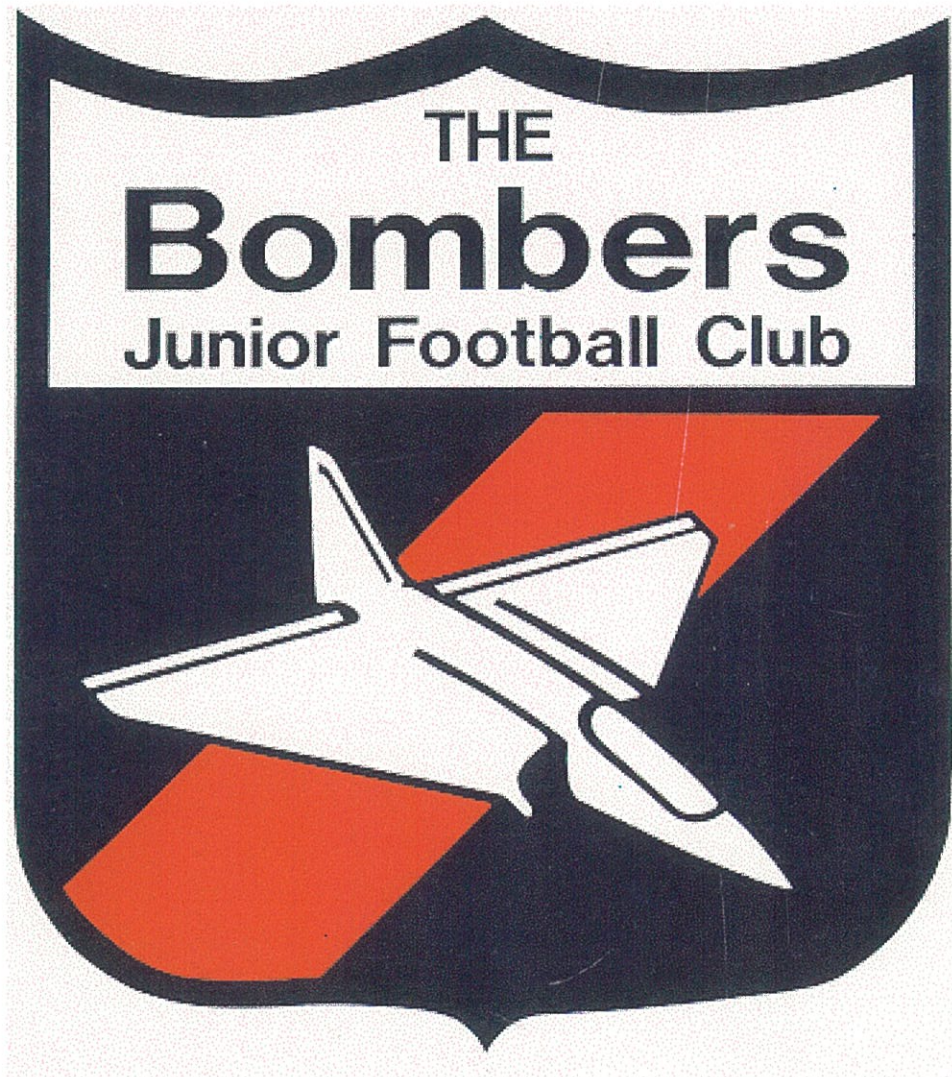
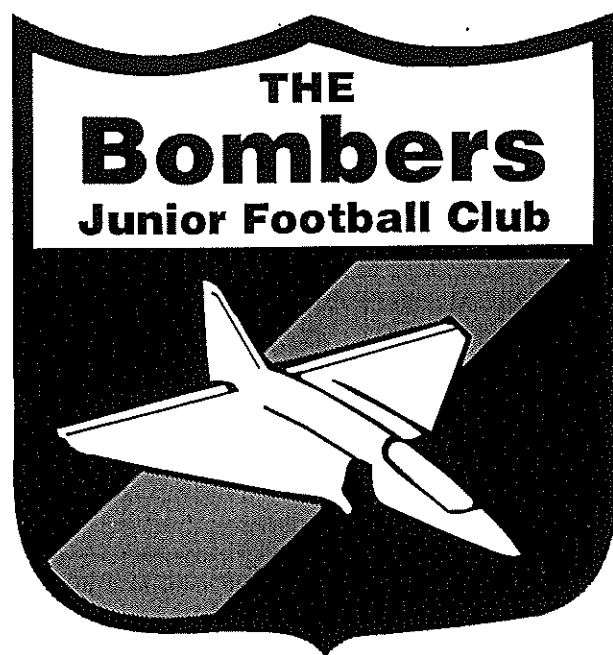


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OFFICE BEARERS 1996

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PRESIDENT'S

REPORT

With Season 1996 coming to a close I'm sure you all agree it was a success. But the success of a club can only be measured by the work of its Committee, Coaches, Managers, volunteers and members and I feel that our Club's teamwork and co-operation is evidence of this success.

There were a few new faces around the Club this year following our registration day, especially in the Auskick (Freeball), so its good to see our Club growing.

Firstly, I would like to thank all Coaches and Managers from Auskick to 14's. Your dedication towards Junior Football in the teaching of skills and teamwork by Coaches and organizing by Managers has been outstanding. Without your commitment to donating your spare time to take on these tasks, our Club could not continue. And I was delighted to hear, from talking to all Coaches and Managers, that 99% of them are returning to their roles in 1997.

All teams next year, going on performances this year, should be very competitive, and who knows, maybe a premiership in standard rules.

Secondly, a great amount of thanks goes to the following people who made up the committee:

David Geddes - Club Secretary & 13's Manager
Sandra Couch - Club Treasurer
Peter Tweedy - Registrar, Life Member
Errol Couch - Vice President, 12's Coach
Charles Musca - Coaching Co-ordinator, 13's Coach, Life Member
Ellen Moore - Canteen Manageress
Fran Howlett - Bomber's Bulletin Co-ordinator

Thank you all for your tremendous efforts during the season, it would not have succeeded without you.

Thank you again to Ellen Moore for co-ordinating the Canteen supplies and Account funding, and to all those who helped run it. During the year around \$2,500 was raised which was a tremendous effort.

Fundraising this season was co-ordinated by Robert Bonolo and his committee comprising Charles Musca, Debbie Musca, Clare Bonolo and Sally Stacey. Their tremendous efforts during the year enabled us to raise around \$1500 on the Family Fun Night and by having cake stalls and raffles during the season. Your efforts are greatly appreciated, and the funds raised will come in handy as the 1997 season will probably require us to buy new football jumpers for a few of the grades.

Membership and fundraising are not the only means of financial assistance - there is also sponsorship. Our sponsors this year did a tremendous job in assisting our club whenever they could and their financial assistance was greatly appreciated, and members please support our sponsors. Thank you once again and we hope to have you all back with us next year.

Special thanks goes to the Essendon Perth Bombers Supporters Club who sponsored us this year with \$500. They also supplied us with a signed football by the Essendon League Players (which was raffled and won by a club member) and products by Riobi - a major sponsor of Essendon (which will be prizes in a major raffle pre season 1997). Don't forget to join the club if you are a Bomber fan, either as adult or junior member, and I'm sure their support will continue next season.

Lastly thank you to everyone else who has helped out, either on Canteen, BBQ duties or jumper washing. By putting your hand up to assist makes the Coaches and Managers job easier.

I have enjoyed my year as President and your support was appreciated. Let's all take a well earned rest over summer and hope to see you all back again in 1997.

RUSSELL BRAMSTON
PRESIDENT



CLUB



PRESIDENT'S TROPHY ERROL COUCH

Errol has been associated with the Bombers Junior Football Club since 1991 as a Coach, and has always been keen to offer any assistance where possible. He has dedicated many hours of his time towards the Club in many ways.

This year Errol undertook the Vice President's position along with Coaching the Under 12's. Errol's hard work this year in organization and fundraising has been second to none and thus contributing to a successful year for our Club.

Errol has shown by all he has done that he is a worthy winner of this award and his efforts this year prove he would make an excellent President. Come on Errol, well done!

BEST CLUBMAN DAMIEN HARVEY

Damien has been with the Bomber's Junior Football Club for 3 years, from Freeball. This year he was a very keen player in Under 9's, and rarely missed training and was always at every game.

He always offered help around the clubhouse and showed amazing maturity for one so young in organizing himself to get involved to help, whether in the canteen area, BBQ duties, cleaning up, putting the goals away, or running errands.

DOUG MCGREGOR AWARD DAVID GEDDES

This year David accepted the position of Secretary with confidence and completed his task and any other tasks taken on with excellent results. David was also the Manager for the Under 13's and was always there to offer assistance.

David is a great asset to the Club and we can all hope he will undertake the Secretary's role and continue to be a Manager next season. Thank you for all your efforts.

AWARDS



Our Family Fun Dinner on August 11th was the highlight of our Fundraising. Not only did everyone have a good night with fabulous prices, but we netted a profit of \$958.00. Let's hope new faces will concentrate on social fundraising earlier next year.

A big thank you to members of the Social Committee - Debbie and Charles Musca, Sally Stacey and my wife Clare, as well as all others who helped out throughout the year, including our very supportive Sponsors.

ROBERT BONOLO SOCIAL COMMITTEE CO-ORDINATOR

SOCIAL REPORT



DISTRICT & STATE

AWARDS

CENTRAL DISTRICTS JUNIOR FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

DISTRICT FAIREST & BEST

UNDER 14's

In a difficult season, both **Chris Forte** and **Jeremy Roberts** polled in a couple of games for the Bombers 14's.

UNDER 13'S

As expected, **Veejay Johnstone** 16 votes and **Jerson Smith** 13 votes, finished 6th and 7th respectively in a competition with 16 teams.

A tremendous achievement by both these players. Lets hope both of them can go one step further next year.

CLAREMONT STATE JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS 1996

PLAYERS SELECTED TO TRAIN WITH SQUADS

UNDER 13'S

Jerson Smith, **Veejay Johnstone**, **Allan Curtis**, **Paul Bovenkerk**,
Frank Bonolo, **Michael Musca**, **Peter Cockram** (injured), **Greg Cooney** (unavailable) and **Damian Brackenreg** (unavailable).

UNDER 14'S

Jeremy Roberts, **Trent Kingma**, **Victor Petropulos**, **Thomas Vinciguerra**, **Chris Forte**.

AT THE TIME OF THIS ANNUAL REPORT, THE FINAL SQUADS IN 13'S AND 14'S WERE NOT FINALISED.

NEVERTHELESS, ALL PLAYERS ASKED TO TRAIN BY THEIR COACHES SHOULD BE PROUD.



COACHING CO-ORDINATORS

AUSKICK COACH - **MARK DURANT**

This was our biggest year in Auskick (formerly named Freeball). Mark and his many helpers gave the boys numerous skills, sessions, matches and fun. We were very pleased with what we saw in Auskick this year. Our future depends on these players coming through.

UNDER 9'S RED COACH - **GRAIG SISSON**

Craig took on this role several games into the season, being an instant hit amongst players. Craig enjoys coaching and appears to be a natural communicator.

UNDER 9'S BLACK COACH - **CHESTER CAINE**

Chester has the right temperament for this grade. He has a way with the players, giving them a combination of skills, enjoyment and getting their attention when necessary.

UNDER 10'S COACH - **IAN BLAKE**

Ian stepped forward when we needed a coach for this grade. He was an instant success, mainly due to his experience as a coach in many different grades. The players got better and better as the season progressed.

UNDER 11'S COACH - **LINO SANTELLA**

Lino rejoined our Club after an absence of a couple of years, fitting in like a glove with his experience and knowledge of the game, together with his ability to get the best out of his players.

UNDER 12'S COACH - **ERROL COUCH**

Errol, with his skilful group of players were an exciting team each time they took to the field. He was ably assisted by Trevor Tucker as Assistant Coach and Manager. This team continues to improve each season.

UNDER 13'S COACH - **CHARLES MUSCA**

Charles developed a team of Battlers into a Tough No-nonsense type team, working on their skills and team play. All in all, the 13's had a good season, finishing just outside the Top 5.

UNDER 14'S COACH - **DAVID VAN RAALTE**

David persevered all year with a side that struggled, lacking in physical strength. He did everything possible to improve their skill level and keep their spirits high.

REPORT

A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL COACHES

CHARLES MUSCA
COACHING CO-ORDINATOR



REGISTRAR'S

REPORT

The Bombers playing strength for the 1996 season was as follows:

Auskick	45
9's	33
10's	19
11's	22
12's	23
13's	24
14's	21
TOTAL	187

The total of 187 active registered players represents an increase of 5% on our 1995 strength, with the Auskickers showing the way, up by over 18%. The challenge now is to make sure the large numbers we have in the younger grades retain enough interest and enthusiasm to progress to the higher grades in future years.

The number of signings continue to be encouraging, with a total of 68 new players being registered in all grades.

1996 PLAYERS' MILESTONES

100 GAMES

Allan Curtis

50 GAMES

Jack Adams, Paul Bovenkerk, Leon Geddes, Scott Howard, Mark Howlett, Scott Kingma, Trent Kingma, Daniel Mahar, Peter Maynard, Ben Moore, Chris Prindiville and Stuart Watkins.

Mention must also be made of Stephen Musca who actually played his 50th game at the end of the 1995 season, but was unfortunately omitted from last year's report..

Congratulations to all the players mentioned. We hope you all go on to play many more games.

PETER TWEEDY
REGISTRAR

HOW MANY GAMES HAVE I PLAYED?

This question is asked many times during the year. To satisfy your curiosity, here is the official club record of games played by all players involved in the 1996 season.

ADAMS	Angus	92
ADAMS	Jack	60
ALLPRESS	Steven	35
ANDERSON	Travis	22
ANDREWS	Fintan	34
BEER	Alasdair	41
BIAGIONI	Jeremy	28
BLAKELEY	Nathan	26
BONOLO	Frank	78
BOVENKERK	Paul	59
BRACKENREG	Damian	48
BROOK	Alex	13
BUSHBY	Adam	14
BUTLER	Matthew	17
CAINE	Jordan	16
CARPENTERI	Robert	29
CATANIA	Leigh	30
CATANIA	Stephen	73
CAVANAGH	Michael	1
CHAPMAN	Joshua	17
CHILDS	Robert	12
COCKRAM	Peter	30
COLLARD	Chris	44
COONEY	Greg	12
COUCH	Bradley	86
COUCH	Glenn	12
COWNIE	Shane	33
CROCKER	David	27
CROCKER	Michael	38
CRUGNALE	Peter	12
CURTIS	Allan	104
CURTIS	Joseph	15
D'ALESSANDRO	Paul	75
DANTI	Stephen	49
DAWSON	Blake	25
DI ROSSO	Todd	81
DISCERNI	Anthony	16
DODD	Shannon	17
DRUKER	Anthony	38



EATON	Nathan	15
EDWARDS	Andrew	77
EVANS	Lachlan	43
FAZARI	Michael	17
FITZGIBBON	Matt	14
FORTE	Christopher	13
FOSTER	Toby	69
FRAPPLE	Matthew	14
FULKER	Jason	15
GARTRELL	Bradley	7
GEDDES	Leon	58
GIGLIETTA	Adrian	42
GILL	Oliver	3
GORDON	Andrew	22
GOUGOULIS	Stacy	25
GRANT	Rhys	13
GRAY	Dean	88
GREANEY	Philip	31
GREEN	Ben	13
HANNAH	James	5
HART	Shaun	16
HARVEY	Damien	32
HINGSTON	Matthew	12
HOFMANN	Roberto	11
HOWARD	Scott	50
HOWLETT	Mark	63
HOWLETT	Matthew	29
HUNT	Joshua	24
JEFFERY	Garth	10
JOHNSTONE	Veejay	89
KINGMA	Scott	66
KINGMA	Stuart	44
KINGMA	Trent	58
LEAVER	Simon	10
LEE	Adam	33
LEE	Mathew	32
LOCKWOOD	Clinton	46
LOWE	Alexander	14
MAHAR	Daniel	55
MANCINI	David	12
MAY	Rhys	30
MAYNARD	Peter	60
McALPINE	Cameron	16
McDONALD	Luke	24
McEVOY	Robert	49
McGRATH	Caleb	18
MEAD	Ben	26
MEAD	Johnny	29
MELLON	Anthony	43
MOORE	Adam	43
MOORE	Benjamin	65
MOORE	James	47

MOORE	Steven	20
MUSCA	Michael	121
MUSCA	Stephen	70
NANCARROW	David	47
NANCARROW	James	27
NEWMAN	Michael	28
PARSONS	David	13
PATTINSON	Drew	28
PECK	Beau	46
PECK	Tyrone	41
PETROPULOS	Victor	65
PRATT	Shaun	3
PRINDIVILLE	Christopher	58
PULLELLA	Bradd	12
PULLELLA	Salvatore	82
PUTRINO	Mario	48
RAESIDE	James	9
RAMSEY	Trent	10
RAVAT	Christopher	29
ROBERTS	Jeremy	40
ROBERTSON	Nicholas	73
RODINO	Simon	27
RYDER	Edward	11
SCAFFIDI	Joseph	45
SEAL	Adam	77
SEAL	Mathew	39
SELLS	Bradley	16
SHANKS	Daniel	28
SHAW	Thomas	29
SHELMERDINE	Liam	24
SHUMACK	Matthew	20
SIMS	Michael	41
SISSON	Paul	27
SMITH	Jerson	15
STACEY	Ryan	17
STEENS	Max	9
STONE	Daniel	26
STRAUSS	Mathew	64
SULLIVAN	Liam	15
SWAIN	Christopher	15
THOMAS	Guy	38
TOWNSEND	Christopher	16
TOWNSEND	Matthew	29
TUCKER	Michael	46
VELAPHI	Tando	11
VINCIGUERRA	Thomas	67
WADDELL	Sheldon	11
WARREN	Anthony	11
WATKINS	Cameron	16
WATKINS	Stuart	55
WILKS	Richard	31
WOODS	Shaun	44

GAMES PLAYED



AUSKICK

COACHES REPORT

What an enjoyable and rewarding time we all had in our first season under our new name of Auskick.

With nearly 50 players registered in Auskick 96, the future of the Bombers JFC looks rosy.

Tuesday night training sessions were enthusiastically attended and we used them to introduce the players to the basic skills of Auskick. By using a variety of skill drills and games, the players had fun and improved their skills at the same time.

On the ten Sunday mornings, we put these skills to the test in real games of Auskick. Kicking a goal was obviously the greatest fun, but just getting a kick or a mark created huge excitement for the kids.

Regardless of their age, each player was encouraged to participate in the game and watching their skills develop was most rewarding for everybody. The two games against Ballajura were played in very competitive spirit and we even had to control a few tempers (good for their development!)

As this was my first year as coach, I was overwhelmed by the support from the parents. Special thanks to Kevin Hall (Manager), Paul Byrne, Terry Healy and Colin Graham (Asst Coaches) for their terrific work done each week..

To all those that helped on training and game days, in the canteen and doing all the other jobs that just have to be done - thank you all.

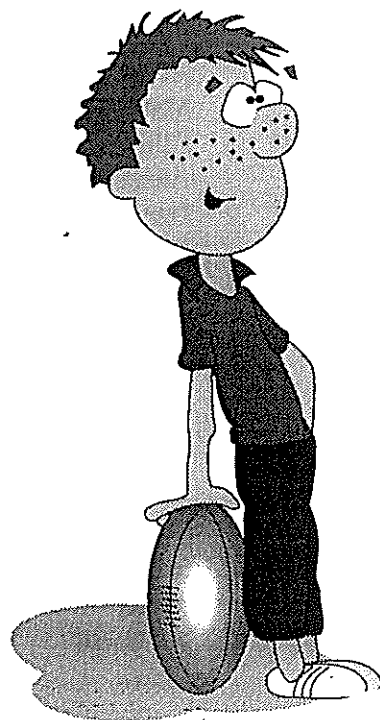
The end of season party and presentation of certificates was a huge success and highlighted for me what a very successful year we enjoyed in Auskick.

I think we all enjoyed having a "kick" with our children during the last game (hope the backs are OK).

To the players going into "9's" next year, good luck and enjoy yourselves, and to all the rest I'll see you back in Auskick '97 with more of your mates I hope.

Thanks for the fun!

MARK DURANT
COACH



UNDER 9s

BOMBERS RED

The Bombers Red U/9's team appeared five weeks into the season when there were enough U/9's to make two teams.

From that 6th game of the season the Bombers Red became a force to be reckoned with every week. The guys started out as 16 individual players but week by week became more and more of a team. By the last three games they were playing exceptional football together and putting together some brilliant passages of play. This was capped off with 3 great games in the Carnival.

Every player can be proud of the contribution that they made to the team effort and while, as in any team some are more talented than others, every player strived to do their best and the lot of them improved so much that by the end of the season it became very difficult to pick best players. The guys also did the things that don't always look spectacular but count a great deal in a football game. Things like playing to a position and manning up.

I would like to thank Judy Greaney and John Gougoulis as Managers, Guy Grant for organizing the drinks every week, Jenn Fulker for the oranges, our Goal Umpires Chris Fitzgibbon and Paul Frapple and Kim and Kristy Catania for helping in the canteen.

CRAIG SISSON
COACH

BOMBERS BLACK

The role of coach for the Bombers Black U/9's has been a great experience with many rewards. The keen attitude and enthusiasm from all the boys really keeps you going. I would recommend, to other parents, to involve themselves in coaching.

The initial challenge was putting a name to all those 26 faces! Thankfully, Judy Greaney was there to support me for a few weeks and unearthed Craig to coach a new team in Bombers Red.

Thank you to all parents who made themselves available to assist with the many tasks behind the scenes. Your help is greatly appreciated and your involvement is fantastic for the Club. I look forward to seeing everyone next season.

CHESTER CAINE
COACH

COACHES REPORT

BOMBERS

RED U9s

PLAYERS PROFILES

SHELDON WADDELL

Although one of the youngest and smallest, Sheldon is impressive with his determination to get in and get the ball, and then do something useful with it. A valuable contributor all year.

LEIGH CATANIA

Always one of the hardest workers and with guts, determination and ability, Leigh emerged with the ball from the biggest of packs. Also adding tremendous speed to the midfield I don't think anyone ever caught him.

MATT FRAPPLE

Another one of the "little guys" Matt continued to improve through the season making valuable contributions in both the forward and back lines.

STACY GOUGOULIS

Stacy kicked some of the most amazing goals of the year from a forward pocket and did the hard work every game, chasing the opposition and manning up.

PHILIP GREANEY

As one of the taller players, Philip played his best games in the centre with some big hit-outs, good marks and excellent work around the ground including one memorable huge goal into wind.

GARTH JEFFERY

Unfortunately Garth missed the last half of the year due to a non-football injury but he demonstrated his ability and will be one to look out for next year.

CAM WATKINS

As our only left footer Cam was a vital part of the team. Some great saving marks at full back saved us one game, but Cam put in his best every week.

JASON FULKER

Jason improved out of sight during the year and by the end of the season was one of the stars of the team. Look out next year as he will still be in U/9s.

MATT FITZGIBBON

Matt also greatly improved through the year and was at his best on the last line of defence working hard stopping the opposition scoring.

PAUL SISSON

A big contributor every week, Paul's marking, running play and kicking was a vital part of our game rebounding out of defense.

MATT TOWNSEND

Always wanting to be part of the game, Matt was a vital part of our midfield running game. Not afraid of anything he injured himself more than once smothering a kick or charging into the play.

RHYS GRANT

Rhys always wants to be in the thick of things and most wanted to play centre but had to unfortunately share that role with the other "tall's".

TANDO VELAPHI

The sight of Tando taking an overhead mark or racing towards goal and putting it through the big sticks demoralized many an opposition team. Tando is also a great team player always involving his team-mates in the play.

CHRIS TOWNSEND

Never afraid to get in and have a go, Chris's most famous contribution to the team was the "over the back of the head hand-pass" which somehow managed to always land in the hands of a team-mate.

BRADLEY SELLS

He might only look small but look-out any opponent that gets between Bradley and the ball. Nothing stops a determined Bradley Sells from getting the ball or tying it up until team-mates arrive.

CHRIS SWAIN

The quiet achiever of the team Chris let his football talk for him. Some great marks and good general play topped off by a few goals meant a great season.



BOMBERS BLACK U9s

ANTHONY WARREN

Anthony joined the under 9's from Auskick a few games into the season. He has performed very well in all positions. Thank you very much for your card and gift - I do appreciate your thoughts.

DAVID CROCKER

David is a very skilful player. He always follows the ball and is always ready to receive the handball. Excellent skills.

ROBERT CARPENTERI

A natural footballer with great leadership skills. He has the ability to play defence and attack positions. Tremendous effort.

TRAVIS ANDERSON

Travis has the determination and desire to play great football. He proves his ability with a consistently high standard of play. Great effort Travis.

JORDAN CAINE

Jordan has played in many positions. He has performed particularly well in the forward line and has improved steadily and consistently. Well done Jordan.

LIAM SULLIVAN

Liam shows tremendous enthusiasm and reliability. He has developed fantastic marking and kicking skills. He is a great asset to the team.

JOSHUA HUNT

Joshua has played in many positions with great success. He attempts to gain possession without hesitation. He has improved on many skills throughout the season.

NATHAN EATON

Nathan is a very skilful and hard working player. His skills in kicking the ball have brought great plays to fruition. Wonderful enthusiasm.

PETER CRUGNALE

Peter gives 100% effort all the time. As a result, Peter has developed a very skilful kick that adds to his enthusiastic play. Keep it up.

CHRISTOPHER RAVAT

Chris is another who is fearless when going for the ball. He has great skills in handballing and kicking. These skills were rewarded in the recent Carnival, where Chris achieved runner up.

TRENT RAMSEY

Trent joined the team halfway into the season. He is an excellent team member and has shown a lot of ability in his kicking. Great to have you with the team Trent.

EDWARD HARDEGAN-RYDER

Edward came to the Under 9's from Auskick. He is a consistently good performer. His high level of football skills make him an integral part of the team. Fantastic effort.

JOEY CURTIS

Joey takes a very strong mark. He is effective in both defence and attacking positions. This reliable player always gives his full commitment to the game. A great season.

JAMES NANCARROW

James is a determined player. He is always keen to be in the action where his strength can be effective. With his special abilities and developing skills we can expect a big future in football from James. Well done.

JAMES RAESIDE

James is a consistently good performer. He is fearless in his efforts to gain the ball and deliver it out of the pack. He is always eager to play well. Fantastic effort Barney.

DAMIEN HARVEY

Damien has great ball handling skills. He is very suited and happy playing in the half back line. He possesses the particularly important skill of anticipating the play. Excellent skills.

PLAYERS PROFILES



UNDER 10s

COACHES REPORT

An absolute pleasure coaching the Under 10's this season. I was fortunate to have a bunch of lads who were willing to learn and the improvement from all players is a credit to themselves.

A very successful season for many reasons. Their behaviour and good sportsmanship was exemplary and a credit to their parents and the Bombers Junior Football Club. They gave us all so much pleasure, surprising us with their skills in the field.

A special thank you to Paul Newman as Manager, who gave his all to assist myself and the players. Thank you also to all parents who helped in anyway, making the Under 10's a very professional outfit.

IAN BLAKE - COACH

PLAYER PROFILES

MICHAEL NEWMAN

Captain this season and led the team well by example and was one of the most improved players this season.

MATHEW SEAL

A player with great skills at an early age with a big future and one of our key possession gatherers.

MATTHEW HOWLETT

Probably the outstanding player in the Under 10's competition, has to work on his kicking skills but certainly makes up for that with his persistence and work rate.

ADAM BUSHBY

Key forward and focal point at centre half forward with a real passion for his football.

MICHAEL CROCKER

Commonly known as "Bull" because of his approach at the ball and his ability to keep the backline in tact all season.

NATHAN BLAKELEY

With more experience and work Nathan will improve and be a better player.

STEPHEN ALLPRESS

Showed us what he can do in the last two games when he is tuned in and we expect the same next season!

BEN GREEN

Determined player, rebounding half back flanker who finally got a goal in his last game!

DREW PATTINSON

Another left footer who loves his football and also has improved late in the season.

ALASDAIR BEER

Centre half back reads the game well and showed great skills.

GUY THOMAS

Another player who improved and was a good team player who shared the ball around.

ROBERTO HOFMANN

A very gutsy player whose skills improved each week and can play any position.

SIMON RODINO

Forward or back, Simon proved a versatile player and had a good year.

MICHAEL SIMS

A consistent season with a future in football and will be a better player next season.

ANDREW GORDON

Played some good games in the backline and should be a better player from here on.

GLENN COUCH

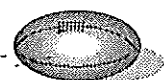
An opportunist forward on the left foot and Glenn will get greater opportunities next year.

THOMAS SHAW

The most technically skilled player and his name "Shaw" described his football - very tidy!

LIAM SHELMEARDINE

Improved late in the season and expect more from Liam from here on!



UNDER 11s

Coaching the U/11's team was most enjoyable and very satisfying. I took charge of the team when they had already played two or three games at the start of the season. It took time for me to adjust and to know the players and the positions best suited to them.

Even though the team only won three games, they came very close to winning a few more. The numbers at training were excellent and the boys impressed me the way they trained. You could see improvement week by week.

Every now and then we played a quarter of truly brilliant football. The players and parents will remember those moments when the Bombers 11's team played like Champions. The 11's Carnival was a great success with all 21 players contributing most admirably. Players, let me say that with a year's experience, the right attitude and desire, you will be the team to beat next year.

Now I would like to thank a combination of MANY people who helped the team this year:

- All the Mums who washed the jumpers and brought oranges for the players, and for helping out in the canteen, and to the Mums and Dads thanks for your help making the sausage sizzles
- Peter Tweedy for doing the time keeping and also being a great help around the Club. Thank you Peter.
- Trent Kingma, Leighum Peck for doing the goal umpiring. Thank you for your help boys.
- Russell Bramston for helping when I couldn't make training or a game. Also Russell had a lot of pressure, being the President of the Club and trying to get to most of the other games. Thanks Russ.

- Clive Mead for helping me out with the team when I didn't know any of the players. I asked Clive to be my Assistant Coach when I couldn't make it to a game because of work. He also took a lot of pressure off Russell. Many thanks Clive.
- Last but not least, I would like to thank my Manager, Mathew Scaffidi, who did all the hard work organising the team, canteen roster, sausage sizzle roster, the orange roster and washing of jumpers. For his great assistance to me every day, and every week of the football season. Thank you very much Mathew.

Finally, to all players, thanks for giving me a most enjoyable and memorable season and I only hope that all of you boys stick together in 1997 and give the Club the support and success it deserves.

LINO SANTELLA - COACH

PLAYER PROFILES

JACK ADAMS

Has the ability to play anywhere on the ground and has been a great assistance to the team. Also his hunger for the ball has been good. Played his best football across the centre line and halfback. Well don Jack, keep up the good work.

JEREMY BIAGIONI

Played in several positions showing good ability. Lacked a little concentration at times and with more effort towards his game and training, his ball skills will improve. Well done Jeremy.

JOSHUA CHAPMAN

Took a little time to adjust to the game of football and needs to concentrate more towards the ball, but came to grips with the game by the end of the season. Good effort Joshua.

UNDER 11s

PLAYERS PROFILES

SHANE COWNIE

Never stopped trying all year, whether it was at training or in a game, he gave 100% at all times. Shane can play any position and he has a very good kick and takes a good mark as well. Well done Shane.

ROBERT CHILDS

A new player to the Club from the rugby field, who has not played football. Robert picked up numerous possessions each week, always prepared to attack the ball and not afraid to burrow in after the hard ball. An exciting player with heaps and heaps of speed and courage. Proves that size is no barrier by showing great determination. Welcome to the Club and well done Robert.

BLAKE DAWSON

Played a few games with us and showed that he can play when he wants to. Needs to concentrate a little more at training and during the game. Well done Blake.

ANTHONY DISCERNI

A player who started off the season slowly, but then put his mind to the job. Anthony needs to work on his skills and mostly on his kicking. Keep up the good work.

STEPHEN DANTI

Acquitted himself very well, always ready to listen at training and at the game. Missed a few games but came back and showed glimpses of potential. Stephen work hard at your kicking. Looking forward to a good season next year and well done.

STUART KINGMA

A reliable utility player, a good overall season and a hard working player during his game. Played mostly in different positions and tries very hard each week. Work hard at training next year and mostly on your kicking. Good effort Stuart.

ADAM LEE

Played his best football on a halfback. Adam has very good ball skills and a running player. Also he plays the game hard and picks up numerous kicks every week. Good season Adam.

MATHEW LEE

Mathew is a young player who wanted to play alongside his big brother Adam. One of the smaller players, he is the type of player every team should have. Never stops trying and is always helping out his team mates, just like his brother Adam. Well done Mathew.

ALEX LOWE

Has played some good games this year when he applied himself to the task. Alex has the ability to be a very good footballer. Has the height and also can kick very well. Takes a very good mark and he can also play any position on the ground. Hope to see you next year Alex.

CAMERON McALPINE

This player was used in a variety of positions and has shown the ability to adopt to any position, especially full-back. He will develop into a good junior footballer if he keeps at it. Good season Cameron.

JOHNNY MEAD

Has all the skills and flair of a top little footballer, and played some great games. He is your typical never say die, never lay down footballer. Also he's capable to play in a variety of positions. Keep working hard Johnny and you will reap the rewards.

BEN MEAD

Is another young player who wanted to play alongside his older brother. Ben is what you call our quiet achiever who goes about the business of junior football in a level and pleasant manner, never grumbles and always is available to take on tasks given to him. Proves that size is no barrier by showing great courage. Ben, just work on your kicking.

UNDER 12s

PETER MAYNARD

Has the ability to go all the way in football, PJ is quite a gifted player who is capable of being placed in any position on the field and who can keep that position under control. He has a good kick and takes some outstanding marks. Good season PJ.

DAVE MANCINI

A newcomer to football who gained confidence as the season progressed. Dave I feel will do even better next year. Over all he's done well for his first year. Well done Dave.

STEPHEN MUSCA

Had an interrupted season with a broken arm, he was out for most of the season and has only played two games plus the Carnival which was a welcome return for the Club. Hope to see you next year Stephen and please keep off those rollerblades!

BEAU PECK

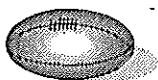
Started the season on a wing, and then played in different positions, till we found the right position for him. Beau played his best football on the forward line. As his confidence increased so did his performance. He also has an excellent kick. A very good season Beau.

JOSEPH SCAFFIDI

Has played some good games for the team. I feel Joseph needs to apply himself a lot in a game and listen to instructions. Trains very well and his kicking is excellent, plays his best football in a forward pocket and frequently kicks goals. Has the ability to be a good player. Well done Joseph.

SHAUN WOODS

A character member of the team with great determination to do his best. Very keen and willing to listen and learn. Shaun is another player who has a very good kick and marks very well too. Keep up the good work Shaun.



In the five years this team has been together everyone has progressed in leaps and bounds forming into a side capable of winning a Premiership for the Bombers.

The most significant aspect this year has been the mature attitude all players adopted toward both training and games. The fun and enjoyment derived was plentiful, team spirit was always high and there was a great feeling of companionship. These are the basic requirements of a good football team.

Special mention must be made of the assistance to the team by parents of the boys, especially to Trevor Tucker, who acted as Assistant Coach and Manager.

In conclusion I would like to wish the team the best of luck for next year and thank them for the enjoyable year I had in 1996.

ERROL COUCH
COACH

PLAYER PROFILES

MARIO PUTRINO

Developed a good understanding of the game tries hard at training and is improving all the time.

SHAUN HART

Never stopped trying all year whether it was at training or in a game. 100% at all times and played some great games.

ADAM MOORE

Adam has shown a lot more confidence this year and it was evident early in the season. An injury to his hand midseason hampered further improvement.

TONY DRUKER

Has all the skills and natural talent. Worked very hard and played some really great games on the wing.

COACHES REPORT

UNDER 12s

PLAYERS PROFILES

STUART WATKINS

Skills developed as the season progressed. Put in some top games playing at centre-halfback. A definite backman where he drove back many attacks.

DAVID PARSONS

A newcomer to the Bombers who gained in confidence as the season progressed until an ankle injury. Overall well done for his first year.

ANDREW EDWARDS

Continues to develop and has worked hard all season on his skills. Thoughtful team member.

CHRIS PRINDIVILLE

Another player who has improved this year and shows increasing confidence. Chris has good ball skills.

CHRIS COLLARD

Chris is improving all the time, always tries very hard kicking some great goals from his favourite spot.

TODD DI ROSSO

Showed that with more experience he will become a good forward line player. A long kicker of the ball.

MICHAEL TUCKER

Developed a great understanding of reading the play this year. Michael played some great football in the backline, ran the ball out of defence many times. A greatly improved player.

NICHOLAS ROBERTSON

Nicholas is one of the main cogs in the team. Has good ball skills and is a running player.

ADAM SEAL

Gained in confidence as the season progressed. Has good skills and all round ability.

DANIEL STONE

Played some great games this year. Very determined on his day and possesses a great kick.

TYRONE PECK

Worked very hard on his kicking and handball skills all year. Tyrone has improved 100% this year. Great to see his endeavour.

ADRIAN GIGLIETTA

Adrian has worked hard at training and his efforts showed in his game. A much improved player.

PAUL D'ALESSANDRO

Put in some very good games this season. His skills and endeavour has increased greatly this year.

BRADLEY COUCH

Bradley is always prepared to attack the ball and is not afraid to get the hard ball and willing to handball to a team-mate.

STEPHEN CATANIA

A very good season. Stephen has very good skills and is an excellent mark who has played some great games at centre-half forward.

RHYS MAY

He has had an excellent year and is improving all the time. Plays equally as well in the backline or forward. Dependable and is gaining in confidence.

MARK HOWLETT

Mark was used in a variety of positions and has shown the ability to adopt to any position, especially fullback.

DAVID NANCARROW

Started off slowly but gained in confidence as the season progressed.

TONY MELLON

Tony's performance improved as the season progressed. He is keen and developed well over the season.



UNDER 13s

After a hard pre-season, we met two strong sides first up, making things look like a hard season was ahead. Once we won our first game in Round 3, we went from strength to strength putting in some magnificent performances.

Three quarters through the season, we had a 6 Win 6 Loss situation, looking a chance to make the final 5. With 16 teams in the Competition, it made our task a little difficult. In the end, 2 narrow losses, one by 6 points, the other by 2 points, cost us a chance of playing in the finals.

A Knockout Competition was provided for the remaining teams when again we got within 1 game of playing in the Minor Premiership. Our final win/loss ratio was 10 Wins 8 Losses - A FINE EFFORT.

Winning Premierships isn't everything. The most pleasing feature is seeing the development of players who look set for a bright future. The arrival of JERSON SMITH (introduced by Michael Musca) gave the team tenacity and physical presence.

VJ JOHNSTONE captained the side leading by example. GREG COONEY quickly developed into the most powerful ruckman in the competition. DAMIAN BRACKENREG is one of the most skilful players in our team.

FRANK BONOLO and PAUL BOVENKERK improved each game. MICHAEL MUSCA averaged 2-3 goals a game playing the difficult centre half forward position and ALAN CURTIS had a huge year playing as centreman/rover.

MATTHEW BUTLER was unpassable on the half back flank and LEON GEDDES played full back and full

forward confidently. RICHARD WILKS and LACHLAN EVANS had courage galore. ROBERT McEVOY got better towards the end of the season together with DANIEL SHANKS and DEAN GRAY.

SCOTT KINGMA, BEN MOORE and MICHAEL FAZARI saved their best football for the Knockout Competition.

RYAN STACEY showed some flashes of brilliance and SHANNON DODD was consistent on a half back flank. CLINTON LOCKWOOD was a big improver helping out in the ruck and PETER COCKRAM had a huge influence on the game when available. DANIEL MAHAR and SIMON LEAVER need to persevere and work much harder to improve their game.

Many thanks to David Geddes and Robert Bonolo who gave tremendous support all year.

To all players, thanks for an exciting and worthwhile season. If you try harder at training, things can only get better next year.

CHARLES MUSCA
COACH

Special thanks also to:

MANAGER	DAVID GEDDES
RUNNER	DAVID GEDDES
TIMEKEEPER	PETER TWEEDY
GOAL UMPIRES	MOORE, KINGMA, EVANS, FAZARI, BUTLER
BOUNDARY UMPIRES	STEPHEN MUSCA STEPHEN MOORE TRENT KINGMA

COACHES REPORT

UNDER 13s

AWARDS

FAIREST AND BEST JERSON SMITH

Jason, as we know him, was sensational at Centre Half Back and Centre Half Forward. His straight through (hitting the ball hard approach) was a treat to watch every time he played. Jason also tried hard to improve his kicking resulting in him being able to kick both sides. I encourage Jason to continue his football next year as I can see him getting better and better; stronger and stronger.

RUNNER UP VEEJAY JOHNSTONE

Veejay, our Team Captain, was a model of consistency, well known for his numerous possessions each game. On many occasions he continually repelled the opposition's attacking moves, driving us forward with his penetrating kicks. His strong marking and tackling lifted the side to great heights. A HUGE YEAR, mainly playing as a Ruck Rover, Veejay is a solid team player.

COURAGE AWARD ALLAN CURTIS

Alan was like a Rags to Riches story. He came from being a Back Pocket player to develop into our Number One Rover. He went in and got the ball out at all costs, giving our side a clear advantage once the ball hit the ground. Alan has more exciting football ahead of him with his hard running pace and general fitness.

OUTSTANDING PLAY AWARD PAUL BOVENKERK

Paul had a marvellous year playing mainly at Centre Half Back and Full Back with an occasional run on the ball. His high marking, long kicking defence into attack style game has landed him this trophy from a talented group of team mates. Paul knows the areas he can work on to make him a more influential player for the team next year.

COACHES TROPHY MOST CONSISTENT FRANK BONOLO

Frank has had a great season playing in a variety of roles from Half Forward Wing, Rover and Looseman in defence. He has VISION, shares the ball with his team mates and is a model of consistency each and every week. I believe Frank will develop into a terrific team-man and efficient footballer each year he continues to play the game he loves.



UNDER 14s

My first year as a Coach turned out to be quite a tough one, made hard by a number of factors which all contributed to stack the odds against us. Out of all the games of the season, I feel that there were two which were winnable, however, the guys hadn't won a game for so long, I think that they had forgotten how to win and so couldn't finish the games off.

This year however, was not completely negative. On my first training night as a coach, I introduced myself to the boys and then set a number of goals which I wanted us to achieve. Three of the major goals were:

1. For me to learn as much from them as they do from me.
2. To develop each individual's skills and general ability to play the game.
3. To develop the boys as a team.

The first goal was reached, I know how it feels to be in the coaches position now and this may help my own game. I like to think that the boys learnt from me. As long as they absorb some of what I teach, then my job was done.

I believe we reached the second goal with a certain amount of success. The start of the year to the end I've noticed an improvement in the skills of every player, although in some, maybe not to the extent to which I would have liked. The fact that I had no team manager made it hard for me to take individuals aside and give them the one on one instruction that some need. In junior football, winning games takes second place to improving the individual, and readying them for higher levels, so I really put most of my energies in to this goal.

The third goal (to improve as a team), was not completely achieved. Whilst we did improve, it was not nearly enough.

The thing that these boys have to remember is that to improve as a team, you must train all of the time, not just when you feel like it. Your team will never improve when only half of it trains.

Moving on to a happier note, here are the trophy winners for the year.

1st	JEREMY ROBERTS	45 votes
2nd	CHRIS FORTE	38 votes
3rd	TOM VINCIGUERRA (MOST CONSISTENT)	37 votes
4th	TRENT KINGMA (UTILITY)	33 votes
	FINTAN ANDREWS (MOST IMPROVED)	

Congratulations to those guys and if you missed out it doesn't matter, not everybody can win every year.

In closing, I would like to thank a few people. Firstly my wife Gayle, who not only helped me during the year, but didn't get too angry when I'd train all week then play on Saturday and coach the kids and then go straight to the Dockers game on Sunday!

Secondly, my goal umpires during the year Mr Kingma, Mr Püllella and Mr Brook, plus Mr Vinciguerra and Mr Strauss for being runners during the year. I do urge parents to support their children's sport as it makes it much easier for the child to achieve success.

Finally, I want to thank the Bombers Football Club, Russell and Charles for giving me this opportunity, and the boys for giving me a team to coach.

Good luck in the future.

DAVID VAN RAALTE
COACH



