

POINTS POST

2017 ¾ Time Report

Wowers ¾ time!

The season is just flying by and we are three-quarters of the way through the season. We are on the home stretch towards the finals. All Dockers teams have had some great results and are showing true grit and determination along with the Dockers Spirit that we all know and love.

As we head into the home straight, we still have some exciting events to look forward to. A focal point to our social calendar will be the Family Trivia night (see further on for details). ALL funds raised will go towards the GO Foundation. Other events that will put the club into the spotlight is when we host week one of the semifinals at ELS. An even greater opportunity is the Dockers have again won the rights to host the grand final canteen at Macquarie Uni Sport Fields. This is a great opportunity for the club to earn \$\$\$\$. We will need lots of volunteers to make this work. Previous funds raised have gone towards new club equipment and canteen supplies. These two opportunities to fundraise are our main source of income as a club (aside from weekly canteen sales). We are a small club compared to most and don't have major sponsors onboard to alleviate some of these costs. Please keep an eye out for a call for volunteers in the coming weeks.

Let's take a look at what's been happening around the teams!

AUSKICK

Last weekend, our little Dockers headed over to our friends at Lane Cove Cats Football Club for a joint Sunday morning session.



Our little Dockers had a great time and learnt new skills and made new friends. The kids have improved so much throughout the season, it's been great watching them develop and have fun every week. The final Auskick session will be on the 13th August.

U10's

Congratulations to under 10's players who recently brought up their 50 game milestones. A big Dockers shout out to Jeremy, Ryan, Sean and Thomas who celebrated 50 grade games!



A big effort boy, we are very proud of you. Leading the charge, showing the Dockers spirit

U12's

As the season marches on towards finals, the Under 12's season is going from strength to strength.

We welcomed Luke Muggo back after his broken thumb and he had an impact immediately with his marking and pressure on the ball.

Josh joined the team and has slotted into the team beautifully. His ability and coolness under pressure is much admired by the coaching staff.

With a handful of games left we are pressing for the top four and if we can string a few wins together we will hopefully play finals. Fingers crossed.



Over the holidays three of our team, Ned, Jake and Leandre, played for North West Sydney at the Hunter Invitational in Nelson Bay.

They played 4 games with mixed results but had a great time. We all enjoyed the weekend away too.

Barb Turner

U13's

U13's team are still maintaining their top 3 spot on the table. We have had some strong wins and even came close in toppling the undefeated Willoughby Mosman Swans by

only going down by 10 points, big



improvement compared to the last 2 games we have played them.

As expected we have had a few injuries and boys been sick with colds but we are slowly getting back to full strength.

Although the school holidays would have helped, our first game back we played against the Pittwater Tigers, we looked a bit rusty and still in holiday mode, we narrowly lost.

The coaching staff of Graeme Economos, Craig Parr and Mark Cox will need to get the boys primed up for

the remainder of the games to get a chance to play in the finals.

Nick Andriopoulos

U14's

The Under 14's have played some great games in the back half of the season. The step back to Division 2 saw the intensity in game play change but the competition is to certainly be respected as there have been many games that have come down to a second half tussle. We have won games against Canada Bay Cannons (59-34), Pittwater Tigers (70-57) and Cronulla Sharks (73-50) but Forrest Lions kept us on our toes and we suffered a 45-41 defeat. Many of these Division 2 teams have played us before and are beginning to learn how to play against us so we need to continue to play solid football and focus on our own step up so that we continue to surprise them.

It is fabulous to see the numbers in our team continue to grow! We would like to welcome Daniel Amato and Joe Lister to the line up. In addition, Cam Parr, Harry Reid and Tom Economos from Under 13's has been regular players in our line up and add skill and finesse to our team. At this point in the season we would also like to thank our fantastic parent contingent who never fail to volunteer and step up when we put the call out for extra helpers and jobs to be done; you are all amazing!

We have a tough few games ahead to step up conviction and intensity for some convincing wins. We hope that if we gain these wins (and a few scores in other teams' games to go our way) that we will change our ladder position for a birth in the finals.

The 16 July game saw us celebrate a few significant milestones for some of our boys; congratulations to Blake and Will for notching up 100 games and Ben, Lucas and Jayden for 50 games.

These boys have demonstrated commitment and leadership to our team and deserve to be congratulated for their attitude and sportsmanship; well done!

We look forward to the final quarter of the season and some great Dockers Footy!

Sarah Platts



U17's

For those who aren't aware, the Dockers have a joint venture with our friends at Canada Bay Cannons. Due to a lack of numbers at this age group, our U17 members join the competition as part of the Cannons. Last weekend, the Canada Bay Cannons kindly offered



their recognition on the contribution the Dockers have made to their club by wearing Dockers jerseys. I am sure if needed, our joint venture and cooperation will continue in years to come.

North West Rep & Development Football

Over the June Long weekend, some North Ryde Dockers players were lucky enough to participate in a Junior Development Carnival for at U9 - U12s ages and in a Youth Representative Carnival for U13's upwards,

representing the North West Region, hosted at Westbrook's home ground at Cherry brook.

All players are selected by their coaches; for Youth age groups, this is

based on performance, and for Junior ages, whilst performance comes into selection, coaches look to share around the honour of playing in the development day so that over the years up to U13's a broad base of kids get exposure to this different level of footy.

As a consequence, along with performance, Coaches select on various criteria, including effort, best at training, or perhaps

those they think that put in and get most out of the experience.

North Ryde player from

U9's through to U14's played fair, hard, did their club and themselves proud.

The feedback has been that everyone enjoyed themselves immensely and there was quite a lot

successful game across the various age groups.

Well done to all. Congratulations to the following players



U9's; William K & Nicholas B
U10's; Jeremy J, Ryan M & Moses F
U11's; Luke T & Connor W
U12's; Jacob W & Henry E
U13's; Cameron P, Harrison R & Reubon H
U14's; Matt R, Yianni F, Fynn M, Alex H, Blake C,
Gabe M & Lucas E

Dockers Umpires

At the same rep carnival, two of our senior players were also selected to umpire across the weekend. Congratulations to Ben P and Will T for your selection.



The umpire group are all progressing well and are gaining a lot of experience and exposure. Well done boys on what you have achieved so far. Good luck for the rest of the season.

Family Trivia Night – 26th August – The Ranch Hotel

Trivia night is back! Lock it in your diaries. The special thing is you don't need a baby sitter, the kids are welcome too.

This year ALL funds raised will go towards the GO Foundation.

“Founded by Adam Goodes, Michael O’Loughlin and James Gallichan, the GO Foundation burst into life in 2009.

With strong foundations in place, GO is now expanding into a national scholarship program.

We seek to do this through a strong network of collaboration with corporate Australia, schools and universities and trusted organisations working to create a brighter future for Indigenous Australians.”

Head to www.gofoundation.org.au for more information.



This year we aim to raise enough funds to provide a scholarship for primary student for 3-5 years. I think it's a great way to show and share the Dockers spirit.

Bookings are now open. \$20 per person, 10 per table. Plenty of games and fun for the kids.

<https://www.trybooking.com/298634>

The night will begin at 6pm for dinner with the trivia commencing at 7pm. It will be a night filled with entertainment for all to enjoy. Food and drink will be available to purchase.

We are also putting the call out for sponsors and raffle donations. The night will include silent auctions and raffles. If you are a business that can help out or even a family that can donate a prize, it will be greatly appreciated, after all this is a fundraiser for a very good cause.



I heard you have great coffee - decaf soy jumbo please, yes I'll have a yoghurt with passion fruit. Ooh you have a great selection of teas.

Soup please. You have the best canteen. A posh canteen with flat or sparkling water. Thanks to volunteers who make food a part of the social fabric at the North Ryde Dockers, for Julian always picking up fresh and healthy bread, for Mehernaz' brownies, and Rahul's samosas, and all volunteers for their time and efforts.

Special thanks to Naushad for stepping in to set up in the 5 degrees Celsius morning while AK was away in Lane Cove.

Gasim, Gina, Rahul, Christine and Claire for their long hours serving others, and you will notice many players and siblings also joining in.

U12 collected their free drinks last week for having provided the most effort in coming up with what to embroider on the club aprons.

The canteen provides a regular income to pay the bills and improve what is offered to players and families – thank you for every one's contributions. On a good day we get through 300 snags, 12kg

bacon, 13 litres of milk, a kilo of coffee etc. That's a lot of happy and fed families in our community.

Regards,
Thomas

Dockers Hoodies!

Don't forget we have club merchandise for sale from the canteen and it extends beyond the essentials of socks and shorts.

We have a great selection of shirts and jackets including our popular fleecy hoodies. Make sure you check out these next time you're at ELS. Winters not going away just yet!



Social Media and Communications

Thank you to those who have contributed to the newsletter and have sent through photos and updates for team app and Facebook.

We would also like to thank Susan Evans for coming on board and assisting with keeping the administration of the website updated.



We are so close to getting 100 likes on Facebook. To get all the club news and interesting bits from the world of AFL, search for us @northrydedockers

Don't forget to download Team App to make sure you get all the latest up-to-date game and wet weather info. For more info head to www.teamapp.com available for Apple and Android smartphones, and search for North Ryde Dockers AFL.

NORTH RYDE DOCKERS AFL



Auskicker's in action, getting ready to lock it in!

U10's celebrating a great win!



U11's in action at ELS 1

A big day for the big Chief (every Sunday!)



Our little BBQ helpers

Thanks to all who contributed to this edition, here's to a great last quarter!