

East Malvern Junior Football Club 2019 Annual Report



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President's Report

On behalf of the committee we have pleasure in presenting the 34th Annual Report of the East Malvern Junior Football Club, together with the duly audited financial statements for the year end September 30, 2019.

A fond farewell:

As this is my final report as President I would like to thank the past and current committee members I have worked with. The outstanding contribution from our Coaches, assistant Coaches, Team Managers and the 500 volunteers are what make up this wonderful club.

To all our Sponsors again I cannot thank you enough as your continued support that affords us, 'The Committee', the opportunity to provide the best equipment and on field apparel necessary to run this club.

I have been fortunate to work with all of our Admin staff and to Sally Healy, Trish Feehan, Vanessa D'Cruz and Natalie Barnes a massive thank-you for your contributions over the years.

To continue to individualise would make this a lengthy report which I doubt would be read anyway, however I must acknowledge the outstanding work that our Treasurer Paul Sopikiotis has done with continually delivering a financial report that is second to none. Whilst the overall objectives of the club are not measured by the profit we make each year, there is a responsibility to balance those requirements and leave ample funding for the years ahead.

The East Malvern Knights has an amazing facility that will be supported by 3 electronic scoreboards for season 2020 which augurs well for many years ahead.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my time as President over the past 4 years and wish the club continued success on and off the field and will watch on with pride as we continue to develop.

Club Highlights 2019

Football Highlights

Our playing numbers continue to grow & 2019 was another record year with over 915 players signing up to play for the Knights. We saw an increase in members from 850 in 2018 to over 915 in 2019. It is fantastic to see our club continuing to grow and that we have so many boys and girls wanting to wear the Knights jumper.

This season we had a total of 41 teams supported by over 500 volunteers. We couldn't do it without our volunteers and we thank you for your ongoing support of the club.

We enjoyed a good home and away season this year & ended with 16 teams in finals & 7 teams continuing on to grand finals, resulting in 4 premierships and 2 lightning premierships.

Community Highlights

ANZAC Day Service and ANZAC Cup: 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 held a round robin event against Prahran, Camberwell, Glen Iris, and Ashy Red Backs. 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 for all his efforts in organising the day. Our U15 boys finally ended up coming away with the flag after many years!

AFL House Cape York House visit: A group of boys from Cape York came down for a footy filled weekend including a match against the Knights boys (in the sun, then rain, then sun in typical Melbourne fashion) followed by lunch & trip to the MCG for the big semi-final between Collingwood & GWS. A massive thanks to Vuka who spearheaded the organisation & put the boys up at his farm.

Two City Challenge: The tradition continued of the Knights playing the Mosman Swans team in the Two Cities Challenge. 30 under 11 Mosman Swans players flew to Melbourne for a match against the Knights players. This year saw the inaugural girls' trip with 16 Under 10 girls travelling to Sydney along with 37 boys. This was a great addition to what is already a huge success.

Cystic Fibrosis Victoria: EMJFC supported this day at the club, and well done to Adrian Parsons on the work he does for this charity.

Challenge: Supporting kids with cancer: The club brought back the 'Pie Night' and teamed with Challenge to donate a generous sum to a very worthy cause. A huge thank you to Gary and David from Challenge.

Breast Cancer Network Australia: With the generous support of Henley Homes, our U14, U16 & U18 girls' teams were provided with pink jumpers to wear during their clash matches. The aim was for each girl to raise \$100 over the season, with an overall target of \$10,000. The girls ended up blitzing this target raising well over \$17,000. A fantastic effort which was made possible by the support of Henley Homes. CEO Antony Blackshaw has confirmed that he will happily support a similar fundraising activity next year.

RCD Foundation: EMJFC again contributed to this Cancer Research Program.

The Year Ahead

Electronic Scoreboards

This project has experienced multiple delays but we are confident that we will have 3 electronic scoreboards installed in time for the start of the 2020 season. A big thanks to Simon Bell who has spearheaded this project.

Committee for 2020

We have some major changes to the committee for next season with three of the executive (myself, Treasurer Paul Sopikiotis & Vice-President/Child Safety Officer Rich Davey) stepping down as well as an additional four committee members (Footy Ops team Mark Dorevitch & Andre Calder, Footy Dept member Gavin Coldwell & Girls' Footy lead Karen Gough) not returning next year. New committee members have been recruited for the majority of the positions & will be voted in at the AGM

GO THE MIGHTY KNIGHTS!

Steve Foulds

President

Vice President & Child Safety Officer Report

Breast Cancer Network Australia and Henley Homes

At the start of 2019 there was an offer from Tony Blackshaw from Henley Homes, who has a daughter in our Under 16 team, to sponsor a couple of teams by providing an away strip for a few girl's teams. With support from Craig Buffman this quickly turned in to sponsoring all of the girl's teams from U14 and above – A TOTAL OF 6 TEAMS.

To support the Knights philosophy of being part of the community the deal also has an added bonus. The girls had an opportunity to keep their jumpers at the end of the year by participating in a fundraising effort. We asked the girls to raise \$100 each and by doing so could then keep their jumper. This could be through individual fundraising or raising funds as a team. A number of initiatives were undertaken from raffles to baking cakes and muffins through to door-knocking and raising funds on a Friday night.

Our bar was set high and we really hoped we could get to \$10K, what we did not expect was to raise a total of **\$17,490.92 - a simply incredible effort.**

Thanks again to Craig and Tony for getting this off the ground.

Child Safety

Child safety continues to be a focus at the Knights. A number of initiatives have been introduced over the past two years that not only meet the current standards but exceeded them across the board.

One of these initiatives was the introduction of the Club Chaplain. We introduced Vicki Mustafa who supported all of our teams at different times. Vicki would be seen weekly taking notes on all of our teams, developing a great understanding of who is who, chatting to the coaches and generally being there for the kids (and parents).

Thanks so much Vicki for your tireless commitment to the club.

Rich Davey

Secretary's Report

Season 2019 has seen East Malvern Knights celebrate another very successful year in its history. This year 16 of our 41 teams made the finals with 4 taking out the premiership (plus two Lightning Carnival flags). Whilst premiership trophies are great, we do not measure our success by how many flags we win but rather by participation, and this year we were able to support over 915 juniors in playing the great game of AFL every week. The key focus was providing a safe environment for our kids & parents to enjoy football, supporting the development of our players and encouraging respect & integrity within the Knights community.

The club continues to grow each year, with numbers growing again. The SMJFL also continues to grow as a whole. The 2019 season saw a total of 25 clubs with 11,146 participants (8,633 boys & 2,513 girls) field 497 teams (373 boys/mixed & 124 girls) across 47 divisions. It's a great credit to the SMJFL that they keep things running smoothly throughout the year.

In my second year in the club secretary role I have continued to work closely with the SMJFL & built on the previously established strong relationship. The Club has continued to run smoothly & in accordance with SMJFL values, rules & guidelines. I will continue to work closely with the League next year to ensure that we comply with their motto "It's about the kids".

Game day incidents were kept to a minimum & were all dealt with successfully between the respective clubs. None were referred to the SMJFL.

2019 was another good year for player behaviour with the lowest level of reports we have had. Our players only received a handful of yellow cards & red cards. One of the red cards was downgraded to a yellow card after the League reconsidered at my request.

The move into our new clubrooms was completed this year, despite some unexpected delays. We hosted 3 weeks of finals, the first week on both Lucas & Basil & the other two weeks on Basil. It was fantastic to showcase our new facilities. Our fantastic Ground Manger Rish kept things running smoothly during the finals series (as well as throughout the entire season).

Congratulations to all Knights teams on a great year & thanks to all players, volunteers & parents who work together to make the club the wonderful club that it is. And many thanks to my fellow committee members for all their hard work over the year (including those non committee members who work "behind the scenes")...without their tireless efforts, we would not be the club that we are today.

Looking forward to a bigger & better 2020!

GO KNIGHTS!

Carolyn Beadle
Secretary

Treasurer's Report

Refer separate document for EMJFC Financial Report 2019

Department Reports

EMJFC Football Department – Mick Hegan and Gavin Coldwell

The Football Department began its work for the 2019 season as soon as the 2018 finals series had concluded. By the end of the 2018 calendar year the following preparation had commenced:

- Coaching expressions of interest had been sought and many coaches appointed
- Debriefing with retiring coaches
- Reviews of players for the purposes of team balance and grading in certain age groups
- Nominations of players for St Kilda NGA and SMJFL Interleague purposes
- Appointment of specialist coaches including B&D Sports for kicking skills and Malcolm Bangs for tackling
- Appointing age group co-ordinators for each year level
- Meeting with SMJFL Football operations manager
- Timetables and venues for pre-season training
- Organisation of pre-season games both internal and against external clubs including Ormond, Ashburton and Glen Iris
- Accreditation from AFL for coaches
- Liaising with Malvern District Auskick regarding potential numbers for under 8's

Numbers and recruiting

The 2019 season again saw terrific participation numbers at the Knights. Not only did the club retain a large percentage of existing players it attracted many new players from outside the club. The team participation increased from 38 teams in 2018 to 41 teams in 2019. The club continues to grow particularly in the girl's divisions. **We still maintain that we are the biggest and best junior AFL club in the world!** Whilst the traditional feeder primary schools in the local area (Malvern, Lloyd Street, St Marys, St Rochs and Caulfield Grammar) made up the majority of under 8-10 players, the club also welcomed many new families from other primary schools and hope that they enjoyed their first of many seasons with the famous Mighty Knights.

Objectives of the Football Department

Whilst flags and silverware are celebrated, the club tries not to lose sight of our key objectives to create a safe, supportive and fun environment for all of our players and families. Key objectives for 2019 continued to include:

- Maintain participation rates (I want to come back and play next year)
- Sportsmanship and fair play
- Environment and program that fosters learning (I learned my footy at the Knights)
- Build and maintain a strong sense of community (community club not school-based club)
- Develop players to transition into school, youth and then senior football

Under 8's-10's

In 2019, the younger modified rules teams continued to be focused on skill development and teamwork. As per club selection policy, none of these teams were graded with the emphasis clearly on learning the game, meeting new friends and having fun. After the home and away season concluded, our youngest teams competed in Lightning carnivals arranged by the SMJFL. Despite some testing weather and some last-minute fixture surprises, the Knights teams all performed well in the carnivals, with many entertaining stories containing highlights and other amusing anecdotes filtering back to the clubrooms at the end of the long day. There is certainly no prouder sight for parents seeing the smiles on their children's faces whilst singing the Mighty Knights song. The club

has advised the SMJFL that it strongly supports the Lightning Carnival format for these age groups into the future.

Under 11's and 12's

The under 11 and 12 mixed age groups have traditionally represented the largest playing numbers within the club and in 2019 this was no exception. A total of 9 teams (5 under 11 and 4 under 12) represented the Knights this season. Whilst skill development and teamwork remain a focus, the tactical side of the game emerges as kids start playing for premierships points during the minor round and then have the opportunity of participating in finals football. Whilst the SMJFL grades these age groups into different sections based on perceived strength after a short period of "grading games", the club has resisted the urge to internally grade the under 11 and 12 teams by player ability. In 2019, the more advanced players were again split between their age group to maximise the chances of all teams being competitive in their sections and assisting the development of all players. As a result, all five under 11 teams played finals which was an incredible effort. Similarly, three of the four under 12 teams also played finals (despite the SMJFL grading two of these teams in sections higher than the club had recommended). These overall results are a credit to the players and those parents coaching and organising these age groups. Most importantly the club mantra of developing friendships, having fun and building character were achieved. Congratulations to both David Munro (Under 11 Styles) and Nathan Brown (Under 12 Answerth) for coaching their teams to premierships.

Under 13's-16's

As player's reach secondary school, the football generally gets more serious and competitive. Players are often juggling two games of football each weekend together with all the other challenges in young teenagers' school and social lives. Player numbers presented some challenges for the club particularly in the under 13 and 16 age groups where our overall numbers just fell short of making extra teams. Numbers in both the under 14 and 15 age groups were impressive with both age groups comfortably fielding three teams each. One of the unique and special opportunities at the Knights, is for friends who have played together since under 8 and 9 age group level to complete their junior football journey together. Very few junior football clubs could boast 75 registered players at under 15 age group level (with many rumoured to be coming back again in 2020 as under 16's).

In 2019 the club continued the existing policy of internal grading commencing at the under 13 level where the strongest players are put into a Division 1 team. The standard of SMJFL Division 1 football in these age groups is extremely high. The Under 13 Division 1 team had a "baptism of fire" this season however managed to finish 6th overall after defeating the more highly ranked Beaumaris team in the final round. The Under 14 and 15 Division 1 teams made their grand finals, unfortunately both teams went down to quality opposition. Both teams (coached by Gavan Carroll and Gerard Feehan respectively) should be congratulated for their outstanding seasons. Congratulations also to Jackson Ward (Under 15 Division 3) for coaching his team to a premiership.

Grading in 2020

Given recent experience, and consistent with clear expectations communicated by the SMJFL, the club intends to commence internal grading at under 12 level in 2020.

EMJFC Girls Football – Karen Barr

2019 was another exciting year for the Girls football program. Whilst we work very closely with the boys program we acknowledge the differences between the genders and ensure that our programs engage the highest levels of enjoyment, team work and competitive spirit.

2019 was an exciting year for girls football for a number of reasons. Firstly, we increased our number again by over 10% with 11 teams and 226 girls. We have been able to continue to increase the involvement of the younger girls by having 2 U10 sides again in 2019.

We had our first Youth girls team this year which was made up of a number of girls who have been with the club since U12. Some of these girls were in the Knights first all-girls football team and it was so nice to see them go on and win the Division 1 premiership. Winnie Laing and Elizabeth McNamara were also voted 1 & 2 in the SMJFL Best and fairest which is quite a feat. The Youth girls coach Troy Moloney also received Coach of the year award for the club

This year Henley homes sponsored 6 of the girl's team in U14 to Youth to wear Pink Jumpers for Breast Cancer network Australia. The girls wore their pink Knights jerseys for all away games and some home games too. Each girl was asked to raise \$100 to keep their tops and nearly \$18,000 was donated to the BCNA on presentation Day. Well done to all the girls on this fantastic achievement.

2019 also saw our first group of girls head to Sydney on an extremely successful Football trip to play the Mossman Swans. Coached by James Embelton, 16 girls headed to Sydney in conjunction with a group of the Knights boys for what we hear was an amazing experience for the girls and a lot of fun for the parents too.

In relation to the number of girls teams, in 2019, we had a team of Youth girls and also U16 girls, four teams in U14, three in U12 and Two in U10. All of the teams had fantastic seasons with feedback from the coaches that they have enjoyed every moment of developing our girls football skills in 2019. We look forward to the potential of increasing our girls' numbers again in 2020

A total of 6 girls were involved in U15 SMJFL interleague teams in 2019 which is a fantastic representation and Emily Gough was voted third in the SMJFL Best and Fairest for U14 Division 1. A number of our U16 and Youth girls have also been invited to join the Sandringham Dragons and Oakleigh Chargers Training squads for 2020.

The 2019 Alicia Award was presented to Alice Buffham. This is a club award for a player in our U13 and above teams who demonstrates admirable qualities in many facets of junior football; including sportsmanship, commitment, leadership, involvement in other facets of the club such as training and Auskick. We congratulate Alice on her achievement.

During 2019 2 of our U14 girls teams were involved in a research project for Monash University with the focus on understanding the impact of headgear on concussion and head injuries in football. The girls wore head gear and monitors for 5 games and as a club we would like to thank them for their participation in this very important research. We will receive the research outcomes in 2020.

In 2020 our focus will be to continue to build the involvement of females in football, from playing the game to coaching. In conjunction with the AFL we will be developing a "she can coach" program as a pathway for our female leaders (youth girls) and mums in the club to increase the number of female coaches and assistants in the boys and girls programs. We look forward to hearing from you if you are keen to join this program.

The Growth in girls football has been a pleasure to watch again in 2019. We pride ourselves on ensuring the girls develop the foundational skills in the junior levels focusing on ball skills, kicking and tackling to ensure that they are able to play the game competitively at senior levels with minimal injuries.

We also ended the season with a recent nomination from the City of Stonnington at the Susan Alberti's foundation "inspiring positive lifestyles in girls" awards & Lauren Ch'ng was awarded with a Higgins Community Volunteer award for her work with the Auskick program. Congratulations Lauren!

EMJFC Football Operations – André Calder and Mark Dorevitch

This report will give you an overview of the 2019 season for Football Operations (Footy Ops) at East Malvern Junior Football Club (EMJFC). It will review the Highlights and the lowlights and make recommendations for the Footy Ops Committee members going forwards into 2020.

In the off-season between 2018 and 2019 the Committee agreed on the search and appointment of a paid Ground Manager. Ground Managers have been successful for many other clubs including South Melbourne and Caulfield and with the expected growth in players and number of teams a ground manager would act as the constant point of contact on home game days helping with medical emergencies, control of supporters, catering set up, changing room management. Carolyn Beadle (Secretary) advertised the role and from a response of over 10 applicants Rishabh Kothari (Rish) was appointed as Ground Manager 2019. The appointment was a huge success. Rish quickly earned the respect and trust of the committee and the club parent base. We very much hope Rish will look to return for a second season at EMJFC in 2020.

The Footy Ops Committee members for 2019 were Andre Calder and Marc Dorevitch (Dora). Simon Bell (Belly) was also a core part of Footy Ops. The beginning of 2019 season saw the club still housed at Sheridan Pavilion while the club rooms at DW Lucas were still being completed and commissioned. This meant that the logistics of putting together and issuing Team Manager (TM) bags, practice balls, jumpers and water bottles was driven out of Sheridan pavilion. A big thank you to Natalie Barnes (Nat) for organising the jumpers so efficiently, a mammoth undertaking and a challenge every year for Footy Ops.

The format of Team Manager Briefings were changed this year to a series of digital briefings rather than in person with Nat creating the content and fielding the questions from the new TM's. This experiment was a great success and depending on the number of new TM's for each season is a format that should be continued.

The format for the ovals was changed from 2018 with only two modified ovals on both Basil & DW Lucas. This made for a simpler set up and pack down on Sunday mornings and for less congestion on Basil when parents were on the boundary between ovals. Set up was expertly done by Rish and his team of paid volunteers (ex-Knights players) with Rish constantly innovating the order and timing of set up in order to make the process easier and more efficient. Dora was often on hand to share his wealth of experience as well as pay the team.

As the season kicked off the decision was made to move across into the 'nearly ready' rooms at DW Lucas. This proved challenging for Footy Ops with all the equipment piled up in the new store rooms and team managers starting the season needing lots of equipment. Belly got budget approval to install 3m high fixed to wall shelves with a ladder to access the equipment on the top shelves. This was a great improvement and the store room was returned to order.

A new addition to the season was the hosting of finals over three weekends. This extended the season by three weeks for Footy Ops and Social. An observation being the finals did not bring as many supporters as first anticipated, a learning should the club look to host finals in the future.

Learnings from the season 2019 include: Pre-season should really not start before most of the professional AFL clubs have finished their season. Aside from the logistics of equipment this causes huge angst amongst the junior player and parents who are either unable to attend or do not want to attend.

Another learning and suggestion to the incoming Footy Ops Committee members is the pulling back of the 'red carpet' set up service that the club has been doing for the past 2 or 3 seasons. The club is run by volunteers for the community and as such we should be asking more of the community on the running of the club. A suggestion would be for Footy Ops to make the equipment available for Oval set up at the beginning of the day (pads for posts, modified rules posts and cones, scorer tables), first teams on the ovals set up and last team on ovals tear down and bring all equipment to the store rooms (Sheridan & DW Lucas). Footy Ops can set up marquees since these need a level of experience and put all equipment away at the end of the day.

Finally a big thank you to Natalie Barnes, Caz, Belly & Dora for supporting Footy Ops throughout season 2019 and good luck to the incoming committee and Footy Ops of 2020.

EMJFC Sponsorship Report – Steve Foulds

Jellis Craig Armadale, our major sponsor for over 10 years, has continued their ongoing support of the football club. The EMJFC is grateful that Jellis Craig lead by John Morrisby will again remain our major sponsor for 2020. We also added another major sponsor in MHT Dentistry. Matt Teixeira (“Tex”) is keen to increase his support over the coming years.

For all our sponsors to continue with our football club we need to give back to them so let’s get behind all of them as they find the necessary funding that allows us to run the club across all areas. Sponsorship is the backbone to most clubs and I would like to thank Tony Phillips for his contribution in assisting in raising the necessary funding.

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EMJFC Social Committee Report – Shane Yole

The 2019 season saw us move back into Dunlop Pavilion (DW Lucas) to celebrate our new club rooms. The committee & multiple helpers pulled together & moved the entire infrastructure of a football club of 916 players and 1700 parents in one day, an amazing feat!

The main events held throughout the season were our famous “Friday Night” bar and canteen nights, a Housewarming Party (the Club paid for the catering & entertainment), the End of Season Pie nights (with Pizza for the parents) nights and of course the always massively attended Welcome & Presentation Days. Given the number of teams training on Wednesday nights, we also opened up the club rooms for a bar and canteen night run by yours truly with assistance from the Pres & Vice.

The bar and canteen sales picked up throughout the season, given we were in our new “digs”. Thanks must go to our fantastic bar men Zac, Sam, Lauchie, and Charlie. And special thanks to Maria who continued canteen responsibility this year & offered a variety of delicious food for parents to feed their hungry kids whilst relaxing & having a drink & a chat.

The “Housewarming Party” was a great success in the end (ticket “sales” picked up when word got out that the Mighty Knights were footing the bill for the food & entertainment) & we were at full capacity. The parents, sponsors & life members who attended had an awesome night... actually personally I had a ball!. The venue was superbly set up by Emil (as always, thanks Emil) and the company of all attending was excellent! A great night was had by all.

Towards the end of the season, we were kept very busy with the end of season Pie Van/Pizza nights. These celebrations ran over several weeks for teams finishing on the Sunday each week. This year we condensed the five Sundays into three (which was well received) & created a roster for the Committee members to attend (to ensure that they were not rostered on when their child/ren were finishing their seasons). These nights are 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.

This year we included Four and Twenty pies in the ‘Pie Van’ which was raising money for ‘Challenge’ supporting kids with cancer, as well as the usual 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 which was sponsored by Sublime Audio Visual. The event was extremely well attended with what must have been in excess of 1500 guests over the duration of the day. The weather turned on for us and families enjoyed the formal presentations inside the new pavilion (which saved a lot of work by not having to set up the marquee outside). This new format was extremely well received despite a couple of minor delays. After the formalities were over, all players & parents were invited onto the oval for a “drone” picture of the whole club (taken by Shaun McKenna). We had the usual kids jumping castles & activities provided by Specky Events, tasty BBQ options including a gourmet burger and of course a bar for all the proud parents to celebrate a great season! The layout of the Marquees, BBQ tents and associated fixtures was designed and formulated by Nat and Emil. A perfect finish to a great season!

Thanks again to the committee members, especially Emil Bomford, who put in hours of their time to help on the day, and thanks also to all the teenage siblings and parents who also helped tirelessly all day on the bar and BBQs. Also special mention to Vanessa D’Cruz for organising the parent BBQ roster.

We look forward to next season & we are already planning how everything will run smoothly on Wednesday & Friday nights. You never know, Mr Spinny might actually make his well anticipated debut in 2020!

I would like to take time in thanking all the committee members (particularly Emil Bomford and Steve Foulds) who without complaint help the Social aspects of the football club. And all our jobs on the committee have been made so much easier due to the hard work of Natalie Barnes. And a final call out to Gurt for her contributions behind the scenes. At times you would hardly know that she was there but she always got the job done!

Communications Report – Clark Randerson (written by Carolyn Beadle)

2019 saw the online merchandise continue to grow with a total of over \$14,000 in sales over the two years. We expect online sales to continue to grow.

Unfortunately, due to work commitments, Clark had to step down from the committee during the season, but our Administrator/Registrar Natalie Barnes stepped in & did a great job maintaining the website, online store (with the help of Club Secretary Carolyn Beadle) & increased the Knights' profile via social media vehicles Instagram & Facebook. We now have 776 followers on Instagram & regularly have over 300 views on Facebook. We also hosted all ticket sales for the social night (which ended up being sponsored by the Knights) and the Mosman trip through the website.

Merchandise Report – Naomi Murray (written by Carolyn Beadle)

Once again 2019 was a big year for Merchandise sales.

Our Friday night openings were as hectic as ever, but it was much easier than last year given we were in the new club rooms. Online sales continue to be embraced although quite a few people forgot or were unable to collect their merchandise on the week of the order. There are still plenty of people who prefer to purchase merchandise in person so that their children can try on the items first .

We increased our prices this season rounding off to the nearest \$5, making it much easier for those adding up multiple items at a time under the stressful conditions of the Friday night merch stall! Prices were kept realistic for families, while still generating a small profit for the club.

Unfortunately, Naomi was unable to continue in the role for the entire season, but we thank her very much for her contribution over her many years at the club.

We are currently recruiting for a new sub-committee member to fill Naomi's very big shoes

Sponsors

The Knights gratefully acknowledge the generous support of our sponsors and encourage all club members to return support to these local businesses to show our appreciation of their support.

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Home to Roost	146 Burke Road Malvern East
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2019 Knights Highlights

Club

916 players – 690 boys and 226 girls;
41 teams – U8 to U16 boys and U10, U12, U14 U16 & U18 (Youth) girls.

Teams

14 Modified Rules teams played Lightning Carnivals – 2 Winners

- Under 10 Girls Randall
- Under 10 Mixed Higgins

16 teams played in finals with 7 of those teams playing in Grand Finals
4 Premierships

- Under 11 Mixed Div 2 Styles
- Under 12 Mixed Div 6 Answerth
- Under 15 Boys Div 3
- Under 18 Girls Div 1

Interleague Representatives

UNDER 14 BOYS (DIV 1) Billy McGee-Galimberti (vice-captain)
Ben Bawden
Matthew Carroll
Sebastian McNamara
Timothy Parris

UNDER 14 BOYS (DIV 2) Luis Sari (Captain)
Miles Enders

UNDER 15 GIRLS (DIV 1) Annabelle Embleton
Carli Witts
Jenna Witts
Rosie Finster

UNDER 15 GIRLS (DIV 2) Giuliana Simionato
Willow Sweeney-Johnston

UNDER 15 BOYS (DIV 1) Edward Dalton
Fred Visintini
Harry McAuliffe
Josh Cumberlidge
Thomas Feehan

UNDER 15 BOYS (DIV 2) Archie Connors

2019 Club Awards

Best & Fairest Awards

UNDER 8

U8 Answerth	Owen O'Connell
U8 Higgins	Tayte O'Neill
U8 Reeves	Tom Pullar
U8 Smith	Liam Kennedy

UNDER 9

U9 Answerth	Marcus Grey
U9 Higgins	Charlie Dollman
U9 Reeves	Jack Wood
U9 Smith	Harry McDonald

UNDER 10 GIRLS

U10 Girls Eva	Charlotte Embelton
U10 Girls Randall	Georgia Phillips

UNDER 10

U10 Baxter	Fynn Fitzgerald
U10 Higgins	Albie Lechte
U10 Paine	Jack Tucker
U10 Randall	Louie Salopek

UNDER 11

U11 Betheras	Angus Goodale
U11 Campbell	Henry Yuen-Williamson
U11 Lockman	Samuel Gribble
U11 Sangster	Ben Baker
U11 Styles	Jack Nicholls

UNDER 12 GIRLS

U12 Girls Eva	Maya Duane
U12 Girls Brianna	Anna Moore
U12 Girls Lucas-Rodd	Chloe Moffat

UNDER 12

U12 Answerth	Oliver Pooley
U12 Baxter	Alexander McElhone
U12 Higgins	Jack Dalton
U12 Smith	Dylan Wyer

UNDER 13

U13 Blue	Patrick Retschko
U13 White	Thomas Milton

UNDER 14 GIRLS

U14 Girls Blue	Carly Witts
U14 Girls White	Louisa Burney
U14 Girls Red	Angelique Argiros
U14 Girls Black	Charlie Godfrey

UNDER 14

U14 Blue	Ben Bawden
U14 White	Hugo Peel
U14 Red	Ivo Ten Harkel

UNDER 15 BOYS

U15 Blue	Ed Dalton
U15 White	Jock Carter
U15 Red	Lachlan Sharrock / Hamish Toohey

UNDER 16 GIRLS

U16 Girls Blue	Lily Jepsen
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UNDER 16 BOYS

U16 Boys Blue	Christian Algeri
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UNDER 18 (YOUTH) GIRLS

U18 Girls Blue	Elizabeth McNamara
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Bruce Fox Club Captains Award

Youth Girls	Charlie Rowbottom
U16 Boys	Matt Adams

Alicia Eva Award

Alice Buffham (U16 Girls)

Darren Baxter Club Champion Award

Charlie Godfrey (U14 Girls Black)

U13 Ross Foster Team Player Award

U13 Div 1 Blue	Campbell Tsocanos
U13 Div 4 White	Hugo Baker

Coach of the Year

Troy Moloney
Andy Bevan

Volunteer of the Year Award

Mario Vukic

100 Game Milestone

Matthew Adams	Under 16 Boys
Lachlan Appleton	Under 16 Boys
Joshua Bailey	Under 15 Boys
William Beattie	Under 15 Boys
George Burney	Under 15 Boys
Matthew Carroll	Under 14 Boys
Cooper Chaffey	Under 16 Boys
Archie Connors	Under 15 Boys
Henry Cooney	Under 15 Boys
Harry Dorevitch	Under 15 Boys
Jack Elsworth	Under 15 Boys
Tex Freeman	Under 16 Boys
Ben George	Under 15 Boys
Sam Ison	Under 15 Boys
Henry Kemp	Under 15 Boys
Louis Kenyon	Under 15 Boys
Rupert Kidman	Under 15 Boys
Phoenix Maillard	Under 15 Boys
Patrick McCabe	Under 16 Boys
Buddy McCallum	Under 15 Boys
Charles McCann	Under 16 Boys
Billy McGee Galimberti	Under 14 Boys
George Moutsidis	Under 16 Boys
Daniel Natoli	Under 15 Boys
Jake Nicholas	Under 15 Boys
Tim Parris	Under 14 Boys
Hugo Peel	Under 14 Boys
William Russell	Under 16 Boys
Tom Scalzo	Under 14 Boys
Finn Slattery	Under 14 Boys
Tom Sutherland	Under 15 Boys
Harrison Trotter	Under 16 Boys
Alex Tsocanos	Under 15 Blue
Liam Walters	Under 14 Boys
Hector Wild	Under 15 Boys
Tom Williams	Under 15 Boys
Angus Wyer	Under 16 Boys

2019 SMJFL Awards

Best and Fairest Winners

Under 12 Mixed Div 6	Ollie Pooley
Under 18 Girls Div 1	Elizabeth McNamara

Best and Fairest Top 10

Under 11 Mixed Div 2	Josh Hegan	2 nd place
	Jack Nicholls	3 rd place
	Ben Baker	5 th place
Under 11 Mixed Div 3	Gus Teixeira	3 rd place
	Charlie Carty-Salmon	7 th place (equal)
	Joseph Chalikias	7 th place (equal)
Under 11 Mixed Div 4	Henry Yuen-Williamson	2 nd place
Under 11 Mixed Div 5	Finn Mann	5 th place
Under 12 Mixed Div 1	Jack Dalton	2 nd place (equal)
	Lucis Yole	4 th place
Under 12 Mixed Div 3	Alexander McElhone	5 th place (equal)
	Joe Collingwood	6 th place
Under 12 Mixed Div 6	harlie Callan	3 rd place (equal)
	Hamish Husband	3 rd place (equal)
	Benjamin Doupe	6 th place (equal)
Under 13 Mixed Div 1	Angus Phillips	3 rd place
	Oliver Green	5 th place
Under 14 Girls Div 1	Emily Gough	3 rd place (equal)
	Carly Witts	4 th place
	Giuliana Simionato	6 th place
Under 14 Girls Div 2	Louisa Burney	5 th place (equal)
Under 14 Mixed Div 1	Timothy Parris	7 th place (equal)
Under 14 Mixed Div 3	Hugo Peel	5 th place
Under 14 Mixed Div 4	Archie Steedman	6 th place (equal)
	Ten Harkel	7 th place
Under 15 Boys Div 1	Sam Hansen	4 th place
Under 16 Boys Div 3	Emmanuel Efstathiou	5 th place (equal)
Under 18 Girls Div 1	Winnie Laing	2 nd place
	Charlie Rowbottom	5 th place (equal)

2019 Coaches & Team Managers

Age Group	Team	Coach	Team Manager
Under 8	Answerth	Matt Simpson	Tim Carter
	Higgins	Mark Deacon	Sean Pulverman
	Reeves	Andrew Wilson	Harry Staple
	Smith	Dean McPhee	Marc O'Donoghue
Under 9	Answerth	Julian Battistella	Tim Farrant Susie Battistella
	Higgins	Marcus Dollman	Robert Morley
	Reeves	Jeremy Houghton	John Walshe
	Smith	Brad Savage	Felicity Pyrlis
Under 10 Girls	Eva	James Embelton	Annabelle Berryman
	Randall	Chris Warry	Lou Wheelahan
Under 10	Baxter	Owen Cheek	Bec Morley
	Higgins	Gil Rush	Shane Yole Andy Trotter
	Paine	Gabe Deane-Johns	Sam McNamee Mick Ryan
	Randall	Jonathan Brown	Caroline Sladen
Under 11	Betheras	Richard Vasta	Jeff Munro
	Campbell	Dan Williams	Tom Wilson
	Lockman	Mario Vukic	Simon Archer
	Sangster	Peter Conquest	Caroline Hutchison
	Styles	David Munro	James Hemmings
Under 12 Girls	Brianna	Edward Kemp	Adrian Parsons
	Eva	Scott Duane	Kirsten Eabry Sally Osmond
	Lucas-Rodd	Craig Marchant	Erika Yarnall
Under 12	Answerth	Nathan Brown	Louise Pooley
	Baxter	Shaun Beattie	Stephen Longley
	Higgins	Andrew Bevan	Scott McInnes
	Smith	John Bowen	Penny Maher

Age Group	Team	Coach	Team Manager
Under 13	Blue / Div 1	Josh Galbraith	Troy Wild
Under 13	White / Div 4	Simon Bell	Jeff Milton Tim Elliott
Under 14 Girls	Blue / Div 1	Tony Witts	Amy Gallacher
	White / Div 2	Martin Smith	Jayne Davey
	Red / Div 3	Michelle Bourke	Anthony Smith
	Black / Div 4	Matt Hayes	John Bennetts
Under 14	Blue / Div 1	Gavan Carroll	Kathryn Sari
	White / Div 3	Ben James	Robert Pick
	Red / Div 4	Tom Andriske	Peter Rodgers Simon Hann
Under 15 Boys	Blue / Div 1	Gerard Feehan	Pia Borghesi
	White / Div 3	Jackson Ward	Carolyn Beadle
	Red / Div 4	Fraser Morrisby	Mick Elsworth
Under 16 Girls	Blue / Div 1	Luke Kenealy	Tony Blackshaw
Under 16 Boys	Blue / Div 3	Damian Pearce	Penny Burke
Youth Girls	Blue / Div 1	Troy Moloney	Naomi Murray

EMJFC Knights Honour Board

Executive Committee

Year	President	Vice President	Secretary	Treasurer	Registrar
2019	Steve Foulds	Rich Davey	Carolyn Beadle	Paul Sopikiotis	Natalie Barnes
2018	Steve Foulds	Rich Davey	Carolyn Beadle	Paul Sopikiotis	Natalie Barnes
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	James Deighton Marc Gauci	Marc Gauci	Rob Andriske	Noel Scully
2008	Simon Heath	James 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

Year	President	Vice President	Secretary	Treasurer	Registrar
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 Newsom	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 Fish	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, Greater Western Sydney
Brianna Green	Fremantle
Tilly Lucas-Rodd	Carlton
Pepa Randall	Melbourne
Jack Higgins	Richmond
Angus Styles	Sydney
Bailey Smith	Western Bulldogs
Noah Answerth	Brisbane
Olivia Vesely	St Kilda



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