

Point Post

Round 18, 2013

President's Report

Congratulations to U13s who have earned their place in the grand final at Macquarie University. I hope to see as many of you there as possible.

Redevelopment of amenities building

Last Friday, John Alexander, Liberal Member of Bennalong, announced at ELS Hall Park that he budgeted \$93,000 toward the redevelopment of our amenities block. This is close to one fifth of the proposed cost and closes the funding shortfall we had.

Annual General Meeting

The AGM will precede the Presentation Day on Sunday September 8th. All financial members of the club get one vote per family. Please be on time for the AGM as, by our constitution, if failing to provide a quorum the meeting will need to be held over for thirty days with new notice to

membership with fourteen days notice minimum.

Sunday September 8th

10:00 - arrival

10:30 - 10:45 AGM

10:45 - 11:00 Club presentation and awards

11:00 - 12:00 BBQ and socialise

12:00 - tidy up

Nominations need to be sent to the Secretary, Greg Randle, gjrandle@bigpond.net.au for positions you may want to fill within the club. We will advertise these a week prior to the AGM.

– Thomas Jubb (0429 794 743)
President, North Ryde Dockers

Secondhand footy boots

Quickly growing boys often outgrow their footy boots during the season, and we end up with used boots still in very good condition. It is a shame to throw them out, and it would be much better to use these boots to help

Macquarie University				
Time	Division	Game	Team 1	Team 2
9:00	U13 Div 3	Grand Final	Hornsby	North Ryde

support our Dockers club and players.

If you have any used footy boots in good condition that you would like to donate – please bring them to ELS on Presentation Day (September 8th). We plan to have second hand boots for sale (cheap!) at the start of next season, and then throughout the season.

Auskick

Another great turnout on Sunday morning for our second last run of the season. We had around 24 players on ELS lower, where we started with some dribbling and ball skills work and then moved on to some kicking drills.



Given we had a smaller space to work with this week along side the Under 10's Gala Day, we ran an even more abbreviated game than usual. We had the field split in half rather than thirds, with no centres just forwards v backs at either end.

It worked surprisingly well, just proving how easily children can adapt. The game had many highlights including some great runs out of defence from Ollie and Eamon plus a specky from Jackon.



At the other end Daniel slotted probably one of the goals of the year on the run hard against the boundary in the forward pocket. Congratulations again to our weekly award winners Ollie, Eamon & Jon. Please remember we have one training session left next Sunday, 1st Sept, it would be terrific if we had our biggest turnout of the season.

– Auskick Coaches

U10 Gala Day

What a relaxed and well organised gala day we had at ELS on another beautiful Sydney winters Sunday! The Dockers U10 team formed for the gala out of the two U11 teams

from the season and donned the white jerseys.



The first game presented many challenges mainly due to the team members needing to recall the tackling rules applicable to the U10s game.

After this slow start the team picked up momentum and confidence and soon started finding each other and kicking goals.

By the end of the rounds the Docker's had become the team to beat and in the final round the combined and now exhausted Kellyville/Hornsby team couldn't take another step and forfeited the second half of the game.



All in all a lovely way to end the season and wonderful to experience the camaraderie between the clubs and players to make a successful gala. Many thanks to coach Brad, players, volunteers and umpires for making the day possible.



Finally a special mention to Yianni's family for the delicious, homemade purple and white cupcakes to celebrate the day.

– Amanda Jubb



U13

As we headed up to Rofe Park on Sunday morning for the knock-out clash to determine the final spot in the grand final, many of the parents were apprehensive. Not because we didn't have faith in our young champions, it was more because our only encounter with the strong Manly side during the regular season had been the "slaughter in the water" in round 8. In that clash in driving rain when the game was abandoned at half time, the score to Manly was 51-0! We were without many of our mid field engine room that day although we knew we were in for a tough encounter.

The game turned out to be the finest four quarters of footy this team has put together all year. From the first bounce we were first to the ball and hard at it. Everyone played their part. Connor, Cory, Rory, Ben C and Bryn tore through the centre. Zac dominated the

centre bounces which gave us a great platform to attack. Macca and Sam made the wings there own and Hursty made so many damaging runs from the half back flank that we lost count. Ehsen was sensational in the backline and with great support from Oscar, Jake, Marley, Matt S and Ryno that at three-quarter time the score was 24-1.

Budda was hard at every contest, Dylan and Dicko crashed in. Up front Emlyn took a heavy knock but bounced back to play his usual busy part. Sharpie and Tia kept their opponents guessing with great positional play at every opportunity. The goal scorers were Rory with two and Tom W with two. The second of Tom's was a great settler after Manly had come storming back with 2 quick goals to start the final quarter and give us a scare. When the goal went through with less than 2 minutes to play Garry smiled for the first time as he knew we would be playing next week! The final score was 31 to 14. It was a great team effort with everyone contributing and we will be proudly flying the purple and white flag at Macquarie Uni next Sunday morning at 9.00am! Go Dockers!

– Christopher Whitnall

Keeping fit over summer

Get ready for the next Footy Season by having fun and keeping active and fit at Ryde Little Athletics! From September through to the end of March, Athletics helps you work on your speed, strength, endurance and jumping, all great skills for next season on the footy field. Little Athletics is a fun activity for the whole family on Saturday mornings at Ryde Little Athletics Centre. Everyone can join! You can register any time online at <http://www.ryde-athletics.org.au/content.asp?ID=11> You can also register on any Saturday morning from 7th September 2013 at Dunbar Park. Find out more at

www.ryde-athletics.org.au.

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