



# EASTERN RAPTORS

Rugby League Club & Touch Association

2019

ANNUAL

GENERAL

MEETING

Sunday 13 October 2019 @ Colchester Reserve

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*The Eastern Raptors would like to acknowledge the Wurundjeri and Bunurong people of the Kulin Nations on whose land we play and gather. We pay our respects to their Elders; past, present, and emerging.*



# #WEARERAPTORS

From Knox Council - Mayor Jake Keogh, Cr Peter Lockwood, Cr John Mortimore, Suranga Dissakarunaratne & Daniel Clark

NRL Vic Referee’s Association

NRLVIC

Jackson Taylor MP

Melbourne Storm

Nirodah/Club Respect - Paul Zappa & Janet Davies

ABC News

**Senior Women’s Thank Yous**

Team Staff - Scott Gentle, Lynne Simpson, Simon Lindberg, Trent Ousley

Team Captain - Nikita Gentle

From Casey Warriors - Mak Utatao (President), Alana Te Ngoungou (Female Co-ordinator), John Zachan, (Coach), Sandra Hapi & Moana Misa (Team Managers)

Danae Samson

Raptors & Casey Playing Group

Pauline Poloai - NRLVIC Women’s Coordinator

**Senior Men’s Thank Yous**

Team Staff - Alex Pynor, Ben Smith, Nathan Allan, Lenny Mason, James Hibbard, Simon Lindberg, Katie Morris, Richard McMurray

Captain - Dylan Wolfgramm

From South East Titans: Vanessa Vyse (President), Charlie Tonga (Coach), Dane Howarth (Team Manager), Tuua Ngatokoda (Trainer)

Raptors & Titans Playing Group’s

Leisa Welch & Chloe Manuel

# AGENDA

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1. Welcome
  2. Apologies
  3. Minutes from previous Annual General Meeting
  4. Business arising from previous minutes
  5. Tabling of Reports
    - President's report
    - Vice President's report
    - Treasurer's report
  6. Positions to be declared vacant  
Resignation of Committee and all volunteers
  7. Election and appointment of new Executive Committee
    - President
    - Vice President
    - Secretary
    - Treasurer
    - Director of Coaching
    - Director of Facilities
  8. Election and appointment of new General Committee
    - Sponsorship Manager
    - Fundraising Manager
    - Head Trainer
    - MPIO
    - Uniform Manager
    - Merchandise Manager
    - Touch Co-ordinator
    - Touch Teams Manager /Financial officer
    - Canteen Manager
  9. General Business
  10. Next Annual General Meeting

# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I would like to acknowledge the Wurundjeri and Bunurong people of the Kulin Nations, on whose land we play and gather. I pay my respects to their Elders, past, present and emerging.

What a year! Our club has come a long way from its humble beginnings in 2012 at Sasses Ave. Back then we were a junior club fielding three teams, carting all our equipment in a trailer and were managed by a handful of volunteers. Skip forward to 2019 and we're now a senior club with more men, women and children playing than ever before.

The 2019 season has been the biggest season in our small club's history. We had 145 registered players and 41 volunteers across the Rugby League club. There was another 110 men, women and teenage players registered in our 2018-19 summer touch competition and our Switch program doubled in participants.

This year we had a complete Executive Committee and general committee. I would like to formally acknowledge and thank Lynne Simpson (Secretary), Kevin O'Neill (Vice-President), Rose Ousley (Treasurer), Benjamin Smith (Coaching Director) and Alex Pynor (Facilities Director) for all their hard work and huge efforts this season.

I'd like to extend that thank you to our general committee, touch football committee and team of fantastic volunteers. To all our Coaches, Assistant Coaches, Team Managers, Assistant Team Managers, Sports Trainers, Water Runners, Canteen/BBQ helpers, Ground Managers, Fundraising and Events coordinators/contributors, Merchandise, Uniform, Sponsors and any other volunteers I have missed, THANK YOU. Without your involvement and enthusiasm we would not be able to operate.

Thanks to our Sponsors: Ian Knight Photography, Jackson Taylor MP and Knox City Council.

At last year's AGM we welcomed three new Life Members to the club. Congratulations to Benjamin Smith, Kevin O'Neill and Simon Lindberg on your induction.

As I reflected on the year it became more and more apparent that we are not just a rugby league club and touch association. We are a team of determined, strong and supportive people. We are a family. **WE ARE RAPTORS.**

Over the summer months we held our second season of Touch Football. There were 9 teams registered in our social mix comp. The Switch program was facilitated by Emma Smith and a big hit with the ladies in the area. Great job by Richard McMurray and Tim Baird for running the season.

We have females represented in most of our junior teams, a dedicated U13 girls tackle team, 3 U17 girls on permit (just so they could get a game) and our inaugural senior women team who stepped up this year into the big leagues. Congratulations to Jenna-Lee Roberts on her selection into the Victorian U16 Girls Team (They also won the tournament). We now have a clearly defined path way for our girls to play from Juniors to Seniors.

One of our first social events happened before the season kicked off. We were finalists in last year's VICNRL Spirit of League. All the finalists were invited to attend the Indigenous All Stars v Maori All Stars. 30 lucky raptors took a chartered bus into AAMI Park and had a DEADLY night.

# THANK YOUS & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

## Club Sponsors

**Jackson Taylor MP**

**Ian Knight Photography**



# THANK YOUS & ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

**Coaches:** Tim Baird, Jasmine Dalen, Paul Earney, Scott Gentle, Richard McMurray, Kevin O'Neill, Trent Ousley, Matt Parsons, Alex Pynor, Michael Simpson, Una Tafuna, Malo Taufete'e, Brayden Wilson

**Team Managers:** Yvette De Pasquale, Jacqui Laughton, Rose Ousley, Carlie Parsons, Melinda Quirillo, Niome Schaefer, Lynne Simpson, Ben Smith, Elise Suhle, Robyn Tafuna, Jade Wilson

**Sports Trainers & Water Runners:** Nathan Allan, Sebastian Flecken, James Hibbard, Simon Lindberg, Katie Morris, Trent Ousley, Jason Reid, Lynne Simpson, Aussie Takairangi, Melissa Woollard



## **Club Volunteers**

Melanie Baird, Alyssa Campbell-Allan, Karen Collard, Tim Collard, Simone Coughlin, Jasmine Dalen, Zara Friend, Leonie Gannon, Chloe Manuel, Beth Marr, Mia-Rose Ousley, Rose Ousley, Alex Pynor, Jason Reid, Bodie Sellar, Lynne Simpson, Michael Simpson, Ben Smith, Elise Suhle, Tony Vassallo, Leisa Welch, Will Williams and all rostered families

## **Club Photographers:**

Ian Knight, Peter Knight

We all got together again a couple days later to do some filming for our CLUB RESPECT partners, Nirodah and the ABC. Lots of our raptors getting the opportunity to make their prime time debut... February was a busy month for us considering we don't launch until late March.

Just as we were getting into the swing of preseason, we had our 5 seconds of fame! Our Club respect ABC feature aired nationally on March 1 on the brekky show and repeated all day!

We've had a few of our squads representing us on the hallowed turf at AAMI. Some of our U7/8's, along with our U9/10 and 13 girls all getting the opportunity to get on the main stage. Our U13 girls were involved in banner duties at Cam Smiths 400th. A squad of four Girls/Women represented us at the annual Club Sprint Challenge. During the Storms finals campaign we had various kids doing banner duties, as well as our U10 & U9 play pre game and doing sprint races! Well done to everybody that has had the opportunity to play at AAMI Park and represented us the way you would expect raptors too!

In June the club was invited along to the Knox Councils annual Sporting Clubs Awards night. Raptors were finalists in Best Club Initiated Program - SWITCH, Club Of the Year, Club Person of the year - Trent, Club person of the year - Emma Smith (Junior). It was great to be nominated and make the finalists for each category, but the best part of the night was when Emma took out Club Person Of The Year - Jnr. Congratulations again Emma, we appreciate all that you do.

One of the biggest social events for the Raptor community was our annual trivia night. This years went into overdrive with not much knowledge shared or gained, but at least a fair old crack at being out past bedtime. Thanks to Prue and the fundraising team for making it a huge success.

A majority of our storm crazed junior members would argue that the BIGGEST night ever happened on 16th July.... Storm in Your Club seen the GOAT Cam Smith and his mates Tom Eisenhuth and Ryan Hoffman come to our club for the evening. The looks on the kids' faces when they realised it was Cam was priceless. A great night getting tips and hearing stories (and maybe a few selfies/autographs) from the GOAT and Co. A huge thank you to the Storm crew, Cam, Tom and Raptor Ryan for making the night one our kids won't forget in a hurry.

Our masters got together for a series of 3 Gala Days. The Masters definitely love getting the chance to dust off the boots and pull a hammy or pop a shoulder. Four of our masters have progressed through to the VicStormers State team. Hopefully next year we can get a few of our Raptor mums in for Women's Masters.

We've hosted various programs, had most of the state teams train at our grounds, holiday activities and school events outside of our regularly scheduled games on Saturday. We've had Lenny Mason host a NJPP (National Junior Participation Program), League Stars and tackle safe programs throughout the year. We've also been fortunate enough to host the Kenny Bromwich and Cam Munster Shields. Thank you Lenny, NRL Victoria and our volunteers for making all these things possible.

The major highlight for 2019 though, is the guaranteed upgrade and delivery of our brand new change room facilities! In March we held a press conference at Colchester Reserve with the Local council, Cricket Australia and State government attending to make the significant funding announcement. This just doesn't happen. It has taken years for us to be able to get to this stage. Several committees' later (and a proven girls/women program) and we are achieving those big dreams of our founders. On August 28 the car park was fenced in and works begun. We are expecting a completion date of late October. We're all looking forward to seeing the final product. We also had professional goal posts added to the international Pitch. Next step is our social space.

The game of rugby league is why we are all here. We played 18 rounds of seniors and 14 rounds for our juniors. Whether it be taxi-ing our children, volunteering, playing, barracking in wind, rain and hail or supporting the club with purchases and donations, thank you for making the commitment to your club, and your Raptors.

# TREASURER'S REPORT

Eastern Raptors Rugby League Club and Touch Association Inc.

## Financial Statements

1<sup>st</sup> October 2018 through 30<sup>th</sup> September 2019

(Unaudited)

The committee members of the Eastern Raptors Rugby League Club and Touch Association declare that in the opinion of the committee, the financial report:

- Presents fairly the financial position of the Eastern Raptors Rugby League Club and Touch Association as at 30 September 2019 and its performance for the period ended on that date and the notes to the financial statements comply with accounting policies outlined in Note 1 to the financial report.
- At the date of this declaration, there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Eastern Raptors Rugby League Club will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

This statement is made in accordance with a resolution of the Committee and is signed for and on behalf of the Committee by:

Treasurer:

Rose Ousley

Date:

Vice-President:

Kevin O'Neill

Date:

Secretary:

Lynne Simpson

Date:



Junior Teleni  
State Men's Team  
CAS Team

JT had another great year with us at the Raptors. His constant work rate and ability to read the play and move as if the defence is in slow motion seen him secure his spot on the Men's State team for the second year in a row. He has the ability to play a variety of roles, but is lethal when given free reign at outside centre or in the halves.

The men had their carnival in beautiful, but humid Darwin. They won this carnival last year, so the expectations were high. The fellas didn't disappoint, putting on a master class of how football should be played.

JT was unleashed and had a stellar carnival. He was invited to be in the Men's CAS Team (Combined Affiliated States Team), again. Congratulations JT on all your success.

Trent Ousley  
Assistant Coach U16 Girls Team



Looking to further develop my skills as a coach and sports trainer I applied for the role of sports trainer. Given the role originally, I was happy just to be given an opportunity. Within a short space I was offered the role of assistant Coach. A role I jumped at and felt privileged to have been entrusted with. .

Over the summer months (5 months of training) we trained twice a week at various locations across Melbourne. The connection that the girls formed was remarkable. We went away to the CAS Tournament confident, but by no means arrogant. With the guidance of the senior women's team, the girls quickly found themselves at ease and ready for the task ahead.

Full credit to all the girls that played their hearts out. Some truly amazing football was played. We won the championship and have started a legacy that I hope continues for years to come.

I would like to say a massive thank you to Brian George (U16 Coach) for allowing me to join him on this journey. A huge thanks to Tasheena Toamau for being a great team manager and an awesome example to the girls. I look forward to working with both of them in the future.

# VICTORIAN REPRESENTATIVES



**Jenna-Lee Roberts**  
**Victorian U16 Girls Team**

In her first year at the club Jenna has gone from strength to strength. Originally from Sydney, she made the move to be with family here in Melbourne. It was apparent from her first training session that she had great skills and could play. Two days after that first pre season training at the Raptors she was invited to trial for the U16 Girls team, even though the team was in the final stages of the selection process.

Jenna quickly impressed the coaching staff, the Women's Coordinator for NRLVIC and her team mates with her strong work ethic, her ability to read the play and hit the gaps. Through her hard work over the summer months she secured herself a spot on the wing in the starting team.

The women's CAS Tournament is held at Easter every year. The Vic Girls had never won the championship. Jenna was focused and ready to go. She was reunited with family at the carnival, which provided her with a much needed lift. They, along with the rest of us were treated to a great exhibition from Jenna. Solid in defence and deadly in attack. She was rewarded for her efforts in the final match of the campaign where she scored a try and assisted with several others. The team winning the carnival for the first time and providing Victoria with both the Women's and Girls Shields.

Congratulations Jenna. Your a credit to yourself and your family. I am sure they were just as proud as we were watching you carve it up on the big stage. Big things are on the horizon for this amazing young lady.

2018-19 Starting Total (banked): \$25,538.91 | Target: \$26,000.00 | Finish Total (banked): \$25,269.40

Thank you to a dedicated Executive Committee, team of wonderful volunteers and supporters for helping to achieve the 2018-19 banked total of \$25,269.40. Slightly short of our target (\$26,000) and last season's banked total of \$25,538.91. Regular reporting of unpaid fees enabled the committee to effectively keep track of payments which made a considerable difference to the bad debt total \$3,179.50. Tighter End-of-Year spend (saving \$4,500) and reimbursement for damaged Goal Posts also enabled the club to finish financially strong in preparation for the 2019-20 season.

Overall income \$64,369 vs Overall expenditure \$64,639

Both income and expenditure were lower this season despite the addition of a Senior Women's Team, the U14 Boys and U13 Girls teams. Uniform fee included the sale of Jerseys (previously loaned), which was itemized separately when invoiced. This allowed for an acceptable increase of registration fee by \$55.00, as well as the standard fee to cover Association and Competition costs. The standard fee was changed to Mini, Mod, International and Senior range (previously in age range) contributing to a higher total income for registration fees (up \$4,415). Council, TFA and NRL Vic fees collectively were lower by -\$1,248 when compared to last season.

Colchester Reserve missed hosting some Home Games, and when we did host, were unlucky to have poor weather with heavy rains, hail, flooding, lightning and/or a short schedule. Canteen sales were lower (-\$850) however a better planned spend plus donations helped keep expenditure down to -\$1,497. The extra efforts provided during training nights making a difference to the overall canteen contribution as profit/loss improved on last year by approximately \$647. Raffles and fundraising also showing lower income numbers due to missed opportunities (-\$2,406), although smarter spending (-\$3,466) resulted in an approximate \$1,000 improvement when compared to the previous year figures.

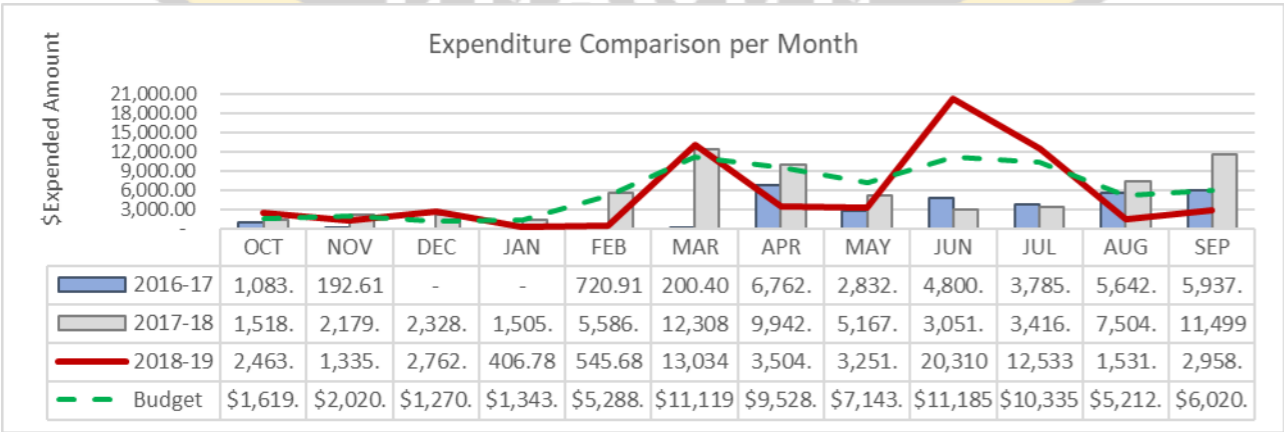
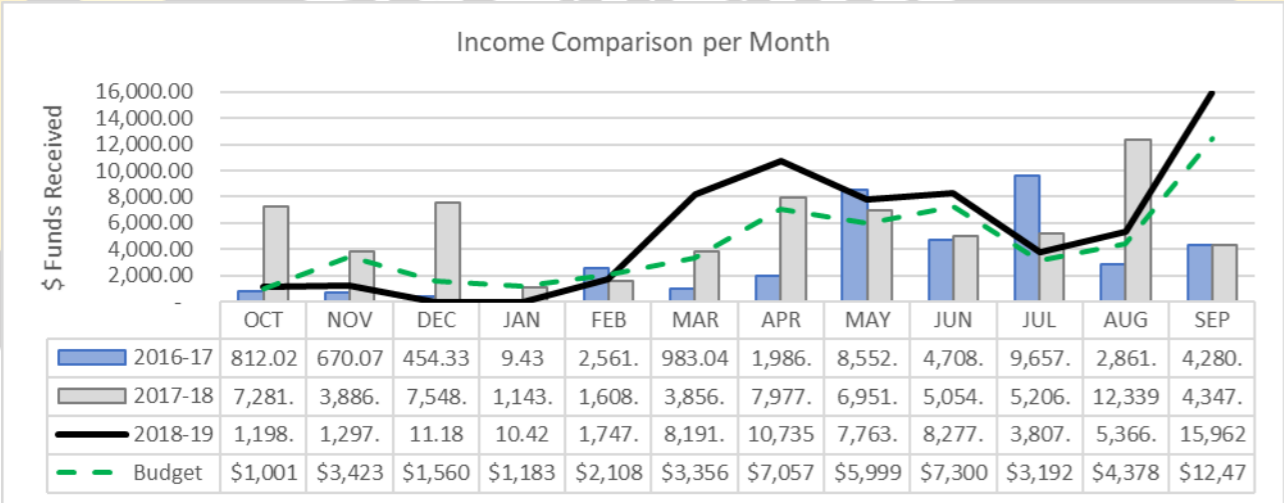
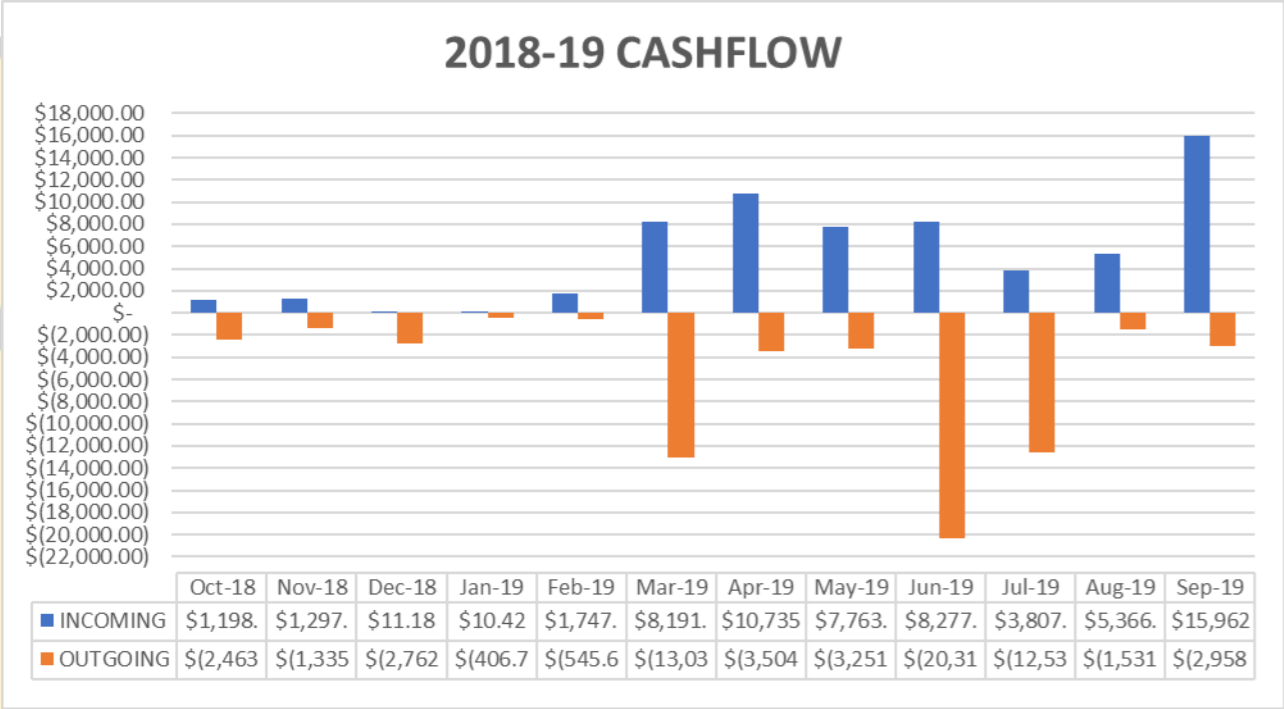
Team Expenses doubled this year with the purchase of player kits up \$6,169.18 when compared to 2017-18. The club is seeking reimbursement from Struddys for poor quality items of approximately \$1,200. %5 Loyalty rebate also yet to be received because of dispute.

Despite ending \$269.49 short of last year's banked total, the club is in a good financial position with high prospects for 2020. The new goal posts and change room facilities may alter the look of the club, but the Raptor heart and fighting spirit remains consistently the same and will continue to get us over the line every time. Well done team!

# CASH FLOW

## Eastern Raptors Rugby League Club and Touch Association: October 2018 – September 2019

(Unaudited)



**McIntyre Award**  
**Lynne Simpson**

Lynne was in good company getting nominated along side of Nathan Allan, Yvette De Pasquale, Jo Friend and Rose Ousley. All showing that exceptional raptor spirit. She has been an integral part of the raptors this year. Initially taking on the role of club secretary, she also extended her talents to do several other roles throughout the season. Always willing to get in and get a job done. Thanks for all your hard work this year.



**Coach of the Year:**  
**Richard McMurray**

Awarded to Richard McMurray as voted by his club peers. A well deserved accolade as Richo fulfilled all requirements to kick-start his coaching. A first year coach, taking on our under sixes and performing to exceed expectations. Well done Richo on a well deserved award.

**Rowell Award Nominees:** Charlee Shore (U6), Chase Gardam (U7), Angus Baird (U8), Zane Ousley (U9), Sean Marchetti (U10), Riley Collard (U11), Mia-Rose Ousley (U13G), Alex De Pasquale (U14B), Miranda McMurray (Senior Women), Michael Anderson (Senior Men)

**McIntyre Award Nominees:** Nathan Allan, Yvette De Pasquale, Jo Friend, Rose Ousley, Lynne Simpson

**Senior Men’s Awards:** Best & Fairest: Lowell Wolfgramm, Best Forward: Darby Maling, Best Back : Halatau Tuima & Treylin Pakoti, Player’s Player: Samuela Matairakula, Coach’s Awards : Christopher Ahovel, Timothy Baird, Joshua Kreppold

# 2019 HONOUR BOARD



**Rowell Award - Junior:**  
**Mia-Rose Ousley**

Mia-Rose is a great role model to other young Raptors, helping around the club whenever she can. She befriends new kids, shows great sportswomanship, and is always trying her best, whether it be playing or helping the committee. Well done Mia-Rose!



**Rowell Award — Senior:**  
**Miranda McMurray**

Miranda was a founding member of the Raptor's inaugural Senior Women's team. She has always contributed positively, even under difficult circumstances. She always encourages her team mates, and has developed into a great asset for the Raptors.



**Spirit of the Club**  
**Emma Smith**

Emma Smith is the recipient of the Spirit of Club award 2019, becoming our first back to back winner. Emma has been involved our women's programs this season, taking the reigns of our Switch program over summer and being instrumental in the foundation of our women's side. During the year she was nominated for two awards at the Knox Council Sports & Leisure Awards, winning the category of Junior Sportsperson of the year. This accolade reflects all the hard work she does at the club. Congratulations Emma.

## BALANCE SHEET

**Eastern Raptors Rugby League Club and Touch Association:**  
**October 2018 – September 2019**

**(Unaudited)**

### Assets

| Notes | Current assets:                 | 2018               | 2019               |
|-------|---------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| a     | Cash                            | \$25,538.91        | \$25,269.40        |
|       | Investments                     | -                  | -                  |
| b     | Inventories                     | \$720.00           | \$2,293.10         |
|       | Accounts receivable             | -                  | -                  |
|       | Pre-paid expenses               | -                  | -                  |
|       | Other                           | -                  | -                  |
|       | <b>Total current assets</b>     | <b>\$26,258.91</b> | <b>\$27,562.50</b> |
|       | <b>Non-Current assets:</b>      | <b>2018</b>        | <b>2019</b>        |
| c     | Property and equipment          | \$19,516.55        | \$22,801.99        |
|       | Leasehold improvements          | \$9,063.76         | -                  |
|       | Equity and other investments    | -                  | -                  |
| d     | Less accumulated depreciation   | -\$16,564.79       | -\$12,015.52       |
|       | <b>Total non-current assets</b> | <b>\$12,015.52</b> | <b>\$10,786.47</b> |
|       | <b>Total assets</b>             | <b>\$38,274.43</b> | <b>\$38,348.97</b> |

### Liabilities and Club equity

| Notes | Current liabilities:                        | 2018               | 2019               |
|-------|---|--------------------|--------------------|
|       | Accounts payable                            | -                  | -                  |
|       | Accrued wages                               | -                  | -                  |
|       | Accrued compensation                        | -                  | -                  |
|       | Income taxes payable                        | -                  | -                  |
| e     | Unearned revenue                            | \$4,667.09         | \$3,179.50         |
|       | Other                                       | -                  | -                  |
|       | <b>Total current liabilities</b>            | <b>\$4,667.09</b>  | <b>\$3,179.50</b>  |
|       | <b>Long-term (Non-Current) Liabilities:</b> | <b>2018</b>        | <b>2019</b>        |
|       | Mortgage payable                            | -                  | -                  |
|       | <b>Total long-term liabilities</b>          | <b>-</b>           | <b>-</b>           |
|       | <b>Club equity:</b>                         | <b>2018</b>        | <b>2019</b>        |
|       | Investment capital                          | -                  | -                  |
| f     | Accumulated holdings                        | \$16,475.17        | \$18,289.79        |
| g     | Retained earnings                           | \$5,533.81         | \$333.81           |
| h     | Operating Profit (Loss)                     | \$333.81           | -\$269.51          |
|       | <b>Total club equity</b>                    | <b>\$22,342.79</b> | <b>\$18,354.09</b> |
|       | <b>Total liabilities and club equity</b>    | <b>\$38,274.43</b> | <b>\$38,348.97</b> |

# INCOME STATEMENT

Eastern Raptors Rugby League Club and Touch Association: October 2018 – September 2019 (Unaudited)

| INCOME   | FYE 2018    | FYE 2019    |
|--|-------------|-------------|
| Memberships (Supporters & Foundation)            | \$733.00    | \$150.00    |
| Player registration fees                         | \$21,619.85 | \$26,034.98 |
| NRL VIC (Grants, home day claims, Awards dinner) | \$6,664.10  | \$960.00    |
| Grants   | \$6,048.40  | \$0.00      |
| Sponsorship                                      | \$1,500.00  | \$600.00    |
| Merchandise                                      | \$8,136.90  | \$4,918.95  |
| Fundraising                                      | \$10,420.70 | \$9,181.60  |
| Raffles  | \$1,483.00  | \$316.00    |
| Canteen (sales, float/budget re-banked)          | \$8,271.39  | \$7,412.45  |
| Interest received                                | \$155.07    | \$113.62    |
| Donations (strapping)                            | \$962.50    | \$528.10    |
| Electricity & Gas - other tenants                | \$264.30    | \$617.89    |
| Other  | 942.44      | \$13,536.08 |
| Total Income                                     | \$67,201.65 | \$64,369.67 |

| EXPENDITURE                                       | FYE 2018    | FYE 2019    |
|---|-------------|-------------|
| NRL VIC (Affiliation fees, awards dinner)         | \$13,556.00 | \$12,694.45 |
| Council fees / Ground fees                        | \$6,717.70  | \$6,330.71  |
| Insurance   | \$895.62    | \$954.47    |
| Audit fees  | \$0.00      | \$0.00      |
| Bank fees   | \$9.11      | \$7.20      |
| Bad debts   | \$0.00      | \$0.00      |
| Capital - ground equipment                        | \$289.90    | \$13,656.08 |
| Capital – equipment                               | \$6,359.79  | \$49.35     |
| Electricity & Gas                                 | \$5,041.37  | \$5,185.15  |
| Ground / Match day expenses inc referees          | \$2,014.00  | \$1,091.25  |
| Medical / first aid                               | \$1,588.26  | \$1,819.77  |
| Merchandise                                       | \$8,622.93  | \$4,796.25  |
| Team expenses inc non-saleable clothing (jerseys) | \$4,530.65  | \$10,699.83 |
| Canteen   | \$3,704.81  | \$2,207.83  |
| Fundraising including raffle expenses, events     | \$4,148.95  | \$682.22    |
| Administration (printing / stationary)            | \$90.00     | \$0.00      |
| Marketing (advertising, web host, domain renewal) | \$0.00      | \$42.90     |
| Petty Cash  | \$0.00      | \$0.00      |
| Donations by ERRLC                                | \$700.00    | \$250.00    |
| Annual presentation day (inc. Trophies)           | \$7,604.20  | \$3,093.77  |
| AGM   | \$0.00      | \$294.10    |
| Other   | \$994.55    | \$783.85    |
| Total Expenses                                    | \$66,867.84 | \$64,639.18 |

|                                  |              |               |
|----------------------------------|--------------|---------------|
| Operating Profit (Loss):         |              |               |
| Total Income (brought forward)   | \$67,201.65  | \$64,369.67   |
| Total Expenses (brought forward) | -\$66,867.84 | - \$64,639.18 |
| Less Depreciation                | -\$9,063.74  | -\$6,979.61   |
| Operating Profit (Loss)          | -\$8,729.93  | -\$7,249.12   |

# 2019 COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT



**President: Trent Ousley**

**Vice President: Kevin O’Neill**

**Secretary: Lynne Simpson**

**Treasurer: Rose Ousley**

**Director of Coaching: Ben Smith**

**Director of Facilities: Alex Taylor**

**Head Trainer: Nathan Allan**

**Registrar: Elise Suhle**

**Touch Co-ordinator: Richard McMurray**

**Touch Treasurer: Tim Baird**

**Sponsorship Manager: Michael Simpson**

**Fundraising Manager: Prudence Cobbing**

**Uniform Manager: Jasmine Dalen**

**Merchandise Manager: Katie Morris**

**Canteen Manager: Jo Friend**



This season was always going to be tough given an exodus of playing personnel from last year. In saying that, the players that continued on from last year were always going to be the nucleus of our endeavours for 2019.

This season started off on the right note with a win against Frankston Raiders but reality set in the following weeks with loses. The big thing I noticed and was extremely pleased with was being able to convert field position into points! We certainly struggled last year in these situations but to see the Team evolve in this area of our game has been a highlight for myself this year. A lot of thanks to the "spine" pushing training sessions and than transferring that onto the field. The playing group realised the more you immerse yourself into the style/brand of footy you wanted to play, the more structures and set plays come off!

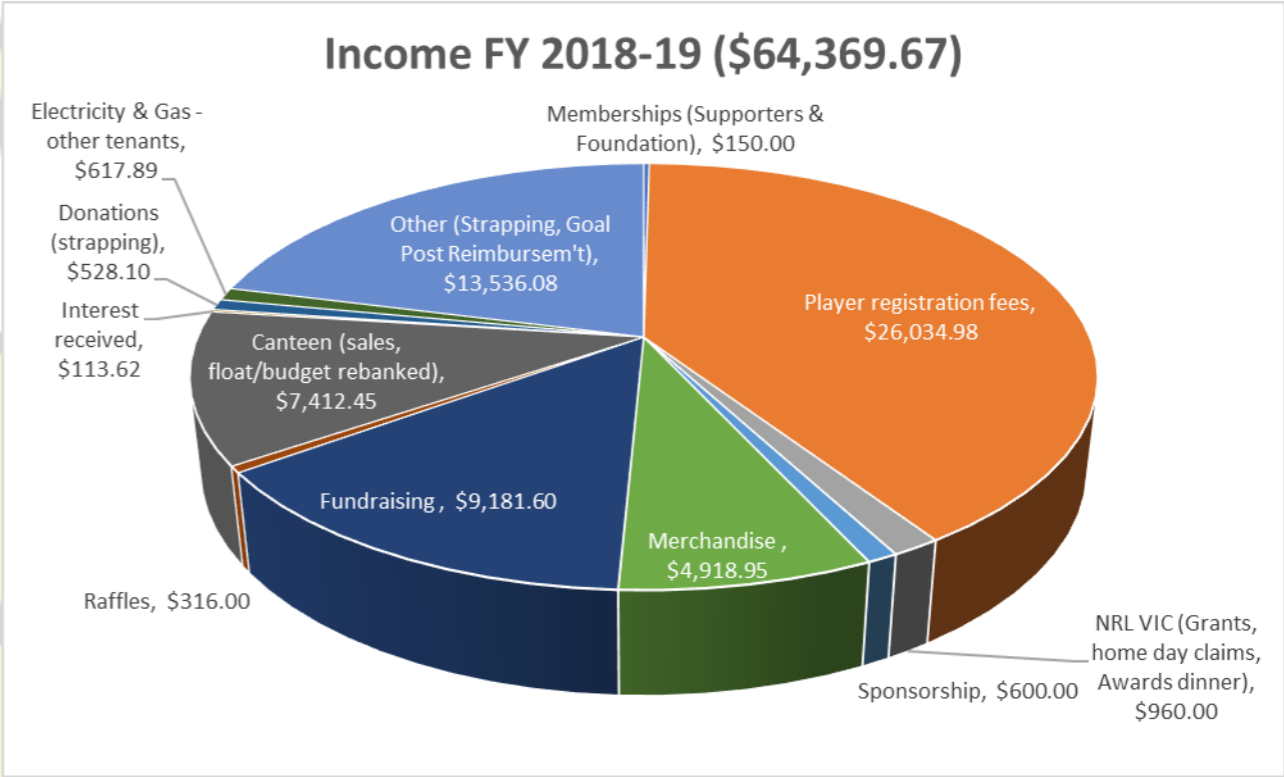
A big thanks to my Assistant Coach Benjamin Smith and Team Captain Dylan Wolfgramm, awesome work guys. A couple of notable mentions for players that trained hard and backed it up on game days were: The "Magnificent" Tau backed up from last year with a star performance every week averaging a try a game and is only going to get better with experience; Mike Anderson at hooker was always solid in the middle in attack and defence; Treylin Pakoti in the centres did a solid job all season and is a tireless worker for his Team mates; Darby Maling, our new prop, was outstanding and gave us a ton of go forward and backed up with some strong defensive efforts as well.

Obviously I would like to thank all the players this year for their time and efforts for this year, especially those from S.E. Titans, in particular Chris Ahevelo and Edmund Cook who were an integral part of the team every week, and going forward hoping to keep the relationship going between our two clubs. Over all this season has been a massive positive step for the Club and Senior players! In saying that we just fell short of finals footy but as a Team we always hold our destiny in our hands and consistency week to week will give you opportunities like finals football not other Teams results! Being so close to finals football this year should inspire each player to come back next year, work harder than this year, and give a red hot go, because finals football can be a reality if we as a Team want it!

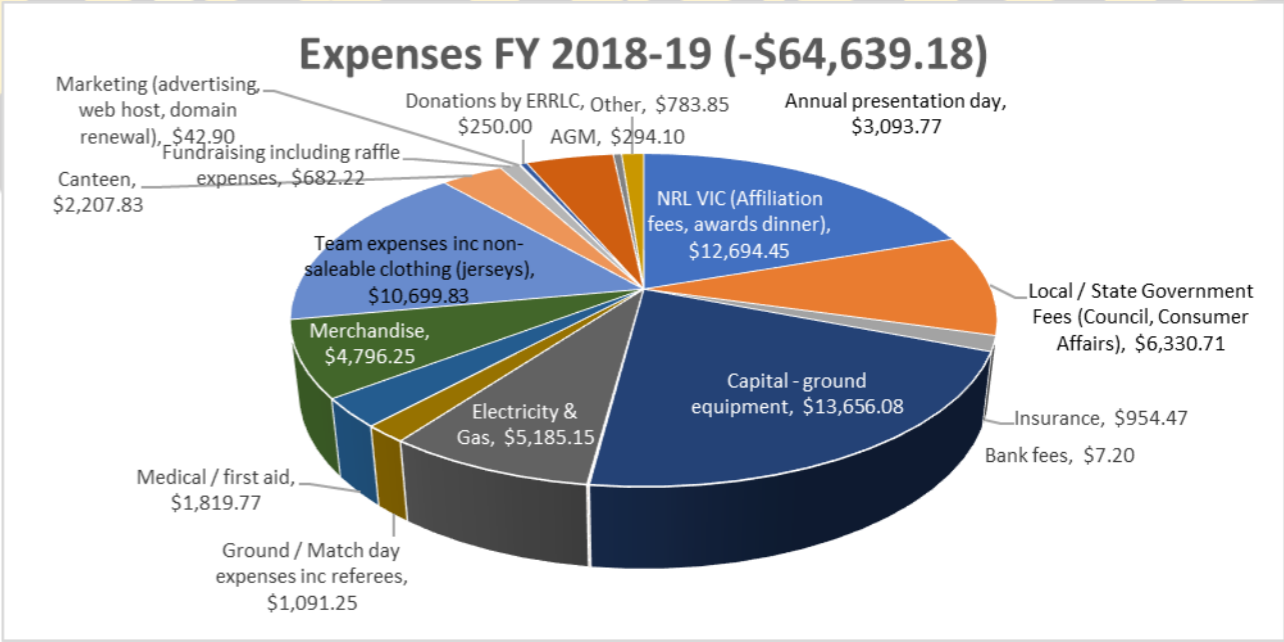


**Coach:** Alex Pynor    **Assistant Coach:** Charles Tonga    **Team Manager:** Ben Smith  
**Head Trainer:** Nathan Allan    **Best & Fairest:** Lowell Wolfgramm

## Income FY 2018-19 (\$64,369.67)



## Expenses FY 2018-19 (-\$64,639.18)



**NOTES TO AND FORMING PART OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 2019**

**1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

In order to assist in understanding the financial statements of the Eastern Raptors Rugby League Club and Touch Association, the following explanations of significant accounting policies adopted in the preparation of these statements are as follows:

**Financial Reporting Framework**

This special purpose financial report has been prepared for the distribution to the members to fulfil the Committee’s financial reporting requirements under the Accounting Standards and the Associations Incorporation Act Victoria 1981. The accounting policies used in preparation of this report, as described below are consistent with the financial reporting requirements of the Eastern Raptors Rugby League Club and with previous years, and are, in the opinion of the Committee appropriate to meet the needs of members.

The report has been prepared in accordance with the following Accounting Standards:

- AASB 101 Presentation of Financial Statements
- AASB 108 Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors
- AASB 107 Cash Flow Statements
- AASB 110 Events after the Balance Sheet Date
- AASB 116 Property, Plant and Equipment
- AASB 118 Revenue

No other Accounting Standards have been applied.

The financial report has been prepared on a cash basis, and its historic costs does not take into account changing money value, or except where stated, current valuations of non-current assets. The accounting policies adopted have been consistently applied with those of the previous year.

**Taxation**

The Eastern Raptors Rugby Club and Touch Association is a Not for Profit Organization and under the Associations Reform Act 2012 is categorized as a Tier 1 Organization is not registered to pay income tax nor GST and is not legally required to audit accounts.

**Property, plant and equipment**

Property, plant and equipment is expensed at the time of the cash outflow.

**Income and grants**

Grants recognized as revenue in the reporting period which were obtained for a particular purpose, have been applied to that purpose.

**Expenses**

Expenses are recognized when the Eastern Raptors Rugby Club and Touch Association makes payments resulting from the purchase of goods and services.



In their inaugural season, the Women's team have had to overcome some difficult hurdles, which to their credit, they took head on and got over them. The late merge with Casey and the distance between clubs made training as one team difficult. Initially it took some time to gel on the field, but as the season progressed and the players became more confident, the team started to improve leaps and bounds.

The last few games of the season were played with 9-11 players against full sides with benches. The Casey/Raptors won a couple of games and didn't drop their heads or give up when faced with some very experienced competition.



You can't question the commitment and dedication of the women's team. Training was always undertaken with an enthusiasm that I haven't witnessed in too many other teams. The willingness to listen and learn made coaching easy and seeing the players improve on the training paddock and on game day is a compliment to their have a go attitude.

A team isn't anything without a great club behind them and on behalf of the players I would like to thank all those involved at the club that have made the Women's team a reality.

Look out in 2020.

**Coach: Scott Gentle   Assistant Coach: Trent Ousley   Team Manager: Lynne Simpson  
Trainer: Simon Lindberg   Captain: Nikita Gentle**



This is another of the clubs new teams to take to the paddock in 2019. A brand new team with minimal experience but a real passion for the game. The boys came together after an interesting preseason. A handful of players were consistently turning up to training, but we were unsure if would actually get a team up, or if we would permit out.

A team meeting followed where it was laid on the line, bring a friend and lets build a team we can grow and take forward. Or we could not bother with the recruitment and just permit out to a club with a team already. It didn't take long for the lads to let me know their intentions.....next session we had 10 players and the foundation of a great team.

We didn't quite have the numbers to submit a team into the competition in round one, but by the late entry of round 4, we were ready. We entered in to the season with 11 players, not enough for a full side on field or any bench to rest players, but it was a better option then the boys not playing or being split up and at different clubs under the permit system.

Our first game was at home. The team had a solid build up to the game and went in prepared. They knew it wasn't going to be an easy task. Taking on a team that had years more experience and double the amount of players, didn't seem to faze our fresh Raptors, The team taking to the game like ducks to water. The looks on their faces as they finished the game said it all. It was all worth it. The hard work. The sweat. The blood.. The smiles they all had at the end of the game made every moment worth while.

The first couple games were a very steep learning curve. We defended more then we had possession, but we never gave up. Points were hard to come by in those first few games. But it taught us the importance of shifting in defence and working on line speed. All things that are crucial in the modern game.



By our third match things were starting to click. We were completing more sets and getting a better percentage of the ball. This was rewarded with multiple tries! Darcey and Deon both getting over on the day. Deon proved to be a great asset when kicking for conversion.

Our forward pack comprising of Darcy, Alex, Damon, Takoda, Oscar and Deon at hooker, developed a great bond. Backing each other up and never shy to put their hands up to run the ball. We started to develop game structure at our trainings and the boys were able to execute the calls on the day.

Our backs weren't afraid to have a run either. Our wingers Jayvyn and Ashton proved that they both had some speed and a great little step, if given the space they were threats for scoring. Preston took charge in Full back/Half back position, making play calls and directing our young backline. Seth and Aidan taking on the role of centre, both boys getting into the action and running at forwards.

Overall it was a great first year. The team learnt a lot about the game and improved their skills. The passion is alive in these kids. They came to us as boys, and left as young men. They have a very strong team bond and are already looking towards the 2020 season.

I would like to say a big thank you to Yvette De Pasquale for taking on the role of Team Manager. She did a fantastic job in her season with the club. Thank you to Jacqui Laughton for assisting both Yvette and Myself. Sebastian Flecken deserves a thank you for the countless kilometres he ran making sure the lads were properly hydrated. Thanks also to Nathan Allan, Melissa Woollard, James Hibbard, Katie Morris and Simon Lindberg for doing the sports training when required.

**Coach:** Trent Ousley **Team Manager:** Yvette De Pasquale

**Assistant Team Manager:** Jacqui Laughton

**Best & Fairest:** Darcy Barratt **Coach's Award:** Damon Prothero

## 2. BALANCE SHEET

### Notes to Balance Sheet

- a. Cash in the bank on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2019 minus bad debt (unpaid invoices).
- b. Merchandise unsold including ERRLC hats, t-shirts, bags, playing shorts, beanies, hoodies, polos,
- c. Includes assets with straight line depreciation applied.
- d. Accumulated straight line depreciation across non-current assets valued over \$300.00.
- e. Includes bad debts (see note 4.e).
- f. Bank balance from last year plus profit/loss from this year.
- g. Refer to working account spreadsheet as at 1<sup>st</sup> October 2018.
- h. Refer to Income Statement. Total Income minus total expenses.

NOTE: Store credit with Rebel Sport \$104.56; Kennards Hire \$100.00 voucher; NRL Storm Jersey Signed \$400.00.

## 3. INCOME STATEMENT – INCOME

### Notes to Income Statement

**REGISTRATIONS:** Invoice for fees and uniform were billed together as separate line items.

**FUNDRAISING:** Bunnings Sausage Sizzle & Trivia Night were major contributors.

**MERCHANDISE:** Reduced sale of old ERRLC apparel including merchandise (polos, hoodies, beanies) and player jerseys. Stickers was an added item.

**DONATIONS/GRANTS/SPONSORSHIPS:** Donations consisted of players contributing to strapping and the reimbursement for replacing a set of Goal Posts. Sponsorship from Jackson Taylor in the form of an advertising sign hung on boundary fence. Ian Knight Photography provided free images and discounted team photos. Ringwood RSL provided free function room for Events.

## 4. INCOME STATEMENT – EXPENSES

Knox Council, TFA & VRL AFFILIATION FEES includes Council fees, TFA Competition Fees, NRL Referee expenses, NRL Competition fees and Awards Dinner table costs.

**MERCHANDISE:** New apparel ordered when deposit paid reducing risk of unclaimed/not paid stock.

**PLAYER UNIFORM:** Rush order resulted in higher rate paid for poor quality result. Secretary is liaising with Struddys for reimbursement of retained stock.

**ELECTRICITY & GAS:** Usage on average same as last financial year however Touchees contribution and other clubs' reimbursement resulted in greater return.

**AGM fees** not recorded as the printing of the AGM booklet cannot be completed prior to 30 September 2019.

f. BAD DEBTS not paid for 2018-19 include:

| Name              | Description | Amount      | Invoice # |
|-------------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|
| M. FILIMOEATU     | REGO        | \$ 108.40   | 2019-0037 |
| E. FILIMOEATU     | REGO        | \$ 108.40   | 2019-0037 |
| G. FILIMOEATU     | REGO        | \$ 108.40   | 2019-0037 |
| G. FA             | REGO        | \$ 149.60   | 2019-0006 |
| J. FA             | REGO        | \$ 149.60   | 2019-0006 |
| R. SANDERSON      | REGO        | \$ 50.00    | 2019-0018 |
| C. PATTERSON      | REGO        | \$ 75.50    | 2019-0017 |
| S. APPS           | REGO        | \$ 215.00   | 2019-0106 |
| D. MORGAN         | REGO        | \$ 215.00   | 2019-0080 |
| C. ANDERSON       | REGO        | \$ 60.60    | 2019-0052 |
| BEN MALALA        | REGO        | \$ 105.00   | 2019-0110 |
| CHRISTOPHER PAYNE | REGO        | \$ 100.00   | 2019-0111 |
| JUNIOR POSONI     | REGO        | \$ 60.00    | 2019-0112 |
| LANCE KIRE        | REGO        | \$ 160.00   | 2019-0109 |
| MALACHI KIRE      | REGO        | \$ 160.00   | 2019-0114 |
| PETELO FA'ULUA    | REGO        | \$ 160.00   | 2019-0056 |
| TEVITA MAHINA     | REGO        | \$ 160.00   | 2019-0116 |
| NRL VIC           | CANTEEN     | \$ 54.00    | 2019-0123 |
| S.E TITANS RLC    | SENIOR MEN  | \$ 980.00   | 2019-0122 |
|                   | Total       | \$ 3,179.50 |           |

Consolidation of income labels.

- Donations includes player contributions to strapping and reimbursement of Goal Posts.

Consolidation of expenditure labels.

- Capital Ground Equipment includes cost for Goal Posts. Higher recorded amount due to first release of funds being rejected.
- Other includes CFA Fire Testing.



This exciting new division had a stand out season. A new team, new format and a chance for the girls to play independently of their male peers for the first time, all made for some awesome football! These girls truly are an amazing bunch. They all play with passion, have a fierce determination, show some amazing tenacity in the face of adversity and a hunger to learn as much as they can about our great game. It was a real pleasure to coach them.

I would like to say a massive thanks to Rose for team managing the girls. A big thank you also to Melissa Woollard for being the teams sports trainer. Great job ladies and an awesome example to not only our girls, but all the girls in the division. And of course the parents for being great to work with. Some early starts and a hectic schedule at times can be demanding, but we all got through it together.



We played every game this season short two players. This is a solid reflection on the girls desire and want to play football. They were not going to let the fact they were under manned be an excuse to not play. With minimum numbers we showed up every week and played our hearts out.

We developed our core skills (passing and tackling), had great structure and were able to go head to head with every team. They were all committed to training, attending nearly every session, as well as getting to games early for our pre game routine. We had some really good hit outs that tested the team. Every player scoring at least once throughout the season.

Some highlights for our girls included Women In League round at Gosch's Paddock as prelude to the Melbourne Storm. Banner crew for the GOAT Cam Smiths 400th game. A game against Altona Roosters at half time was another great night out. Finishing up the year with a couple of the girls doing flag duties during the Semi and Prelim finals.

I can't wait to see the girls continue to develop with their football into 2020 and beyond.

#SameGame. #OurWay. #WeAreRaptors

**Coach: Trent Ousley   Team Manager: Rose Ousley**  
**Peer Award: Tahlia Woollard   Coach's Award: Tanner Pohls**



This year was a year filled with growth and development. Our U11 boys ventured into the world of Rugby with determination and perseverance.

We started the season off slow, however as the weeks progressed and the boys skillset increased so did their eagerness to be a part of our incredible team of U11s

The team was lead by our captain Zac, alongside his co-captain Cooper. They both created a foundation for the team, as well as helping the team forge friendships that will last forever.

Riley and Mannix started off the season apprehensive but ended the season with the confidence to be courageous players and an integral part of the team. They always lifted the team's spirits with their achievements

Jack, Sete and Antonio were the backbone of the team, with their big runs, scoring tries and creating opportunities for others



Kobe, who has both the strength and speed, has increased his playing abilities and has now become one of our big forward runners.

Chase is the U11s tackling machine and his determination to support the team is admirable.

Tyler has improved so much this season and his willingness to understand the game and apply his knowledge has made him an important part of our team. Tyler had a tragic accident and was told he couldn't play for the rest of the season, however his heart was still on the field. he managed to get a clearance and played the last couple of games.

I would also like to thank Matt and his players from the U10s who stepped up and help us compete on game days.

A big thank you to our Team Manager Niome , we appreciate all you do. Thank you to all the parents for supporting your children and travelling the many kilometres on game days.

We look forward to seeing what you all do on the field in 2020

# COACHING DIRECTOR'S REPORT

First and foremost a huge thank you to all our coaching staff for the 2019 season.

It has been a pleasure seeing each coach develop with their teams. Each coach has their method and way of delivering the skills required to teach the game of rugby league to our clubs players , in all age groups. Your time and dedication towards the club and those that benefit from it, is seen, at training, on game day, from the cheers and smiles from the sidelines and most importantly the players.

It is outstanding to see the growth in the club as we build year in and year out with both male and female participants taking up the rugby league challenge. Our club culture is second to none and we are applauded continuously by other Victorian Leagues clubs and other sporting entities within our community. Keep up the great work.

Coaching is special and one day down the track you'll have a player from the past come up to you and state "your the best coach I ever had" or the life long tag of "hey Coach" , this is when you reflect and smile and pat yourself on the back. It will happen.

All of our clubs players through all grades have showed our rugby league community our Raptor pride and professionalism whenever we were out and about doing our thing and this is testament to you, as a coach and what you bring to our club. Coaching is an art form and with it you need to be a mentor, a friend, a disciplinarian, an observer and a teacher. Thanks again for your 2019 involvement.

Thank you to the team managers for all that you do in preparing and notifying each team of what we are doing or where we are going, week in week out.. your time and efforts are invaluable to our club and greatly appreciated.

Finally, It has been a pleasure riding this season out with each of you and seeing your teams develop.

I would personally invite and recommend all to go around again next season in 2020.

Thank you once again...

**Coach:** Malo Taufete'e **Assistant Coach:** Kevin O'Neill **Team Manager:** Niome Schaefer  
**Player's Player:** Zac Woollard **Player of the Year:** Cooper Allan & Kobe Sellar



A fantastic season for our tiny Raptors! Starting the season with only two returning players, they quickly took to the new Tag format, and there was no stopping them! The difference in confidence over the season was a joy to see, especially in some of our more tentative players. A big thank you to all the parents for their support, particularly Brayden & Jade Wilson, who took on coach and team manager duties. Thanks also to the Under 6 Teal staff and players, for always being willing to jump in and help out.

Well done to you all, we can't wait to see you all back next season!



**Coach:** Brayden Wilson **Team Manager:** Jade Wilson  
**Player of the Year:** Maverick Gardam



A great season had by a great bunch of boys, 10 of them returning from last season and 3 new additions to the squad.

We had a very strong start to the season being undefeated through the first half of the year. Injuries and some being unavailable meant that we were struggling to fill a full team

for much of the second half of the season, despite this you could never question the endeavour and effort put in.

We were still very competitive winning most games with a couple of losses. It was great to see the improvement in all of the boys throughout the season.

Thanks to all players, parents and helpers, looking forward to seeing everybody back next year.



**Coach:** Matt Parsons **Team Managers:** Carlie Parsons & Melinda Quirillo  
**Player's Player:** Billy Parsons **Coach's Player of the Year:** Scotty Takairangi



The 2019 season was another great year for our superstar little raptors. We welcomed back most of the squad from last year and recruited some new team mates. Thanks for joining us Riley, Levi, Archie and MJ.

I would like to thank Paul Earney for all his great work with the boys this season. Paul came on as assistant coach but quickly found himself taking full control of the squad while I was busy with other coaching duties. It was a difficult decision to make to take a back seat this year, as we've been together now for four years, but I know that they were in good hands with Paul. A huge thank you to Rose and Emma for team Managing.

Thanks also to all the parents, old and new. We have a great family environment and an awesome team bond. I'm looking forward to seeing how the team develops in 2020 on a bigger field with more players.

The 2019 season has proved to be a huge learning process for our under 9s with a rookie coach and four rookie players. Despite this we had a very successful and enjoyable year.

At the beginning of the season we focused on the fundamentals of the game and aimed to instil the club ethos of great sportsmanship and having fun.

Very quickly we found our groove with the established players welcoming in our new teammates and showing them the way. This, coupled with all of the boys passion, willingness to learn, enthusiasm and desire to perform to the best of their abilities, meant we found ourselves fielding a very competitive side early in the season, which we were able to build on week in and week out.



Our rookies Riley, Levi, Archie and MJ have made huge improvements all season and have become an integral part of the team. The established players, Ross, Zane, James and Steele furthered their skills and continued to show their desire to improve. Riley with his defensive skills, Levi's supportive plays, Archie's and MJ's runs, along with Ross's relentless attack, Zane's all round skills, James's hit ups and Steele's ability to read the game and encourage the team made us a force to be reckoned with in 2019.

A highlight of the season was fielding our under 9s at AAMI Park, not once but twice!! Each one of the boys gave 100% on both occasions and represented our club superbly!

A huge thank you to the under 8s, Lachie, Jackson V, Angus, Tyson, Shanikwa and Jackson S who regularly stepped up so that we could field a complete side on game day. Your willingness to help out is greatly appreciated and we've enjoyed having you as part of the under 9s this year.

To the parents, volunteers and our team manager Rose that make this all possible, we can't thank you enough. Your dedication and enthusiasm is infectious and drives and inspires our little Raptors to do their best.

Finally, I want each and every one of the under 9s to know how proud I am of them. You have all developed immensely this year, both individually and as a team. I couldn't have asked for more. You have made me a very happy coach.

Looking forward to seeing you all in 2020 to pick up where we've left off.

**Coach:** Trent Ousley **Assistant Coach:** Paul Earney **Team Manager:** Rose Ousley  
**Player's Player:** Ross Earney **Coach's Award:** Riley Carns



Our littlest Raptors have had such a great year and have come so far. Most started off the year not knowing the game or what to do with a ball.

We had some slow starts to games with the kids running backwards and away from the other teams, but it didn't take long for these young superstars to find their feet and to work out what was going on.

We had some cracking runs, length of the field tries, stepping opponents left right and centre, and some of our youngsters even mastered the fend off which helped them gain lots of metres.

We were treated to some funny things on the field as well: we had some kids dancing behind play, and we even had some half time meditation!

All the kids had a lot of fun every week and always finished the game either with a huge smile on their face or just hungry!

Can't wait to see them all back next year for another great year.



**Coach:** Richard McMurray **Assistant Coach:** Una Tafuna  
**Team Manager:** Robyn Tafuna **Player of the Year:** Lose Tafuna



What a great year 2019 was for the Eastern Raptors Under 7's. We started the year with plenty of returning players, some new faces, and really hit the ground running. As coach, I couldn't be happier with how each team member worked together, listened to instruction and went out every week to play their best and have some fun.

Early on in the year we 'lost' James and Braxton to the Under 8's team. Both boys were keen to help out the under 8's and were certainly good enough. Once they found themselves part of that team, there was no way we were getting them back.

Luckily, we had no shortage of talented players to fill the gap. Returning from last year we had Chase, Brodie, Dakota and Raphael. New to the team was Tai, Eli, Matari, Oscar and later in the year Royden. Also playing for us at times were our star under 6's Chloe and Maverick.



Between all our players they played a combined 131 games and scored 146 tries! All of the regular team members scored at least 1 try and were ruthless in defence. Everyone played extremely well all year and never let their teammates down. Every player thoroughly deserved their awards and recognition at junior presentation. Our player of the year was Chase who played every game, rarely missed training and scored 39 tries for the year. Our Coaches award recipient was Matari for his overall commitment, attitude and contribution to the team and the club.

Finally, thanks to my team manager Lynne, Ben for filling in for me when I was away for work, Richo for warming the kids up each week, Kimberley for team managing when Lynne was unavailable and all the parents for bringing the kids every week, helping with training and cheering us on from the sidelines.

**Coach: Michael Simpson   Team Manager: Lynne Simpson**  
**Player of the Year: Chase Gardam   Coach's Award: Matari Miller**



The U8 Raptors team this year were a mix of old and new, but there was no mistaking they were a team. This season saw massive improvements in the games of our returning players. And our first-timers fitted right in and showed they were very much a part of the Raptors' family.

The step up from U7s to U8s is a pretty big one. The team had a lot to get used to with a number of rule changes, but they adapted well, applying themselves in training and showing they were a formidable force every game day. This year everyone added something to their game. Someone commented to me that it was like a switch had been flicked. Where last year there was flashes of individual brilliance, this year showed off the importance of a champion team.

We had two U7s step up to help us with numbers. But Braxie Falkingham and James Simpson did much more than just make up numbers. They earned the nickname The Dynamic Duo, showing some superb ball handling skills and some sneaky running as our starting dummy half and first receiver. Lachie Morrow, Tyson Furness, Jackson Suhle and Shanikwa Miller showed off their speed and smarts as our backline started taking shape. Clever running and hard hitting defence was their calling card. Between them they scored numerous tries and left opposition coaches in awe. Our forwards, in Sinead Willey, Angus Baird, Elijah Horne and Jack Furness not only showed strong running to gain those important metres for our speed players, but also showed off some fancy footwork of their own to score a few tries themselves. One of the highlights of the year was watching Lachie Morrow link up with Sinead to score her first try of the season after carting the ball up the paddock all season (most of the time with several defenders hanging off her). Hamish Collard, joined this group, making an impressive and conscientious start to his rugby league career, putting a lot of effort into his game at training and on the paddock. His progress from the start of the year to the end was noticeable. Finally, tying this all together is another future half in Jackson Vasallo, AKA The Little General. Always there to marshal the troops and showing tenacity around the field, he showed real confidence in his game.



The U8s were an exciting team to watch again this year, continually building on their skill and knowledge of the game. I looked forward to Saturdays to see what else they would bring to their game. I feel privileged to have coached this talented and hardworking group of players.

I'd like to thank Jas Dalen, my assistant coach for the second year in a row (someone should pay her for putting up with me), for taking on Tuesday night practice and playing a crucial supporting role on game day. I'd also like to thank Elise Suhle, our team manager this year, for all her administration and team wrangling. It's a tough job, but we always knew what was going on and where we had to be.

And finally, thanks to all the parents and supporters who've endured a long, cold winter of practices and game days with us. It's great to see so many of you coming out to support this team; it really means a lot to have you with us.

**Coach: Tim Baird   Assistant Coach: Jasmine Dalen   Team Manager: Elise Suhle**  
**Player's Player: Jackson Suhle   Coach's Award: Sinead Willey**