

# EASTERN RAPTORS RUGBY LEAGUE CLUB & TOUCH ASSOCIATION



**Annual Report 2021**

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# **2021 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AGENDA**

To be held Sunday 17 October 2021 at 2pm via Zoom

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

# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

No report provided.

# TREASURER'S REPORT

**Eastern Raptors Rugby League Club and Touch Association Inc.**  
**Financial Statements 1<sup>st</sup> October 2020 through 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021**  
**(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 2020 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:

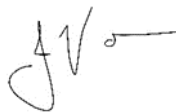
**Treasurer**



Joanne Friend

16/10/21

**Vice President**



Jasmine Vassallo

16/10/21

**Secretary**



Lynne Simpson

16/10/21

Due to the covid pandemic our season was again cut short early, however unlike 2019/2020 we were able to some matches including 6 home games before the season was officially cancelled in July.

The year we saw major delays in received uniforms ordered due to factory shut downs with the pandemic, only receiving with 2 games left in the season. However with their on field loyalty scheme we will see a future refund coming our way of approximately \$125.00. This along with grants of \$3,000.00 which enabled us to purchase a tablet, Wi-Fi and square (eftpos) machine has made receiving fees and boosted canteen sales (\$5000) exponentially easier. We are also looking to receive approximately \$1,200.00 in refunds from VICNRL due to the shortened season having only played 60% of scheduled games. There was also approximately \$900 recovered from overdue fees and merchandise orders from previous seasons.

Overall income for the year was \$43,687.40 vs overall expenditure of \$29,343.30.

Most income was generated from registration deposit and fees \$21,377.19, uniform and merchandise \$6,690.99, Canteen 5083.81 and Fundraising efforts including Bunnings raffles, mothers day raffle and easter raffle \$1185.23 and as above grants totalling \$3,000. There is approximately \$1,700 in overdue invoices some of which may be adjusted to late registration and only playing 1 or 2 games.

Major expenses this year were registration fees to VICNRL \$5,455.20 (refund coming as above), Merchandise and Uniform purchases \$5,622.60 and electricity and gas \$4,886.84. There will be a number of future purchases that should also be considered in this report but are yet to be finalised due to the current lock down and pandemic they are as follows.

- \$3,273.60 bill paid for touch paid in October 2021 which should be added to the expenditure.

- The committee also voted to get new goal posts for the mod field which has been delayed due to covid which will cost approximately \$10,000 installed.

- End of season costs, including but not limited to trophies and presentation costs

- Possible reimbursements for senior off field uniforms not supplied

Moving forward I would like to see an accounting system in place to enable us to track and trace our expenses better, we currently use a “free” accounting software to invoice only. I would also like the future committee to consider the Touch Association to have their own bank account for better traceability.

All in all my first year in the treasurer position has certainly had its struggles but I have loved seeing the growth throughout the club. I feel the club has a strong financial standing and I can't wait to see the future success on the backing of a full season.

Thank you to the committee who have helped with my transition into this position and I hope for a smoother run in 2021/22

Jo Friend

# INCOME STATEMENT

## (Unaudited)

INCOME	FYE 2020	FYE 2021
Memberships (Supporters & Foundation)	\$50.00	\$48.70
Player registration fees	\$14,087.99	\$21,377.19
NRL VIC (Grants, home day claims, Awards dinner)	\$6,309.00	-
Grants	\$1,500.00	\$3,000.00
Sponsorship	\$25.00	\$20.00
Merchandise	\$456.00	\$6,690.99
Fundraising	\$2,958.20	\$1,682.16
Raffles	\$0.00	\$249.61
Canteen (sales, float/budget re-banked)	\$950.20	\$9,767.23
Interest received	\$12.54	\$4.52
Donations (strapping)	\$1,695.00	-
Electricity & Gas - other tenants	\$0.00	-
Other	\$74.96	\$847.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$29,873.89</b>	<b>\$43,687.40</b>

EXPENDITURE	FYE 2020	FYE 2021
NRL VIC (Affiliation fees, awards dinner)	\$7,161.00	\$5,455.20
Council fees / Ground fees	\$741.86	-
Insurance	\$998.43	\$1,002.03
Audit fees	\$0.00	-
Bank fees	\$0.80	\$5.60
Bad debts	\$0.00	-
Capital - ground equipment	\$558.50	\$2,281.70
Capital – equipment	\$0.00	-
Electricity & Gas	\$4,303.34	\$4,886.84
Ground / Match day expenses inc referees	\$898.00	\$2,313.50
Medical / first aid	\$1,833.59	-
Merchandise	\$429.29	\$5,622.60
Team expenses inc saleable clothing (jerseys)	\$9,405.55	-
Canteen	\$148.07	\$4,684.22
Fundraising including raffle expenses, events	\$825.31	\$496.93
Administration (printing / stationary)	\$0.00	\$2,049.58
Marketing (advertising, web host, domain renewal)	\$413.50	\$86.90
Petty Cash	\$250.00	-
Donations by ERRLC	\$250.00	-
Annual presentation day (inc. Trophies)	\$1,978.15	\$189.00
AGM	\$0.00	-
Other	\$201.00	\$269.20
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$30,396.39</b>	<b>\$29,343.30</b>

<b>Operating Profit (Loss):</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>
Total Income (brought forward)	\$29,873.89	\$43,687.40
Total Expenses (brought forward)	-\$30,396.39	-\$29,343.30
Less Depreciation	\$3,754.47	?
<b>Operating Profit (Loss)</b>	<b>(\$4,276.97)</b>	<b>\$14,344.10</b>

# CANTEEN REPORT

Firstly I have to say a massive thank you to **Karen Collard**, without her unconditional help this year the canteen would not have been anywhere near the success it feel it was. And to **Elishia Hellier** for always keeping me company and always offering a hand even when her kids weren't even there. Also to my purchasing office **Michael Simpson** for his never complain attitude when I say **Michael Simpson** can you please..... it was truly appreciated.

We also implemented a roster system this year which saw 90% of parents and carers doing their part when asked, hopefully this continues to improve. Covid rules and numbers hindered the roll out of this but I hope that whoever continues in the kitchen perceivers and we continue to see new faces helping out. I also need to make a special mention the **Seniors and Nev (for organising)** the younger kids really loved you all being down there and offering a hand and showing them what being a part of a club means.

Approximate figures would see we raised the club just under \$5000 from 6 home games which is a huge effort, there were some amazing days and it was always great to get feedback from people coming back to get seconds. We introduced Chicken Burgers, Pork Rolls and hot chips along with the usual staples. The Pork Rolls where a definite hit!

There is still some stock of soft drinks etc down at the park but until restriction ease there isn't much we can do about that, would be great to be able to open the kitchen on touch nights if this goes ahead this year to sell off whats left and maybe make a little extra profit for the club.

The kitchen saw a new fitout funding by the local council which while making the kitchen look nice and bright was not an improvement in practicality but I guess we should say a thank you to the council none the less.

That's a wrap from me – I hear nobody reads these anyways, Enjoy the off season and hopefully we get to see you all around the park for a complete 2022 season.

**Jo Friend**  
**Canteen Manager**

I forgot to mention a huge thanks to my main man Logan for never being upset for me not watching his games cause I was stuck in the canteen – you are a rockstar!! And to Keeli for never complaining that I only saw her play two games of netball.



# TOUCH REPORT

The season start was delayed (from November to early December) due to COVID restrictions. But with a COVID plan in place, we completed the season at the end of March (running a little longer to ensure a full 12 week season + finals).

This year we added a men's competition to the usual mixed competition and have 4 teams in each competition. With the success of both comps, we will be looking to the 2021-2022 season to possibly expand the scope (pending eased restrictions).

An increased social media presence meant increased interest in the comp. As we continued updating our Facebook page throughout the year, there is also a healthy amount of interest for the upcoming season.

On top of this we built a pool of referees - both existing and a batch of new local refs thanks to running a referee's course. We were also ably assisted by a group of volunteers to help us ensure we have all the necessary setup to run a COVID-safe competition. We'd like to extend our thanks to all of the refs and volunteers who came down each week to assist. Without them, we wouldn't have had such a smooth running competition.

Financially, the budget showed modest profit compared to previous years. There are a number of factors contributing to this, including COVID and expanding the competition. We are hoping with the momentum built this year that we will be able to also build profit in subsequent years. Using the MySideline app for team entries and having teams properly managed meant that all teams were financial by Round 3. Further assisting us, Touch Football Victoria agreed to provide us a discount on our affiliation fees this year given the late start we made and the somewhat muted advertising we had due to uncertainty around restrictions. Final figures for the season showed a \$618 profit.

The competition is in a very healthy position with growing interest in the upcoming season through word of mouth and social media. From its modest start, the comp has grown year on year, with the 2020-2021 season providing a solid base for following seasons.

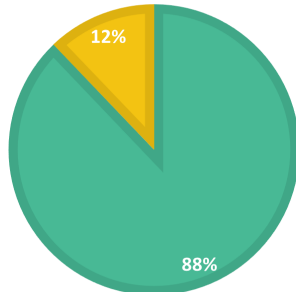
# MEMBERSHIP SNAPSHOT

Despite the uncertainty around season 2021, we recorded 177 registered participants. This is our second highest total ever, and an increase of 5 over our 2020 registrations.

We entered 7 junior teams and one senior team in 2021, down from 9 and 2 in 2019.

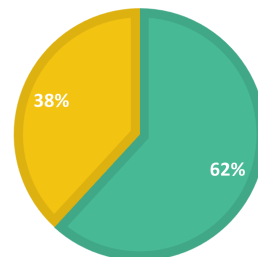
2021 PLAYERS BY GENDER

Male Players Female Players



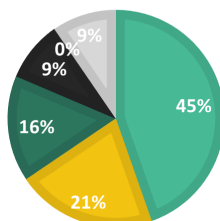
2021 RETURNING V NEW REGISTRATIONS

Returned New



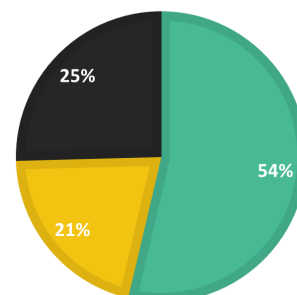
REGISTRATIONS BY TYPE & GENDER

Male Juniors Male Seniors Male Volunteers  
Female Juniors Female Seniors Female Volunteers

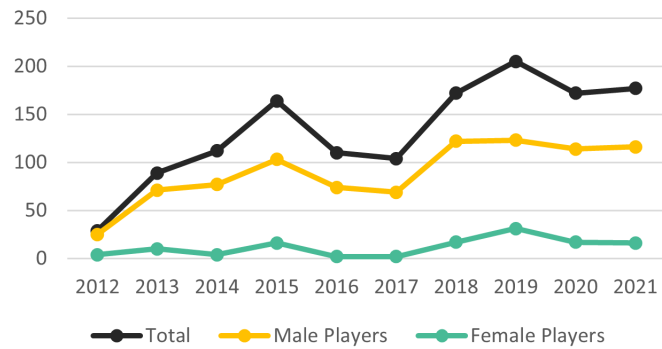


2021 REGISTRATION BY TYPE

Juniors Seniors Volunteers

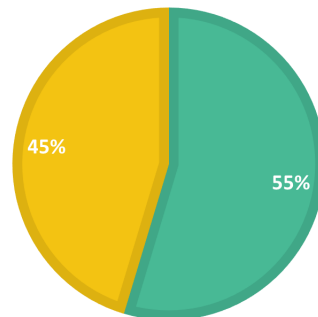


### PLAYER REGISTRATION BY YEAR AND GENDER



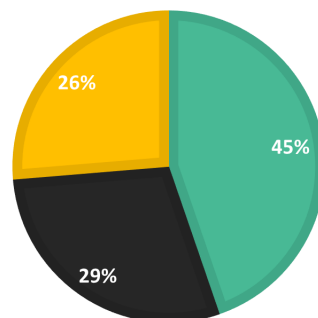
### 2020-21 RETENTION VS ATTRITION

Returned Not Returned



### 2020-21 ATTRITION BY CATEGORY

Senior Junior Volunteer



# UNDER 6



The under 6's team was very dynamic and came together each week to learn to play as a team, make friends and have fun under the guidance of Coach Una Tafuna and Team Manager Jasmine Vassallo.

Each week at training the team joined in fun games and built friendships and learnt about teamwork. The parents engaged in conversations at training and on game day to encourage each other on cold wet mornings and promote and support each other's children to have fun and run in the right direction.

Throughout the season the team grew in confidence and in participation. Players were able to equally share the ball on game day and encourage each other to participate to the best of their abilities.

## **Coach:**

Una Tafuna

## **Assistant Coach:**

Jasmine Vassallo

## **Team Manager:**

Jasmine Vassallo



# UNDER 7



We started off the season with 5 players, so it has been a little struggle from the get go, but the kids showed amazing stamina and character and got on with the job. Special thanks to Emily and Lose for filling in and Bastian for coming along at the end of the season unfortunately only getting one game in. Hope to see you all back next year.

Thank you to all the parents for supporting your kids through out the year especially Braydon, Jo and Elishia for taking on coaching and managerial positions. Thanks also to the trainers for making sure all our cherubs were patched up quick and back on the field and to the committee its been a tough one with all the stopping and starting and it was great to see you getting the kids back out on the fields whenever possible.

**Coach:**

**Brayden Wilson**

**Team Managers:**

**Jo Friend &  
Elishia Hellier**





# UNDER 9



Despite another disrupted year, the Under 9's team had a successful and enjoyable campaign in 2021. Due to numbers, this year we played a combined Under 8's and 9's team as Under 9's. With the team split 50/50 between players that sand Under 9's should have been Under 8's , we were often out sized by other teams, but this never stopped my Raptors from giving their all.

I had a number of returning players as well as some new recruits. The kids quickly came together as a group, and we were lucky enough to be one of the teams given the opportunity to play at AAMI park at the start of the year. This really brought the team together and the kids (and parents) had a great night out at the start of the season playing Casey at half time in the Melbourne Storm game.

Whilst it seemed like every other week we were playing Frankston or Pakenham, this actually turned out to be a good thing. Each week we were able to measure our progress, learn from our past performances and go back out and play some great footy the following week. We had some great performances as well as some challenging games however we were really able to see our development as a group.

I want to thank Tim and Carl for their support at training on the evenings when our numbers were too low to run meaningful training, Billy Parsons for volunteering his support at training during the year and all the parents who regularly help out and support their children each week. Finally, thanks to Dave for his awesome support as my Team Manager this year.

**Coach:**  
**Michael Simpson**  
**Team Manager:**  
**David Sorohan**



# UNDER 10



With a lengthy lay-off in 2020, the U10 Raptors returned with a massive squad of 17 players, long term players bolstered by quite a few enthusiastic newcomers before adding 3 more. For some, this was the first time they had taken to the field after signing up in 2020.

This year was the first year on a full-sized mod field, playing 11-a-side for 20 minute halves instead of 8 min quarters. This meant that we had to radically change our playing style. It also marked the first year where player fitness starts to make a difference.

Early on we looked to set up our structure and slot players into positions as well as bring everyone up to speed with correct tackling techniques and ball-handling skills. On top of this we added warm-up and fitness to our training regime, making for a

packed training session. All of this brought them together as a force to be reckoned with.

The U10s were an exciting team to watch this year, continually building on their skill and knowledge of the game with each game they played. I looked forward to Saturdays to see what else they would bring to their game. It was a shame to have our season cut short as the team were really starting to bring everything together and play some excellent rugby league. I feel privileged to have coached this talented and hardworking group of players.

I'd like to thank Carl Bardsley, my assistant coach for the year. New to the club this year, his care and attention were second to none, taking careful notes of the games, helping wrangle this sizeable and energetic squad, making sure we always had kit to train with whether home or away, always providing words of encouragement for each player. His wisdom and care were very much appreciated. I hope this marks the start of a long association with the club as it's people of his calibre and dedication that make this a great place to learn and play the best game of them all.

I'd also like to thank Elise Suhle and Angela Willey, our team managers this year, for all their administration and organisation (especially on game day when someone kept losing track of the time before the start of the game). Herding cats would be an apt description of what they both did, but we always knew what was going on and where we had to be.

And finally, thanks to all the parents and supporters. 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.

Here's to a massive 2022 for this group!

## **Coach:**

**Tim Baird**

## **Assistant Coach:**

**Carl Bardsley**

## **Team Manager:**

**Elise Suhle &  
Angela Willey**



# UNDER 12



It was great to see the boys out playing again after no footy last year. This group of boys continue to play above their weight and put up great effort every week.

Of the 8 games we played we ended up winning 4 and losing 4. The highlight of the season was playing down at Pakenham with only 9 players against a team of 13 and coming away with a 52-4 victory.

Unfortunately the season was cut short, but well done and thank you to everyone involved.

**Coach:**

**Matt Parsons**

**Team Manager:**

**Caroline Morrow**





# UNDER 13 GIRLS



The U13 ladies had a challenging start with not being able to play a couple of games due to forfeits from their opposition team.

However, the ladies trained on a regular basis and increased their skills and agility. On game days the U13 ladies improved every week and learnt to play as a team and use their skills they learnt through training sessions.

Can't wait for next year to have a full season and see what they ladies can achieve together.



**Coach:**

**Trent Ousley**

**Team Manager:**

**Eve Nunn**

# UNDER 16 BOYS



This year we were able to field a team for the under 16's and it was tough going to get there but we did. We had 17 players on our list over the season and although a few dropped out and even a coach, but not once did we forfeit, albeit sometimes putting forward an under manned team but not once did they stop believing in themselves. This team showed they had the makings of a strong team, with only 3 players ever playing the game before. Each week they tried their hardest and never gave up and each week they did better than the week before. The bond that was created with this team was a joy to watch grow and there was amazing teamwork and encouragement for one another and always loads of laughter and joking around.

Our last game the team achieved their first points, and the celebrations were as if they had won the Grand Final. I can't wait to see what they do next year, and I was so proud to be part of this team. If I could, I would have awarded every player for their heart and determination.

## **Coach:**

**Trent Ousley**

## **Assistant Coach:**

**Jaiden Thomas**

## **Team Manager:**

**Nicole McBurnie**





# SENIOR MEN



I begin today by acknowledging the Boon Wurrung people, Traditional Custodians of the land on which we gather each training session and game day and pay my respects to their Elders past and present. I extend that respect to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples today.

Firstly, on behalf of the Senior Men's coaching staff, thank you for putting your faith in us to lead the men around in 2021 – What an experience and year. We started in unknown territory and as a team and club, we managed an amazing ending to the season despite another year affected by Covid. The building blocks and standards were set in 2019, we only hoped to build on that in 2020 however as we all know, that season was scrapped. The difficult task set before the club was fielding team in 2021 and to your credit, you did an amazing job as always. In a season of ups and downs, we managed to not only fill a side, but a competitive one – we were not here to make up the numbers. Hit a few bumps at the start of the season giving away games we were in the lead and controlling for majority of it, only to lose it at the end. However, to the group's credit, we managed to set a club record winning a number of consecutive games and ending the disrupted season third, the highest finish for an Eastern Raptors Men's side.

Another positive for 2021, which is a great credit to the playing group and coaching staff was every registered player getting game time throughout the year. It was a goal for the coaching group to ensure every registered player found the field, we are proud to we achieved this. Another positive was the introduction of new blood into the senior team with the arrival of new players as well young rookies. The overall assessment for the year is a positive one. What a great season and despite the disrupted year and a few minor issues, the year was another step in the right direction for the team and club. With the great leadership of the club and the cooperation of the team, the only way is up!

Lastly, I wish to thank the Eastern Raptors Rugby League Club for all the hard work put into ensuring the club is running, juniors and seniors can enjoy the great sport and for allowing a space where we can all feel welcomed and appreciated. You have all done an amazing job and your work does not go unnoticed – keep it up. You are an amazing part of the community.

To conclude, I wish to personally say a massive thank you to my Assistant Coaches, CJ Williams, Waka Horne and to the greatest Manager one could have, Neville Anastassiou-Stein as well as their families. For their great support, their time, effort, commitment and for pulling on the boots which added to the great culture built – season wouldn't be what it is without them. To all the players who represented the club this year, you are all amazing brothers and even greater people. 2022 is going to be a great year for the Raptors

**Coach:**

Dylan Wolfram

**Assistant Coach:**

Waka Horne &

CJ Williams

**Team Manager:** Neville

Anastassiou-Stein



# VICTORIAN REPRESENTATIVES

**Despite no representative fixtures going ahead again this season, due to covid restrictions, the following Raptors were selected in representative sides:**



**Scotty Takairangi**

**12 and Under  
Victorian  
Schoolboys**



**Reuben Bukuya**

**Under 15 Boys  
Victorian squad**



**Trent Ousley**

**Under 17 Girls  
Victorian Coach**

# 2021 COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT

<b>President</b>	<b>Trent Ousley</b>
<b>Vice President</b>	<b>Jasmine Vassallo</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Lynne Simpson</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Jo Friend</b>
<b>Director of Coaching</b>	<b>Vacant</b>
<b>Director of Facilities</b>	<b>Kevin O'Neill</b>
<b>Sponsorship Director</b>	<b>Michael Simpson</b>
<b>Fundraising Director</b>	<b>Prue Cobbing</b>
<b>Uniform Manager</b>	<b>Elishia Hellier</b>
<b>Canteen Manager</b>	<b>Jo Friend</b>
<b>Merchandise Manager</b>	<b>Greg Gardam</b>
<b>Head Trainer</b>	<b>Simon Lindberg</b>
<b>Touch Co-ordinator</b>	<b>CJ Williams</b>
<b>Touch Treasurer</b>	<b>Tim Baird</b>
<b>MPIO</b>	<b>Linda Michelson</b>

# 2021 CLUB SPONSORS



Ian Knight Photograhy



Alchester Pizza & Pasta



Jackson Taylor MP



The Basin Pantry



Demeter Biodynamic

# ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND THANK YOUS

**Coaches:** Una Tafuna, Jasmine Vassallo, Brayden Wilson, Michael Simpson, Tim Baird, Carl Bardsley, Matt Parsons, Trent Ousley, Jaiden Thomas, Dylan Wolfgramm, CJ Williams, Waka Horne

**Team Managers:** Jasmine Vassallo, Jo Friend, Elishia Hellier, Dave Sorahan, Elise Suhle, Angela Willey, Caroline Morrow, Eve Nunn, Nicole McBurnie, Nev Anastassiou-Stein

**Sports Trainers:** Simon Lindberg, Nathan Allen, Kevin O'Neill, James Hibberd, Lynne Simpson, Paul McBurnie, Jasmine Vassallo, Katie Morris

**Club Volunteers:** Mel Baird, Richard McMurray, Rose Ousley, Robyn Tafuna, Brony Scully, Miranda McMurray, Will Williams, Al Bukuya, Nathan Neilson, Katie Morris Karen Collard, and everyone who jumped in to lend a hand

**From NRL Victoria:** Brent Silva, Scott McNaughton, Len Mason & Pauline Poloai

**From Knox Council:** Cr Jude Dwight, Daniel Clark, Suranga Dissakarunaratne, Dayna Nicholas

Waverley Oakleigh Panthers RLC  
Frankston Raiders RLC especially the Under 15 girls team

Andy Macfarlane  
Melbourne Castle Hire



# Eastern Raptors - 10 years 2021

