

Executive Committee

Year	President	Vice President	Secretary	Treasurer	Registrar
2017	Steve Foulds	Philip McCabe	Steven Strong	Paul Sopikiotis	Steven Strong
2016	Steve Foulds	Philip McCabe	Steven Strong	Paul Sopikiotis	Steven Strong
2015	Roy Fish	David Arnold	Andrew Close	Rob Andriske	Steven Strong
2014	Marc Gauci / Roy Fish	Tony Phillips/ David Arnold	Andrew Close	Rob Andriske	Steven Strong
2013	Chris Ralph	Marc Gauci	Andrew Close	Rob Andriske	Steven Strong
2012	Chris Ralph	Marc Gauci	Marc Gauci	Rob Andriske	Steven Strong
2011	Lewis Bearman	Marc Gauci	Marc Gauci	Rob Andriske	Noel Scully
2010	Lewis Bearman	Marc Gauci	Marc Gauci	Rob Andriske	Noel Scully
2009	Lewis Bearman	J. Deighton/ Marc Gauci	Marc Gauci	Rob Andriske	Noel Scully
2008	Simon Heath	J. Deighton/ Marc Gauci	Marc Gauci	Rob Andriske	James Deighton
2007	Roger Teale	Simon Heath	Marc Gauci	Rob Andriske	James Deighton
2006	Roger Teale	Simon Heath	Rob Mills	Cam Christie	Cam Christie
2005	Greg Thomas	Roger Teale	Rob Mills	Cam Christie	Cam Christie
2004	Greg Thomas	Rob Sandilands	Lyn Gray	Cam Christie	Cam Christie
2003	David Hodge	Rob Sandilands	G. Hustwith	Greg Thomas	Lyn Gray
2002	David Hodge	Rob Sandilands	James Nixon	Lyn Gray	Lyn Gray
2001	David Hodge	Rob Sandilands	James Nixon	Lyn Gray	Mike Rady
2000	Bruce Hulls	David Hodge	Mike Rady	Lyn Gray	Robert Baird
1999	Bruce Hulls	Bruce Wickett	Mike Rady	Ruth Bennett	Kerryn Gilchrist
1998	B. McMenamin	Bruce Wickett	Chris Ericksen	Bruce Hulls	Peter Nowatschenko
1997	B. McMenamin	Greg Hope	Simon Rofe/ Chris Ericksen	Bob Glaister	Colin Fairweather
1996	B. McMenamin	Greg Hope	John Barry	Bob Glaister	

1995	Tim Collie	Andrew King	John Barry	Bob Glaister	
1994	Tim Collie	David Duggan	Helen Frost	Alan Picone	Ian Farrell
1993	Ross Carruthers	David Duggan	Helen Frost	Alan Picone	Ian Farrell
1992	Ross Carruthers	John Rosier	Cheryl Newsom	Ian Johnson	Ian Farrell
1991	John Rosier		Cheryl Newsom	Ian Johnson	John Howden
1990	John Rosier	Geoff Seebeck	Cheryl Newsom	Vas Banschikov	John Howden
1989	Geoff Seebeck		Cheryl Newsom	Peter Clarke	John Howden
1988	Geoff Seebeck	Peter Duncan	Cheryl Newsom	Peter Clarke	John Burk
1987	Peter Duncan	Cam McDonald	Helen Whiley	Peter Clarke	
1986	Peter Duncan	Cam McDonald	Helen Whiley	Helen Whiley	

Life Members

Maurie Fanning

Bob Glaister

Peter Harley

John Barry 2003

Rob Sandilands 2005

Stewart Gray 2005

Cheryl Newsome 2006

Lyn Gray 2006

Brian Sampson 2007

Roger Teale 2009

Lewis Bearman 2012

Brian Eva 2012

Chris Ralph 2015

Robert Andriske 2015

Tony Phillips 2016

Roy Rish 2017

Past EMJFC Players to play VFL/AFL/AFLW

Darren Baxter Footscray & Hawthorn

Michael Lockman Richmond

Will Sangster Sydney

Rupert Betheras Collingwood

Ezra Poyas Richmond

Jackson Paine Collingwood & Brisbane

Tom Campbell Western Bulldogs

Ed Vickers-Willis North Melbourne

Alicia Eva Collingwood

Brianna Green Fremantle

Tilly Lucas-Rodd Carlton

Pepa Randall Melbourne



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