

## President's Report

It looks like we will have two teams in the finals – keep going Dockers. Thank you to Stephen for his work on coordinating our child protection checks, a belated thanks to Mitch for putting shelves into the uniform room, to Brit and Darren for organising the uniforms (go and see what you can purchase), to the U12 and U16 for volunteering at the club canteen and BBQ last Saturday when we hosted another independent schools competition. Next Saturday is the last for the season and in the hands of U13. And of course a big thanks to our editor Phil for coordinating the great input from club members.

	setup	game time			
	7:30 till 8:30	8:30 till 9:30	9:30 till 10:30	10:30 till 11:30	11:30 till 12:30
Sat 3 August	U13 - 2 people per hour (1 for canteen, 1 for BBQ)				

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

## Keeping our kids safe

### *Changes to Child Protection Requirements*

The NSW Office of the Children's Guardian (previously known as DoCs) has devised a new 'Working with Children Check' for all those in positions of responsibility (paid and unpaid) with children. This includes all those involved in sporting clubs such as the North Ryde Dockers.

All coaches, managers and committee members at the Dockers have been asked to

complete the online application form at

[www.newcheck.kids.nsw.gov.au](http://www.newcheck.kids.nsw.gov.au).

Parents can still volunteer to assist teams without the check, which is reserved for those with greater access to the children including any type of mentoring position.

The new online Working With Children Check covers more people, is more comprehensive and provides better protection for children. The new model is also consistent with other state and territory Checks and will eventually form a National Working With Children Check.

The check can be used for any child-related work (paid or voluntary) in NSW. This means if you have responsibilities with other clubs or organisations that involve children you will only have to do the check **once every five years.** The check will eventually extend to parent volunteers helping out in schools such as with reading groups or supervising excursions.

As the check does involve getting to the Motor Registry to have your ID verified, it is probably best to get in early.

Anyone can apply to be checked, so even if you are currently not an official with the club, but think you would like to be, you can carry out the online application. Furthermore as you only need the one check for all organisations why not get it done sooner rather than later!

Simply put, the changes mean that our kids are safer. Should you have any concerns or questions, you can either give Stephen Plummer (Child protection officer for the club and runner for the U13's) a ring on 0418 499491, or you can contact the NSW Office of the Children's Guardian on 9286 7276. Visit [www.kids.nsw.gov.au](http://www.kids.nsw.gov.au) for more details.

### Trivia Question

This week's question is:

What was unusual about the fifty metre lines on the SCG in 2005?

### Reports

We missed a couple of reports from last week, and so start this issue with those reports. As they had a bye, there is no report from the U13s this week.

### U9 White Round 13

The opposition this week was another of the Kellyville/Rouse Hill teams at ELS Hall Park. In order to even up numbers, two Dockers players played for Kellyville/Rouse Hill each quarter. There was a strong wind blowing straight down the ground and this meant that throughout the game the majority of Footy was played at the hall end of the ground.

From the outset Dockers were on the attack through Cameron and Matthew, both of whom made strong runs and kicks into the forwards, with Cameron kicking a smart goal off the outside of his left boot. What seemed like a one-sided affair was evened up after quarter time with the change of direction and Dockers backline were put under pressure from the

--	--

restart with Aarish, Alex and Harrison all working hard to get the ball out of the defence and applying pressure when chasing the footy.

Henry worked hard around the middle and is growing in confidence each week. He was ably assisted by Ashton and Nicholas who continues to impress in just his second run with the team. Dockers did manage to get the ball up the ground to the forward line with Thomas getting his hands on the footy and getting a score.

The third quarter was a repeat of the first with mainly one way wind assisted traffic into the Dockers forward line with James, Connor and Daniel working intelligently around the ruck. The game was played in a great spirit and all players giving their all no matter which side they were playing for.

The final quarter saw some last ditch goal line defence by Zach which saw a certain Kellyville goal. Strong kicking to the wings by Jack helped take some of the pressure off as the final hooter sounded. As is now the norm, the Club song was belted out with gusto. Another great morning in the winter sun!

–Sean Cronin

### U16 Round 13

Round 13 saw the old rivals Baulkham Hills visit ELS. Last time we met Baulko the Dockers boys took a beating with an overloaded Baulko side and a undermanned Dockers side. This time around the story was reversed with the Dockers taking an early lead and never looking like losing, running out winners 12.14=86 to Baulko 7.7=49.

Sam and Max were on fire in the centre running rings around the opposition without their higher division player. Sam and Max gave us plenty of options, giving Zac the opportunity to put away his 3 goals and Sam his 2 goals for the match.

There was a minor fight-back in the second quarter with 3 goals straight by Baulko but the boys soon put them out of their misery by taking it away in the last by kicking 7 goals. Drakey was on fire with two in the last, Cooper also 2, Tim with 1 and Josh with 2.

Great work was done by the backs, who kept Baulko from anywhere near the goals, in particular Harry, Dale, Paddy and Raphy. This was a great team performance. Well done boys!

– Ian Whelan

## U9 Purple Round 14

Wow, I have to say, I was so pleased to see the boys play so well on Sunday and show that potential we are all trying to develop. Not only did they play well but best of all they had a lot of fun in doing so.



It is great to see the boys playing as a team and always looking out for each other every time they got the ball. They really enjoyed the space of a much bigger ground this week, which meant they had plenty of room to lead and pass the ball. There was a big crowd on hand to cheer them on which I think might have inspired them all to greater heights.

The contest for the ball was outstanding from all players this week. Everyone got stuck in and had a real crack which was fantastic to watch. James and Matthew B wrestled a number of balls from the opposition to scoot away and pass to a team-mate. If it wasn't breaking away with the ball

then we locked it up for a ball up. Henry, Hugh, Noah, Kyeton, Josh, Ben and Lachlan – well done on that endeavour to get to the footy first and not let the opposition take it away from us.

If we were scoring I think this week may have been our highest score for the year and just as pleasing was the fact that most players on the ground kicked goals this week. This is a direct result of staying in your zones, great team work and passing and leading to space to create opportunities for each other.

There were some spectacular goals kicked, some starting from the back line going right through to the forwards, others just straight out of the centres. Josh kicked one from the sideline, James kicked a great torpedo punt from what seemed like the fifty meter line straight through the middle, Hugh weaved his magic again in front of goal even playing on from 1 meter out and kicking it over the grand stand for one of his many goals, Ben kicked some fantastic goals on the run as did Matthew B and Henry.

Well done to Noah for player of the week after topping his possession count for the year with plenty of kicks around the ground and some



great hand passing to team-mates.

As Coach, today was the highlight of the year so far for me. To see the boys have so much fun, play so well together and show such great passion to get in there and have a go for each other was just fantastic.

I reckon the lads would have given the Swans a better run for their money than the Tigers did too...

Go the Dockers!

– David Lugsdin

### U9 White Round 14

Saturday night was a night that Coaches no doubt dream about... the hard work on the training park being translated onto the pitch come game day. Of late the Boys have been working hard on their ball drops, drop punts and making leads and the game was evidence that all their collective hard work is beginning to pay off.

The scene was set for a classic, out at Mike Kenny Oval in Cherrybrook after a day of beautiful winter sun. Dockers White arrived keen to savour their first experience of Saturday Night Footy under lights at Westbrook's home ground and if the warm up was anything to go by this was going to be a ripper. As

the countdown clock did its thing, the buzz among the sizeable Dockers travelling support continued to grow.



From the umpires first ball up it was clear that the game was going to live up to the electric atmosphere. 26 players and 2 umpires seemed dwarfed by what appeared to be a giant field... or maybe the writer's eyes were finally showing their age... but a walk around the full boundary definitely proved a long one!

That said, the footy was given a good seeing to and travelled far and true off many a Dockers boot, not least of whom from Jacob, who was clearly out of holiday mode and into game mode, with brother Lachlan proudly looking on.

Daniel was Captain for the Day, and led by example, from start to finish having his best game of the season. It was hard to pick Alex's best position on the field, but

something which was definitely not in question was his hunger for the footy and whether bursting out of defence or bearing down on goal his steely determination was clear for all to see, and many a Bulldog came off second best. Ashton was a prime example of the amount of work the Boys have done on kicking and he showcased how well and far he could kick for all to see and appreciate.



Tenacity in the tackle was on display from all of the team however Jack and Zach were top of the bunch and created all kinds of confusion for their opponents by keeping them under constant pressure and not allowing any pressure-free kicks, while also showing how practice and perseverance can pay off. Cameron's safe hands were on display for all to see and he recovered well from a facial knock in the second quarter to play out the game with many telling

possessions and kicks. Connor created space no matter which third of the field he was playing in – his intelligent leads and constant hunger for the footy, while not always rewarded, kept the Bulldogs on their toes.

Last ditch goal line defence has become a trademark of this team, and Harrison especially drew great joy from foiling many a Bulldogs raid with that all important touch or intercepting mark when a 6 pointer seemed inevitable. Despite an accidental face knock he too returned to great effect. He was ably assisted by Nicholas and James, both of whom foraged well in the forward third and worked tirelessly in defence creating and foiling scores in equal measure.

The centre bounce was always a busy place to be, and Whites version of the tall and the small, Tom and Aarish, combined well, playing to their strengths and working smartly to get the footy up to the forwards whether through strong accurate kicks or pressure relieving hand balls.

Westbrook were a very worthy opponent on the night and the skills on display would suggest that the future of the game is in very good hands. Special mention to

the two umpires who encouraged free-flowing footy while always ensuring player safety was top priority.

At the end, following a sporting exchange of three cheers and the now customary rousing rendition of Our Club Song, the Dockers lined up and each received a well earned free sausage sizzle (thanks Westbrook Bulldogs) which helped top off a truly enjoyable and memorable Saturday night experience. Bring on that coveted Sunday morning lie in!

– Sean Cronin

### U11 Purple Round 14

Our Captains for the game were Luke and Janne. They led our young Dockers out in a very strong first quarter, matching Pennant Hills Reds speed and athleticism. This quarter saw us dominate from the mid-field, resulting in our forwards taking the opportunity to score several goals. Fynn's work rate, which saw him running from end to end of the field, was impressive. Ryan (Frysie) kicked an awesome goal on the run which got the crowd cheering.

Once again, Harry showed us his speed from the contest. Matt's defensive game was at his usual

best, taking a memorable mark. Jack & Robbie played a strong, solid game in defense which saved several goals with their good ball-handling skills. Lachlan finished well in the ruck.

As both teams have high calibre players, the game came down to strength and endurance. Our Dockers had a great challenge and learnt from the competitiveness of the game.

– Kyle & Debbie

### U11 White Round 14



It was a special event at ELS Hall this week as the Furey family had prepared a banner to celebrate 50 games for Rhys and Adam. The team formed a tunnel for the boys to run through and within a few seconds, Adam, Rhys and the rest of the team had broken through

the banner ready to play Kellyville's Jeremy Cameron team.

I reckon we should have a banner every week – the boys played their best football by far! They started with a great first quarter like last week and then kept up consistently strong attack and defense for the entire game. In attack, everyone was marking, kicking and handballing well with lots of scoring opportunities created. Rhys finished his 50th game with a memorable 4 goals! Goals were also kicked by Samuel G, Joe and Yianni with several other players kicking behinds or just missing the posts.

In defense, the whole team applied consistent good pressure and kept the Kellyville scoring opportunities to a minimum. Congratulations to Supercoach Julian – all the hard work is paying off and the team has consolidated really well. Congratulations also to our other Samuel G who, this week, got a letter inviting him to join the Sydney Swans Junior Academy – what a great opportunity for this fine young athlete.

As the season is starting to draw to a close, thanks should also go to the parents who are on the sidelines every week with big

voices and endless encouragement. Big “thank-you”s also to Beth who gets lots of exercise as our runner each week and Jo who is our enthusiastic goal umpire. Under 11 Whites are pumped for a big finish to the season in the next 2 games!

– Liz Thomson

### [U12 Round 14](#)

What a game! Having split the points in our previous 2 encounters and with a finals spot on the line, both teams were desperate for a win. A cold Saturday night at Mike Kenny Oval saw us without 5 players due to prior commitments, Bull and Jacko passing up birthday parties to play, and a number of players having already played soccer that day – no, I wasn't happy with the scheduling!

Thankfully, we had Connor and Corey from the U13s and Matt, Nick, Harry and Luke from the U11 Purples available, with all making strong team contributions. Bomber set the standard, kicking 2 goals in the first half and showing his usual leadership with his contested possessions. Our defence was again impressive, with Jacko turning in one of his best performances, ably assisted by a determined Rizza repelling a number of Westbrook attacks.



Half time saw us 7 points in front, however, Q3 injuries to Diesel and Ryan slowed our momentum and kept us scoreless for the quarter. Under pressure and against a battery of talls, Super was back to his best, taking 3 or 4 marks on the goal line or punching the ball through for a point, while our other tall, Bart, was everywhere (even when he should have been at CHB).

Great disposal out of the backline by the Wizard created many opportunities. We were 9 points down with 3 minutes to go, before Bart kicked his second and then Nick marked 25m out with seconds to spare. The WB player encroached the mark (they had been all day) and Nick received a 25m penalty, allowing him to kick the winning goal after the siren.

Our desire to win the hard ball, discipline to concede a point rather than “gift” a goal and great team spirit resulted in a memorable victory. While I still wasn’t happy playing on Saturday night, I was thrilled with the team’s performance, as were all our supporters.

NRD 5.5 = 35 def WB 3.14 = 32  
Goals: Bomber (2), Bart (2), Nick (1)  
– Michael Hudson

## U16 Round 14

Round 14 saw Glebe come to town again. Glebe were in 3rd position on the ladder (Dockers 6th) so we were expecting a tough game and that is what we got, except it was the Dockers that made it tough for Glebe.

This was an exciting game and the boys took it to Glebe right up until the last few minutes going down by 8 points. Each week our boys are coming together better and better as a team. Everyone played well from the smallest to the tallest. Talking of the smallest this is the second week in a row that Tim has kicked a goal against opponents that are older and much bigger. It is great to see Tim's courage over the ball rewarded.

Courage again is the word to describe our smaller, but big in heart players as they took on match ups that were twice as tall and came out in front in most. Well done to Tim, Oscar, Harrison, Zac and Sam. Week in, week out they are in there delivering. Same as our 15's Conor, Cooper, Josh and Adam.

As usual great work from our 16 year olds that also deliver each

week but rarely get a mention – without them we wouldn't have a team. Thanks to Angus, Ben, Liam, Raphy, Adam and Dale. Special mention to Paddy and Drakey for their strong leadership on the field. Goals also to Kai, Adam B, Zac C, Max and Harry W.

Final score: Dockers 8.12=60 going down to Glebe 9.14=68.

– Ian Whelan

### Trivia answer

They were only 45m from the goals! Why? To quote from Wikipedia: In 2005, the length of the centre square was increased from 45m to 50m; as a result, the 50-metre arcs intersected the centre square at the small SCG oval. To remedy the situation, the curators painted 45-metre arcs instead of 50-metre arcs. After statisticians argued that the inside-50 statistic could no longer be accurately collected, the 50-metre arcs were reinstated; the portions of the arcs that overlapped the centre square were not painted onto the field. Since the construction of the Victor Trumper Stand the playing surface SCG has been lengthened by 5 metres, permanently resolving the situation.

**ALL DAY/NIGHT PLUMBING**

Blocked Drains  
Sewer & Stormwater  
Leaking Toilets  
All Gas Fitting  
Hot Water Systems  
Burst Pipes  
Dripping Taps  
Plumbing Hot & Cold Water

**All Day/Night Drains**  
High Pressure Water Jet  
CCTV Pipe Inspections & Locations  
Sewer & Stormwater Replacement

**\* 24 HOURS/7 DAYS \***  
**9888 9940**

**ALL AREAS**  
All Credit Cards Accepted

### Acknowledgements

Thanks to all managers and coaches for their reports, and all club sponsors for their support.

--	--