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President's Report



Dave Sheargold

We started the 2018 season a little different this year, hosting the inaugural Friday Night Nines competition at Boystown Oval. The 9 a side comp attracted teams from all over Sydney and gave us a chance to christen the clubs canteen trailer and field 2 Bosco sides for the tournament, with our Bosco Blue Team coming out winners and taking home the first trophy of the year. It was a great success that we look forward to building on next year.

As the season approached we held the first club event of the year, our 2018 Season Launch. It was a huge night with several hundred kids and parents attending. The Rugby League trials this year were bigger than ever, with 7 clubs involved, 4 fields running, and playing over 70 games over two weekends. The Girls Touch League trials were hosted at Kareela by the Joeys and allowed our under 11s to work on their new combinations for the season ahead.

Both team and player numbers were up on last year, with well over 200 registered players and with the continuing growth of the Girls Touch League things look positive as we move forward. The increased numbers gave us the chance to host over 300 games at Boystown Oval and a big thanks has to go to Brad Edwards our field marker, his lines were getting straighter as the year went on and by semi-final time he was giving us the only Pink fields in the shire for the girls games. It's a job that goes greatly unnoticed but we all appreciate Brad's time spent on Friday nights and Saturday afternoons marking fields ready for the next day's play.

As a club, we rely on sponsors and this season was no exception, Gav Clinch, Adam Wrightson and Simon Gilroy did a great job securing individual sponsors for each team but also major club sponsors generating a record amount in sponsorship. A huge thanks must go out to FBH Maintenance, Sutherland Holden and Kore Real Estate, these plus all our other sponsors do so much for the club and allow us the opportunity to give back to the kids as much as we can and hopefully they can see their impact on and off the field. Thanks again.

The club got behind "beanies for brain cancer" again this year and managed to raise \$4000 for a great cause. Our Mother's day flowers and cupcakes were another hit this year and is something our fantastic Mums deserve after all the running around to training games etc they do all year as well as enjoying our annual Ladies dinner out.

We held our mid-season encouragement awards at a new venue this year, Club on East at Sutherland, with over 250 kids attending it was a roaring success and even though it looked chaotic, we were in full control most of the time. This success allowed our major fundraiser for the year, The Annual Sportsman Luncheon, to be held there as well, and the nervousness of a change of venue can be put to rest as Brad Wardrobe, Greg Edwards, Grant Raper, Chris Bryant and Darren Price out did themselves once again with 300 people attending and raising huge amounts.

When the season kicked off it gave us a chance to unveil our newest "toy" the electronic scoreboard. It proved a great addition to the game day experience but added to the nerves in close games if the scores were close and time running out. Thanks to all our managers who had a crash course on the sideline on how to use the remote, you all know now as much as I do on how to use it.

When we look back over the season we had 26 teams start the season, out of that we had 8 teams in the finals, 5 moving on to Grand Finals and the mighty 10Bs coming out Premiers for 2018. Well done Shannon and the boys on a well-deserved win and congratulations to all our semi-finalists and grand finalists and also to Adam Helmrich who produced an undefeated season for one of our under 7 GTL teams.

A seasons success isn't always measured by the number of wins but how the kids grow as players and within their teams and there's no greater showing of the Bosco spirit than when we can watch a hard fought game only to watch players back up for a second game to help out their mates and support their club. A special thanks to Nate Ryan, Harley Brown, Beau Duggan, Will Price and Lincoln Cooper to name a few. These boys helped out other teams on several occasions and more than once were instrumental in helping with a win. Due to the way numbers for teams worked out this year I'd like to thank Dax Helmrich, Richie Lawler, Sam Gilroy, Sam Patton and Mia Fogarty. These are some of the kids who played up an age or in teams that were short a player or two and handled themselves brilliantly. We were also lucky enough to find our very own club social media star in one of our new coaches, #coachjennybrown she now has her online following which has grown every week and her merchandise line is due next year.

I was lucky enough to watch every team this year, whether it was at Boystown Oval or another field and I saw some great footy and very excited parents. I was at the game when Keelan from the U6s scored his first try and watched as Payton from the U7 girls scored multiple tries on more than one occasion. The U9 boys had a tough start to the season but finished the season strong, even having time to represent Bosco on the footy show.

One of the games of the year was the Annual Val Kearns Shield between one of our U8 Bosco teams and the U8 Engadine team. It was a tight one all the way to the end with our boys taking out the win and playing the game in the spirit it was intended.

The U14s had another stellar season and continue to be the benchmark on how a team should train and play, being unlucky to be knocked out in the semis. The most excited coach this season would be Gerry from the u13 GTL. They had their first win this season and it was hard to know who was more excited coach or player? Our U13 Boys were dominate all year showing a special kind of toughness by playing the whole season with no reserves and still managing to get to the GF, but unluckily couldn't take it out, still a fantastic effort. The U11As continued to improve this season giving plenty of the other teams a good run and narrowly missed the semi-finals.

The 11Cs also improved this season getting their first win in a little while and celebrations ran well into the night after that victory. With 2 of the 3 U11 GTL teams making the semis we were treated to a Bosco v Bosco game in the semis, with team 1 getting the win and making it all the way to the GF. The 12As struggled early but turned their season around to become the JRLs most improved team of 2018.

The U10s had 2 teams this year with both making the finals the B's going on to become Premiers and our Cs having a tough loss in the semis but a great showing from that age group. Some of the most entertaining training sessions was one of our GTL U9 teams who while also showing plenty of improvement on the field the girls also showed their Coach Damien how important good form is when doing a hand stand.

Our older teams were merged with other clubs this year with the 16s becoming EYBC a 4 club entity which came together as the year went on and had a tough loss in the GF but still did us all proud. The Emerging Cup Team once again showed that they are strong across the park with the players putting in some great performances during the season and put up a tough fight on grand final day. Thank you to all the clubs involved in making these teams work.

Thank you to all the Players, Coaches, Trainers and Managers for putting 100% all season and representing the Bosco Bulldogs all over the shire and beyond. The Executive this year did another fantastic job and the countless hours that go unnoticed are greatly appreciated by me and everyone within the club, so to Paul Gilbert, Michelle Price, Adam Wrightson and Mel Bryant, Thank you, because with your combined efforts the club would not be in the position it is today.

Lastly some special thanks to Nicole Monkton for coming on as the club Registrar, Nicole Wrightson for looking after gear and yearbook, Toby and Nat Sammut for coordinating the canteen and club events throughout the year, TK for all the early morning set ups, and game day help, Kel Kearney for sorting trophies, Simon Gilroy for doing any job asked of him during the season and my wife Kelly, not only sorting the club records but also not getting to angry with me for spending so much time at the field. Hope to see you all back next year.

Thanks Dave.



A few of the Grand Final coaches including Shannon, Brad & Mick from the winning 10B's

Secretary's Report



Michelle Price

Another great season for the mighty Bosco Bulldogs. We fielded teams of 14 junior boys, 8 junior girls and 4 senior boys with team numbers continue to remain strong and increase each year.

Our girls tag league grew almost double from last year, which was great to see so many new girls coming on board to our club. With the girls tag league continuing to grow in the CSJRL competition, Bosco Bulldogs continue to be one of the most dedicated clubs to the competition and this was reflected in us hosting a total of 100 games this year. On the topic of girls touch league, who can forget or did you know that Bosco is the first club in the CSJRL to have pink line markings? This is all thanks to Brad Edwards who, in addition to marking our lines pink on occasions, walked a massive 12,000 steps overall during the season whilst marking our fields. Thanks Brad.

Congratulations to our Under 10Bs who are our Premiers for 2018 and our Under 12A's who were award the JRL Most Improved Team for 2018 and to all our teams, congratulations on a great season representing our club, hope you enjoyed the season and see you next year.

Overall this year, we have hosted a massive 300 games at Boystown and this includes the pre-season Friday Night 9s competition and 2 days of trial games. To host this many games takes a lot of dedication and effort by our committee members and volunteers to set up and run the day and I would like to thank Toby Sammut, our Canteen Coordinator and everyone else who contributed to making this happen with a special mention to Ron Stanmore who could be seen on many weekends helping out on set up/pack up, BBQ and/or canteen, welcome to the club Ronnie!

An integral part of keeping our club running is our sponsors and you may not know that this year our club has had the highest sponsorship the club has ever had and this is all thanks to awesome Sponsorship committee which includes Simon Gilroy, Gavin Clinch and Adam Wrightson. Great work guys! A special thanks to all our new and returning sponsors for continuing to support our club. Your contribution is greatly appreciated and we hope to see you all back again next year.

Reflecting back over the season our club achieved a lot during that time. In case you might have missed it, here is a quick recap:

Friday Night 9s - Pre-season kicked off early with the first ever NSWRL Fright Night 9s Competition with our boys winners of the overall competition and taking away the premiership trophy. Games across 4 Friday Nights in late February and early March, the new Canteen Trailer was christened, jumping castles and face painting for the kids and this is all a recipe for 4 fun Friday nights watching the footy.

New Scoreboard - Our new scoreboard arrived just in time for the season to start and has been such a great addition to our club. Just like our new canteen trailer, which arrived late last year, we were lucky enough to be successful in another government grant to enable us to purchase the scoreboard. Finally we can all know the score and time remaining from the sideline!

Sharks Display Games – Many of our teams had the opportunity to be apart of display games at Shark Park either before the main game or during. Our club even got to have some airtime on TV with our under 8s running out with the Sharks, did you see them? I wont forget the face of Dylan Sammut from the Under 8 Silver looking back at his idol Paul Gallen, all captured on the big screen.

Small Talk on The Footy Show – Our Under 9s were lucky enough to be chosen to have a session with Daryl Brohman from Channel 9s The Footy Show and appear in his segment Small Talk. The boys all had a great time and lots of laughs. Thanks to The Footy Show and Channel 9 for the \$1000 donation for the club.

The 22nd Annual Sportsman Lunch – Brad Wardrobe and the Luncheon committee pulled off yet another successful sportsman luncheon for the club this year. Even with a new venue, we still managed to get the same amount of attendees and it was a great success. Keeping doing what you do guys, cause you do it awesome!

Fundraising Initiatives – We hosted numerous fundraising initiatives for 2 of our club families and also for Beansies for Brain Cancer. It's was great to see our club contributing to helping our community and getting behind these great initiatives. Special thanks to Nat Sammut, Mel Bryant and the Social Committee.

Mother's Day Round – The Mother's Day committee hosted another awesome Mother's Day Round with thanking our mums with flowers straight from the farm and lots of yummy cupcakes. Big thanks to Nicole Pieterse for picking the flowers straight from the farm, Jodi Ryan and Kelly Sheargold for being our official club cupcake makers (which tasted delicious) and Mel Bryant who is our official cutter and sticker on over 200 flower tags. All our mums play such an important part to our club. Thank you to you all.

And the rest of the busy season and what we can fit in between playing footy included Pre-season launch, Encouragement Awards, Ladies Dinner, JRL Parade at Shark Park, Sharks Blitz at Boystown and Shane Flanagan session at Shark Park for 13Bronze. Thanks to everyone who contributed to making these events happen. You know who you are, pat yourself on the back, well done.

A special mention goes out to Adam Wrightson, our Club Photographer. It's such a nice feeling seeing special moments captured of your kids on the field and in our club we are lucky enough to have our own in-house photographer doing just that. Outside of his executive committee role of Treasurer, Adam is also our official Club Photographer and more recently appointed JRL Official Photographer. A big thanks to Adam for all the special moments you have captured both on the field and off during the season and shared with our families.

Lastly, thanks to our Mr President, Dave Sheargold. Dave your dedication to the club throughout the season has been exceptional. People may not realise how much time is required from Dave to keep us running but I'm sure everyone at the club would agree when I say that we, the club, appreciate everything that you do Dave, thanks! And that's a wrap...as 2018 season comes to an official close, I wish everyone an enjoyable and relaxing off season, Merry Christmas, enjoy summer the holidays and hope to see you all back again next year.

Thanks Michelle.



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This year our u13 Bronze were privileged to play in a special Anzac Day game at Sylla Bay oval against the Como Crocodiles. It was a great honor to be part of the pre-match tribute to our fallen war heroes. The Como team wore a special Anzac Day Jersey and the game as you would expect was played in the spirit fitting the occasion. Plans are being made for Bosco to also get an Anzac Day jersey for 2019 and for this game against Como to become an annual event.





Val Kearns Shield 2018

The ten year anniversary of the Val Kearns Shield Was an absolute nail biter till the dying minute. BoysTown oval was at its best with the winter sun in full shine - Val Kearns would have been so pleased with the turn out. Such great spirit and sportsmanship shown by both teams. The crowd were on the edge of their seats till the dying seconds of the fourth quarter as Bosco staged a come from behind win to take out the shield in 2018, 16 points to 14.





Friday Night Football Pre Season 9's

The 2018 season started with a 4 week Open 9 a-side competition played at Boystown Oval. It was a party atmosphere with a DJ, jumping castle and face painting for the kids. In the inaugural year it was Bosco who claimed the trophy. This start of season tournament is set to become an annual event and Bosco will be hosting again when it returns in 2019.



Bosco Spirit Mothers Day

Every year the Bosco Bulldogs raise money for the Mark Hughes Foundation by selling beanies for Brain Cancer and Kelly Sheargold and Jody Ryan make their world famous cup-cakes.

We celebrate all the Mums on Mothers Day - nobody does it quite like Bosco, giving flowers to all the Mums who visit Boystown Oval over that special weekend in May.

under 6 Purple



Coach
Christian Eshman

Assistant Coach: Steve Conlon

Manager: Peter Gosling

Award winners

Best & Fairest: Hayden Curry

Coaches Award: Mason
Hayes-Conway

Most Improved: Jax Pogson

Our first year together was a fantastic season full of new friendships, fun and laughter. Our boys bonded from the start and considering all boys were playing their first season of Rugby League (any sport actually) and they didn't know anyone including the coach and manager, it was great to see each boy grow in confidence around their team mates as the season progressed. We have no doubt their friendships will grow even more over the next few years.

Every boy scored a try or two this year, which was great seeing their smiling faces when they did. High fives were always on offer when a try was scored. They all improved massively throughout the year whether it was running with the ball, palming off defenders or tackling. The Most Improved Award was the hardest to award, as every single boy deserved it.

Congratulations to Hayden Curry for his Best and Fairest Award. Hayden was a clear winner of this award. He scored more tries than anyone else and no doubt would have made the most tackles.



HUNTER CONLON

Hunter was a pleasure to coach and always tried his best. Hunter often played a full back type roll and his cover defence was a highlight of the season. Hunter was also keen to get into dummy half like a young Robbie Farah. Hunter picked up the mid-season Encouragement Award which was well-deserved. Thanks for a great season Hunter. You are a pleasure to coach.

HAYDEN CURRY

Hayden picked up a well-deserved Best and Fairest award. He scored more tries than he was tackled and in defence he tackled everything that moved. His bright yellow head gear and orange boots were always flashing around the field in a blur. He is a Valentine Holmes in the making with his evasive running skills. Well done on a great season and your award Hayden.

DAWSON ESHMAN

Dawson was one of our more vocal boys at training always willing to offer his suggestions for drills and he enjoyed his first year. Dawson's strength was his heel-toe play the ball technique. One of the best in the business. It puts Paul Gallen's play-the-ball technique to shame. Well done Dawson. I look forward to watching your progression next season.

MASON HAYES-CONWAY

The Coaches Award went to Mason and he was a pleasure to coach. He was a great runner with a strong palm. Mason also would tackle anything that moved and had a great kick on him as well. With all these skills Mason will be the next Wade Graham. Mason will also be remembered for always wearing his mouth guard even if he wasn't playing. Well done on a great season and your award.

MADDOX NOBBS

Maddox was one of our quicker players who could out run most players in our comp. Maddox was equally as good at running as he was at tackling and he often did some great last grasp tackles to stop a try. Maddox has all the skills to be a great player, a bit like a young Matt Moylan. Great work Maddox and I hope you stick at Rugby League.

ARCHIE NUNN

Over the season Archie grew in confidence and he became one of our best defenders. He would go in low and hard bringing a lot of bigger boys to the ground. Some of Archie's tackles were Sam Burgess like. He also ran straight and hard and his palming technique was one of the best in the team. Well done Archie. Your enthusiasm was always a highlight.

CARTER POGSON

Carter was one of our quieter kids until he crossed the white line. As soon as he was on the field he turned into a rugby league machine. He tackled hard, ran hard and always tried his best. He was Mick Ennis like with his white line fever. Well done Carter. Your spirit is a pleasure to coach.

JAX POGSON

Our Most Improved Award went to the powerhouse that is Jax. Thankfully he wore grey boots which helped the coaching staff know the difference between him and his brother. Jax tried his very best every game and what he lacked in size he made up in heart, a bit like Kalyn Ponga. He wouldn't think twice about running at and getting tackled by bigger kids. Keep up the great work.

KAIUS SAUVAN

Our youngest player at only four, Kaius came a long way this season. He always wanted to run and as the season went on he tackled more and more. Kaius has the honour of scoring the longest range try this season. Kaius will be a future Luke Lewis with both his running and tackling skills. Still with another two season's in the Under 6's, Kaius will be a powerhouse to come. Well done.

Congratulations to Mason Hayes-Conway for his Coaches Award. He scored the second most tries and this award was well deserved.

Congratulations to Jax Pogson for the Most Improved Award. His progression from the first trial where he spent wrapped around his parent's legs to the last game of the season was huge.

One of the highlights of the season was the gala day on Shark Park. We were not sure who was more excited, us or the boys.

We would like to thank Steve Conlon for helping with training and on game day. Your assistance was a massive help and very much appreciated. Also the assistance and support from every parent was very much appreciated. You were always offering an encouraging word, with every one of you always there to help us and the boys. Also thank you for helping when we had duty as we were never short of volunteers.

We would also like to thank Dave Sheargold, Michelle Price as well as all committee members for your support throughout the year. It can be a bit daunting for first year players as well as parents letting our babies go and play a contact sport for the first time but the club was always there for support and advice.

Our last thank you goes to the nine boys that played this year. You are all a credit to yourselves and your parents. We are so very proud to be part of the start of your rugby league playing days and we look forward to being part of your Rugby League journey in the years to come whether it be coach, manager or sideline supporter.

See you all next year boys.
Christian and Peter.





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BOSCO BULLDOGS JRLFC



Back Row L-R: Peter Gosling (Manager), Mason Hayes-Conway, Maddox Nobbs, Dawson Eshman, Christian Eshman (Coach)

Front Row: Hayden Curry, Hunter Conlon, Kaius Sauvan, Jax Pogson

Absent: Archie Nunn, Carter Pogson



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under 6 Bronze



Coach
Rich Fogarty

Trainer: Matt Clinch
Corey Wishart

Managers: Adam & Clair
Helmrich

Award winners

"Sean Ryan" Perpetual Trophy
Nash White

Best & Fairest: Nash White

Coaches Award: Henry Hoy

Most Improved: Harry Fogarty

Well what a bunch of characters we have here. I can picture these little guys being great mates in years to come. As a bunch of boys you have all become so close and it is a pleasure to coach you. As for the footy there is a large amount of talent in our team and I can't wait to see you progress in the future. We've got a bit of size, speed and a lot of heart.

We had 9 spectacular wins for the season. There's also been some great signs of playing as a team with our boys off-loading in tackles and showing awareness to back up. Along with a great team we have a supportive bunch of parents with everyone helping out during the year with our trainers Corey and Matt and Adam and Clair managing the team. Thank you all and see you next year.



KAINAN CHAPMAN

Kainan only played 5 games for us due to living arrangements; however, in these 5 games the development was rapid. Kainan managed to bag a number of tries with his size and speed. He will be a big asset to our team next year. Kainan wasn't able to even train with our boys this year but when he does the opposition better look out.

CONNOR GAVIN

Connor's improvement this year has been great seeing him make some great tackles. He got a lot more involved this year, making some really strong runs throughout the season. My favourite moment was seeing Connor run the full length of the field against a very strong De La Salle, nearly beating the whole team along the way.

TAJ HELMRICH

Taj lives and breathes footy and never missed a game or training session all year. When he's not playing or training you'll find him and Harry running around Bosco Oval tackling each other. Taj had a great year stepping in and out of defenders and loves a sneaky blindside run or a scoot to the try line. He also loves a cover tackle saving numerous tries. Great season Taj.

HENRY HOY

Big Hen had a great year with many strong running tries. This boy has the biggest fend in his age group and on a number of occasions left boys on their backs looking at the sky. Henry also tackles hard and is looking like a future backrower. Well done on a fabulous year Henry. Looking forward to seeing you next year.

HARRY FOGARTY

Harry doesn't let his size get in the way and tackles anything that moves. Picking bigger opponents up and throwing them to the ground is his specialty. As the year wore on and, with Jackson missing, I needed him to stand up and he excelled including making the first 5 straight tackles in a game against Como. Harry is also good on his feet with a good step and shows great awareness that helped him score a good number of tries. When caught with the ball the boys realised Harry would slip an offload also leading to more tries. Great year Harry.

HENDRIX JACQUES

Hendrix is our big prop in the making. Big, strong and when he wants to be, fast. Hendrix was great in attack while also strong in defence, developing through the season a good offload. Hendrix is going to be a force to be reckoned with. Awesome year Hendrix.

CARTER SMITH

Our youngest footballer and possibly our biggest character. Carter just grew and grew as the year went on. On his good day he was prepared to tackle everyone. However, his attack is his strength being very fast. His weaving runs were a highlight. A future Val Holmes.

KEELAN STYLES-FLEMING

Keelan had his first year of Rugby League this year. He looked like he loved every minute of it. This boy is tough as nails and copped a couple of big hits during the season. Keelan would always get to his feet, play the ball and move on. Keelan saved his best game till last where he set up 2 tries with great offloads.

NASH WHITE

Well where do you start with Nash. Big, strong and fast. Very athletic with a body built for league. Nash played in every game for us this year and was a pleasure to coach. He is a handful to tackle and if he doesn't burn you on the outside for speed he'll cut you up the middle. At times I had to hold Nash back against the weaker sides for their own safety. In defence, Nash is also very strong and if there was a break from the other team you knew Nash would be there to make another incredible cover tackle. A very deserved player of the year.

JACKSON WISHART

What a great year Jacko was having until a training accident led to a broken collarbone. One of our best players, Jackson was excelling. In defence, one of our best, he is not afraid to tackle anyone and on one occasion decided to single out the biggest boy we've seen in the U/6. Jackson continuously knocked him down. He is also good with the ball in hand and creates weaving runs. I can't wait to see you back next year.



BOSCO BULLDOGS JRLFC



2018

6 Bronze

Back Row L-R: Richard Fogarty (Coach), Nash White, Hendrix Jaques, Henry Hoy, Adam Helmrich (Manager)
Front Row: Harry Fogarty, Keelan Styles-Fleming, Carter Smith, Taj Helmrich, Jackson Wishart
Absent: Conner Gavin, Kainan Chapman

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