

# BLACK & WHITE RAG



NARRABEEN SHARKS

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

On March 7<sup>th</sup>, 1932, in Jack Mc Lean's barber shop at the Narrabeen Tram Terminus, Narrabeen JRLFC was formed. We became the first registered rugby league club in the district and fielded a team in A and B Grades in the Manly Warringah competition. B Grade won the inaugural competition with A Grade claiming a premiership in 1935.

Celebrating 90 years of Narrabeen Sharks in 2022, we now have 345 registered players and 28 teams including 4 girls' teams consisting of 55 players.

Six teams qualified for Grand Finals with U11 White, U12 Girls, U15 Gold and A Grade being crowned premiers, capping another successful season for the Sharks.

The 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary dinner was held at DY RSL with over 200 guests in attendance. Thanks to the organising committee of Tracy and Craig Lovelace, Jane Peterson, Lucy Hough, Michael Malone and Murray Stewart for a fantastic evening. Master of Ceremonies was club legend John Gibbs whose professionalism and historical knowledge set the bar high for all those that followed. We were honoured with Life Members presenting jackets to our newest inductees and starting what we hope to become a tradition at the Centenary of the Sharks. One of the highlights of the night was Tony Balkin's time on the microphone recounting stories of glory days and entertaining all.

As always, thanks to the committee who devote their time to keep the club running and our players on the field. Special mention to Registrar Desiree, Treasurer Emma, Secretary Toni, Gear Steward Lucy and Ground Manager Lisa for all the time and effort you dedicate throughout the season. Congratulations to Vice President Drew Humphrey on being named the George April Club Person of the Year and to Dean Mahoney for being awarded the Player Volunteer of the Year Award.

Congratulations to A Grade on winning the Premiership and to coach Jamie Van Burin who has taken this team from U6 to A Grade with many triumphs and tribulations along the way but always in the spirit of the Sharks. Well done to you and your support crew.

Thanks to all the coaches, managers, and trainers who guide and develop our players in what it means to be a Shark and uphold the core values of the club.

We all looked forward to a return to normalcy from COVID 19 only for La Nina to raise her head and disrupt the season with wet weather and unplayable grounds. Once again, our patience and understanding were tested but we rise above what ever is thrown our way to play the game we love and advance the club onward and upward.

Tim Stuart - President



## **UNDER 6 (1)**

2022 was definitely a wet year but that didn't stop any of the boys having an absolute "blast" playing and learning more about their new passion for Rugby League.

**Chris** was a "killer" scoring tries at will, especially down the left-hand side of the field using sidesteps and speed he was unstoppable

**Finn** was "lightning" using the whole field (literally) before deciding to pick a gap and outpace everyone for a try or running down the opposition for try saving tackles

**Mikhel** the "palming" machine, was pushing kids away with his big left paw in attack and really committing to tackles in defence

**Kyrie** and his "dance like" side stepping and confusing defences on his way try after try after try! Always wanting to run and always scoring at will

**Nash** the "little master" was the most serviceable dummy half of the team, yet at years end he was busting through tackles and scoring length of the field tries

**Jai** was a "meter eater", pumping the knees and gaining yards even when you think he's tackled he keeps going and going and going...

**Andy** the "straight line" charger, heading for tries and big tackles all in the one direction - straight ahead 100 miles an hour!

**Oskar** was maybe the smallest of the team but that did not stop him from carving out runs by years end and maybe eating a few extra lollies at quarters time

**Sylver** the "surprise packet" scoring tries that you did not think were possible and playing way above his weight with grass cutting tackles in defence!

\*\* Proudest moment for me as coach was seeing the growth in the team from the start of the year compared to the end of the year. Absolutely light years a part seeing all the boys really wanting to get involved and not shying away from anything at all in defence or attack.

A huge thanks to all the parents for helping along the way with training and games. It made the year run that much smoother which in turn made it more fun for all the boys - thank you!

Matthew Forwood



## **UNDER 6 (2)**

“This is why we join team sports to learn and grow and support each other!” – Luke Perrin. (20/08/2022)

This season was certainly wetter than we would have liked, but just like real sharks, when given the chance to play the boys thrived in the watery conditions!

Harley & his “dream breaking” try line cover tackles.

Coby setting the grass alight down the sideline on his way to another meat pie in the corner

Bailey (with a little help from mumma) scoring tries at will in his debut season

Jack & Knox with their patent outstretched arms ready to palm before they had even taken a step with the ball

Ethan evading tacklers & his length of the field tries.

Brothers Broughton cutting blokes down in defence & charging through the line in attack

Koa punching well above his weight and sprinting into the defensive line’s forward pack

Liam swerving & jinking his way to score another try under the posts

And let’s not forget the baby sharks Donnie & Tex ripping into the tackling bags at training

To all the parents who helped this year...THANK YOU! You all know how much it meant.

Looking forward to next season already!!!

1....2....3.... SHARKIES

Ryan Williamson



## **UNDER 6 (3)**

2022- what a year ...super proud to have been the coach of such an amazing group of boys. We started the season off with a bit of a rocky start thanks to a lot of rained out games, but the team took every opportunity to train and practice, learning new skills and played as many games as possible rain, muddy or shine.

Arlo- Our "stream train" once Arlo had the ball in his hands there was no stopping him until he made a try. He would run the length of the field, leaving the defence all behind.

Bear- Our "Muhammad Ali" light on his toes and the best side stepper to throw all the defence off.

Cody- Our "Bulldozer" fearless up against his defence and unstoppable, taking everyone to the try line with him.

Hunter- Our "All-rounder", loves the game and knows how to read it well in whatever position he plays, a little footy star in the making.

Leeroy- Our "Pocket Rocket" he may be the youngest of the team, but he is tuff as nails. He definitely grew over the season to be a great team player.

Nicko- Our "silent achiever" we loved watching you really grow and build confidence with each and every game. As the season went on you were scoring try's and running the field.

Tyler- Our "determinator" never one to give up, no matter how many times he would get tackled. Also played great as a dummy half and ball support.

Zac- Our "happy go lucky" always having a smile while playing the game. Extremely good at listening and following instructions from the coaches, it was great to watch Zac's improvement through out the season.

Some highlights for me as coach was seeing the team start with little understanding of the game in the beginning to growing and developing great skills on the field and teams' bonds but most importantly doing this all whilst having fun.

A big shout out to ALL the parents in our team, we couldn't have done this without all your support, especially our support coaches Adam and Tim and our manager Kamille, who did a wonderful job managing the team, you guys are amazing! GO THE SHARKIES- Cheers

Nathan Rust





## UNDER 7

What a year from the under 7's! I am so proud of the amazing team this year! We had lots of adversity's with maybe not having enough players to only just having enough players and some help from other players filling almost every week. Only losing 3 games all season I am beyond proud of the toughness and skill the boys showed. I big thanks to Chris Mitai's uncle for all the help with coaching this year. Nat and Jacquie for filling in doing score sheets managing. And most importantly my wife Melanie for organising this whole team and getting our boys to play most weeks.

Cheers!

Lucas Doney - Lui only played a few games for us this season due to soccer commitments and being his first year of rugby league. WOW! Some fantastic tackles and a couple of tries. He is a natural and hope this little champion joins us again next season.

Blake Avery -What an absolute super star!! Easily the leading try scorer and put his body in the line time and time again. Most importantly he is a great team player! Always one of the first to pat his team mates on the back after  
Good effort.

Mitai Prior-Simon - It's been an absolute pleasure coaching this little legend. we were all well aware of Mitai's killer step and try scoring ability but he was ON FIRE this season with his tackling! He was our very own Victor Radley! Chopping kids left right and centre! Another ultimate team player always supporting his mates when they did something good!

Alex Steel - The little pocket rocket surprised us all in his first year of footy. Putting his body in the line scoring try's. He had no fear! He will only get better and better. Looking forward to next year!

Max Steel - The younger brother of Alex. It takes some serious nerves of steel to play with his older brother. Max's most notable effort this year was destroying the goal posts at Mona raiders! Really threw the opposition! gave us the mental edge that game! He also crossed over for a try this year! Super proud!

Hudson Johnston - The coaches son. Took Huddy a few games to find his groove this year. Being a bit timid in defence. But something clicked overnight halfway through the season. Putting his body on the line, showing players his big fend and going over for a few tries. Proud dad!

Brad – Coach



## UNDER 8 (1)

This year we had 3 brand new players to Rugby league join our team. The team was coached by Zac Freudenstein and Adam Griffiths. With all the disruptions of the past few years under 8's was a huge learning curve for even the returning players in the team. Getting to watch the amazing progress this team had throughout the season was inspiring. We had 11 players, who gave it their all the whole way through the season. Our players also showed great club spirit, helping out other Sharkie teams almost every week. I would also like to mention the amazing parents who I didn't have to ask twice when needing volunteers for the B.B.Q or field set up. We are so proud of this team and everything they did this season. Bring on 2023. Bodhi Fagan, Jackson Marais, Kaiden Tallowood, Lenny Griffiths, Mason Coppock, Otto Freudenstein, Reef Bridges, Zaylan Borg, Karstan Mahoney, Jimi Seaton and Raphael Moore.



## UNDER 8 (2)

With 8 of our players welcoming a new recruit, the stage was set for a great year! Like the past few years, we had some wins and losses, but this team of little (and big) champions maintained a strong drive to play good footy and was always ready to get up and go again! What was really pleasing to see was the way the team has bonded, offering a lot of encouragement to one another on and off the field. Really being there for each other, showing what team players they are. The best bit was watching the High 5's and hugs to celebrate one another's tries and conversions! Well done U/8 white, you did well!

Charlii - Had a great year once again showing her maturity and helping to settle down the rowdy boys in the team. It seems she really realised how strong she is this year and made many great runs which caused our opponents a lot of trouble, often standing in the tackle and getting the ball to supporting players resulting in lots of tries.

Juliana - Playing up an age, Juliana really shone when she had the ball. She's very fast and elusive and scored some super tries. When it came to tackling, Juliana was fearless and took many opponents legs out from under them.

Dane - With the ball in hand, Dane often was a challenge to our opponents, running straight and hard, crashing through the line or spotting a gap and going for it, resulting in some good tries. His tackling improved also and at times Dane put on some big shots.

Emmett - Caused many problems for opponent's defence, he always ran hard and knew he could always find space on the fringes, as a result he scored heaps of tries. His tackling was also strong and consistent.

Jai - Was always rearing to go, with more energy than he could contain sometimes. I don't think he got tackled all year as he would run every which way to elude capture! His tackling was absolutely fearless, taking even the biggest opponents on head on and successfully.

Noah - Improved in leaps and bounds this year, with a fearless attitude, he ran hard and attacked the opposition line well. When defending he also showed the same fearlessness, getting heavily involved in stopping our opponents.

Remi - Had an awesome year, especially considering it was his first playing rugby league. He was a natural with strong, hard running, leaving defenders in his wake as he ran to score heaps of tries. His tackling was also very good and saved many tries.

Rhys - Stepped it up a level this year, making many strong runs, showing heaps of hunger to reach the try line, which he frequented. In defence, he was always in the middle ready to pounce on anyone game to run his way.

Seb - Continued where he left off last year with his elusive ball running, often changing direction and accelerating away from opposition defenders, scoring some good tries. His tackling was solid, often using perfect technique around the legs.

## **UNDER 8 (3)**

2022 was another cracking season for the Narrabeen Sharks under 8(3)'s. With many returning players from last year and a number of new recruits, the boys hit it off and worked as a team from the beginning.

With hard hits on their opponents, fast and straight runs and great goal kicking, 2022 will certainly be a season not to forget.

The season was topped off with a trip to Mudgee where the boys competed in the inaugural Mudgee Dragons junior gala day. The boys from the big smoke were certainly welcomed with open arms by the country lads and the under (8)'3s did the Sharkies proud, holding their own in every game, hitting hard and finding the gaps. It certainly was a great way to end the season!

A big shout out to the under 8(3)'s:

Kye - Kye developed his signature move, the old side step and throw a "dummy", one of the most determined players in the team!

Rasmus - Got a real knack as "first receiver", catching and passing with precision was Rasmus' thing!

Walter - "Catch me if you can" Walter, known for scoring countless tries and showing us his best celebration moves after each and everyone one.

Tommy - Our own "Turbo Tommy", super quick and agile, our opponents found it hard to stop him.

Zack - Known to chase down his opponents from one side of the field to the other and tacking hard, Zack saved many a tries from being scored for our team!

Jackson White - Known for making the biggest tackle against the biggest kid on the field in the last season of the game - no fear for Jackson White!

Jackson Quayle - Became one of the team's "go to" dummy halves - always following his team mates and right behind them ready for a quick play of the ball.

Flynn - Known for his straight, fast and hard runs, always determined to run as hard into the opponents as possible.

Theo - Joining the team mid season, what a team player - always supporting his team mates with tackles and setting up the play for the next big try.

Shar - Also, joining the team mid season and picking up the game so quickly, always getting involved and wanting to get in a big run as well as great tackles!

## **UNDER 9 (1)**

Terrific season: so proud of how the boys came together in what was another top-start type of season. They all came to training with a great attitude and worked hard to improve their skills individually and as a team. The boys finished the season strong and are ready to rip in next year! Here's the team:

**Aston' Raging Bull' Rogers** - Don't wave the red rag, don't poke the bear and don't rattle this guy's cage! Because he will run over the top of you! He is the most improved player and doesn't know how good he can be. Aston is also a great place and goal kicker! Scored the best try of the season against Avalon in the semi-final. Super season Aston!

**Jye Lawson** - Honestly, there is not much this guy cannot do! A brilliant tackler, a super ball runner and has a great pass. But his best attribute is his will to win. He is ready to put his hand up if there is a tough tackle or a hard run to be done. Super season Jye!

**Rocky' The Rock' Agostino** - Rocky is one of those players all the boys love playing with! He has a great step and runs hard, but he also has a great passing game and can hit runners in space with pinpoint passes. Rocky's tackling has improved out of sight! Tremendous season Rocky!

**Rory Jones** - This guy has been the surprise packet of the season. New this year, we soon learned Rory was a competitor! Brilliant legs tackler, strong a ball runner with an excellent offload and organised the team at first receiver. He just loves playing footy! An exciting player who has slotted in beautifully to the mighty Sharkies! Super season Rory!

**Zac 'The Axe' Calandrucchio** - This fella is pound-for-pound bravest player in the comp! Everything he does, whether tackling or running the ball is 110%! A fantastic dummy-half who is nearly unstoppable close to the line and scored plenty of tries. Fantastic season Zac!

**Rhys' Rocket' Newall** - Blink, and you will miss him! Rhys has amazing speed and agility to run and weave his way through opposition defence. He has worked hard on his front-on defence, and it has improved immensely. A brilliant sprint and cover tackle against Belrose won us the game! Superb season Rhys!

**Tyger Ryan** - Tyger is a whole-hearted player who scored two tries in our semi-final vs Avalon. He has excellent natural ability and is a kamikaze tackler! Tyger is a genuine game-breaker and, once in the clear, is very hard to stop! Cracker season, Tyger!

**Jamie Perrin** - Another player who plays well above his weight. An excellent low tackler who is not afraid to have a run at the big guys and organised the team well at first

receiver. He scored a great try against Mona Vale and only wants to keep improving. He also loves a packet of footy cards! Terrific season Jame!

**Brodie' Blocker' Kelly** - Big games need big men! In the prelim-final against one of the heavy-weights Mona Vale, Brodie stood up and did not take a backward step! He is tough to stop when he gets the fire in the belly! An awesome season!

**Connor Drummond** - Leader of the pack! This guy has it all; he is a big, fast and skilful player! Connor can tear whole teams apart with his tackling and ball running. He played up in 10's Maroons team and was Man of the Match! Genuine superstar. Amazing season Connor!

**Jack' Tackling Machine' Harwood** - He is a fearless competitor with little preservation for his body. Jack played dummy half this season and struck up an excellent combination with Rory at first receiver. He is one of those players, give him a job, and he will do it! Fantastic season Jack!

**Super Suz** - Suz, our amazing manager, keeps the team organised, goes above to get footy cards for the kids each week, and holds up the pads at training. Thank you for all your work this season!

A huge thank you to Tim, Toni, the Narrabeen Sharks committee, and volunteers. It is tough to organise the uniforms, set up the fields, and relay information! Thank you. Finally, thank you to all the boys; it has been a privilege to coach you this season! Cheers Luke





## **UNDER 9 (2)**

The season started off a bit disjointed with the boys taking time to get to know each other. After a handful of games (and too many byes) they eventually clicked! We started to fall into natural positions, build in confidence and even win games. At training, the boys were always eager to learn, even if it was just to get through to a game of 'bull-rush' at the end of each session. When 'game day' arrived, everyone switched on, the energy was high and they pulled together for each other, to become a very tight knit group by the end of the year.

It was a pleasure to coach all boys. They all grew in their individual ways - confidence, belief and football awareness. We had a ton of fun too, many laughs along the way and they knew how to celebrate. Thanks to Matt for his personal support as trainer, Ross as our team manager and to all the parents for their dedication to the season and those wet days.

**Luis LAVERS** - A great runner of the football. He uses his speed and natural step to find the try line. Performed some great try saving tackles and was critical in our 1st receiver position this year. It was unanimous amongst the coaching group that he was awarded the 'Best & Fairest' this year.

**Toby TILLER** - An absolute pleasure to coach, listens to advice to improve his game and understands and implements it straight away. His pace was key to getting the team on the scoreboard in most games, that speed also meant he was our last line of defence and he didn't let the team down. Very worthy of his peer vote - Players Player this year.

**Jake MALIVANEK** - Turned out to be our best goal kicker. Developed his tackling throughout the season and took out the best tackler award a couple times. Is a great ball handler and has a step that keeps the opposition guessing, helping us gain valuable meters. Great season Jake.

**Rowan WOOD** - a natural dummy half, loves his footy. When close to the line can sniff out a try and is very dangerous in and around the ruck. Isn't afraid to speak up on field, kick the ball on the last or play marker position. He thrives in a team environment and helps bring the right amount of energy when needed.

**Eddie GEE** - first year in league, came from AFL, one of the fastest players on the field. Was also one of the most prolific try scorers and helped us win games by chasing down the opposition in defence to stop numerous tries. Congratulations on a successful start to league Eddie, very deserving of the Coaches Award this year.

**Oli ROBERTS** - In the beginning of the season was making sandcastles when on the bench. As the year progressed, with the help of his dad turned into our best tackler. Even after taking some big hits, he would still get back up and give it his best. Very proud of Oli's season.

**Logan SAAFI** - Started the season telling me he wouldn't score a try - then ended up scoring a double in one game and scored our last of the season. He had some massive games, with very aggressive 'straight & hard' runs through the middle. Underestimates his own ability but grew in confidence this year. Excited to watch his progress in the coming years.

**Ben ANDERSON** - started the season quietly, but as the year progressed really found his mojo. Vital from dummy half taking advantage of gaps in the defence through the middle and even down the sidelines later in the season. Ben should be very happy with his growth and contribution to the team, well done mate.

**Tyler BEEMAN** - although his season was a little disrupted, Tyler quickly became a valuable additional to our team, especially in defence. A smiling assassin that was always involved, whether it was a solid run, his contribution during training or 'body on the line' style tackles, he slotted in seamlessly. Loved having Tyler in the team.

### **UNDER 9 (3)**

As the season wraps up couldn't be more prouder of a team that showed great strength and heart. The team was moved up into the maroon's division after starting the season with 3 straight wins and slugged it out each week either playing with no reserves or short on numbers. Really shows to the character of these young's boys that I have coached since U6's. Proud of their efforts and look forward to seeing them progress next year.

Mitchel Lawler Coach

## **UNDER 10**

Ash is an extremely talented attacking player. His defensive efforts have improved throughout the year. 2023 should be a great year for Ash.

Beau holds himself to the highest standards, he is highly talented and when he learns to relax, he will express his talent fully.

Blake is a pleasure to coach he listens and tries at all times. He improved his game defensively this year through hard work and perseverance.

Clancy is a strong defender who is passionate about the game. He has learnt to transition his Ju Jitsu to his tackling.

David showed his strong will at times exemplifying a typical front rower taking the tough duties upon himself with very strong direct runs and rock-solid defence.

Dylan is a courageous player weighing-in at under half of what the majority of opposition players did, he always committed to the task at hand. He is a pleasure to coach.

Eijah is an energetic player who enjoys playing dummy half. Elijah has the potential to be a very good dummy half with his sharp scoots being an asset and his courageousness in defence.

Isaac had a tough year with injury which cut his season short. Isaac tried his best and given he is playing a year up did very well.

Jax started the season slow but continued to learn and became a great contributor to the team. Jax enthusiasm for the game grew every game and amazed everyone at the end of the season with his performances.

Joel is the confident leader of the team who reads the game well and is always looking to assist others. Joel is a natural forward having excelled at Dummy Half and also in second row position.

Mack is courageous player always trying his hardest and does not take the easy options. A very direct runner who is very coachable.

Oisin is a natural player, this being his first year he was a standout player for the team. Oisin listened and focussed on developing his game and became a very good second rower for our team primarily through his strong defence.

Tyson improved immensely this year, although reluctantly agreeing early on to play fullback. Tyson came to see the position as his own and was our Players Player due to the number of tries he saved.

## UNDER 11 (1)



The boys claimed the Minor Premiership in style, scoring 330 points and conceded only 60. Their expansive attack is exhilarating to watch and the precision moves engineered by offensive coordinator **Pat Sleiman** had the opposition looking at each other in disbelief. We all know defense wins games and the boys went to the next level this season, shutting down the opposition with line speed and discipline. We couldn't get the job done on Grand Final day going down to our nemesis Mona Vale 18-6. A nil all score line at half time was a good description of how close the game was and when we scored first in the second half the game was ours for the taking. A knock on, an intercept pass and a dropped ball over the try line cost us dearly and the Raiders capitalised on our mistakes to take the win. To experience the disappointment of a Grand Final loss was devastating but we embraced the feelings and dealt with it in the huddle, then left it out on the field. We walked off with our heads held high, proud of what we accomplished this season. No excuses.

**Izaak Adams:** strong defender and smart Dummy Half. Gets the job done with a minimum of fuss and stamps his authority on the game. A quiet achiever who doesn't always get the accolades he deserves but puts in 100% every week and is respected by his teammates.

**Sinclair Alden:** forced his way into the Maroons with raw power and commitment. Learnt quickly and developed his game to become a key player in attack with hard running and late footwork at the line that saw him score repeatedly. Uses his shoulders to hit hard and leaves his mark on the opposition.

**Harry Bradburn:** found his feet on the wing with strong running and good skills. Finished off many memorable team tries with speed and strength. He added his own flair with exciting kick chase plays that will pay off as he gains experience.

**Jay Calandrucchio:** playing at First Receiver or Fullback Jay has it covered. Natural talent and unbelievable ability to read the game makes him an asset to the team and a future NRL star. Safest hands in the competition, solid defense and deadly step helped him claim the Player's Player Award. Jay also clocked 100 games for the Sharks in 2022.

**Hayden Carpenter:** strength, speed and self-belief makes him a competitive force who lifts the team and leads the way with his will to win. Hard hitting tackles and a Freddy Fittler right foot step that sent him on many trips to the try line rewards him with Best and Fairest Award.

**Eric Daines:** the silent assassin. Runs hard, tackles hard and executes the game plan as instructed. Can play in the middle, on the edge and out wide which makes him versatile along with being a reliable player who always performs to a high level and gives his best effort for the team.

**Jett Ferrier:** had an outstanding season to pick up the Most Improved Award. Made the move from wing to the middle and never looked back. Relished the hard work with most run metres and most post contact metres. Improved his ball control and pulled off massive hits in defense on a regular basis. Looking forward to Jett continuing to develop his game and reach his full potential.

**Cody Drummond:** uses his size and strength to dominate, scoring some great tries and making numerous big tackles throughout the season. Continually evolving, he developed his catch and pass technique to create scoring opportunities and coupled with his second phase play always has him in the mix for the weekly awards.

**Noah Sleiman:** shuffled around the backline saw him starved of the ball, scoring most of his tries off kicks to the in goal rather than his customary line busting runs. Played out of position for the benefit of the team but the experienced gained from playing multiple positions will stand him in good stead for the future. Noah achieved 100 games for the Sharks this season.

**Harry Sloane:** moved from Dummy Half to the forwards and loved the workload. Always took the tough hit ups and never shied away in defense. Started to understand his size

and strength are an asset and used them accordingly to consistently control the ruck. Haz picked up the Coach's Award and was another to notch up 100 games for the club.

**Stirling Stuart:** uses his intelligence to score tries and gain penalties for the team by catching the opposition offside with astute scoots from Dummy Half. Always reliable for making multiple tackles in a set and fearlessly taking on the big boppers, his direction of the defensive line contributed to the best For & Against in the competition. Stirling achieved the 100 game milestone in 2022.

**Max White:** inspired his teammates by terrorising the opposition with block busting runs and bone crunching defense. Also terrorised some referees and paid the price. A mid-season injury relating to a big fish and a lost lizard led to surgery and 6 weeks on the sideline. Max returned with a vengeance wreaking havoc while displaying self-control and maturity. Hopefully he can have an injury free 2023 and claim some of the awards he deserves.

Thanks to **Fletcher Boyle** and **Hayden Woolf** who helped out during our finals campaign and to all the boys who played up in the Maroons through the season; **Mason Saffi**, **Oscar Bradburn**, **Cade Hendrickson**, **Luca Clark**, **James Spittles** and **Boston Allen**. We have a very strong squad in our age group reflected by the number of boys who stepped up to perform in the Maroons competition.

Thanks to our videographer **Liana Sleiman** who facilitates our video analysis that plays a huge role in the success of the team. Thanks also **Kev Calandrucchio** who puts in many hours behind the scenes to keep the team running smoothly. Thanks to all the parents who commit to getting the boys to training and games on time and to those who help out at training and game day.

A special thank you to our high performance water/tee boy, club sponsor and tour guide extraordinaire **Dan Carpenter** for an end of season trip that the boys will remember for a lifetime.

**Tim Stuart** Coach



## UNDER 11 (2)

The under 11 whites had a strong start to the season and it has been great to see their skills develop each week with the help of Cam from Manly Sea Eagles. Unfortunately, we had many injuries this season, but it did not stop the boys giving 110%. I know the boys wanted to end the season on a high note, but it was not meant to be, and I hope they enjoyed their season, and we can't wait to come back stronger than ever. I would like to say a huge thank you to all our families who came out rain hail or shine to cheer the boys on.

Last but not least we would not have been able to have the season we have had if it wasn't for our amazing manager Jade for all the hard work she has done thanks Jade for everything.

Cheers Mitch



## UNDER 11 (3)



What a season, team & club! Amazing to be a part of such a great year at Narrabeen Sharks. Big congratulations to the boys this season, we started the season slow, with a lot of new players lacking confidence across the park but **ended the season with a Grand Final win!** Each kid in the team grew as individual players and together we grew as a team however most importantly as a bunch of mates. Our can-do attitude, belief and tenacity is what gave us the opportunity to play in a GF this year, this was shown in our consistent 'for & against' efforts playing some of the top teams in our division and this is to be congratulated.

**Aksel K** - Aksel showed improvement every game, showed that he loves the game and is committed to his training and pushing himself out on the football field to be the best footballer he can be for his team.

**Axel** - Axel has been the Sharkies hitman in the middle of the field with his barnstorming runs from the back fence that leave footprints in the chest of his opposition.

**Ben** - Benny the flying samarai seems to cut the opposition in half towards the back end of the year with his great speed and his ability to create a line break and ending the season with a fist full of tries.

**Boston** - Boston Boot lace Allen they call him, with a heart of a lion and a desire to never let his team mates down his work rate always high, committed to his team mates & jersey 100%.



**Bruno** - Bruno really showed his football ability, also his versatility on the park he really is that player that could play ball playing, back rower, forward pack just put him on the field and let him carve them up!

**Cade** - Cade loves to organise the boys around the park and has a dominant tackling technique not to mention work ethic in line speed fit as a bloody fiddle and got good toe, all class!

**Jaden** - Jaden worked hard at training and on the field, is a great listener. We have found his strengths being his leg drive and speed and see him really building off this season.

**James** - James brought some of the biggest impact plays of the year and is a fierce competitor, being tackled by him or to tackle him was no different let me assure you just ask our opposition, also topping the try scoring this season.

**Kye** - Kye has the golden boot not missing his conversions when needed especially on the big GF when needed the most, his tackling technique developed massively latter stages of the year.

**Lachlan** - Lachlan has developed his tackling and ball running ability a great deal really showing he wants to be a part of his footy team and he cares about his teammates at the Sharks.

**Luca** - Luca has shown this year he is a natural dummy half with great work around the ruck with his defence including being very consistent working off the ball always being in good position for next play.

**Mason** - Mason has slick hands & kicking game for such a built young fulla. A great footy brain to go with it really stepped up and made an imprint on the final to help bring it home for the team in the GF not to mention a 4 try game mid-season.

**Oscar** - Oscar has worked hard this year on the field in his kick returns using his speed and scored the game winning try with an amazing one-handed dive so clearly can handle himself under great pressure.

**Wyatt** - Wyatt is a vital part of the Sharks team as he always gives it 100% and put his body on the line with some great try saving tackles! Safe as houses out on the wing when they ran at him.

A lot goes on behind the scenes, so thank you to all the Sharkies committee and a massive thank you to our team manager, Jackie, for organising all of us including me and getting these boys on the field. Thanks to our trainers/water Boys/touchies (Brad, Jaron, Shane & Wayne) for always being there to lend a hand, Cam for his help with the boys on a Wed at training and all the parents for their commitment to the team this year.

It has been an absolute pleasure to coach my son and all your sons. I thank you for putting the trust in me and getting behind us all and supporting us right to the end. We look forward to doing it all again next year!

Coach Blake



## **UNDER 12 (1)**

What an outstanding season the Under 12 Gold's had this year.

Going thru the season undefeated and with only 40 pointed scored against us going into the Grand Final was a mighty effort from the boys.

Beating Harbord 3 times this season was a joy to watch and hopefully now the boys believe in themselves with their rock-solid defence and attack, that they can be the best Under 12's team in the competition. Fingers crossed we can go all the way next year and win the Grand Final.

Unfortunately, we lost our only game of the season in the Grand Final to Narraweena by 6 points on the bell.

Each and every player brought their own little spark to the team, and all worked really well together on and off the field.

The mighty forward led by Braithe, Killian, Brock, Charlie, Isaac S, Riley and Jake with their determined runs and bone crunching tackles destroyed the opposition and set the platform for our devastating back line.

The back line consisted of Isaac C, Mitch, Buddy, Max, Cooper E, Tom and Cooper B who constantly kept the opposition on their toes with their electrifying speed and great ball skills, they didn't know what was coming next.

It has been an absolute pleasure coaching this group of young men and watching them all develop into great football players.

We welcomed Jake Mathie and his family to the club this year, and it was a pleasure having them onboard.

I'd like to thank all the parents for their ongoing support thru out the season, it really means a lot to have you all onboard and supporting us.

A special thanks to Dean, Hayden and Craig for all you help at training and on game day.

Thanks also to Andrew for being our official touchie this year, you did a great job.

Finally, our wonderful manager Jane, you do an amazing job keeping us all organised and we all really appreciate the effort that you put into the team.

We look forward to seeing all the boys back next year to go one better!!

Michael and Shane

## **UNDER 12 (2)**

A team who played together this year with some experienced junior players and some first timers coming from soccer to try out their skills and what a fun year the team had. Having some fantastic wins against our opponents and the team's improvement each game evident throughout the season.

The team made up of:

Aeisha Tangi up to 100 games for her last season for the Sharkies and a powerhouse down the middle of the field & tackles hard!

Taye Crichton a fantastic season of tries, unstoppable near the line. Our DH who is quick and can tackle with the best of them.

Ned Olivares might be quiet but when running straight and hard no-one can stop him. What a great season he has had!

Beau Osborn has the speed and step to get around anyone and sprint up the line. One of our top try scorers for the year and his first season for the Sharkies.

Mitchell Tutt quiet and unassuming but a hard hitter and up his skills each and every game. Another first time Sharkie who proved he has the skills.

Ben Davison showed his skills through his running as well as some great tackles. Willing to learn and improving throughout his first season playing.

Harper (growler) Hine made some great hard runs up the field. The more he growled the harder he was and another first time Sharkie.

Ryan Hay after trying a few positions found himself in the forwards and improved each and every week. Joining the Sharkies for his first season and really tackles hard.

Lachlan Johns bleeding for the team to make some try saving tackles over the sideline. Small but definitely mighty.

Mason Kaines showed he not only loved his footy this year with his running and tackling skills but his love of the end of game lolly bag. Joining the Sharkies for his first season.

Ethan Thomas excelled at fullback catching some great balls this season. Fantastic allrounder with a great boot for conversions.

Matteo Calil when lining up on an opponent never missed making huge head on tackles. First season for the Sharkies and showing he can do it.

Brad Stewart solid and dependable to take on any opponent and always willing to up his game. Quiet but hard!

Jake Colless controlled the team through FR position. Never missing a game and another 100 games notched up for the Sharkies.

Along with Tiahn (manager), Dan (trainer) it has been a pleasure coaching this group of players in 2022. Go the Sharkies!

Gary – Coach



## UNDER 12 BLUES TAG (1)

At the start of our 2022 season, we set ourselves a high and realistic goal. To be the best whilst creating history for the Narrabeen Sharks Club. Collectively we all shared the same passion towards our season. They were all accountable for every decision that was made during our games. To understand the teamwork and vision within this team they didn't want to let each other down. That was their main focus going into every game. They had a positive team culture that made every player want to play at their best. We finished the regular season with 346 points scored and 88 points against. A massive +258-point difference. I knew I had the right team to challenge our rivals and as a coach it wasn't about winning or losing it was setting the right environment for these girls to feel comfortable at training and gamedays with their teammates which resulted in a positive energy around the group.

This team was the best! and the Narrabeen Sharks U12's Blues Tag Team 1 side created history by becoming the first ever Girls team to win a Premiership in the clubs 90-year history!



Maia Cole- Fierce in attack, solid in defence, solid goal kicker, one of our main leaders and never disappointed. When Maia is in her zone, she is unstoppable. 2 tries and a goal in the Grand Final. She just gets the job done! Well done Maia.

Adeline Richards-Stopped many defensive raids out on the wing with her ability to read the game. Addie brings stability to our edges. Confidence grew in attack as the season went on. Great work Addie!

Olivia Parkes-Really found her role firming up our defensive line and leading the defence calls in the middle. A rock-solid defender who was always in the face of the opposition. Liv was someone I could always rely on to get the job done. Another great year Liv!

Lulu Campbell- A very consistent player who never lacked energy! Solid in defence and always looking for a sneaky run-in attack. A pleasure to have in this team. Brought so much laughter to training and gamedays. Lulu is a must have in any side. Well done Lulu!

Isobel Campbell-Defensively Strong! Elusive in attack! Could kick goals, Issy's year started strong and finished as one of our top performers on a weekly basis. Massive year Issy!

Mateja Gerrard- TT flourished as each game went on. Her Semi Final and Grand Final Performances were ones to remember. My player of the match in the GF. A star in the making. Great job TT!

Ruby Dircks-A weapon in defence, regularly making 3 or 4 tags after each other. Captained the side to their first history making premiership win. A natural born leader!

Arlei Frazer-An Absolute delight to train. Was always committed in attack and defence. Confidence grew as the season went on. First year of Blue Tag. Awesome effort Arls!

Saskia Taylor-Always took the right option when she ran and made smart decisions in defence. Sass is a natural born Blues Tag player. Fantastic year Sass!

Madison Lazich-Maddie has speed! It was shut the gates if the opposition gave her an opening. Maddie's defence was rock solid. An absolute pleasure to have in this team.

Milla Lawson- Milla brought the energy to training and gamedays. Really started to show her ability to read the game in the back half of the season. Milla was a player that would never stop talking to her teammates in defence which created cohesion within the team. A pleasure to coach Milla!

Kayla Arundel- Bringing her touch background to Blues Tag Kayla was heavily relied on in the First Receiver role for our team. Knew when to run, knew when to pass and had some memorable goal kicks too. A solid season defensively. Will be one to watch out for next year. Fantastic year Kayla!

Shay Walker-Regularly broke defender's hearts by running down the sideline and scoring tries. A quiet girl off the field but was big in stature on the field. Was one of our consistent goal kickers. An impressive defensive effort all year. Well done Shay!

Ruby Murdoch-An absolute delight to train. Her bubbly attitude was infectious at training. Really gained confidence throughout the year and pulled off some cracking tags in defensive. A smart attacking player who had the ability to take what was learnt at training into the game. Well Done Ruby!

## UNDER 12 BLUES TAG (2)

The girls did an excellent job this year, as a new team that have never played before they grew as a team and showed better skills each week as they progressed.

Look forward to coaching the girls next year and seeing what they can achieve as a team!





### **UNDER 12 BLUES TAG (3)**

I had the privilege of coaching the Under 12 Narrabeen Sharks 3 team. It was great to watch each player grow and develop their skills throughout the season. All 13 girls brought their own strengths to the side. Chantaya and Skye were our smart dummy halves. Chantaya threw her body on the line and nabbed a couple of tries. Indylee, Millie, Eva and Leah were strong defenders. Tilly was my James Tedesco, running hard angles to get around players and score tries. She even managed a chip and chase followed by a sneaky try. Bonnie was our first try converter and despite her petite size, had a big voice and a lively personality. Bella is the sweet, quiet and humble achiever who along with Addie, Ilsa and Skye were always the first to listen. I loved that! Bayley never gave up and it was great to see her confidence grow week by week. Leah stands as the all rounder and one of our best kickers. She was also always the first to find the treats in the kit bag. Maddi is like the energiser bunny with added pace and bounce. Addie is to be commended on her bravery, just for giving things a go, particularly in attack. Ilsa showed remarkable improvement throughout the season and has a bright football future ahead. Millie and Eva were our best attacking chargers and set a high standard for the junior players.

We definitely trained more than we played due to the weather but I think it helped the girls bond and build their skills, knowledge and love of the game. Despite the number of washed out games, they certainly did not miss out. We played that much bull rush, stealth, kick tennis and rats and rabbits, they enjoyed this just as much as the game itself. The girls showed so much resilience by playing in the cold, rain and muddy conditions. They also learnt to value the game and the team experience rather than a score in their favour.

I hope the girls can also take away values such as the importance of team comradery, a sense of belonging, and commitment over anything else. The pleasure was all mine and I hope to see all 13 back on the field next season.

Jo Spano

## **UNDER 13 (1)**

Firstly we would like to congratulate The U15's and the A grade on their amazing Grand Final wins. Well done Julian, Jamie and all the boys. The atmosphere and sense of community/tribalism during and after the games was awesome to behold.

We are fortunate to still have two team's in the U13's; we have worked hard to keep 2 teams by retaining most of our players and recruiting more each year.

This year we had Jayden Richards and Archie Hill Join us from Cromer, two gun players that have added another dimension two our team.

Asher Woods and Wilbur Zarzeczny also joined our Division 1 team this year, having never played contact sport before. They have hit the ground running and made big improvements each week. Their enthusiasm is infectious! A big Sharkies welcome to both the boys and their Families.

A big thank you to fellow coaches, Matt Hough and Scotty Campbell for all your help throughout the season. It really is a team effort all round. Another big Shout out to all the players from the silver team who helped us out over the year. We would have had to play short many times if not for your efforts so thanks boys.

To our team we would like to acknowledge and say how proud we are of the effort and dedication that you gave to your footy, from pre season on the beach to the effort on the field in the last game. You all gave us 100% every time you walked on the field, although we didn't finish where we had hoped there were plenty of positives to take away from the season.

A massive thank you to Kate for keeping us all organised and listening to Jason vent. Thanks to Jim Kelly for your help with the team throughout the season and to all the other parents who put their hand up when needed. Have a good summer, stay safe, stay fit and we hope to see you all next season.

Jason and Steve

### **THE BOYS**

Jayden - 100% effort all game every game, regularly topped both tackles and hit ups .Throw in long range try saving tackles, Amazing season.

Archie - Great skills, Wether playing half or in the middle, always a threat. Big Defence with a great bomb.

Josh - Rugged defender, fast with good skills, sharp shooter with the boot.

Asher First year of footy has gotten better each week, strong runner of the ball and loves to whack'em.

Wilbur - First year of footy, super keen to learn, runs hard and fast.

Jack - Fast and allusive, great defender, who regularly puts his body on the line.

Isaac - This young man has an amazing bag of tricks! Knows how to find the line.

Zeke - Rugged defender hits, them with everything. Bullocking ball runner.

Ollie - Quick off the mark, great step and swerve, brave defender with good skills.

Xavier - Great skills, steps off both feet amazing under the high ball, solid defender. Great job captaining the team.

Harrison - Small in stature with the heart of a lion. Amazing defender, Smashes people! Superb ball skills, good kicking game.

Will - Brings the aggression, loves the battle, runs off the back fence and gets his shoulder into it.

Henry - Never takes a backwards step. Runs with purpose and loves getting dirty in defence.

Liam - Great defender, Bulldog in attack who is always a threat with the ball in hand.

Tom - The enforcer with great ball skills, damaging runner, high work rate, buries his shoulder deep in defence.

Reid - Complete footballer, can play anywhere, super defender with great skills and a team player.

## UNDER 13 (2)

Another season done & dusted in the life of our Sharkies Under 13 Silver. This year was our toughest season yet. Along with our season veterans, we welcomed three new players in Harry, Billy and Jackson. Who were a great acquisition to our team. The season began strong with a tight loss to eventual Grand Final winners, Lane Cove and a nail-biting draw with Pennant Hills which was probably the best game the team ever played. That game signalled the beginning of a horrific run of injuries, broken bones & concussions. Couple that with an equally horrific run of sickness which saw us struggle to even field a team most weeks. This forced us to, on multiple occasions, call upon the Under 12's to play up for us (who did a terrific job). But through all of this the boys played their hearts out every week. And what I am most proud of is the friendships and culture that we have in our team. After 9 years of coaching these boys this is still prevalent and solid today.

I would like to thank Scotty for being my partner in crime. All the work behind the scenes we do together I couldn't do without him. I would also like to thank Justin for all help this year and all the players and parents for their commitment and time dedicated to this team. I would also like to thank my wife Lucy for all her work managing the team.

Onwards and upwards next year. Go the Sharkies! Matt Hough – Coach



## UNDER 14



Had only seven players registered three weeks out from the start of the season and thanks to some hard work from the parents and coaches, managed to field a team. The boys clicked immediately and well and truly overachieved, getting through round 1 undefeated in 2<sup>nd</sup> division before moving up to 1<sup>st</sup>. Thanks to Lincoln (trainer) & Drew (manager)

Lachie - Showed how good he was when we moved him to fullback. His timing and support play made us a dangerous in attack. Was polling high in best and fairest votes before breaking his hand.

Samuel - Played up a grade with us and had a great season. Was safe at the back, defended well and started most games. Very proud of how far he came and the effort he put in.

Dan - Came to us from rugby and had an immediate impact. Dan saved a couple of tries a game with his last line defence. Has a great step and was our best tackler.

Jayden - One of our toughest players. Can catch in one hand while changing direction and palming a defender off. A true specialist centre. Lead the way for us out wide in big games.

Aaron - Big Azza trained the house down all year and it showed on the field. Had his best season and put on some big hits. Azza is very popular amongst the boys. A great kid.

Dylan - Had his best season by far and was up there with the best forwards in the competition. Dylan got best and fairest points in nearly every game due to his high work rate and determination. We are all proud of the hard work he put in and the player he has become.

Josh - Came to us mid-season and played up a grade very bravely when we were short on players. He fit straight into the team and worked hard to learn our systems. Josh's commitment to training saw him improve his game every week and he became part of our team very quickly.

Max - Max has worked so hard over the last few years on his game and this year he went to a new level. A true halfback, he led our team around all year and helped to make us lethal in attack for the first half of the year. Max figured polled highly in our players player votes.

Aiden - The first day Aiden came to training this year he blew us all away with his hard running and great attitude. Was one of our best forwards and really led from the front. I came off second best trying to tackle him a couple of times through the season at training.

Taj - Super consistent lethal runner from dummy half. Taj is in our best players every game he plays. Came back this season from a broken collarbone and didn't miss a tackle. Also played with a broken hand when we were short. Leads by example.

Sonny - Could be the best forward in the competition. Gave away his best and fairest points in a couple of games to reward the efforts of other players. A true leader made some great covering tackles by never giving up on anything and scored countless long range individual tries.

Jackson - JT came into the season with a serious lower back injury and trained like it wasn't even there. A brave kid and a super athlete who inspired us all with his toughness and commitment. We are all relieved his surgery went well and we can't wait to have him back on the paddock.

Ollie - A devastating runner of the ball, Ollie had a huge first season. Needs to believe in himself more as he has huge potential. Ollie made us important metres all year and pulled off some huge hits along the way. Had a great year.

Tyler - Was my pick of the players this year. Mid season we had injuries to a couple of our big forwards and Tyler was the player who stood up for us with some great performances, particularly in defence. Tyler took responsibility off the ball also with some great decoy and support plays. Had a monster season.

Jack - Jack is tough kid who had a strong season, particularly in attack. Led up front with Ollie and made up part of what was a very strong forward pack which we had lacked for many seasons. Moved him to second row a couple of times through the year and he didn't miss a beat.

Cody - Our best talker, we made Cody our vice captain. Led the way out wide with his tough fringe defence. Was one of our best outside backs and was unlucky with injury at the end of the season. Has great potential.

TJ - Playing up a grade TJ had a huge year. Maybe our toughest kid for size, he took on anything that came to him. TJ's first try was a screamer and he went from strength to strength from there. Another kid with big potential.

Max Taylor - One of our best players over last few years, Max got a season ending injury at training. Started off like it was going to be his biggest year, it was a massive blow to lose him. Bravely played injured in our last game and was one of our best. Can't wait to see him back on the paddock.

Jack L - Looked after our left side at 5/8 this year and impressed us with his organising and ball play. Scored and set up some great try's throughout the season. Jack worked hard on his defence and it showed with some strong performances late in the season.

Will - Came to help when we were short and quickly made himself at home in the team. Our safest player under the high ball and can put on a good step.

## U14 BLUES TAG

What a fantastic season had by all the girls. Going down to the eventual winners in the Preliminary Final whilst ending our season, making our 2022 season a very successful one. This group of girls are a passionate bunch and had many fierce encounters with their respective rivals. Their determination and willingness to learn was always on display. A highlight was watching the girls run a muck at 4 Pines Park for the Women in League Round. Whilst everyone in this team had different abilities they never shied away from the challenge and backed each other in games making coaching these girls such a pleasure. Hoping to see all of them return in 2023.

A massive thank you to the coaching team Daniel Carpenter, Sarah Carpenter and Corina Wratt and the support and help from Dean Robinson and "Reggie" Parkes. Life as a coach is made easier when the right people are put in place and have the same goal! You are all legends in my eyes! Thanks for the support this year! We will be back bigger and stronger in 2023!



**Abbey Carpenter**-Absolutely terrorised sides with her speed and determination out of Dummy Half resulting in Abbey getting the most tries for the year. Such a passionate competitor, she let no one down. Would run all day until she could no longer walk. A defensive machine! A blast to have at training. Well done Abs

**Isabella Parkes**-Izzy led from the front, added a strong kicking game to her arsenal! Had a very successful year in her goal kicking duties. Izzy was always in the face of the opposition and always kept them on their toes when she had the ball in hand. A strong defender that played with so much passion. Well done Izzy!

**Isla Chen**-The most devastating ball runner in our team, cut the opposition to shreds regularly. Isla brought a calmness to the team. She wasn't one to say much but she led by her actions. Played out wide and was always in the right position in defence. A must have player to any team! Awesome work Isla.

**Edee Salter**-Our Fullback. The team had comfort knowing Edee had their backs when required in defence. One game Edee successfully saved 6 tries from her cover defence. Normally known for her blistering speed, I set Edee a task of making sure our defence was set right this year. She was the leader of the defensive pack. As a coach I couldn't be prouder of how Edee held herself in all games. An absolute pleasure to coach. Well done Edee!

**Laila Oakes**- Fantastic Defender, speed to burn! Laila is a player any team needs in their side. She is so determined in every aspect of her game. Regularly making 3 or 4 tags one after the other. You should be very proud of your consistent performances, Laila. Well done!

**Ava Harris**-When Ava H had the ball in hand, she was hard to run down, scored many long-range tries with her speed and determination. A Strong defender out wide, Ava shut down many opposition raids with her solid defence. Solid Season Ava!

**Madeline Café**-Gave her all in attack and defence. Had her best ever game in the Preliminary Final resulting in a player of the match performance. Well done Maddie!

**Amy Niddrie**-A solid defender and a great running game. The more games Amy played the confident she became. A great first up year Amy.

**Layla Phillipot**- Quick off the mark in defence and attack. Held our width well in attack. Another great first up year Layla.

**Indianna Griffiths**-Indie only knows one way, straight and hard! Made many valuable metres through the middle of the oppositions defence. A great back and of the year for Indie. A consistent performer. Well done!

**Lupita Lattin**- Never lacked confidence, Lupita run hard and defended strongly. A Fantastic start to her Blues Tag season. Will be stronger next year. Well done Lupes!

**Billie Pretty**-Began the year very cautious in learning the game. When Billie had a few games under her belt she became a strong ball runner and pulled off some memorable tags in defence. A player who became so consistent in the back end of the year. Fantastic effort Billie, can't wait to see you running around again next year

**Charlotte Robinson**-Charlotte would do anything for this team. She played multiple positions but found her feet in the middle tucking the ball in and running through the oppositions defence. A delight to coach. Will be one to watch next year! Awesome year Charlotte!

**Ava Geddes**- Stepped up on many occasions in attack and defence. Found her feet defending out wide and had some great attacking runs. Looking forward to seeing Ava run around again next season

**Holly Fletcher**- Loved a battle against any opposition, defended strongly out wide, a broken finger made Holly more determined than ever to get back on deck for the back end of the year with her mates and push for a strong finish. A delight to coach and often was the voice of the team, providing motivation for all the girls. Well Done on a great season Holly.



## UNDER 15'S PREMIERS



Boys - what a blinder!

Putting last year's tumultuous season with covid stops and starts behind us, this year started like a bag of mixed footie's - some new, some old, some soft, some hard. Throw in a truck load of wet weather patterns forcing washout games, consistent bouts of sickness and injuries in the team and some mid-season player movements, we weren't sure we'd even get to the finals let alone win the grandy'.

But you boys embraced it all and week after week, the momentum for a triumphant outcome was building. You came to training [mostly] switched on and ready to work hard. You listened to the player directions you were given individually and as a team and put our game play strategies into action on the field. It wasn't easy, it didn't always come together and there were several games we lost. But every time, you dusted yourselves off, you listened to the feedback, you learned, and you improved. Everyone single one of you.

We spoke many times during the season about mindset. Coaches can teach you all they know about the game, but the attitude and belief you hold about your own capabilities lies in you. You must always remember, that whether you think you can, or you think you can't - you are right.

We also talked about the meaning of team. Yes, we might have some more experienced players than others amongst us but there are no individuals in a team. It's made up of each player coming together and doing their bit on the field every single game. You should all hold your head high and be proud of the contribution you made along the way to the final victory and for us being able to hold the golden trophy high. We won because on and off the field, you had each other's backs. The grandy also proved that you had become more than a team, you had become family.

On behalf of us all, (Julian, Wade, Matt, & Claire) thank you boys for an incredible season. A special thanks also to all your parents for everything they do for you behind the scenes. Until next year, up the Sharkie's!

**Sami Davis** – Impossible to pin Sammy down, he had the capabilities of breaking the first tackle every time and he can get through any defender with that nasty right footstep and spinning mobility. Getting moved into new positions all through the year, his continual try saving tackles kept us in the game each week. He took it all in his stride and made his mark in fullback playing the position perfectly.

**Ollie Dawson** – Having an on and off hip injury through the year plagued Ollie but he is an all-round great player. Usually playing 3 games a weekend for school, union & league, every time Ollie steps on the field it's a sign of relief. With running capability to bust through every tackle and tackling like a machine, Ollie has turned himself into a weapon.

**Cooper Petersen** – A young bloke that really stepped up this year playing in the halves, demonstrating his capability in this area of the game. He stepped up again in the grand final when a teammate went down, and he led the team not only in attack but his defence held the game and for the entire team. Cooper is such a key player with his good vibes and pre-game hype to get the boys ready for any outcome each week.

**Max Davies** – he surprises us each week with his ability to destroy the opposition with his exceptional attacking skills, Max has it all as a NRL player not only in attack but in defence also. Max is a complete professional and it's very rare that he has a bad day at the office. We lost Max early in the piece of the Grand Final but he stamped his ground before he suffered his injury. Player of the future.

**Bodhi Lazich** – Our Captain this year, he has a heart of gold he really knows how to lead by example on and off the field. One of the most hardworking players on the field with his great out of the red zone runs and solid impact defence, Bodhi is becoming one of the great footballers. I asked a lot from Bodhi in the final, he rose to the occasion and played out of his skin destroying the opposition with his powerful running and tackling skills which opened it up for our backs to close the game.

**Ryan Holmes** – Wow this kid does everything! With hits that rock the field and runs that steam role defenders Ryan is such a comfort to have on the field. If there was a VB hard earned index given this kid would win it every single game. Ryan plays with his heart on his sleeve and gives 100% on every occasion. With not a lot of years behind his career he is a Player of the Future.

**Caleb Abbott** – A player which gives his best, turning up to every training session and always getting to the game 30 minutes before everyone else. Caleb is such a good kid, and his footy career has improved impeccably over this season.

**Oskar Wappling** – He joined the Narrabeen Sharks this year and has already made a mark on the team. The most damaging whole running player in the comp, you'll see him making up to 3 runs a set and tackling every person on the field. As a Coach it is difficult to teach boys how to run lines and angles but Oskar has done it without much instruction at all. If there was a person you always wanted to be on the field playing by your side, it's this guy. Player of the Future.

**Brody Naylor** – A player who really showed his potential this year. Moving from the Mona Vale Raiders, Brody has now become a well-known Sharkie. After bruising his rib cage halfway through the season, he came back bigger and stronger, making a tackle in every set and running as hard as he could, Brody is fulfilling his potential.

**Jordon O'Neill-Charueski** – He has learned to love footy, and everyone can see why. One of the most dedicated players on the team kicking the footy before and after training Jordy is really growing into a true footballer. He started off on the wing making unthinkable catches and some great runs.

**Charlie Ghattas** – The hardest runner and tackler on the team he shocks everyone when he plays. Bumping off players in attack and “cutting kids in half in defence” it is no wonder he got ‘Man of the Match’ in the Grand Final. Coming in mid-way through the season and showing his dominance on the field, this kid has so much potential in both the codes he plays. Player of the future.

**Gus Grover** – Probably one of the best talents I have seen as a Junior, breaking his ankle throughout the year Gus ended his season early but it was on a major high. Gus has a perfect technique, his bullet passes from left to right, kicking game and damaging defence is truly remarkable. Gus showed his ability from the minute he arrived. It was a major loss to the team losing one half of a great halves pair, but the footy potential is endless for him. Player of the Future.

**Jordan Bignold** – Having the best goal kicking in the comp has got us through tight games every game and no kick looked like it was going to miss. With his fast off the mark and quick reflexes Jordan set up one of the best tries of the year in the Grand Final for Taj to go under the post. Played his role on the wing perfectly with damaging runs and having the capability scoring tries each game, he was a must need on the field.

**Finlay Newell** – One of the most courageous kids you’ll ever see take the field. He may not be the biggest in size but is the biggest in heart. Finn had a good year playing hard footy every week coming up against kids almost double his height and weight and chopping them in half. Finn is absolute proof that the game is about mindset. His ability under the high ball was tremendous.

**Michael Godden** – Whilst only playing a couple of games this season due to shoulder surgery we only needed to see him play once to see he’s one of the most hard-hitting tacklers in the comp. This kid destroys on the field. It was a heavy loss for the team but he’s coming back bigger and better to win another Grand Final with us next year. Despite being on the sideline most of the season, we thank him for turning up to every game and being our number one supporter.

**Tyler Reading** – You won’t see a more dominant runner on the field than this guy carving it up each time with his left and right footstep. Without doubt the most dangerous attacker in the game, along with his hard defensive hits, he knows when to turn it on. The personality of Tizz brings so much energy to the team and creates a confident mood each week. If you’d ever go for a miracle play in a game this guy would be your man.

**Maximus Cassidy** – Max knows how to play footy. He has great skills for a forward and he’ll hit a hole at full pace going through the line almost every time he runs. Max saved his best game for last in the Grand Final. Maxi Casso is such a consistent player and plays a big role in the Sharkie’s team.

**Jesse Roberts** - Not having a shark’s team in his age group he was over at Cromer last year but is now back at the Sharkie’s where he belongs. Jesse is such an asset to the team; he gives his all every game bringing spirit and intensity to the team and always performing his best.

**Jackson Yeates** – Jacko joined the sharks this year and brought the enthusiasm and funny side of football with him. Along with his stupid jokes and great personality he entertained us all. Jackson played a lot of good footy this year stepping it up on the big games with his passing skills and smooth left and right ball. Also saved his best game for last.

**Taj Thompson** – Having the speed to burn every single kid in the comp, Taj uses it to his advantage. His enthusiasm is quite amazing and determination to achieve success is remarkable. He was a try scoring Machine each week, Taj has become such an important piece to the Sharkie’s team. With plays that leave him untouched to score under the post, Taj brings serious confidence not only to the boys but also himself. Losing him throughout the year was a tough blow but getting him back when it mattered most nearly brought a tear to the coaches’ eyes. Player of the Future.

**Ben Attfield** – Another player who is just so damaging on the field. Standing at 6'2 Ben shows everyone on the field who not to run at. Making metres not only in attack but in defence too. Ben represents the Narrabeen attitude very well.

**James Larsen** – The kid that will stop everyone running at him with his brick wall-like hits and charging runs at the line. Jimmy shows every bit of what it means to play tough, hard footy. Really stepping it up this year, Jimmy earned his spot as the biggest and toughest in our team.

**Lachie Frowde** - Taking his heart into each game, Frowde joined the Sharks this year and stepped up on every occasion. Filling in the spot at hooker, this kid gave the team a real front foot step with his great passes and hard-hitting defence. We thank him for his efforts and hope to see him back here next year.

### “We are the Champions”

I would like to thank my partner in crime and assistant coach Wade, we worked so well together and supported each other at all times.

I'm indebted to Claire our manager for her endless efforts to ensure the boys sign on each game, game times, grounds and administrative tasks are completed each week, leaving Wade and myself the sole responsibility of training and developing the boys. Thanks also to Matt for running our water out each week.

Words can't express the feeling of winning as a coach, having them believe in themselves that we were not going to be defeated in the Grand Final and having them repeat it over and over again. It's been our pleasure and privilege to guide the team to a successful season. It's hoped that similar results will follow next year.



## 2022 A GRADE TEAM PREMIERS

Luke Van Bokhoven (**C**), Elijah Pai (**C**), Jordan Bullock, James Roach, Zac Stracey, Jerome Van Der Heide, Mitchell Quetcher, Austin Malone, Lennox Whittaker, Mathew Kelly, Jono Martin, Tyrone Youngman, Liam Kent, Lauchy McGreal, Timothy Webb, Rory Kissane, Sam Kelly, Liam Donnelly, Deano Mahoney, Michael Raddisich, Sammy Notton, Jack Thelander, Kurt Stevenson, Nick Pringle, Ethan Carr, Nathan Van Buuren, Oliver Knowles, Taj Mickley.

**Coach** Jamie Van Buuren, **Managers** Mick Fox, Keenan Mickley, **Trainers** Zac Marsh, Michael Malone

WOW, what a year!

This year was a very competitive year with most games being decided by only 2 points, we played some great games and some not so great, but by the end of the season we finished second on the ladder, earning a week off before playing in the qualifying final where we came up against Cromer.

This was a defining game for the boys, who put on our best defensive effort all year and the boys thoroughly deserved their 14-4 win and to send them off to the GF to face our most despised rivals, the Belrose Eagles.

The boys were primed for a great game and were led out by our two Captains Luke Van Bokhoven and Elijah Pai. It was a solid start and we crossed the line early only for it to be disallowed, with Jordy just touching the sideline with his foot.

During the first half Belrose jumped out to a 12-nil lead before 2 tries to, Lachy (SUPERBOOT) McGreal, in a half that also saw Sam Kelly being knocked out setting up Lachy's first try.

Half Time 12-12

The second half was a back and forward affair that saw Belrose score with 7 minutes remaining on the clock, however our boys never left the fight and with 1 minute remaining Bokky took a quick tap scoring a try, leaving Lachy McGreal a kick from the sideline for the win, it went straight over the black dot and Sharkies A Grade were 2022 Premiers.

Zac Stracey was awarded Man of the Match with a great game and to all the players you should be so proud of yourselves, all 26 of you that played throughout the year, we were one big close squad, players, trainers and coaches. It was a privilege to coach you guys, we trained hard for seven months and you got everything you deserved with the

Premiership. I loved the year with you guys and hopefully we can go back-to-back next year, there's so much talent in this group I have no doubt we can.

I like to say a big thankyou to everyone that helped me out this year, Foxy who gave the boys a great fitness preseason and did so much for the side through out the year. Keenan who sat the table signing all the players and helping me with the BBQ, Marshy and Pom for looking after all the players doing the strapping and all the pre-game warm-ups and being there to help out with whatever was needed and Raddas our end of year Half Back who I could ask questions and feed off. Thanks heaps guys for all your support, I really appreciate it.

It was an awesome year, saving our best two games for last.

Finally, to all our 25 sponsors, especially our main ones led by Curated businesses, Polo smash Repairs, AB Roofing and VBMT Rubbish removals, thanks heaps for your ongoing support and we hope to have you back up next year.

Jamie Van Buuren A Grade Coach



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# Season 2023 Annual General Meeting

Lake Park Club House

November 8<sup>th</sup> 2022 – 7PM

All committee positions will be declared vacant and nominations will be taken and voted upon.

We are always looking for new people to help so come along and have your say.

