

StKilda City Junior Football Club

Season 2019 Yearbook



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**Equal
opportunities
for everyone**



President's Report 2019



Dear St Kilda City JFC Members,

The 2019 season was another great year for Saint Kilda City JFC. We continue to grow and have established ourselves as a strong, mid-sized club. It's been fantastic to watch the club grow over the last five years, we now have 22 teams including 8 Girls teams, which is an ever-evolving and exciting part of our club.

St Kilda City has a clear focus on participation, inclusiveness and enjoyment and the committee is equally passionate about all three areas. As mentioned, participation numbers are as strong as they've ever been with over 500 players now representing our club every weekend. We pride ourselves on being welcoming and we know kids will always be able to find a home at St Kilda City. Above all else, we know that the kids playing for City have fun and enjoy their footy. This can clearly be seen if you get down to Wattie Watson or the Peanut Farm on a Sunday and witness the atmosphere on match day.

Playing fairly and respecting officials, opposition and supporters is another clear objective of the committee. Whilst we don't always get it right, we are consistently ranked as one of the top clubs in the South Metro Junior Football League (SMJFL) in terms of behaviour. We also understand we can always improve and will be looking at measures to implement in 2020 with this purpose in mind.

As in all years, we have had challenges in 2019 with the most obvious one being limited ground space for training and for home games as well as the poor state of lighting at Wattie Watson. Despite these challenges, we were able to successfully cater for all training and the bulk of match day demands this season. Infrastructure improvements in 2020, which will be detailed later, will see a significant improvement in this area.

The Club had many great achievements in 2019 both on and off the field. The continued usage of Wattie Watson Oval #2 for the junior teams was a great outcome after this site on Head Street had been secured for our purposes by the Council.

In relation to infrastructure, there are fantastic things to look forward to in 2020. With the hard work of Matt Dever and Damien Ross (Vice Presidents) and the rest of the committee, we have been able to secure significant grants which will result in the building of four brand new light towers and an electronic scoreboard at Wattie Watson. This will greatly assist with the challenges we have around ground space and will enable far greater usage of the ground for training and significantly improve the training environment. The new scoreboard will be an exciting visual for players and spectators alike, with the capacity to digitally show scores, sponsor details and the celebration of highlights of play. The lights will be of a very high standard of the required quality to play night games. This is something that the Committee will investigate further with the South Metro Junior Football League.

In another exciting development, 4 brand new light towers have been erected at the Peanut Farm, which will also ensure that the training coverage and quality for our other home ground is significantly improved.

In 2020, the Committee will also implement a Code of Conduct for all players and members, which will be a requirement on registration. Whilst St Kilda City prides itself on respectful player and supporter behaviour, this will be an initiative to help us continue to improve in this area.

Another great achievement of the club this year was the range of fantastic social activities. We held the Club Launch, a number of Sunday Sessions, as well as the St Kilda City Big Bash. Members coming together and having fun is a key objective of the committee and it makes St Kilda City a club that people want to get involved with. We will continue to grow the social fabric of our club with many fun social activities planned for 2020.

Resource and infrastructure development will continue to be a key objective of the committee, as one of our key pillars within the 3 year strategic plan.

On field, as always, the Club had a mixture of wins, draws and losses but the Committee was enormously proud of the competitive and respectful spirit that the teams played in. We had 11 teams make finals with 5 going onto Grand Finals, resulting in 3 premierships. A big congratulations to our Under 17 Boys (Div.2), many of whom have been with the club since the Under 8s, who capped off their careers at St Kilda City with a wonderful premiership flag. This has been a fantastic group of players, many of whom have played 10 years of footy at St Kilda City and were very deserved of a premiership in their final year.

The Under 15 Div. 1 Boys and U16 Div.2 Girls both won back to back premierships. To win one let alone successive premierships is such a high level of junior footy and is a wonderful testament to both these teams and the coaching staff that took them on this journey. The club also had a number of players selected to play interleague football, representing the League against other leagues around Melbourne.

The Club is in a strong financial position, as demonstrated by the financial statements included in this report. With cash reserves, the committee will always prudently manage our funds to ensure we invest in the continued development of the Club, both on and off the field.

I would like to thank our wonderful sponsors: McGrath Real Estate (Major sponsor), Fiammetta (Key sponsor), Complete Dental Care (Gold sponsor) and Lamaros Hotel (Silver sponsor), as well as our club supporters: Saintly Burger, Will's Batch, Foxes Den. Without their support our Club would not be able to run nearly as efficiently or successfully.

I'd like to also thank the St Kilda City community of volunteers, supporters, Mum and Dads, families, who all play a huge part in the fabric of our club. Every week, we rely on this community to fill a range of different roles to support the training sessions and match day activities of all our teams. Community is at the heart of St Kilda City culture. We represent the community in which we all live and it is the way that our members embrace and get involved in our Club that makes it so special.



... a clear focus on participation, inclusiveness and enjoyment

Jamie Howden

Finally, I'd like to thank the committee, who work tirelessly throughout the year to manage the operations of our Club. They are a fantastic group who work extremely hard and are passionate about our Club. The committee has already commenced planning for the 2020 season, which we know will be another fantastic year for the Club. We hope you all enjoy your summer and look forward to seeing you all next year.

Go City!!!!!!

Jamie Howden
PRESIDENT | St Kilda City Junior Football Club

Treasurer's Report 2019

St Kilda City Junior Football Club Inc

Treasurer's Report For The Year Ended 30 September 2019.

Profit & Loss

We primarily account on a cash basis but do include a small number of invoices which were received after year-end but relate to the season just gone, all amounts included in financial statements are gross of GST for which we are not registered.

The club recorded a deficit of \$11,721, below our budgeted surplus of \$18,700.

Revenues of \$187,053 were collected against a budgeted \$201,400 including \$128,490 in registration fees (net of Sports Pulse costs), fundraising of \$16,623, thanks to the efforts of Michael Feferkranz and the social committee and \$25,800 in sponsorship, thanks to the continued work of Matt Dever and the sponsorship committee.

We also received \$3,667 from the AFL for our role in the football development of Joel Crocker, Harry Reynolds & Tom Jok, all who were drafted in the 2018 draft.

Total Expenses were \$198,784 against budget of \$182,700.

The main variance to budget was the unbudgeted cost of the clubroom upgrade, \$7,798, which includes the new honour board, general footy supplies were over budget by \$5,653 due to the increase in the number of teams and the need to overhaul our football stocks, the increasing costs associated with the provision of St John's ambulance at both our grounds (included in this is a \$5,000 invoice related to previous year that wasn't received until after the 2018 AGM), and the ongoing costs associated with the requirement for the club to meet the leagues compliance targets.

In addition, the club spent \$24,297 on 464 new jerseys for all players, this was a one-off cost, in future years only new players will get new jerseys. The club also spent \$2,500 to update its website.

Balance Sheet

Balance Sheet attached shows the Club remains in a strong financial position, despite this years loss, with cash reserves of \$105,259.

The 2020 season will see the club purchase an electronic scoreboard which will cost \$60k (approx.), however the club expects to recoup approximately \$30k through increased sponsorship opportunities and funding from a successful Federal Grant.

As per the Committee approved Investment policy, the club will continue to actively manage our cash reserves above the minimum threshold level.

Our merchandise partner (Cheryl Dobell), holds \$13,155 worth of inventory on our behalf, this is recorded at cost.

Kieran O'Mahony

TREASURER, ST KILDA CITY JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB



Club Financial Statements 2019

St Kilda City Junior Football Club Inc

Profit & Loss Statement For The Year Ended 30th September 2019

	2018	2019
Income		
Canteen and bar takings	7,651	6,088
Fundraising (net)	14,885	16,623
Interest Received	52	168
Membership fees	126,235	128,490
Merchandise Sales	11,406	4,077
Grants	0	936
Other Income	4,374	1,214
AFL Player Development Grant	0	3,667
Sponsorships & Donations	28,000	25,800
Total Income	192,603	187,063

	2018	2019
Expenses		
Advertising	300	-
Admin Manager	4,360	17,487
Bank charges	230	302
Cleaning	955	3,305
Clubroom upgrade	0	7,798
Club Coaching fees	15,800	19,900
Club volunteer expenses	1,105	3,876
Council fees	2,508	1,546
Donations	600	500
Equipment rental	504	-
Game Day Management	3,850	4,250
Game Day Medic	8,268	11,358
General Football Supplies	19,789	17,753
General insurance	1,824	2,175
Grant success fees	1,980	
Ground marking	19,118	2,383
Jumpers	20,850	24,297
League fees & insurance	1,386	22,490
League Videos	1,413	1,386
Medical & trainer expenses	0	10,329
Member welfare benefits	7,050	457
Merchandise - cost of goods sold	0	0
Office Supplies	0	371
Other Expenses	2,832	2,395
Plant and equipment expenditure	3,785	3,912
Promotions	7,603	-
Repairs	0	-
Scoreboard - net of grant and donation		
Social Functions	350	-
Stock write off	0	-
Subscriptions		
Team Functions & Supplies	9,625	10,579
Target Schools Program	0	-
Training courses	0	-
Training jumpers	0	-
Trophies and awards	5,613	5,015
Umpiring fees	20,064	22,662
Website expenses	0	2,258
Total Expenses	161,762	198,784
Net Income	30,841	(11,721)



Club Financial Statements 2019



St Kilda City Junior Football Club Inc

Balance Sheet as at 30th September 2019

	Note	2018	2019
Current Assets			
Bank	1	112,342	105,259.33
Cash on Hand (canteen)		0	-
Sundry Debtors	2	6,000	-
Inventory		5,125	13,155.13
Total Current Assets		123,467	118,414.46
Total Assets		123,467	118,414.46
Liabilities			
Accruals	3	3,500	10,168.62
Liabilities		0	10,168.62
Net Assets		119,967	108,245.84
Equity			
Retained Earnings	4	119,967	108,246.06
Total Equity		119,967	108,246.06

Notes to the Accounts

		2018	2019
1. Bank	Westpac - Canteen transaction account		1,000
	Westpac Cash Reserve		85,678
	Westpac community a/c		18,581
			105,259
2. Sundry Debtors	Port Phillip council		0
	Stock		0
			0
3. Accruals	Outstanding invoices		2,868
	Volunteers Night		1,500
	SMJFL/other		5,801
	Various team functions & supplies		0
			10,169
4. Retained Earnings	Opening Balance		119,967
	Profit / (loss) for the year		(11,721)
	Closing Balance		108,246



The girls gained valuable experience playing finals footy...

St Kilda City Strategic Plan 2021

A plan for the future of St Kilda City Junior Football Club

Our Vision

Provide kids with a safe, supportive and inclusive environment that encourages and develops participation in Australian Rules Football.



Our Mission

Through our community focus, foster a culture and environment our members feel proud to be part of. Develop a fun & family atmosphere that promotes the opportunity to learn and grow as footballers.



Our Values

As a club, we value fun, team first, respect, inclusiveness and growth.

Our 3 year objectives

1. Attract & maintain a sustainable membership base
2. Ensure strong participation & suitable pathways for developing potential
3. Deliver sound governance that ensures health & safety, compliance & financial sustainability
4. Develop Club's infrastructure to enable our strategic goals
5. Maintain a strong connection with our membership & community

Strategic Pillars

Participation &
Pathways

Membership
& Stakeholder
Services

Facilities &
Infrastructure

Sound
Governance

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Infrastructure Developments At Wattie Watson

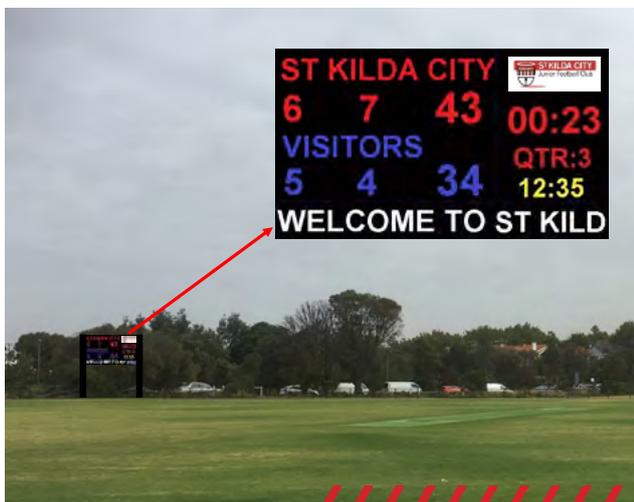
In line with the Club's Strategic Plan to 2021, the Committee is excited to announce the approval of new infrastructure for Wattie Watson for the start of season 2020.

By early April 2020, Wattie Watson will have 4 new light towers including state of the art lighting technology. These new lights will provide much needed visual enhancement for training, an increased level of security for our members, the ability to manage the surface of Wattie Watson better as well as provide for the possibility of night games next season.

The lights will be funded via a Federal grant from the Australian Sports Commission which the Club was successful in obtaining earlier this year. The project will start later in December and will be managed by the City of Port Phillip Council team.



Artist impression of the proposed new lighting at Wattie Watson



Artist impression of the new 2020 scoreboard at Wattie Watson

Along with the new lighting infrastructure, Wattie Watson will also be the recipient of a brand new electronic scoreboard for season 2020. The new scoreboard will be located adjacent to the cricket nets on the far side of the oval and will face back towards the pavilion. Operation of the new scoreboard will be via a new laptop and specialist software which can be operated by parent volunteers. The new scoreboard will provide the Club a great opportunity to generate additional revenue from sponsors who can promote their product on the scoreboard during game time.

St Kilda City 2019 Premiership Teams

U16 Girls Div. 2

Defeated Mordialloc Breaside JFC

Final Score:

Mordialloc Breaside

St.Kilda City

5.5 – 35

7.5 – 47



U16 DIV. 2 GIRLS - PREMIERSHIP TEAM

Match Best & Fairest:

Kitty Smyth

Season Best & Fairest:

Tilley Mottram

Congratulations!

U15 Boys Div. 1



Super effort! Go City!!!

U17 Boys Div. 2



St Kilda City League Best & Fairest

South Metro Junior Football League Best and Fairest Award Recipients from SKCJFC



Bonnie Grining
U16 Girls Div.4



Sebastian Harris-Knipe
U17 Boys Div.2



Runner Up Frankie Dever
U14 GIRLS DIV.4



Bruce Whorlton
COACH U16 GIRLS DIV. 2



U17 Div. 2 accepting their premiership award



Runner Up - Frankie Dever receiving her award

U12s Mixed Div.3	Kye Fincher and Runner Up Archie Murrhly
U14 Girls Div.4	Runner Up Frankie Dever
U15 Boys Div.3	Max Griffiths
U16 Girls Div.4	Runners Up Bonnie Grining and Maia Sublet
U17 Boys Div.2	Sebastian Harris-Knipe

100 Games Achievement

**Congratulations to these
100 game players in 2019**

- * Archie May
- * Aydin Rielly
- * Charlie Heaton
- * Cooper Dowe
- * Dylan Ting
- * Finlay Jones
- * Freddie Langdon
- * Hamish Jones
- * Lachy McCluskey
- * Luke Fares
- * Luke Travers
- * Mackenzie Allen
- * Matt Clark
- * Max Officer
- * Tom Howden
- * Will McCarthy

St Kilda City U8 Mixed Red

The most amazing Under 8's footy team I've ever seen.

Early in 2019 we all met each other. There was Adrian Anderson (Coach Ando) and I (David Sumner - Assistant Coach), with Dave Rodda (Team manager), Richard Ogalvie (Umpire) and the boys. Together we, with the valuable assistance of Nick Gill & Rich Griffin (Runners), Sharon Howell (Trainer) and the terrific support of parents, enjoyed many Sunday mornings of great Australian Rules Football in Bayside Melbourne.

A large team list of twenty seven (27) boys was provided by St Kilda City Junior Football Club near Wattie Watson Oval in Elwood and training sessions got underway with pre season training early April. These were well attended, all skill levels were assessed and the training program was arranged accordingly.

The playing style of the under eights had an emphasis on rapid ball movement, personal skill development and supporting team mates. The values that underpinned this approach was one of Sportsmanship, Skills and Teamwork. These were demonstrated, learnt, trained and played.

Team cohesion quickly developed when boys with some weaker skills, were recognised in the same manner as boys with some stronger skills. Those with stronger skills in certain areas (such as preferred kicking foot or handball hand) were asked to go the extra mile and stretch themselves. They began to modify their own efforts, to use their bodies and minds to suit the game style and in doing so demonstrate and encourage others to do the same. We can always do better.

The team was comprised of boys at all levels with some particularly skilful players. The crowning achievement was to combine the differing skill levels into a cohesive team. Ando and I were able to accomplish this task with coordinated combined coaching skills and instruction to the boys. This included encouragement of individual performers amongst peers, to create a terrific sense of engagement which was almost tangible.

Back Row: Richard Griffin (Runner), David Rodda (Team Manager), David Sumner (Assistant Coach), Adrian Anderson (Coach), Sharon Howell (Trainer)

3rd Row: Fletcher Sumner, Jackson Grundy, Lenny Ross, Gilbert Crawford, Roan Good, Ben Pendreich, Oscar Stillwell, Sam Hewitt, Mitchell Colquhoun, Koby Childs, Harry Griffin

2nd Row: Tom Anderson, Robbie MacDonald, Kofi Ntimih, Noah Gill, Sid Roddy, Carter Bickerton, Harry Green Withers

Front Row: Clancy Rodda, Copper Cuthbert, Louis Dash, Archer Hobbs
Absent: Aiden Ogilvie, Thomas Cutler, Jeremy Banks, Orlando Stooke, Harry Guttman



UNDER 8 - MIXED RED 2019

Generally, players would have 'walked over broken glass' for Ando. The look on the boys faces when they were able to be recognised by Ando for using skills during a game we learned in training, was amazing to see. We were also able to tap into the considerable depth of the club and draw on the experienced words of AFL legends such as Darren Cocker 'Croc', to speak directly and encourage the boys skills in thoughtful coaching at training.

Everybody had a lot of fun working at being our team. Individual character of eight year old boys greatly enhanced team cohesion, enjoyment and excitement, with several amusing comments and antics bubbling up from the boys throughout the season bringing brightness and a sense of joy in being together. This was not without challenge on occasion. As many may guess, on some training nights, boys with that much raw energy needed a deft touch to guide. There were boys seen doing push-ups in the middle of the oval on some training nights.

On our game days we had challenging logistics in rotating our large team list on the playing field. Hard but fair that's how we play. Once in their zones and match begun, the pace of our boys left some opponent teams standing still with little in reply. At other times, fierce contest for the ball on some matches tested our defensive ability as well as our dogged determination to take back the initiative and prevail under pressure. Maintaining game style, skill and the experience under pressure is the forge of greatness.

Such was the team focus on playing the way we train, that during the season individual boys made their contribution on some matches and then others at other games, with the overall result being that it did not matter each week who was playing. As a whole the team worked hard together equally and making a rising tide that carried all boats. Other boys matured in their game play through the season and found their own way to contribute to match success.

Following matches, individual recognition awards to acknowledge singular contribution were provided in the crowded post match rooms and then the team song sung together with great gusto.

Out of sixteen (16) games played including the lightning premiership, there was only one game loss by a margin of 13 points (16-29). This occurred at the first game of the season against the Port Melbourne Colts, who we have not played again. What followed was an unbroken winning streak including the premiership with an average margin of forty seven (47) points. The greatest winning margin was 83 points (85-2) against Brighton Beach near the end of the season.

The games are over, but on reflection it's good to see boys individually growing, maturing, getting involved and learning new skills through the season. It was also very satisfying working with others to be a part of a team coming together so cohesively and learning the values that only great Aussie team sports can provide.

David Sumner

**...it's good to see
boys individually
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and learning new
skills through the
season.**



St Kilda City U9 Mixed Red

Leveraging off the success of their first year, the Under 9's Red's had another great season. The team was bolstered by a few big-name recruits and we started the season with 25 on the playing list.

It seems a life time ago when the boys fronted for the first training session on the 27th February in balmy conditions at Wattie Watson. The boy's enthusiasm and excitement levels were thru the roof and it was a great reminder of the positive benefits of being involved in footy and team sports. It was particularly gratifying to see the boys from different schools bonding and reacquainting friendships formed last season.

After a practice game against Hampton Rovers, our first official game for the season was against Mordialloc Braeside @ Parkdale on the 28th April. It was an exciting game with the boys all demonstrating significant improvement from last year. The match ended in a draw but pleasingly we were able to go one better when we played each other, also at Parkdale, later in the season.

The boys embraced our attacking, play on style of football. It was terrific to see the fast ball movement out of defence and into our forward line. We talked a lot about structure and playing a role for the entire team which (at least some of the time!) they put into practice. Pleasingly we had a very competitive season and were able to score a victory, at least once, against each side in our division.

Our best game was saved for the final home and away game against the Malvern Knights, who up to that point were undefeated. We walked away with a 2-point victory and more importantly a collective sense of achievement, pride and shared confidence.

The season ended last Sunday in significantly contrasting conditions to our first training session. It was snowing in Canberra for the AFL Hawks V Giants game and not much better at Port Melbourne for our Lighting Premiership. Wind, Rain and freezing conditions tested the boys' resilience. It was a sensational effort by all and a super competitive day, we were able to win our first game by a goal, draw our second game and then lost our last by 4 points courtesy of a goal after the siren! I would like to thank all parents for their support and volunteering during the season. A special thanks to Natalie Schnieder and Leigh McKay for their supreme efforts as joint Team Manager(s) and our Assistant coach, Damien Ross for his wise counsel and disciplinary skills in managing 25 eight-year-old boys.

We truly look forward to what the boys are going to bring next year.

Derham
(AKA "COACH")



UNDER 9 - MIXED RED 2019

St Kilda City

U9 Mixed Black

The Blacks were a pleasure to coach – a great bunch of boys...

The Blacks started a successful 2019 season by adding 6 new players to our team from last year, creating a squad of 24 – it was great to see the level of engagement and willingness to learn from all the boys (new & old) throughout a strong preseason. The preseason culminated with a great practice match win against Hampton – highlighting the aggressive ball movement, tackling pressure and ground set up we'd been working on – this allowed us to lock the ball in our forward line and create multiple scoring opportunities.

Once the season started, it was obvious that it would be a big step up for the Blacks this year, moving into a more advanced division against far better teams than we'd faced before. Some of the boys found this a little intimidating, having dominated our division in the previous season – as a result the season started a little slowly. We put ourselves in a winning position in most matches, but some poor goal kicking at the start of the season cost us dearly... despite going in equal at half time of a couple of our early matches, we let ourselves down by not taking advantage of our scoring opportunities, and not paying enough attention to our opponents in defence... giving away some easy goals to the opposition.

We continued to train the way we wanted to play, and it soon paid off with a great win against Mordi-Braeside in ... our fast ball movement, improved pressure and better decision making lead to our first win of the season proper – a highlight being Atti's 3 goal qtr to take the game away from our opponents.

It was an up and down season, with some close losses, huge wins and some incredible matches... the game of the season was a high scoring shootout against the vampires, with both teams scoring so heavily that there was confusion from the goal umpires as to who had won... with each goal umpire having an alternative 1pt winner... after such a great game it was clear that footy was the winner on the day!

The season finished with a cold and wet lightening carnival – unfortunately for the Blacks we only had 2 games at this year's carnival, but turned on an unbelievable first match against Waverley to score an incredible 10 goal win! It was an outstanding team performance in tough conditions. We finished the season with a low scoring slog against East Malvern – going down by 1 goal, against a team who had comprehensively beaten us earlier in the year... highlighting how much we'd improved throughout the season.

As coach it's important that we behave in the right way whether we win or lose, always display teamwork & sportsmanship – one of my highlights of the season was having a number of our boys volunteer to fill in for the opposition sides when they were short – a credit to the boys and their families. The Blacks were a pleasure to coach – a great bunch of boys, with a fantastic group of parents who were all willing to be involved in making the season a success – thanks to everyone who volunteered throughout the year.

Finally, a special thanks to our manager Annie who is stepping down after 2 fantastic years managing the team (and coach!).

Go City – Go Blacks.

Dave Ireland



UNDER 9 - MIXED BLACK 2019

Back Row: Jay Westerbeek, Oliver Kaynes, Elden Hodge, Darcy Sherman, Patrick King, Ryder Gurry, Carlos Roebuck, Nicholas de Korte, Atticus Patterson

Middle Row: Louis Gablonski, Curtis Patten, Jude Kett, Ben Carrick, Sam Perry, Sebastian Gelt, Rupert Magee, Flynn Bakes, Jack Nasser, Louis Thomas

Front Row: Jackson Lingham, Noah Sciulli, Sam Ireland, Asher Magasanik, Louis Galloway



St Kilda City U10 Girls Red

By any measure, the season for the Under 10 girls was a great success. Still a relatively new age / gender group, the Under 10's have the responsibility of often starting the individual football journey for the girls, whilst also instilling the values that the Club want to see rise through the age groups in years to come.

I am proud to say we delivered both of these in spades. Probably the only age group with players across three different year levels (grades 2- 4), amongst which was a great variety of skills and application - we were able to very quickly form a strong team dynamic. This was built on encouragement, selflessness, resilience, a desire to win and most of all, having fun.

We maxed out in numbers to the point we had 4 girls turn up mid way through the season just to train every week, understanding we had too many numbers for them to play on Sundays. This bodes well for the Club.

The development of the girls through the year was brilliant to see. This was both in terms of their skills, understanding of the game, how to be part of a team , and their self confidence.

The 10's were graded in the intermediate league this year and beat all but 1 team throughout that season, before finishing undefeated in the Lightning Premiership to snag the pennant for the Clubrooms.

The team benefited from a committed and passionate assistant coach in Lachy Haynes, two devoted team managers in Nicole Minchin & Anna Draffin, along with an awesome and positive support network of parents and volunteers.

The girls are well placed to continue their football journey at the Club.

Clint Jellis
COACH



Back Row: Lachy Haynes (Assistant Coach), Lola Topakas, Charlie Pound, Sophia Pearce, Ruby Williams, Lyla Prisk, Amy McArthur-Lovering, Emily Jellis, Clint Jellis (Coach)

Middle Row: Kate Essing, May Crawford, Eva Hutton-Squire, Edie Jack, Billie Minchin-Linton, Pia Mottrem

Front Row: Lucia Pentland, Liza Haynes, Maddie Burke, Zoe Ford



UNDER 10 - GIRLS RED 2019

St Kilda City 10 Mixed Red

In many ways, the 2019 season was as much about learning life lessons as it was about kicks, marks and handpasses for the mighty U/10 Reds. As we navigated the undulating terrain of another season together, we learnt about things like 'winning is hard', 'reward for effort', 'you play the way you practise' and it's important to stay true to your core values, even when you feel like the opposition doesn't.

As a long list of senior coaches at Carlton have found over the last decade or two, winning games of footy - particularly two in a row - is damn hard. And so was the case for our boys in season 2019. We endured some heart-breaking narrow losses, some character-building not-so-narrow losses and a few great triumphs that gave a real insight into the potential of this group. The boys' individual and collective abilities developed steadily through the season, culminating in a fantastic showing at the Lightning Carnival in near-blizzard conditions. Their resounding victory in the final game was a great way to finish off the season and a well-deserved reward for all their hard work during the year.

While wins on the scoreboard were relatively few and far between, we had winners all over the ground every single week, and every one of our players can reflect proudly on the season knowing they each did some great things to impact the games and make our team stronger.

Big thanks to all the wonderful parents and extended family for their unwavering support and encouragement and filling the various volunteer roles each week. Special call out to umpire Simon, trainer Todd and runner Tim for making it all possible. Extra special thanks to our masterful team manager, Charles Widdis, for all his work on match days, behind the scenes and coordinating all the parent volunteers every week. And finally, a massive thank you to our tireless and dedicated assistant coach, Rick Hull, who was a constant source of energy, enthusiasm and wisdom throughout the year.



Back Row: Billy King, Cullum Hull, Hugo Tucker, Raph Fincher, Max Sherrif, Billy Brown, Wolfe Byrne, Oliver Coster, Banjo Ockleshaw, Rocco Francis, Jack de Korte, Ned Wilson, Simon Hird

Front Row: Rory McFadzean, Hughie Toward, Joshua Lewin, Liam O'Keefe, Hugo Leening, Dylan Macdonald, Daniel Stephens, Hudson Sumner, Nathan Crouch-Phan, Oscar Widdis

Absent: Xavier Barnes, Flynn Bickerton, Leo Nicoloudis, Louis Perkinson,



UNDER 10 - MIXED RED 2019

St Kilda City U10 Mixed Black

Year in Review U/10 Black Team

So what would the 2019 season have for these talented close knit group of 28 boys from six schools in the area? We started the season by welcoming two new players Will Gray and Ziggy Murdoch into this established team and they were made feel very welcome right from the start. It seems an age since we threw on the SKC jersey officially for the first time, a practice match away to Hampton Rovers on the 7th April.



UNDER 10 – MIXED BLACK 2019

Back Row: Rafferty Hughes, Ziggy Murdoch, Luca Hughes, Milo Matthews, Mitchell Clark, Robbie Lewis, Sam Essing, Luca Davy, Campbell Jones, Billy Jones, Tom Scott, Oscar Elias

Middle Row: Al Larritt-Evans, William Gray, Xander Smith, Cian Good, Ollie Bocskay, Flynn Roddy, Balty Garrett, Claude Howard

Front Row: Joe Ritchie, Noah McLean-Dolphin, Ollie Bailey, Angus Southern, Iggy Papatheodorakis, Felix Hoffman, Alfie Hillier

Absent: Cassius Barber

So to the stats, we played 14 rounds in a skilled and competitive group deemed 'experienced' by the SMJFL. We won a third, lost a third of our matches by two goals or less, and the remaining third we often got plaudits how well we pushed the two best teams in our division (none which were a blow-out). We scored 75 goals in total and pleasingly 19 of the 28 boys got to taste the sweetness of the ball sailing through the tall posts. It's a team made up of fierce and determined tacklers (particularly among some of the smaller members) who are agile and quick. Some great memories to savor, a near 80 point win over Ajax, getting one back against St Peters and winning by four points in a high scoring match against Sandringham.

The final participation at the U/10 level is a lightening carnival, and the teams we had standing between us and the pennant flag were Benteigh, Mordi and Brighton Beach. Our middle match as the coaches had anticipated (after some sneaky scouting) did in fact prove our biggest test. We got out to a ten point lead and then faced the best Mordi could throw at us with a ferocious wind to contend with as well. The boys particularly the defenders in that second half left nothing out there, as they stopped wave after wave of an onslaught. A magnificent defensive effort that kept our opposition goalless and one which made all on the side lines particularly proud. A comfortable win over Brighton and the flag was ours and boy-o-boy did our players celebrate.

I can't think of one ugly incident in the season. The boys clearly showing exemplary sportsmanship and lived the values of what this club wants to be recognized with by the SMJFL. A good balance between having fun with your mates, enjoying their footy and building on skills whilst at the same time respecting all participants and trying to secure results for the team, the Coaches and our great footy club.

It was a total pleasure coaching and influencing these boys and their footy skills. They give their all, even more so, when you introduce the chance of securing a donut into proceedings under the banner 'Operation DONUT'. I've been told they are already looking forward to next year, with no staged zone rotations, the B&F to play for and official paid umpires referring their games with no bias!

Lastly, as with any junior footy team, it is a huge collective effort. Thank you to all who have donated the special footy bibs/attire on those early, chilly and blustery Sunday mornings. Special thanks to my three assistant coaches Johnny, ScoBo and Scott. Our runner and past coach Jack and once again Simon Lewis for managing this team so effectively for the third year in a row - a magnificent effort.

Well done boys, look forward to seeing you all back for 2020 and Go City!

Simon Good
COACH

It's a team made up of fierce and determined tacklers... who are agile and quick.

St Kilda City U11 Mixed Blue

When we started the season we were determine to improve the boys not only as footballers but even more importantly as team mates (respect for each other was really important to us). From the start, we felt that under 11s will be difficult as it transitioned the players from under 10s, which tends to be quite controlled.

We focused on helping the boys to improve on the finer details of the game, such as staying in the contest, not giving up on the play, intensity and generally moving up and down the field as a team and accountability.

We were happy with the result. By the end of the season the hard work was evident in the way they managed to finish games. This was a real feature. Thinking about each individual player, we have seen improvement across the board. We really hope the boys enjoyed the season...

George Chepurov
COACH

**We are proud of
their effort!!!!
We wish the boys
all the success in
the future.**



UNDER 11 - MIXED BLUE 2019

Back Row: John Caldwell (Runner), Jonathan Burkitt, Alex Bekos, Ned Smith, Jude Quigley, Angus Penfold, Harrison Fitzgerald, Jacob Joshi, Banjo Ockleshaw, Josh Lewin, Will Stenhouse, Luca Graf, Archie Coulson.

Front Row: Max Perry, Tiarnan Good, Jack Caldwell, Hamish Griffin, Lincoln Pattern, Harley Sullivan, Harry Anderson, Damian Quigley (Team Manager) George Chepurov (Coach), Thomas Carrick, Jack McLoughlin, Xavier Chepurov, Harry Annells, Johnathon Divers, Thomas Gault.

St Kilda City U12 Mixed Red

2019 was a fantastic season for U12 Mixed.

We started the year forming one large Under 12 team from two teams who played in varying divisions of U11 the prior year. The boys quickly settled to form a great team of 25 players. While that meant some juggling on game day, the boys all brought fantastic discipline, passion and fairness to the team which were great values they demonstrated all year. After the regrading break we landed in Division 3 and went unbeaten until late in the season. We were lucky enough to finish on top and play the fourth placed team in the first semi final. Unfortunately, our opposition was too strong and we ended up getting beaten.

It was a fantastic achievement to finish on top and play in a semi final. I know the boys will be keen to take some further steps next year.

I want to congratulate our best and fairest winners Kye Fincher, Archie Murrirhy and Felix Allard who finished first, second and third respectively. I am also very proud to report that Kye and Archie both went on to place in the league best and fairest.

I also want to congratulate our team award winners, Lachie Lewicki - Most Improved, and Flynn Wright - Best Team Player and Carlos Andrews - Coaches Award.

I want to thank my Assistant Coach Jason Fincher who brought so much to the team and our team Manager Heath Martin. I also want to offer a final thanks to all of our wonderful parents who week in and week out would volunteer on game day and make sure our games ran smoothly and the boys were well supported.

Our award winners are as follows:

1st Best and Fairest :	Kye Fincher
2nd Best and Fairest:	Archie Murrirhy
3rd Best and Fairest:	Felix Allard
Most Improved:	Lachlan Lewicki
Best Team Player:	Carlos Andrews
Coaches Award:	Flynn Wright

Go City!!!!!!

Adam Maxey
COACH

Back Row: Heath Martin (Manager), Jason Fincher (Assistant Coach), Jackson Hage, Ben Dever, Lachlan Lewicki, Archie Law, Archie Murrirhy, James Turner, Oscar Flanders, Zander Ross, Adam Maxey (Coach), Jim Law (Runner)

Middle Row: Tom Zantuck, Will Matthews, Charlie Martin. Athan Ioannidis, Wilson Crawford, Kye Fincher, Felix Allard, Harvey Newstead, Tiger Bland

Front Row: Carlos Andrews, Fergus McFadzean, Hector Gillard, Charlie Anderson, Josh Story, Jude Kolinac, Gab Thivend, Flynn Wright



UNDER 12 - MIXED RED 2019

St Kilda City U12 Girls Black

1st Best and Fairest :	Lily Embley
Runner Up:	Nina Pound & Ella Gwynne
3rd Best and Fairest	Lucy Ashcroft
Most Improved:	Amelia Kennedy
Best Team Player:	Charlie Grenville
Coaches Award:	Sienna Dixon

The season was a great success and by all reports the girls loved playing footy, which for me was the main outcome.

In total we had 21 girls play for the season and we managed to field a team in every game for the season. We focused on a small number of skills throughout the season and by having a consistent message each week the girls developed with each game.

At the start of the season the aim was to get the girls comfortable with the contest and understanding that the ball needs to be won in the contest and they need to go and get it first. This moved into moving the ball forward with a plan and setting up positions across the ground, so they knew where to go and how to get into a scoring position. We then started scoring goals and becoming a team that were hard to play against.

Throughout the season the girl's skills improved, the confidence built, and the girls became a team that played clever footy. Sitting at the top of the ladder for most of the season we became the team that all the other teams wanted to beat.

We went into the finals confident that we could match all the teams and knew a Grand Final appearance was available if we stuck to our game plan.

The Grand Final was a great contest and each girl played there part perfectly and with the sportsmanship that Bekky and I expected from them all season. A late final quarter surge was not enough for us to get the win and we went down by a goal.

For me the success of the season was and will always be the joy of seeing each girl develop their skills, have some fun and try new things along the way and I hope that you all come back next season and continue playing the game.

I would like to thank all the girls for the season, it was great fun to spend time with you and be part of your football journey and get to know you and your families. Thanks again to all the parents who helped at training and on game days. A special mention to our amazing assistant coach Bekky Ashcroft who did an incredible job all season helping out.

Anthony Denahy

Back Row: Bekky Ashcroft, Zoe da Costa-Alves, Millie Bahen, Mia White, Amelia Kennedy, Georgia Vickerman, Anthony Denahy

Middle Row: Mila Richie, Nina Pound, Wynter Bailey, Ella Gwynne, Ruby Auchettl, Scarlett Campbell Vargas

Front Row: Sienna Dixon, Camille Robinson, Lucy Ashcroft, Lily Embley

Absent: Charlie Grenville, Abigail Haynes, Martha Howden, Sophie Quinlan



UNDER 12 - GIRLS BLACK 2019

St Kilda City U12 Girls Reds

The U12 Girls Reds had a fabulous season in 2019. Promoted to Division 1 after grading games, the girls were competitive all season and finished home and away on top of the ladder. Unfortunately, we learned that winning a Premiership is difficult as we fell just short to eventual winners Prahran.

The girls showed a tremendous work ethic, enthusiasm and support for each other all season. We had 18 or 20 girls attending most Sunday games which occasionally made rotations challenging. However, the girls can be very proud of their achievement in 2019. It was a privilege to coach such a wonderful group of girls. Congratulations to our Best and Fairest, Keira Whorlton and our runners up, Macy Watkins and Emily Denborough. Thanks to our Team Manager Jane Williams for her dedication, even after a significant knee injury laid her low. Ralph Huempel was a great umpire as was John Watkins as Trainer. Bruce Whorlton was indispensable for his coaching assistance all season and Adam Keyes-Tilley for his work late in the season.

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of the ladder**

Back Row: Bridget Doolan, Rose Keyes-Tilley, Ruby Quin, Lucia Stephens

Middle Row: Alice Walker, Emily Denborough, Macy Watkins, Keira Whorlton, Laila Abrahams, Chloe Huempel, Tiani Dimattina

Front Row: Jade Vickerman, Rosie White, Ava Lacey, Isla Kemp, Ally Venusti

Absent: Cleo Philips, Gracie Cosgrave, Evie De Young, Maia Mottram

Coaching Team L-R: Adam Keyes-Tilley, Bruce Whorlton, John Quin, Ralf Huempel



UNDER 12 - GIRLS RED 2019

St Kilda City

U13 Mixed Div. 1

While we believed we were a Div 1 side, the U13 Blacks started this year back in Division 2 and the challenge for the boys to make it back up through the grading process. We had a number of new faces in the team from the previous years, and while we lost the first game of the year by 5 points to St Peters (eventual Div 2 Premiers), we went on to win the next 5 game between 4 and 15 goals and were clearly on top of the ladder. We had some great scoring games but our Game Plan was built around being the best defensive team in the competition, squeezing the ground and locking the ball in our forward line. There was no better example than our game against Ormond when we kept them to 1 goal for the entire match and over ran them to win by 90 points. It was a great team effort built around defence first that enabled us to score more.

The SMJFL then asked us back up to Div 1 as a result of our performance which provided us with the next challenge for the year, particularly as the first game was against St Bedes who hadn't lost a game for the year (and went on to be undefeated for entire year and premiers). We lost the game but it was close to our best overall team performance for the year as they just had some kids that were too big and tall. The rest of the season was similar to our year, a game of two halves, where we were really competitive for half the game, having generally a slow start before the boys kicking into gear and finishing the games off. It was disappointing for the boys not to win a game for the rest of the year particularly as we thought we should have won games like the 2 point loss to East Malvern.

What the year proved to the boys is that they really do have the skills and ability to match it at the Div 1 level. They were able to see what is required of them to be the best footballers in their league, particularly around being focused for a full 4 quarters, and the fitness and skill levels required. We were the smallest team in Div 1 so hopefully with a preseason of stretching we can become more competitive in the height division next year as well! There's a lot we can take out and look forward to in 2020. This year was a year of change and challenge for us.

There was a lot of new boys in the team, particularly off the back of our first year of player grading and it was a real focus of the Coaches to ensure we played the boys in as many different roles as possible so they got that experience. The Coaches couldn't have been more prouder of the boys on how they dealt with these changes and challenges, and above all had fun and enjoyed playing with each other.

They are a great group of boys and have so much potential to build on from this year if they stick together as they now know what it takes to be a successful Div 1 team.



While it was an al-round team performance and each boy had their games that they really stood out during the year, well done particularly to our award winners in;

Best & Fairest:	Levi Ashcroft
RU Best & Fairest:	Will Crocker
3rd Best & Fairest:	Max Lorden
Most Consistent:	Jake O'Halloran
Most Determined:	Jake Cotchin
Best Team Mate:	Brock Childs

Go City!!!!!!

Brad, Croc and Gary



UNDER 13 - MIXED DIV. 1 - 2019

Back Row: Kayne Watt, James Mariette, Josh Anson, Dexter Prime, Liam Payne, Liam Auchettl, Jake O'Halloran Middle: James Quinlan, Luke Brooker, Hugo Richey, Jake Cotchin, Will Crocker, Jones Gorton, Levi Ashcroft, Jack Jowett

Front Row: Marcus Cerra, Kai Ting-Ntimih, Max Lorden, Brock Childs, Harper Lane, Eddie Gibb, Will Scott.

Coach: Brad Prime

Ass. Coach: Gary Lorden Additional Coaching: Darren Crocker

St Kilda City U13 Mixed Div. 5

In the first half of the season, we had an average losing margin of around 11 goals. This improved to only 2 goals in the second – as we played sides for the second time.

Most notable of these results was the tight loss to Beaumaris in the second last game – where we were down by only 3 points halfway in the last quarter. Beaumaris went on to win the flag – and beat us by 12 goals earlier in the season. Then in the last game, we finished off in fine style – defeating Prahran by 8 goals. And the boys belted out the loudest version of ‘Oh when the Saints’ you’ve ever heard. It was awesome!

We had some excellent individual performances throughout the season – with many boys playing in the Div 1 team after knocking the door down for an opportunity.

None more so than Lochie Silva (Best & Fairest), Luke Brooker (Runner-Up) and Luke Barton (3rd). Others to call out are Oscar Rees (Most Improved), Jimmy Trewin (Most Courageous) and Spencer Greenberg (Best Clubman). All of our major award winners had exceptional seasons and were key members of the team – helping build a great team culture that resulted in the excellent second half improvement. In fact, all boys provided the coaching group moments of extreme pride with their bravery and willingness to

learn. Personally, I would like to acknowledge all the boys and thank them turning up each week and trying so hard to improve – even when results were not going our way.

I would also like to thank the Parent group for their great support, with special thanks to Richard Barton, Dave Brooker, Anthony Denahy & Kurt Hiscock for their help at training and on match day. It was very much appreciated boys! And an extra special thanks to Jacki McAvenna for all her hard work as Team Manager. She certainly kept the operation working like a well-oiled machine.

So that’s a wrap as they say in Hollywood! All the best to everyone in the off season. See you all again next year.

Best & Fairest:	Lochie Silva
Runner up:	Luke Brooker
3rd Best & Fairest:	Luke Barton
Most Improved:	Oscar Rees
Most Courageous:	Jimmy Trewin
Best Clubman:	Spencer Greenberg

Cheers.

Brent Silva
COACH



UNDER 13 – MIXED DIV. 5 – 2019

St Kilda City U14 Girls Div.1

What a wonderful season for our U14 Girls Division 1 team! After winning a premiership in the 2018 season, we expected to be elevated to Division 2 for 2019 but were somewhat surprised to find ourselves thrust into the “big time” of Division 1.

Tom and I were lucky enough to inherit many of the girls from the previous season, and to also welcome a good number of new faces – it was magical to watch them become a new and cohesive team in their own right. Our pre-season probably wasn’t as good as it could have been (read non-existent), partly due to difficulty getting ground time and partly due to us hanging on to summer for a bit too long. We soon found ourselves in the season, and realized we needed to get a bit organized after a couple of big losses. By Round 4, however, we had started to hit our stride and were showing that we deserved a place in this top Division.

As the season progressed, we had cemented our place in the top 4. We were a bit inconsistent in our player lineup, and probably needed to improve our kicking if we were

to really challenge the Vamps, Mordi and East Malvern... but we weren’t far off the mark, and certainly gave them all a scare at various times.

While we didn’t win a premiership this year, we made it to finals after jumping 2 Divisions. We played as a team. We enjoyed each other’s company. And I’d like to think we were good sports. What’s not to be proud of? Well done girls.

Best & Fairest:	Molly Doolan
2nd best:	Maisy Evans
3rd best:	Lily Mumford
Most Improved:	Lola White
Most courageous:	Isla Mottram
Coaches award:	Scout Howden

Justin Mottram
COACH



Back Row: L to R: Andrew Kemp (TM), Tommy Doolan (Ass Coach/Runner), Lily Masur, Lola White, Charly Murphy, Isla Mottram, Lucy Finn, Evie Thomas, Molly Doolan, Cleo Kemp

2nd Row: Mila Jennings, Millie Burke, Ankita Sidhu, Eliza Krivaci, Erin Williams, Milla Morton, Lily Mumford, Scout Howden, Olivia Sherman, Mia Venusti, Justin Mottram (Coach).
Absent: Charlize McRae, Frankie Dawkins, Lauren Kenenally, Lily Masur, Maisy Evans, Zara Wilson

Front Row: DAISY



UNDER 14 - GIRLS DIV. 1 - 2019

St Kilda City U14 Mixed Div.2

In what was our first year of taking on a head coaching role for a football team, we were privileged in mentoring 26 young boys in what might not have been the most successful of seasons, but certainly one of learning and many steps toward further development. Pre season training commencing a month before the start of our season gave us a good opportunity to meet the boys and begin to understand them not just as players but as boys as well. We were offered the choice of either Division 2 or Division 3 football for the season but after consideration we opted for the challenge and reaped the rewards as boys despite going down in some hard losses showed large improvements over the course of the year.

A focus of ours in terms of team morals and goals was centralised around trusting one another and having faith in their teammates to play a role in the team and rather than relying on the individuals, have a team first attitude and piece together individual and small team roles (backs, midfields and forwards) to create a holistic team effort. While the wins were scarce for the season, they were hard earned and well fought which we believed allowed the boys to understand more intimately how hard work can result in a desired reward. Memorable wins came when we played a very complete game vs Bentleigh and triumphed over McKinnon - Highett Bulldogs in our 3rd outing against that quality side.

Throughout the year we trialed all players in a variety of positions and while they weren't the boys' preferred positions, we looked at their capabilities as players and looked to apply them across other parts of the ground and push them outside of their comfort zone in an effort to further their development as players. We found this important as it allows for the boys to become more complete individual players and should they continue to play through to older age groups, be more versatile and be able to contribute to the team effort in a variety of roles. While some of the boys may have struggled to get the hang of any roles we tried to instil resilience and allow for the boys to continue to persist with the role and eventually come off as successful in a multiplicity of ways.

We thoroughly enjoyed mentoring the City boys through season 2019 and hope that they were able to learn a lot from the both of us and still be able to enjoy themselves while doing so and continue to love and play football in the near and immediate future. Thank you for a very memorable season and what we hope was one which the boys were able to grow not just as players but as young men.

1st Best and Fairest :	Mason Szonyi
Runner Up:	Cooper Dowe (plus 100 Games Award)
3rd Best and Fairest:	Finn Keyes-Tilley
Most Improved:	Lewis Pepi
Best Team Player:	Tom Walker
Coaches Award:	Luca Dixon

Ben and Hamish

We opted for the challenge and reaped the rewards as boys despite going down in some hard losses showed large improvements over the course of the year.



UNDER 14 - MIXED DIV. 2 - 2019

Back Row: Hugo Williams, Sully Jones, Harvey Dawson, Mason Szonyi, Finn Keyes-Tilley, Lewis Pepi, Max Beadle, Digby Boileau
Middle Row: Mark O'Mahony, Charlie Langdon, Cooper Dowe, Ben Boyce-Elliott, Jimmy Watkins, Jack Farrelly, Sean Bannister, Andre Matthews, Lenny Wilson, Kai Vivian

Front Row: Coach; Hamish Dick, Jamie Redlich, Max Quinn, Rex Figdor, Tom Walker, Aiden Leung, Coach; Ben Branson
Bottom Row: Luca Dixon, Jack Kilgour, Josh Feferkranz
Absent: Campbell Jensen

St Kilda City U14 Girls Div.4

The U14 Div 4 girl's team had another fantastic season. Fun, skill development and teamwork were the key messages across the season.

This year we had 21 girl's on the list who for a majority of them, were no longer part of the same school as they had gone their own ways into year 7. Nonetheless, training and game day were a great opportunity to maintain the friendships from primary school and the Club. Importantly and to reinforce the strength of girl's footy, we had 7 girls playing their first season. The grading games at the start of the year were interesting as the girls came up against some stronger and more skilled opposition. The results from this led to us playing the season in Division 4.

Out of the gates from round 1 we were certainly very competitive and I'm proud to say the girls maintained that throughout the season. Consistently we were placed in the top 4 of the competition with a victory against the eventual premiers the Vampires one of the highlights. In the end we finished 3rd on the ladder and the girls first opportunity to play finals footy.

My most memorable game for the season was against a very physical Murrumbeena side at their home ground. Murrumbeena were a much more physical team and threw everything at the girls both on and off the ball. At three quarter time we were down by 20 points and my message to the girls was to win the quarter. And they did. We didn't win the game but our superior fitness and determination meant Murrumbeena knew who we were!

They say finals footy steps up a gear and it's no different at junior/youth level. We played our first ever final against Oakleigh who were in good form. Unfortunately, we played below our best however credit to the opposition who went on to make the grand final. The girls gained valuable experience playing finals footy and they demonstrated their competitive spirit, evident from the disappointment on their faces after the game.

In summary, it was a pleasure coaching the girls again this season and they continue to provide great entertainment and joy for their parents each weekend. A big shout out to the parent group for their support over the season as they waved flags, ran the boundary, carried water, time kept and escorted umpires. A special mention to Nick and Rob who were terrific in their roles of assistant coach and team manager.

Best & Fairest:	Frankie Dever
Runner up Best & Fairest:	Sophie Smith
3rd Best & Fairest:	Sarah Jamieson
Most Determined:	Annika Scott
Best Clubman:	Nellie Smyth
Most Improved:	Olivia da Costa-Alves

Matt Dever



UNDER 14 - GIRLS DIV. 4 - 2019

Back Row: Nick de Young (assistant coach), Lilly de Young, Rob Scott (TM), Tessa Bahen, Olivia de Costa Alves, Frankie Dever, Yasmin O'keefe, Sophie Smith, Poppy McQueen, Annika Scott, Ava O'Sullivan, Matt Dever (coach)

Middle Row: Freya Lloyd, Marnie Allan, Mia Gault, Sarah Jamieson, Madeleine Ritchie

Seated: Lola Gorton, Ilona Dight, Nellie Smyth, Alice Fraser-Smith, Milla Pearce, Sarah Meredith-Smith

St Kilda City U15 Boys Div.1

Commencing any U15 Div1 season is daunting enough given the talent amongst the SMJFL, but to do so as the reigning premiers adds another layer of pressure. By year's end, the boys would join the mighty 2015/16 juggernaut as the most successful team in the club's history after overcoming all odds for the second year running. Those that know say Stephen Spielberg himself is hunting the script... and here's how they did it:

Despite losing just one home and away game, we again missed out on the double chance and would have to do things the hard way. A semi-final win against old foes East Brighton set up a blockbuster preliminary final game against the previously undefeated Mordi-Braeside, the toughest assignment in U15 Div1 Football.



UNDER 15 - BOYS DIV.1 - 2019

Back Row: Tim Marshall (Coach), Max Lewis, Archie May, Zac Bowes, Jasper Davy, Will McCarthy, James Bourke, Tom Kostolias, Mackenzie Allen, Finlay Jones, Ben Edmondson, Hugh Trewin, Jack Atkinson, Stephen Ting (Assistant Coach), Romney Jones (Team Manager).

Front Row: Charlie Heaton, Charlie McSwain, Max Officer, Toby McMullin, Dylan Ting, Tom Howden, Luke Travers, Hamish Jones, Aydin Rielly, Anthony Colacino, Luke Fares, Matt Clark.

Absent: Ben Cosgrave, Lachie McCluskey, Billy Dann (Runner).

Three goals down at three-quarter time against the ladder leaders saw many spectators head for an early exit via the carpark...but someone forgot to tell this team of warriors. Many of those present at Hurlingham Park still can't say how we won, but I can tell you why. Put simply, this team don't know how to concede defeat. They trust each other with such purity that just one glance at a teammate brings an instant shot of energy.

So on we marched with our lanterns on. An off-the-canvas preliminary final victory thrust us into a Grand Final against East Malvern, who were certainly very well researched on our game. After 80 minutes in battle, we came out on top after a typically gritty performance from a group that casually referred to themselves as 'The Fellas'. They were ready, they were focussed and they believed.

The Premiership was great, the medals fantastic and the flag sensational. But it wasn't the crowning glory.

The crowning glory came in the reflection that for the second straight year we got the job done against all odds without a double-chance. Over two years the boys incredibly won six consecutive finals, including three by 3-points or under and 4/6 having being down at three-quarter time.

At a time when opposition clubs 'dropped' kids in the finals or didn't put them on the ground, we stuck side-by-side in the knowledge that we are a one-in-all-in team. In our two premierships years we have played a combined 28 kids, and 25 of those are signed up for U16s in 2020. That retention rate is unheard of in junior football at this age, and that retention rate comes from a great team culture in a great club. That's the crowning glory.

Tim Marshall
COACH

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without a
double-chance.**



St Kilda City U15 Boys Div.3



UNDER 15 – BOYS DIV. 3 – 2019

Back Row: Hugo Williams, Sully Jones, Harvey Dawson, Mason Szonyi, Finn Keyes-Tilley, Lewis Pepi, Max Beadle, Digby Boileau Middle Row: Mark O'Mahony, Charlie Langdon, Cooper Dowe, Ben Boyce-Elliott, Jimmy Watkins, Jack Farrelly, Sean Bannister, Andre Matthews, Lenny Wilson, Kai Vivian

Front Row: Coach; Hamish Dick, Jamie Redlich, Max Quinn, Rex Figdor, Tom Walker, Aiden Leung, Coach; Ben Branson Bottom Row: Luca Dixon, Jack Kilgour, Josh Feferkranz Absent: Campbell Jensen

St Kilda City U16 Boys Div.2

This fine group of young men had a fantastic season..... not only on the field but just as importantly off the field. The camaraderie, behaviour and respect the boys displayed to us as coaches, the parents and volunteers who supported them and the game in general was exceptional and I couldn't be more proud of them.

We started the year with 4 registered players when we were due to play our first practice match and it didn't look like we were going to get a team up but to the hardened and loyal St Kilda City boys who had absolutely no desire to play anywhere else mustered the troops and while it was a battle to get the numbers in a couple of games we pulled together enough boys to get us through the season.

On the field we had a successful year - beating all the top sides throughout the year, including the eventual premiers Bentleigh, although we did tend to relax at times costing us games against the bottom sides. We made it through to the finals but were unfortunately knocked out in the 1st semi and the boys fought this game out to the final siren.

Personally, I would like to thank Melissa Prime for her no fuss and very efficient work as Team Manager, she did an exceptional job. Brett Marshall who was more of a Co coach than an assistant and all the parent volunteers throughout the year. To all the boys who pulled on the Jumper with pride this year - hopefully most of them will commit to one more season in what will be their last year of Junior football and I wish them luck.

Best & Fairest:	Tommy McRae
2nd Best & Fairest:	Kai Dimattina
3rd Best & Fairest:	Archie Prime
Most Determined:	Artie Rush
Most Improved:	Ryder Davenport
Best Clubman:	Isaac Marshall

Scott McRae



Left to right

Back Row: Scott McRae (Coach), Beau De Bruijin, Freddie Langdon, Ed Hill, Jock Sutherland, Max Smyth, Ben Klingwort, Ben Sherman, Kai Dimattina, Fletcher King, Tommy McRae, Ben Sullivan, Artie Rush, Brett Marshall (A Coach)

Second Row: Liam Peppard, Archie Prime, Angus Courtney, Finn Kilgour, Ryder Davenport, Issac Marshall, Nathan Wood, Jasper Strachan

Lying down: Xavier King

Absent: Charlie Sinclair



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St Kilda City U16 Girls Div.2

The Under 16 girls in Division 2 have had an unbelievable 2019 season in many ways. To say it has been a rollercoaster ride would be an understatement!

At the start of the season with too many for one team and not enough for two, we decided to split into two teams, which failed, put them back together, which failed, and then split them apart again and go on a recruitment drive. This would very much prove to be the right decision for both teams with both reaching the grand final in their respective divisions.



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Back Row: Bruce Whorlton, Mia Smith, Matilda Mottram, Kitty Smyth, Maya Simmonds, Adele Kirkpatrick, Maya Neagle, Elie Roth, Lily Ranieri, John Richardson

Front Row: Georgia McDonnell, Laura Le Busque, Emi Beadle, Ruth Quinn, Bree Whorlton, Stella McConnon, Amy Richardson, Kaia Leaner

Absent: Yael Meltzer, Talia Stafford, Tasmyn Tueli Mc Grath, Alegra Weber

However having split the sides we naturally would go on to have a horror season of injuries and illnesses. Some weeks we struggled to put a team out on the deck, borrowing from our 'sister teams' (u16/4's), just to get us through. Many more highs and lows impacted from there.

Fast forward to the end of the home and away season, and amazingly we were sitting second on the ladder.

In the first semi we were 'hammered' by ladder leaders Mordi/Brae. A re-group was required if we were to progress past the Preliminary Final. After a slow start, we powered away from Beaumaris in the second half for a gutsy, come from behind win.

That's the way we do it at City!

That put us into the BIG DANCE, albeit as absolute underdogs..... just as we like it!

The G.F. was going to be a big ask against a very tough side in Mordi/Brae, but this awesome team was up to the task, both physically and mentally. Again a come from behind victory, running out two goal victors in truly inspirational fashion.

To go back to back Premiers speaks for itself, and I am very proud of these footballers. This team (and I've been saying it for 3 years now), is special! We have ridden the rollercoaster to the top and been the best we can be!

Go City!!!!!!

Bruce Whorlton
COACH

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St Kilda City U16 Girls Div.4

Despite a difficult start to our season, our 'Intencity' side came close to a fairy-tale finish by making the Grand Final against Prahran.

With an initial lack of players resulting in forfeits, and an unsuccessful attempt to combine teams, Nicole Prime took the wheel and using her extensive networks and powers of persuasion was able to build sustainable player numbers to field a team. Within two weeks numbers rallied from nine to nineteen. Nicole diligently attended every training session with our Team Manager (Mal Quorn-Smith) to build relationships and form a cogent team. Many girls had never played AFL footy before but we finished up with a team spirit and commitment to play for each other that was so evident as the season progressed.

We really cannot thank Nicole enough for the incredible time and effort she gave to create and build our team. Simply amazing!

We held two training sessions a week with skills sessions on Saturdays, and support through the season from assistant coaches Adam Maxey and Paul Dimattina. Every girl whether a first timer or old hand, improved their football skills over the season and we became known for our fierce tackling, outside speed, creative use of handball and a 'never say die' spirit underpinning our moniker. After a few wins and losses, we improved as the season progressed to have the measure of all other teams except for the tall and strong Prahran team. In the last game of the minor round we inflicted their only loss for the season in atrocious conditions at Wattie Watson. Anyone at that game will not forget the driving rain and gale force winds as we fought bravely in every contest, holding on to win despite having many injuries throughout the game.

Making the Grand Final was an enormous achievement and the girls gave it absolutely everything, fearlessly attacking every contest and working diligently for each other, but the talented Prahran side proved too strong, and ran out deserved winners.

A special thank you to Mal, our trusty team manager, who attended and worked hard at every training session and game without fail. There's nothing more difficult than learning on the job and Mal definitely 'learnt to swim' this season.

Magic!

Thanks also to the parents who put their hands up each week for the many roles required on game day. We could only be as good as the support team around us, and thankfully you were all brilliant!

Parents and supporters will rightly feel great pride in having watched the 'Intencity' team develop their skills and a commitment to each other. Girl's footy played in the right spirit is a great builder of character and we were all privileged to see this process in action over the season.

Best & Fairest:	Bonnie Grining
	Maia Sublet
	Brie Bartleet

Coach's Awards

Most Improved:	Rui Zheng
Golden Boot (No.1 Goal Kicker):	Cream Masu
Best Team player:	Georgia Skewes

Well done girls, let's re-load and do it again this coming season.

Go IntenCity!

Craig Jackett
COACH



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Back Row: Craig Jackett (C), Mal Quorn-Smith (TM), Ellen Young, Billie Allard, Milla Dimattina, Rui Zheng, Sascha Franceschini, Nicole Prime (AC)

Middle Row: Maia Sublet, Bonnie Grining, Brie Bartleet, Georgia Skewes, Lilli Jackett, Kahlia Story

Front Row: Eliza Fry, Erin Edmonds, Cream Masu, Martine New, Bridey Mee

Absent: Alice Coffey, Casey Conlan, Drew Gibbson, Adam Maxey and Paul Dimattina (Assistant Coaches)

St Kilda City U17 Boys Div.2



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Best & Fairest:

Sebastian Harris-Knipe



St Kilda City U18 Girls Div. 2

For the first time in club history we fielded a girls U/18 team. Many of these girls were the ones that started girls football for St.Kilda City 6 years ago. What a lovely piece of personal history that is for them to have forever.

The team was a mix of year 11 and 12 girls from 12+ different schools. We had many new players join which brought an unexpected energy to the team. Some of these girls had never played football before, yet by season end one was our best and fairest and one our most improved.

The season was all about providing an opportunity for the girls to play sport while they worked through their most important school years. Mission accomplished. Football wise - when we had our whole team on the park - we were magnificent. We were quality. Being the year it was though we couldn't often get all the girls together at the one time. That meant that while we made the finals we were bundled out in the 1st semi. To underline that we beat that team the previous week by 94 points.

Will Allen
COACH

These girls all have big hearts and very bright futures ahead of them. Congratulations!



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We pride ourselves on being a welcoming club and we know kids will always be able to find a home at St Kilda City.



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