



# *Eastern Raptors*

Rugby league Club & Touch Association Inc

# ANNUAL REPORT 2022

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Eastern Raptors acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we gather, the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin Nation.

We recognise their continued connection to the land and waters of this beautiful place.

We pay our respects to Wurundjeri Elders past, present and emerging, and we acknowledge that sovereignty was never ceded.



# Agenda

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

What an amazing year we had in 2022! On just about every measure, this year has been a resounding success, culminating in being awarded the 2022 Spirit of League award at the NRLVIC awards on 8 October.

This doesn't just happen. This is the result of everyone in the club pulling together to be the best we can be both on and off the field. The Spirit of League award is based on a weekly survey of our club by the clubs we compete with and the referees. The assessment is based on club officials' behaviour, player behaviour and crowd behaviour.

The year started with Vice President Jasmine, under 11 player James, and I attending the season launch at AAMI Park and includes the following highlights:

- A record 200 registrations, including a retention rate of approximately 55% post-Covid. This has led to us becoming one of the top 10 clubs for size in NRL Vic competition for the first time.
- We were awarded hosting rights for semi-finals, although we were ultimately unable to host due to condition of grounds
- We were selected to host the first metro gala day for our Masters, which although small was a great day out.
- Our Under 9's were lucky enough to play 2 games at half time at AAMI Park
- We were asked to pilot the following programs:
  - Tidy HQ, a club management and administration system
  - An in-club referee's course, delivering 8 new Foundation 1 referees
  - Munchkin League (activities for 3-5 year olds), which will start shortly
- Our senior men finished the year as Second Grade Minor Premiers, the first minor premiership in club history.

Throughout the year, all our teams demonstrated growth in their size, skill and performance thanks to our dedicated coaches, team managers and trainers. You can read all about their achievements in the team reports. The reorganisation of the senior competition into 3 grades was a genuine benefit to the Raptors, giving us the ability and incentive to compete for a spot in 1<sup>st</sup> grade for the first time. While our men fell short of that goal in the finals, their season was a resounding success and has set the tone for the coming years.

Congratulations must go to all our club award winners and a huge thankyou to everyone who volunteered their time, expertise, supplies or advice throughout the year. Whether turning a sausage, putting out cones, obtaining sponsorship or taking on a dedicated volunteer role, this club thrives when everyone pulls together. I also want to make a special mention to those players who received 5 year medals this year. Each year this number grows and if we maintain our current retention rate, we will soon be handing out our very first 10-year medals. Finally, congratulations to Carl Bardsley and Lynne Simpson who were both finalists in the NRL Vic awards for Coach of the Year and Volunteer of the Year respectively.

Despite reducing our playing fees this year, we have maintained our financial stability thanks to the hard work of our canteen volunteers, the support of our sponsors, various fundraising initiatives, and good management of our finances. Our aim is for everyone to be able to play the game and we do not want the cost of playing to be a disincentive.

There is still much to be done in the coming years, however if we use 2022 as the benchmark, then this club can only continue to be successful.



**Eastern Raptors Rugby League Club and Touch Association Inc.**  
**Financial Statements 1<sup>st</sup> October 2021 through 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022**  
(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 2022 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

15/10/22

**President**



Michael Simpson

15/10/22

**Secretary**



Lynne Simpson

15/10/22

How great was it to have a full year of League.

Whilst overall we have had a successful season on and off the field, this year has seen the accounts take a major hit with preapproved items finally being able to be installed, and therefore paid for.

Overall income for the year was \$61,856.49 vs overall expenditure of \$78,822.78. with a net loss of just over \$13,000.

Most income was generated from registration deposit and fees \$15,563.84. Although our numbers were up this was actually down on previous season due to girls not paying fees and reducing overall fees for juniors and seniors. Uniform and merchandise \$6,398.47, Canteen \$17,800.62 included in the this total for canteen is approximately \$750 that was raised for our future stars during our wood raffle and a grant totalling \$1,000. There is approximately \$2,538 in overdue invoices some of which have since been paid. There is also approximately \$500 income due to cover Masters players who have ordered jerseys.

Major expenses this year were registration fees to NRL Vic \$6,119.00, Merchandise and Uniform purchases \$18,959.90 and electricity and gas \$4,709.93, Grounds \$13,930.88 Canteen \$9,575.42. 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. Uniform/Merchandise numbers are high due to a number of factors, following on from last years report we didn't reimburse senior players for off field uniform they were purchase this season, we also purchase \$700 dollars worth of sideline jackets for our older team to enjoy - unfortunately our good will has backfired and some have been taken. We have chosen to also stock some product and hopefully moving forward will be able to run a small merchandise shop at all our home games, we will endeavour to do a complete stock take over the next few weeks.

End of season costs, including but not limited to presentation costs

Possible reimbursements for senior off field uniforms not supplied

Council \$1652 in unpaid fees due to ground conditions

We have this year trialled Tidy HQ, an Administration and Financial system, for the NRL and it has some huge bonuses compared to previous manual systems, but there is a ways to go with reporting on a financial basis - Lynne may touch on this a little also.

Overall I am pleased to see how great the canteen has gone this year and it was very rewarding to hear direct feedback from other clubs who appreciate our prices and variety. As I already said the new system has it downfalls and one of which was balancing our Square (eftpos) system, please take into account whilst I would love to say the canteen made a profit of approx. \$9,000 due to tracking there is probably approximately \$1000 that could be allocated to either uniforms or Merchandise. We are currently working to update the system to enable canteen staff to print details reports on when uniform or merchandise is purchased. When calculated together there is a profit of approximately \$2500 cash in bank, with \$1000 worth of head gear and approximately \$3000 in uniforms and merchandise still for future sale.

To finish of I would like to thank everyone for their support and look forward to making some money next year, with a lot of our long term goal purchases now complete, we should see more profit and less expenditure next year.



# Treasurer's Report

Income AUD	01-10-2021 to 30-09-2022	01-10-2020 to 30-09-2021
Balance as at 30-09-2020		\$ 24,746.90
Administration	\$ 3.00	
Bad Debt Recovery	\$ 340.00	\$ 847.00
Bank Interest	\$ 4.27	\$ 4.52
Canteen Sales	\$ 17,800.62	\$ 9,767.23
Donations	\$ 1,650.00	\$ -
Fundraising	\$ 165.00	\$ 1,931.77
Grants	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
Masters	\$ 330.00	\$ -
Merchandise	\$ 6,398.47	\$ 6,690.99
Photos	\$ 219.10	\$ -
Presentation Costs	\$ 100.00	\$ -
Registration Fees	\$ 15,563.84	\$ 21,377.19
Shipping	\$ 10.00	\$ -
Supporting Memberships	\$ 23.81	\$ 68.70
Touch Account	\$ 12,058.88	\$ -
Uniform	\$ 5,276.34	\$ -
Unknown Income	\$ 913.16	\$ -
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 61,856.49</b>	<b>\$ 43,687.40</b>

Expenses AUD	01-10-2021 to 30-09-2022	01-10-2020 to 30-09-2021
Admin	\$ 192.97	\$ 2,049.58
Bank Fees	\$ 20.40	\$ 5.60
Canteen Sales	\$ 9,575.42	\$ 4,684.22
Computer and Internet Subscriptions	\$ 529.38	\$ 86.90
Donations	\$ 250.00	\$ -
First Aid	\$ 1,242.96	\$ -
Fundraising	\$ -	\$ 496.93
Ground Maintenance	\$ 13,930.88	\$ 4,595.20
Insurance	\$ 1,049.86	\$ 1,002.03
Licenses	\$ 367.00	\$ -
Masters	\$ 1,030.00	\$ -
Merchandise	\$ 11,563.10	\$ 5,622.60
Photos	\$ 148.25	\$ -
Power and Gas	\$ 4,709.93	\$ 4,886.84
Presentation Costs	\$ 2,878.80	\$ 189.00
Processing Fee	\$ 184.61	\$ -
Referee Fees	\$ 717.50	\$ -
Referee Fees	\$ 258.00	\$ -
Registration Fees	\$ 6,119.00	\$ 5,455.20
Small Appliances	\$ 991.36	\$ -
Touch Account	\$ 11,074.86	\$ -
Training and Courses	\$ 170.00	\$ -
Uniform	\$ 7,396.80	\$ -
Unknown Income	\$ 421.70	\$ 469.04
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 74,822.78</b>	<b>\$ 29,543.14</b>

Net Cash Position AUD	01-10-2021 to 30-09-2022	01-10-2020 to 30-09-2021
Total	\$ 25,924.87	\$ 38,891.16
Not Banked	\$ 76.33	
Bank Balance as At 30/09/2022	\$ 25,848.54	

## Outstanding Invoices

Invoice #	Contact	Date	Amount Due
5	Creed McDonald	16/12/2021	\$79.00
15	Jakob Ford	4/02/2022	\$99.00
20	William Asbury	3/02/2022	\$63.00
37	Liara Boyd	14/02/2022	\$63.00
43	George Fa	16/02/2022	\$63.00
59	Jone Fa	21/02/2022	\$63.00
62	Cooper Byrne	19/04/2022	\$120.00
63	Waka Horne	19/04/2022	\$160.00
64	David Makoni	19/04/2022	\$60.00
76	Zephaniah Sao-Maifiti	19/04/2022	\$160.00
80	Tevita Tuikokovatu	19/04/2022	\$160.00
81	Gary Addi	19/04/2022	\$60.00
85	Zac Small	21/02/2022	\$63.00
92	Timothy Asbury	1/03/2022	\$79.00
93	Lenny Quinn	22/02/2022	\$99.00
95	Henre Tuima	24/02/2022	\$13.00
98	Jordan Ma'a	24/03/2022	\$149.00
118	TJ Vaihu	12/04/2022	\$210.00
119	Amenisitai Naceru	26/04/2022	\$160.00
243	Bradley-Nero Quadina	24/05/2022	\$30.00
253	Jasmine Vassallo	1/06/2022	\$225.00
260	Justin Fonmanu	18/05/2022	\$160.00

## Unpaid Invoices

Contact	Date	Due	Status	Paid	Amount Due
CFA - The Basin	31/05/2022	24/06/2022	Awaiting Payment	\$574	\$0.40
Knox City Council	18/05/2022	19/05/2022	Awaiting Payment	\$4,122	\$1,652.00

*Treasurer's Report*



# Touch Report

Our 5<sup>th</sup> season was again delayed due to the last of the COVID lockdowns starting in December. We completed the season at the end of March (running a little longer to ensure a full 12 week season + finals), hopefully for the last time.

This year we added a 6 week women's competition to the men's and mixed competitions bringing the overall number of players registered to our competition to the highest it's ever been.

With the returning army of volunteers and refs the competition was very successful as well as a lot of fun. There was also some exciting games being played. The men's final, in particular, being one of the fastest and most frenetic games of touch I've ever seen (the game had three high level refs who subbed amongst each other and still came away looking more exhausted than some of the players).

Financially, the competition returned a profit of around \$2000 to the club - a massive improvement on last season. This coming season will be something of a building season with forecast participation heavily favouring mixed and junior competitions.

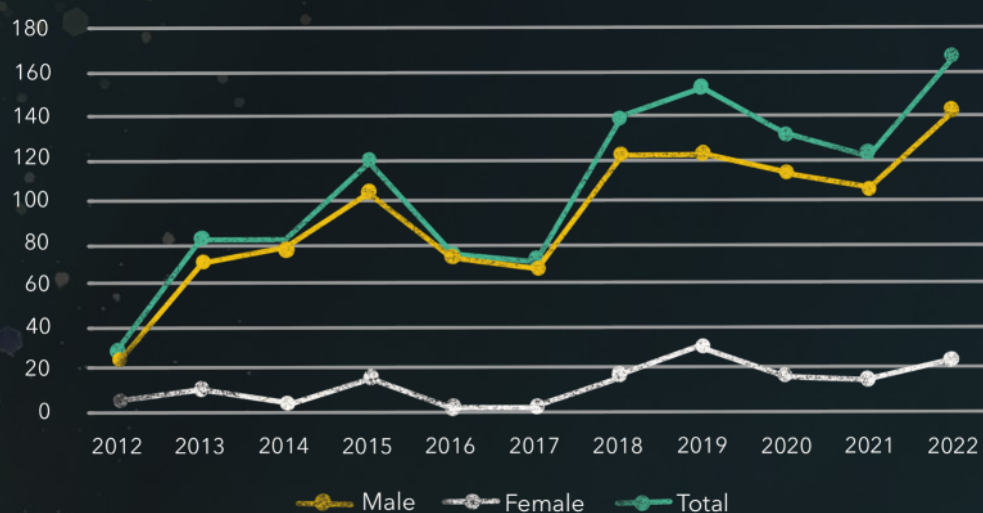
I'd like to call out a massive thanks to CJ Williams who has retired as coordinator after the end of this season. His tireless efforts to promote and grow the comp were a thing to behold and greatly contributed to the competition's profitability. His efforts were also recognised with a Touch Football Australia Volunteer of the Month award during this season.

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 and will continue to evolve next season.

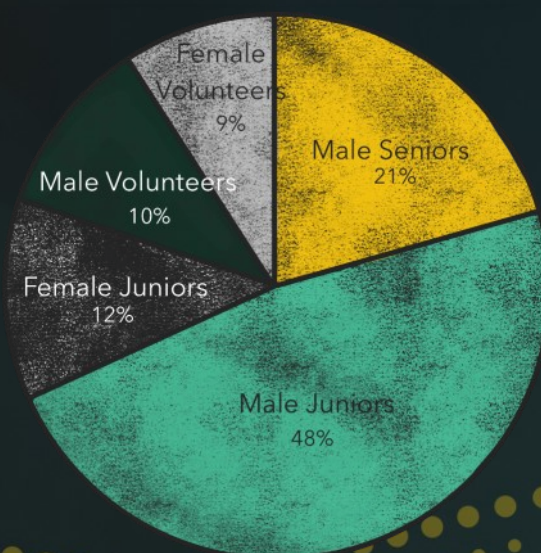




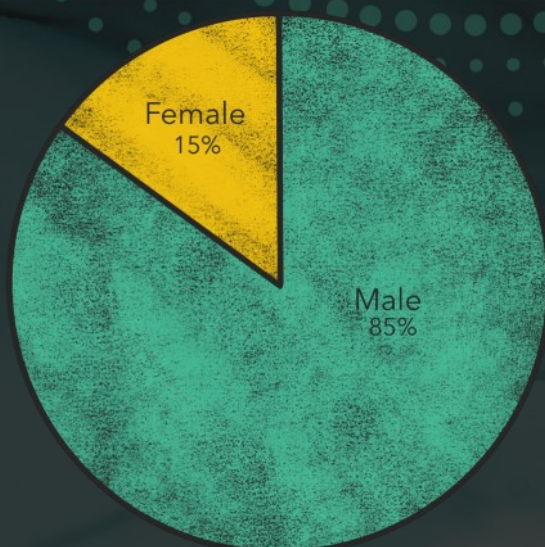
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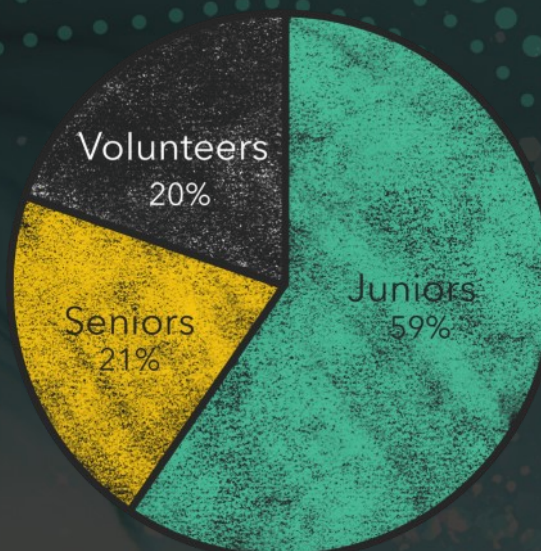
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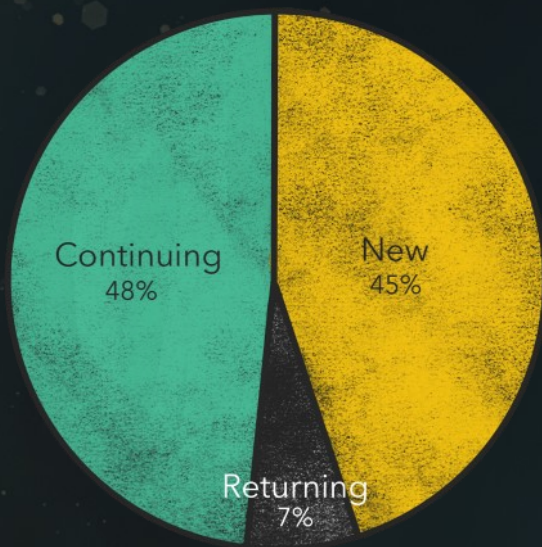
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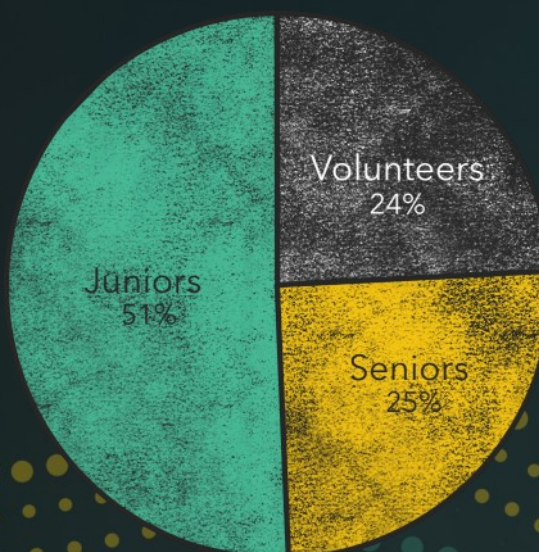


# 2022 Membership Snapshot

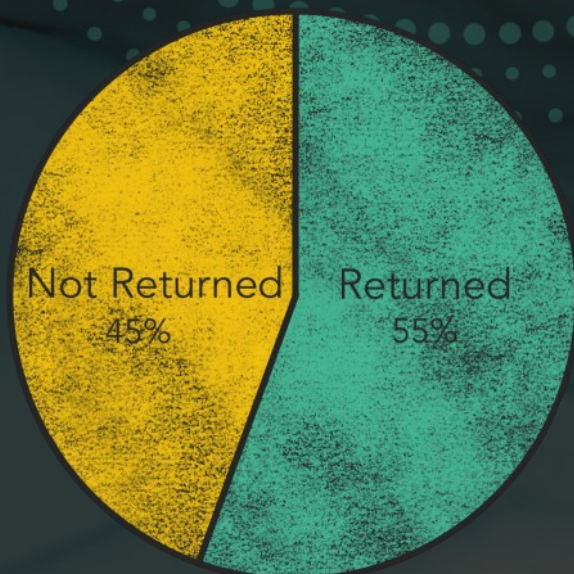
## 2022 CONTINUING V NEW REGISTRATIONS



## 2021-22 ATTRITION BY CATEGORY



## 2021-22 RETENTION V ATTRITION







# 2022 Committee of Management

**President:** Michael Simpson

**Vice President:** Jasmine Vassallo

**Secretary:** Lynne Simpson

**Treasurer:** Jo Friend

**Director of Coaching:** Trent Ousley

**Director of Facilities:** Vacant

**Sponsorship Director:** Michael Simpson

**Fundraising Director:** Vacant

**Uniform Manager:** Elishia Hellier

**Canteen Manager:** Jo Friend & Katie Akesson

**Merchandise Manager:** Laura Mitcham

**Head Trainer:** James Hibbard

**Touch Co-ordinator:** CJ Williams

**Touch Treasurer:** Tim Baird

**MPIO:** Vacant



# 2022 Honour Board



## Rowell Award:

Scotty Takairangi



## Spirit of the Club Award:

Keeli Friend



## Coach of the Year Award:

Carl Bardsley



## McIntyre Award:

Lynne Simpson

## 2022 NRL Vic Awards:

### Spirit of League Award Winners

## Coach of the Year Finalist:

Carl Bardsley

## Volunteer of the Year Finalist:

Lynne Simpson







## Rowell Award Nominees:

Emily Atkins, Chase Gardam, Amber Hellier,  
Lennox Kahaduwaarachchi, Bridget Pearson, Dunamis Scanlan,  
Una Tafuna, Scotty Takairangi



## McIntyre Award Nominees:

Katie Akesson, Ben Atkins, Tim Baird, Jo Friend, Elishia Hellier,  
James Hibbard, Trent Ousley, Belinda Pearson, Lynne Simpson,  
Michael Simpson, Kim Sully, Jasmine Vassallo



## Five Year Medallists:

Tim Baird, George Fa, Jone Fa, Chloe Fong, Chase Gardam, Maverick  
Gardam, Steele Gardam, Mia Johnson, Cooper Lynch, Zsc Small, Dakota  
Soroan, Halatau Tuima, Sinead Willey, Dylan Wolfgramm





**Tim Baird & Michael Simpson - Australia**

ANZAC Day Masters Test  
Australia v New Zealand



**Trent Ousley - Victoria**

Under 17 Girls - Coach

We would also like to congratulate past Raptor Nic Flocas on his selection for Greece at the 2022 Rugby League World Cup



# A Year in Pictures





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**Coach:** Una Tafuna

**Team Managers:** Kim Sully (U6), Ben Atkins (U7)

**Sports Trainer:** Jasmine Vassallo

This year the under 6 and 7's teams trained and worked under the guidance of Coach Una Tafuna and Team Managers Kim Sully (6's) and Ben Atkins (7's). This management team worked together seamlessly to ensure parents were informed and up to date with information and could easily ask questions and feel assured they would be answered.

Throughout the season Coach Una was able to build fun into training which in turn lead to confidence in the players and built on ball skills, which lead to increased attendance at training and games. Once a week both the 6's and 7's would come together at training to have fun and learn ball skills as a team and hopefully learn to run in the correct direction. Each Thursday Coach Una ran a 7's only training session to ensure the kids were able to build on skills to support them as they transition into under 8's next year.

The under 7's team was small but determined this year, we were very lucky to have the support of a number of strong under 6 players and parents that stepped up each week and played with the 7's and often played 2 games of rugby no matter how cold or wet it was (sometimes the players enjoyed it more when it was very wet, maybe not the parents).

The under 6's team list was strong which allowed for rest breaks on game days, illness on game days and life in general that happens.

On that note, none of this would be possible without the unwavering support of parents, step parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and all other support people that make our children's weekend sports possible. We were very lucky this year to have such an amazing diverse group of dedicated kids!

A very special thank you to all of the players and support people this year, we look forward to seeing you all again next year.

# Under 6 & Under 7 Team Report



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## Under 6

Player of the Year:

Emanuel Wolfgramm

Coach's Award:

Hunter Sully

Rowell Award Nomination:

Lennox Kahaduwaarachchi

## Under 7

Player of the Year:

Lose Tafuna

Coach's Award:

Emily Atkins

Rowell Award Nomination:

Emily Atkins





**Coach:** Michael Simpson

**Assistant Coach:** Oscar Hellier

**Team Managers:** David Sorohan

**Sports Trainer:** Katie Akesson

Coaching young kids in any sport is both rewarding and challenging. In my 5<sup>th</sup> year of coaching at the Raptors I can honestly say this has been both the most challenging and rewarding.

A core group of kids that I have been coaching since under 6's earned their 5-year medals and my team swelled from 12 last year to 22 players this year! After a chaotic 1<sup>st</sup> round, where the players only got to spend 1 ½ quarters each on the field, we made the right decision to split the team into two.

The Gold and Teal teams were selected based on a balanced mix of ages, experience, and skill level to ensure that every child had the opportunity to compete, develop and enjoy the game each week. This was evident early on with both teams being competitive every week and enjoying each other's company and the games.

With thanks to my team manager Dave, assistant coach Oscar, and unofficial assistant coach Ryan, along with help from all the parents week in and week out, we managed train this large group together and manage game days with a minimum of fuss. I have one of the most engaged groups of parents in the club and I thank you all for your support and contribution throughout the year.

There are too many highlights to list here as every child grew and improved throughout the year. Some of them found dedicated roles in dummy half and first receiver, others developed their defence, whilst others honed and improved their try scoring abilities. For others, especially some of the newest players, just stepping out onto the field with minimal training was a massive achievement in what can be a physical and intimidating game.

Choosing my player and rookie of the year from each team was the most difficult challenge I faced this year with so many standout performances. The winners were thoroughly deserving however every child should be proud of their effort this year and I look forward to continuing the journey next year.

# Under 9 Gold & Teal Team Report



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## Under 9 Gold

Player of the Year:

Malcolm Tuamoheloa

Rookie of the Year:

Archie Stubbs

## Under 9 Teal

Player of the Year:

Maverick Gardam

Rookie of the Year:

Samuel Hubbard

Rowell Award Nomination:

Amber Hellier





**Coach:** Tim Baird

**Assistant Coach:** Cooper Byrne

**Team Managers:** Elise Suhle, Angela Willey (Assistant)

**Sports Trainer:** Sylvia Scanlan

Our first full season after the pandemic was a big one. As the pre-season progressed the number of registered players kept growing until, at season start, we had 23 players on our list. About half were returning players whilst the rest were newcomers. So it was somewhat of a building year as everyone was getting used to each other.

We discussed splitting into two teams and decided we might need more numbers. How wrong we were. The first game we played we ended up swapping teams at half time and it became apparent that we really needed to field 2 teams if everyone was going to get enough game time to learn and develop. A quick chat with Lynne Simpson after the game and as of week 2 we had our two teams - Gold and Teal.

It was a season like no other for these teams. Beset by illness and an unlucky run of injuries - we had a broken arm, a broken collarbone and 2 wrist breaks - the teams battled on, with most players backing up for both games for at least 1 week and playing 80 minutes of rugby league on game day. We were also on the road again, travelling across town to Mernda, Sunshine and Sunbury for the first time since 2019. Some of these made for interesting games - Sunbury provided a pitch invader in the shape of an angry neighbour wielding a cricket bat.

Rugby league is one of those games in which you learn a lot about yourself - and this season certainly helped all of us learn. The teams grew in skill and courage as we trained through a wet season on a rapidly deteriorating field. The feared belly runs we would sometimes do at practice were also loathed by those doing the laundry. It was great to grow with the teams this year; to watch them take the field and play with the values on display in our clubrooms every week. They were a great group and I hope to see them all again next year.

I'd like to thank Cooper Byrne, my assistant coach for the year. New to the club this year but not new to rugby league, his knowledge of the game and his eye for talent were very helpful. The insights he provided were invaluable and he added a lot to the team.

I'd also like to thank Elise Suhle and Angela Willey for backing up as our team managers for another year. They kept us on time and in the right spot as well as filling out the mountain of game day paperwork to keep us compliant.

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.

All up 2022 was a huge year.



# Under 11 Gold & Teal Team Report



## Under 11 Gold

Player of the Year:

Steele Gardam

Rookie of the Year:

Ben Sealey

Player's Player:

Noah Zimmermann

## Under 11 Teal

Player of the Year:

Chase Gardam

Rookie of the Year:

Jackson King

Player's Player:

Lachlan Morrow

Rowell Award Nomination:

Chase Gardam





**Coach:** Matt Parsons

**Assistant Coach:** Aussie Takairangi

**Team Manager:** Robyn Takairangi

The under 13's came together as a largely new team. We had returning players, new players and the team had a mix of 12's, 13's and 14's.

We got off to a strong start to the season winning round 1. The competition was a little bit lopsided with 3 very strong teams and then everybody else being quite even. Although we struggled to compete with these 3 teams we were very competitive winning 5 games for the year.

This culminated in defeating Truganina in the final round in muddy conditions, but by far our best performance of the year. It was great to see the happiness on the boys faces and a great way to finish off.

A massive thanks to Aussie for his coaching efforts, Robyn for keeping us organised and everyone that helps putting the teams on the field.

Last of all a well done and thanks to the boys, we had great numbers and great attitude to training and games and are going to be a great group moving forward.



# Under 13 Boys Team Report



**Top Try Scorer:**

Billy Parsons

**Most Improved:**

Zac Small

**Player's Player:**

Scotty Takairangi

**Rowell Award Nomination:**

Scotty Takairangi





**Coach:** Trent Ousley

**Team Manager:** Belinda Pearson

The U13 girls had an amazing season this year. An awesome competition consisting of five teams, meant we were tested each and every week. The girls showed tremendous heart and courage each week often giving away size to much bigger competition.

The girls showed all the values that the club holds close to its heart. Teamwork, courage and dedication shining through every week. The girls had great commitment to the team and all the team values.

I would like to thank Belinda Pearson for her help this year. A wonderful job as Team manager and being the link between the club and the team. Going forward it would be great to see more parents stepping up to help fill roles like sports trainer and water runner.

We hope that all the girls return for the 2023 season to continue the growth they had this year.



# Model 13 Girls Team Report



## Player of the Year:

Shema Scanlan

## Most Improved:

Amarni Tuamoheloa

## Coach's Award:

Hadassah Scanlan

## Rowell Award Nomination:

Bridget Pearson





**Coach:** Carl Bardsley

**Assistant:** Muliaga Scanlan (Shepparton)

**Team Manager:** Chendoah Smith

**Sports Trainer:** Elishia Hellier

The 2022 season for the U16s had far more positives than negatives.

With only four players from the previous season, five players based in Shepparton, and the rest of the team playing their first ever game of competitive Rugby League, was difficult to see how the season was going to go.

Emphasis was on enjoyment and effort, and from that point of view, the season was a successful one.

Despite facing teams who were more experienced, had played together longer, and had bigger playing groups, there was no doubting the effort, enthusiasm and spirit shown. Even in matches where the scoreline was very one sided, the team played to the final hooter.

Highlights of the season were the spirit that developed within the team, and the progression made over the year by the players who were new to the game. Each week there were good numbers at training, everyone got on with each other pretty well, and the end result is a close knit group of players.

To finish the season with more players than we started with, and to see the continued motivation of the players, despite the results, bodes well for next season.

I'm confident that the majority of the team will come back, and I look forward to seeing them progress further.



# Under 16 Boys Team Report



## Player of the Year:

Jethro Scanlan

## Player's Player:

Declan Lyons

## Coach's Award:

Miles Parlas

## Rowell Award Nomination:

Dunamis Scanlan





**Coach:** Dylan Wolfgramm

**Acting Team Manager:** Lynne Simpson

**Sports Trainers:** James Hibbard & Jasmine Vassallo

After two years of covid and living through a pandemic, it was great to have an uninterrupted season of rugby league. This could not have been done without the work of NRL VIC and the clubs – great work by all!

Building on the work done by all those before us this year, to say we weren't optimistic of a good year would be a lie. Finishing 2021 in third position with only a quarter of the season completed was a great achievement. Creating history throughout 2021, we definitely wanted to go to new heights in 2022 and we did it – couldn't be prouder for all those involved.

2022 Minor Premiers. 3 games lost during the regular season, 5 in total for the year. A massive effort given where this group was in January. Again, history made. An effort the entire club should be proud of and not to be taken lightly.

A massive thank you to all of those put on a raptors jersey this year. It was a massive effort by all those involved and assisted in how far the team go this year.

With all that being said, none of what we achieved could be done without the help, support and leadership of Michael, Lynne, James, Simon, Jo and Elishia and all those volunteers who are the Eastern Raptors.

Congratulations to all – It's been a pleasure.

Regards,

Head Coach 2022

Dylan Wolfgramm



# Senior Men Team Report



## Player of the Year:

Una Tafuna

## Player's Player:

Febrick Addi

## Coach's Award:

Sione Otukolo

## Best Forward:

Antonio Ufi

## Best Back:

Febrick Addi

## Leading Try Scorer:

Gary Addi & Febrick Addi  
(14 tries)

## Leading Points Scorer:

Dylan Wolfgramm  
(60 points)

## Rowell Award Nomination:

Una Tafuna





# Masters Report

The Raptor Masters took to the field again this year in record numbers. With a massive 16 registrations (including five of our junior coaches), there was almost enough coverage for injuries, general soreness and last minute emergencies.

The team made it to all 3 Victoria Stormers' metro galas this year, and have the bags packed ready for the regional gala in Wangaratta over cup weekend.

Highlights of the year include the bus trip to Werribee, and who could forget the bus trip back. We hosted the first gala at Colchester Reserve and the guys had a great time blowing off the cobwebs and reliving the glory days.

Finally, in recognition of the seriousness with which we take the masters competition, we have finally got around to ordering a new matching playing kit!

It was great to welcome the new team members, catch up with old friends and really give those hamstrings a workout in 2022. If 2023 is as successful, we strongly recommend taking out shares in Deep Heat, Diageo and renewing the ambulance subscription.





**Coaches & Assistants:** Tim Baird, Carl Bardsley, Cooper Byrne, Oscar Hellier, Trent Ousley, Matt Parsons, Muliaga Scanlan, Michael Simpson, Una Tafuna, Aussie Takairangi, Dylan Wolfgramm

**Team Managers:** Ben Atkins, Belinda Pearson, Lynne Simpson, Chendoah Smith, David Sorohan, Elise Suhle, Kim Sully, Robyn Takairangi, Angela Willey

**Sports Trainers:** Katie Akesson, James Hibbard, Simon Lindberg, Sylvia Scanlan, Lynne Simpson, Jasmine Vassallo

**Water Runners:** Timothy Asbury, Tau Tuima, Michael Simpson, Michael Willey, Dylan Wolfgramm,

**Tee & Ball Kids:** Logan Friend, Amber Hellier, Billy Parsons, Cooper Sully, Scotty Takairangi

**Club Volunteers:** Karen Collard, Greg Gardam, Eve Nunn, Rose Ousley, Bec Woolard,

**Club Photographer:** Peter Knight (thanks also to Elishia!)

**At Knox Council:** Cr Jude Dwight, Suranga Dissakarunaratne, Dayna Nicholas, Cesar Ortiz

**At NRL Victoria:** Conan Kang, Lenny Mason, Scott McNaughton, Pauline Poloai, Simon Rathbone, Brent Silva, Angus Street

**Club Sponsors:** Alchester Village Pizza & Pasta, Jackson Taylor MP, Kay Hickey, Sportsmart Kilsyth

Frankston Raiders RLC. Ryan Hoffman. Bunnings Bayswater. Everyone who helped out on game day, in the canteen or on the fields.

Special thanks to everyone who helped in the lead up and supported us in the aftermath of the semi final.



