Balmain Touch Association ANNUAL REPORT 2022

For Year ending 30 June 2022





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Office Bearers 2022



PRESIDENT





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REFEREE DIRECTORS





REGISTRARS JNRS



President's Report 30 June 2022

It is my pleasure to present my first annual President's Report for the newly formed Balmain Touch Association, which grew from two great Touch organisations – Balmain Touch Football Association & Balmain Junior Touch Association.

I had always hoped that someday this would eventuate. With much foresight, some two years ago, Executive of both organisations mutually met to discuss amalgamating both organisations into one powerhouse association. Remember that the BTFA Executive had only been in office for 12 months and the amalgamation would not have been possible without their far-thinking attitude. In their first year the number of teams in the senior Summer competition rose from 39 teams to 64 & Winter competition from 29 to 42 teams. This showed how successful they were. They were rewarded for their work by receiving multiple awards at the NSWTA Blues Awards night.

After two years of planning, with much work & negotiating being done in the background, it was finally put to both members in June & July 2021 to join both clubs, which they voted unanimously to do.

We announced it to the world with a magnificent Launch Video!

A new Executive of five officers was then appointed at the AGM who then appointed a further four Executive as per our new Constitution.

The committee appointed were myself President, Alan Hill & Frank Dunne, Vice-Presidents, Emma Broadbent Secretary & Richard Stone Treasurer (Richard was also current Treasurer of both associations prior to amalgamation) The new Executive then appointed Tony Bignold (Coaching Director), Tanya Ryan (Asst Secretary) Emmanuel (Budgie) Buhagiar (Technical Director) & Sharlene Wong (IT & Media)

As well as being on the Executive, these officers also have multiple assignments as well as guiding the association. Such positions as Canteen, Coaching, Gear, Gala Days, Team Managers, Registrations, Council & NSWTA Liaison etc etc – all hands on deck. A lot of their work behind the scenes is unseen by the majority.

I would like to thank them all for their drive & commitment to BTA. We are certainly most fortunate to have these people at our association.

We have had some disappointments and frustrations this year mainly affecting our Senior division – cancellation of finals of Summer competition, Vawdon Cup, State Cup and finally this year's Winter competition due to mainly weather which made Port Macquarie & Timbrell Park resembling lakes!

I watched the senior & junior players put their whole heart & soul into training for Vawdon & State Cups only to see them frustratingly cancelled (SC twice!)



On a luckier note, we were able to field a reduced Junior competition despite Covid ramifications, enter a few Gala Days in preparation, hosted our own successful Junior Gala Day at Timbrell for the first time and attending the Junior State Cup South at Wagga Wagga with 10 teams from U10 to U18. It was our best showing without a premiership as all 10 made the quarter-finals, 1 semi-finalist and 3 Grand-finalists. Unfortunately we did not bring home a title, however we had our best result as we ran 4th in the Club Championship missing 3rd by 1 point. Congratulations to all 10 teams and team officials for making us proud.

As a sign of our growth, we could not find a venue big enough to hold our annual Awards & Presentation night to fit us all in! Covid again reduced the capacity! We had to have two separate events for our Juniors and then a big Gala Dinner For seniors & main awards night, all at CFDRSL All those who attended had a great time with entertainments and music to round out a great night!

Our Secretary and I would normally acknowledge all the officials, teams, players & individuals for their achievements in our reports however we have decided to print an Annual Report for the first time this year. This will encompass all their achievements, rewards & awards as well as Annual reports from Executive in the one place, so I will not list them all here.

However there are some awards I must acknowledge here as they show the high regard for our people and our organisation at the highest level:

Firstly, at the AGM 2021, members unanimously voted to bestow our highest honour of Life Membership on two outstanding men & club stalwarts, Frank Dunne & Tony Bignold.

Tony has been a member since the inception of the Junior club in 2009. Has been a committee member, a coach, a referee and Coaching Director during this time. He was also A/Coach of the JSC U12 Boys Champions in 2012 - our only JSC Junior Champions. Tony was recipient of:

- 1. NSWTA Blues Award in 2017/18 for services to Touch
- 2. Long Service Award from BJTA 2018
- 3. Coach of the Year BJTA 2021.

In 2020 Tony was the head coach of the inaugural year of the Balmain Junior Touch Academy which was designed to provide kids which didn't make VC or JSC selection an opportunity to improve their skills and continue to develop. Tony's passion for the club and commitment to volunteering his time has not waivered since his children stopped playing a number of years ago. This is a true sign of Tony's dedication. He was appointed to the Executive of the newly formed BTA in 2021.

Frank has been an integral part of the Junior club since 2011. He has been a Vice President of BJTA for many years and over this many years' involvement, he has been not only on the



Exec committee, but also taking on the challenging role of coaching U12, U14 & U18 JSC girls' teams as Head or Asst coach 2012-2019. As Frank's children finished playing & refereeing in the park comp and JSC, he continued to volunteer his time as Juniors Canteen Manager every Monday night and also for the seniors at request last season. Frank was the recipient of:

- 1. Joint Coach of the Year BJTA 2012/13
- 2. NSWTA Blues Award in 2013/14 for Services to Touch
- 3. BJTA Joint President's Commitment Award 2018/19
- 4. BJTA Long Service Award 2021

Frank's dedication to the organisation has no bounds. He was elected as a Vice President of the newly formed BTA in 2021.

Secondly, at the NSWTA Blues Awards for 2020/21, the following awards were made to our associations & individuals:

Sydney Mets Affiliate of the Year – Balmain Touch Football Association

NSW State Affiliate of the Year - Balmain Touch Football Association (Joint)

NSW President of the Year – Wayne Calleja – Balmain Touch Football Association

Sydney Mets Administrator of the Year – Richard Stone - BTFA & BJTA

Blues Awards for Services to Touch – Andrew Phillips & Alec Fitzgerald-Muir BJTA

Distinguished Service Award – Joe Dougall BJTA

Balmain dominated on the night and is a credit to the award winners and to our association as a whole.

There were a couple of resignations this year. Our Referee Director Steve Pratt has stepped down from his duties although he will still remain involved as our premier Referee and coaching & mentoring our new Referees. As you all know Steve has done a magnificent job of directing, mentoring & developing our referees at both associations over some 7 years and we are grateful for his dedication.

Sharlene Wong has resigned her position on the Executive due to time constraints but will continue with us in her IT & Media support positions. Sharlene has been and still involved in both associations at Executive level, coaching and IT setting up all our requirements.

We thank them both for their efforts & commitment to our organisation, and for their many years of service.

We have introduced two new events this year:

All Abilities competition in conjunction with Let's Get Going to provide introduction to the game of Touch to people not as fortunate as us. Conti Property Group generously offered to sponsor the event.



Dougall Draft – a competition for our U12 – U18 representative & shadow/Academy players who will play in same gender mixed teams covering these ages. It creates an advantage for all our Coaches to see all players in action at same time and also the opportunity for the older players to get to know and mentor the younger players. The name was not of my choosing and I would have preferred an alternative but was outnumbered by fellow Executives in the voting! However, I very much appreciated the gesture.

Thanks to Tanya Ryan, our hard-working Asst Secretary, for the time and effort put into organising both events.

As far as the new amenities building at Timbrell is concerned, there's not much to say however we have been assured it will be in place in August this year – not holding my breath!

To our Sponsors Club Five Dock RSL (since 2009), Conti Property Group (7th year), (main Sponsors) Imagination Graphics (Backpacks & printing etc) Budget (supplying JSC transport 11th year) TIME Realty Five Dock (4th year), RSM Accounting (water bottles & Jnr Referee gear) Horizon Homes (Field marker flags & Jnr Referee gear). Ray White Drummoyne (Snr Referee gear) Combine Air Training (Snr Referee gear) Canada Bay Council, Canada Bay Club & IMove Physiotherapy.

We thank you for your commitment & support in providing our service to the kids and adults.

I'd also like to acknowledge and thank NSW Touch for the support, help & guidance given to us especially GM Dean Russell, Kylie Hearne & Henrik Anthony. Also thanks to Sydney Mets Executive for their assistance & help during the year.

I'd here also like to thank and welcome our new Referees, Coaches and Managers who joined us this year.

We have attracted many exceptional people new to BTA, both in the Junior & Senior ranks and it is very heartening for our future to have these people with us. We all hope they continue with us.

Looking forward to a bright & successful future

Yours in sport

Joe Dougall



Secretary's Report 30 June 2022

The season 2021-2022 started off strong with the amalgamation of our senior and junior associations to become one "Balmain Touch". There was a lot of hard work to be had for this to occur but well worth the rewards of now building on our club for the future.

We were grateful for not many covid restrictions this season but the continuous wet weather and delays with our new clubhouse had its own difficulties. Working out of the two containers that constantly leak, limited lights and area to run the senior competition from was also very difficult.

Juniors Monday night competition once again grew to 139 teams and close to 1400 players. The competition had to be held over two nights due to time constraints for Covid. The BBQ was popular as always even though we had to work with what we had pulling everything out of the containers each week. The BBQ crew led by the amazing Frank Dunne was run like clockwork every week with the biggest revelation that we can now prepurchase sliced onions and save poor Frank crying each week. Our sausages still are the talk of the town for their taste and cost!

The online rego system is in its second year "My sideline" still bringing headaches to all that is involved. A huge thanks to Mel Quinn, Courtney Locane and Richard Stone for persisting and registering all our players for the season. We also have a senior registration subcommittee which has been fabulously run by Elisa and Shar.

The Senior Representative season was a non-event with both the Vawdon & State Cups being cancelled due to Covid & wet weather. This was most disappointing for the team officials & players who devoted so much time & effort in training and planning. We hope that the future holds no further disruptions.

The Junior Representative season was in strong force for another year with it being our most successful JSC campaign yet. The Balmain academy was very popular and we hope to build on this gain this season. We were restricted with gala days to enter due to Covid but we are hopeful we can only make the Balmain Academy grow further this year. Huge thanks to Tony for driving this and many others who assisted in the development of our future.

Congratulations to all the coaches, Managers and players that were selected to represent Balmain Touch at Junior State Cup in Wagga Wagga. Special mention to players and coaches that were selected for METS & NSW as well. An amazing achievement by all.

Their individual & team awards & achievements will be well covered & acknowledged in our Annual Report to be published after the AGM

I personally want to thank the committee for the amazing job you all do to make this club what it is today especially our president Joe Dougall who works tirelessly behind the scenes.



I look forward to the exciting season ahead now we are one and in particular finally moving into our new club house.

Emma Broadbent

Secretary



Treasurer's Report 30 June 2022

The finances reported for this financial year are an amalgamation of the results and balances from the senior and junior clubs.

The cash deficiency from operations for the year ended 30 June 2022 was \$44,813 however when taking into account an advance payment for Monday night singlets this deficiency is reduced to \$17,258. Given the significant cash balance held following the amalgamation of the juniors and seniors this is a good result in terms of keeping registration costs low for the benefit of members. The working capital requirements of the club are more than adequate and we will continue to keep registration and representative levy costs down for the benefit of members.

The cash receipts from operations has been adversely effected by reduced registrations in both senior and junior competitions and we hope that this will reverse as we emerge from the post Covid disruptions.

In FY2022 a significant investment was made in new uniforms with ISC which contributed increase expenditure during the year, not all of which has been sold.

The club continues to remain in a very strong financial position.

Richard Stone

Treasurer

NOTE

The complete Financial Statements & Report for YE 30 June 2022 which were tabled at the Annual General Meeting on 4 August 2022 is available to Members on request.



Coaching Director's Report 30 June 2022

The representative Touch football season commenced in August 2021 with the hangover of another lockdown, the challenges of covid strains and the disappointment of a lost Vawdon and Senior rep season.

Balmain Touch were represented in at Junior State Cup South 2022 with 10 teams from Under 10`s – Under 18`s in both boys and girls, in addition we had 3 academy/development teams; Under 8 Girls, Under 10 Boys and Under 14 boys.

Junior State Cup 2022

All 10 teams had spirited and thorough preparations with trials, trainings and gala days that placed the club in a positive position to represent Balmain Touch in Wagga Wagga for the Junior State Cup.

We were again greeted in Wagga Wagga over the weekend with fantastic weather and both our preparation and fitness of all teams culminated in the significant achievement of every team playing on Sunday – "Finals day" which is the first time this has happened for the club.

Special mention to the 3 teams that secured positions in the Grand Finals with our Under 10 Girls who replicated last season's efforts, the Under 12 boys and the Under 14 Girls all providing their best and making the club extremely proud all finishing runners up.

On behalf of the club we take this opportunity to thank all the coaches, assistant coaches and managers for their tremendous efforts and commitment in taking on these roles and for the conduct on and off the field from all teams. We congratulate every team member and official for their representation at the 2022 Junior State Cup.

We would also like to acknowledge the following who assisted with the coaching of the development/academy teams: Richard Stone, Vern Robertson, Phil Howlett and Emma Broadbent. These development teams were afforded the invaluable opportunity of training sessions and competition at trial days, your efforts are thoroughly valued by all members of the Balmain club.

In addition I take this opportunity to thank the support of all committee members and our executive and the contribution of Alan Hill our Vice President who continues to provide his assistance for myself and the club in all representative aspects.

Tony Bignold

Coaching Director



Referee Director's Report 30 June 2022

2021 Junior Summer Season overview -

- Summer Season we had +55 referees officiate at Balmain Touch
- Across 8 time slots Mondays / Tuesdays over 10 rounds + finals

Representative Success –

- Junior State Cup -11 referees represented BTA in Wagga Feb 2022
 - o Craig Carmody
 - o Angus Pratt
 - o Bailey Crowley
 - o Jayden Merhi
 - Corey Griffin
 - Jacob Hogan
 - Steve Pratt
 - o Frank Tropiano
- State Cup 2021 tournament cancelled (referees below nominated)
 - Craig Carmody
 - o Steve Pratt
 - Bailey Crowley
- Vawdon Cup 2021- tournament cancelled (referees below nominated)
 - Craig Carmody
 - Steve Pratt
- National Touch League 2022 (Coffs Harbour)
 - Steve Pratt
 - Craig Carmody
- BTA Referee of the Year Steven Pratt



Referee Upgrades -

- Level 2
 - o Angus Pratt [JSC Wagga]
 - o Frank Tropiano [JSC Wagga]
- Level 3
 - Bailey Crowley [JSC Wagga]
- Level 6
 - Craig Carmody [NTL Coffs Harbour] 2022
 - o Sam Piper (NTL Coffs Harbour) 2022

Strategic Alliance -

- Ongoing alliance with Norths Touch and Ryde Eastwood Touch
 - o Share coaching, mentoring and training assets
 - Cross pollination of refereeing talent across both associations

Big WINS 21 / 22

- Harmonisation for referee talent and availability between Balmain Juniors and Balmain Senior competitions.
- Tiered payment structure for referees
- Focus on attracting more adult referees (who do not play, manage or coach a representative touch team) to Junior competitions.
- 2 x Level 1 Foundation courses with over 12 new referees
- Building a succession plan for the next Referees Director in 2022.
- Sam Piper appointed as new Referees Director from May 2022 on resignation of Steve Pratt

Steven Pratt / Sam Piper

Director of Referees BTFA



BALMAIN TOUCH ASSOCIATION ANNUAL AWARDS 2022

Life Membership

Anthony Bignold

Francis Dunne

President's Commitment Award (Jointly Awarded)

Wayne Calleja, Tanya Ryan & Emma Broadbent

Coach of the Year (Jointly Awarded)

Sharlene Wong & Akapon Sae-Lieo (U16 Girls JSC Team)

Referee of the Year

Steven Pratt

Manager of the Year

Leonie Barnett (U16 Girls JSC Team)

Long Service Awards – Junior Representative Players VC & JSC

9 Year Awards

Kian Edmed VC & JSC

Charlotte Riley VC & JSC

Eliza Pratt VC & JSC

Lily Doyle VC & JSC

Madeleine Griffin VC & JSC



8 Year Awards

Darby Crowley VC & JSC

Ellie Barnett VC & JSC

Kyle Leaver VC & JSC

7 Year Awards

Jacob Digiglo VC & JSC

Lee Howlett VC & JSC

Jayda Stanley VC & JSC

Tynise BowreyVC & JSC

Makalita Zammit VC & JSC

Presley Large VC & JSC

Charles King JSC

NSW TOUCH BLUES AWARDS 021/2022

Sydney Mets Affiliate of the Year – Balmain Touch Football Assoc

NSW State Affiliate of the Year - Balmain Touch Football Assoc (Joint)

NSW President of the Year - Wayne Calleja BTFA

Administrator of the Year - Sydney Mets - Richard Stone BJTA

Blues Award for Services-Andrew Phillips & Alec Fitzgerald-Muir BJTA

Distinguished Service Award – Joseph Dougall BJTA

SPORT NSW - COMMUNITY SPORTS AWARDS 2021

Volunteer Director of the Year – Joseph Dougall (Joint Winner)



SYDNEY METS & SYDNEY SCORPIONS REPRESENTATIVES (NTLs)

OFFICIALS

METS

Tony Bignold - Selector

Dilani Blundell - Selector

Andrew Phillips 12G

Dane Ryan, Emmanuel Buhagiar, Tanya Ryan 12B

Wayne Calleja 14B

SCORPIONS

Joanne Joe – Mens Open Blue – Manager

Amy Alagna – Mens Open Green – Manager

Terry Joe - Women 40s - Coach

Sharlene Wong - Women 40s - Manager

REFEREES

Craig Carmody - Upgrade to Level 6

Sam Piper - Upgrade to Level 6

Steven Pratt Level 6

SENIOR PLAYERS - METS

Dane Ryan - Mixed Open

Men 20s:

Kyle Leaver

Flynn Leaver

Josh Estwick

Julius Widders

Angus Gobran

Max Phillips

Bailey Brazil



SENIOR PLAYERS - SCORPIONS

Max Barnett Mens Open Green

Sam Zammit Mens Open Green

Maggie O'Reilly Womens 20s

Amy Mitchell Womens 40s

Johanne T Joe Womens 40s

Sharlene Wong Womens 40s

Terri Roberts Womens 40s

Wayne Calleja Mens 40s

Akapon Sae-Lieo Mens 40s

Mark Abboud Mens 40s

Terry Joe Mens 40s

Wendy Seeto Womens 50s

Chairman Ngari Mens 50s

Henry Amosa Mens 50s

Phil Mitchell Mens 50s

Sarah O'Brien Snr Mixed

and

Andrew Phillips Defence Warriors Mens 40s

JUNIOR PLAYERS – METS – Junior Regionals

12Girls - Chloe Quinn, Maya Bassett, Sophia Rout

12 Boys - Beau Rootsey, Cooper Merchant, Henry Perkins, Sunny Steyn, William Szewcow

14 Girls – Bronte Locane, Caitlin Russell, Julia Meaker, Lexi Modena

14 Boys - Bill Antonopoulos, James Reilly, Lachlan McIntyre, Alexander Marshall

16 Girls – Lily Carmody, Tynise Bowrey

16 Boys - Darby Crowley, Jacob Digiglio

18 Girls - Charlotte Reilly, Madeleine Griffin, Presley Large



















NSWTA - NSW STATE REPRESENTATIVES

Sunny Steyn – 12 Boys (Merit Team)

Bill Antonopoulos – 14 Boys (Merit Team)

Henry Perkins – 12 Boys NSWPSSA

Dane Ryan – Mens 35s

Wayne Calleja – Mens 40s

Andrew Lees – Mens 40s

Maggie O'Reilly – Women 20s



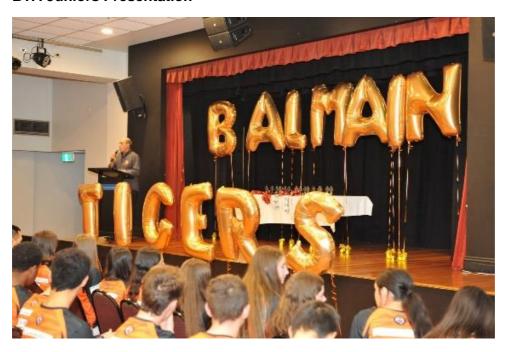




AWARDS & PRESENTATION NIGHTS

As a sign of our growth, we could not find a venue large enough to hold a single Presentation & Awards event so we had to split into 2 events. Even then we had to split the Juniors Presentation into 2 sessions due to allowable numbers all in the one room due to Covid restrictions at the time.

BTA Juniors Presentation



Held on Saturday 19 March 2022 in the Auditorium of CFDRSL, one of our main & loyal sponsors.

All ten Junior State Cup teams attended to celebrate our best result at a JSC.

6 teams qualified for the quarter-finals, 1 semi-final & 3 reaching the grand-final. This great result placed BTA in 4th place in the Club Championship, missing 3rd place by 1 point!

Unfortunatly the State Championships were cancelled again for the 2nd year in a row.

Junior Long Service medals were also presented on the day

The results and award winners are set out under the individual teams' section of this report.

















BTA Awards Presentation Night

Held on Saturday night 2 April 2022 in the Auditorium of CFDRSL, one of our main & loyal sponsors.

This night was to be incorporated with the BTA Seniors Presentation & Awards night, however unfortunately both the Vawdon & State Cups were cancelled so no team awards were presented.

The biggest disappointment of the night was our hard-working Assistant Secretary, Tanya Ryan, contacting Covid and was unable to attend the night and accept her Award. Tanya did most of the organising for the event and it was sad that she could not share in the success of the night after all her work organising. Her father, Emmanuel (Budgie) Buhagiar accepted her joint President's Commitment Award on her behalf.

The night was a great success with 3 course dinner and special entertainment by Comedian/Presenter Sam McCool with music & dance provided by Kathleen & James Barr of Hip Fidelity. Our own Phil Howlett did a great job as MC on the night.

Special guests attending were Dean Russell, (GM NSWTA), John Critchley, (our Patron & Director of CFDRSL), Aida Catalano (Sydney METS Regional Administrator), Mario & Jess Carbone (sponsors Ray White Drummoyne)

BTA Awards presented on the night were Life Membership, President's Commitment Award, Coach, Referee & Manager of the Year.

































SENIORS DIVISION

Vawdon Cup & State Cup 2021



Vawdon Cup 2021

Balmain was to field 8 Teams in VC:

Mens Divisions 1,3 & 4

Women Divisions 2 & 3

Girls youth Divisions 1 & 2

Boys Youth Div 2

State Cup 2021

Balmain was to field 5 Teams in SC 202:

Mens Open B

Mens 40s

Mens 20s

Womens 30s

Womens 20s



Unfortunately, due to Covid cancelling the Vawdon Cup competition, and wet weather cancelling the State Cup competition, we don't have any performances to report on this year.

However, I think it would be remiss of me not to mention the great work, effort, and commitment shown by our players to push our club forward this year.

This season was to be the first year we would enter a Balmain team into the Mens Division 1 of Vawdon Cup. The team was to be made up of five players that have come out of the Balmain Junior system within the last 3 years. Additionally, two players were attracted to our club to join the opportunity that Balmain Touch presented. The remaining players are all from within the Balmain Senior system. This is just about the perfect blend to show how far our club has come in recent years. We look forward to adding more players from the Junior system this year.

The State Cup team was to be made up from predominantly all the Vawdon Cup squad (with some players shared between the Men's Open and 20's sides).

Sadly, while we never got to play a game this season, the training efforts that were put in by the players will be taken over to this coming season. It puts us in a far greater position this year.

We look forward to a great season ahead!

Wayne Calleja

Seniors Liaison







JUNIORS DIVISION

Under 10 Boys



Under 10 Boys

JSC South 2022 Quarter Finalists Played 8 Won 6 Lost 2

Officials:

Head Coach Phil Howlett
Asst. Coach Luke Matthews
Asst. Coach Eric Kho
Manager Kimberley Smith

Team:

Alex Wright
Brax Gair
Hudson McKenzie
Isaac O'Brien
Jacob Bechara



Jacob Ryan
Jonathan Howlett
Joseph Youssef
Liam O'Keefe
Montgomery Hood
William Wadland
Xavi Modena

Award Winners:

Coach's Award: Hudson McKenzie

Most Improved: Liam O'Keefe

Game Ball: Isaac (Ice) O'Brien

Most Valuable Player & Players' Player: Joseph Youssef

The 2022 U10B campaign was characterised by high energy and tireless effort! This was manifested in a fantastic defensive record: Six tries conceded in the pool games with a loss in Quarter Final against a very good Doggies side: 3-2 (1 try a piece).

These boys had so much fun, snakes and lollies and I'm sure memories that will last well after the sun tans fade! Not only did they have the coolest warm up routine, the boys also managed to create their own Army Marching Cadence (tune: Everywhere we go-oh):

"We got Waddo and JB Don't forget about Xavi

In the middle is our fort.

With Monte, Hudson and Jonny

Look out Sugey, Liam and Joe Over the try line they're sure to go.

Brax, Alex and then there's Ice.
Watch it Defence they're not not nice."











Under 10 Girls



Under 10 Girls

JSC South 2022 Grand Finalists Played 9 Won 8 Lost 1

Officials:

Head Coach Scott Ryall

Asst. Coach Adam Krass Manager Rachael Richards

Team:

Alexandra Krass

Layla Knott

Ella Cleave

Isla Kenniff

Juliette Buckman

Lucia Ryall

Nakya Stanley

Sarcha McLeod

Scarlett Matta

Summer Griffiths



Winter Wawn Zara Richards

Award Winners:

Coach's Award: Zara Richards

Most Improved: Summer Griffiths

Game Ball: Lucia Ryall

Most Valuable Player: Nakya Stanley

The U10G team had three girls returning from 2021 JSC, combined with a mixture of girls who had played in the U8G team the year prior and girls who were new to touch.

We did not have a spread of girls with electric speed as in the previous year and our early trial games showed this. However in each trial/gala day, the girls improved enormously and we were blessed with a cohort who came together as an extremely close team unit. We lost Arabella early in 2022 to a freak accident at training when she broke her collarbone, but closer to JSC replaced her with Layla who had improved enormously as a shadow.

We faced similar COVID-19 related interruptions to other teams. To their credit, the girls maintained an awesome attitude and, after losing to the Sharks at Timbrell, knuckled down and worked hard and beat them at Bankstown.

This was a really important moment for the girls - when they recognised they had improved a lot and could beat teams that had historically beaten them. As the team gelled together, the defence became a highlight and we showed it was difficult to score against us in successive galas. We entered 2022 JSC with good confidence and were blessed to have all 12 in our squad available.

We played some of our best touch in this tournament, only conceding 1 try prior to the semifinal due to incredible performances for the team right across the 12-girl squad. We had several times where girls were absolutely exhausted and managed to make a final touch before we could substitute them because they needed to do it for the team. Without question, this was the highlight for us as coaches. We also scored 58 tries at JSC in total, but only 1 between co-captains Nakya Stanley and Lucia Ryall (our middles), highlighting the contribution across the broader team.

The highlight of the weekend was our semi-final win in the last play of the game to beat the Sharks and then Jada Stanley storming the ground to hug her sister - she had heard the final whistle but no-one in our box had!!! We were gallant in the grand final, but Wagga handled the conditions better and we went down 4 tries to 2 (we were the only team to score against them in JSC). The girls deserve to be so proud of how their team came together as a single unit and absolutely deserve to have played in the GF. Rachael, Adam and I thoroughly enjoyed being involved with the team and seeing them grow.



Scott Ryall

Coach









Under 12 Boys



Under 12 Boys

JSC South 2022 Grand Finalists Played 9 Won 7 Lost 2

Officials:

Head Coach Paul Broadbent Asst. Coach Nathan Merchant Manager Kim O'Connell

Team:

Beau Rootsey

Charlie Broadbent

Cooper Merchant

Harrison Fitzpatrick

Hayden Wright

Henry Perkins

Jai Roach

Matthew Boumelhem

Max Brewster

Max Kelly

Seamus O'Connell

Thomas Knight

William Szewcow

William Gibson



Award Winners:

Coach's Award: Max Brewster Players' Player: Beau Rootsey

Game Ball: Jai Roach

Most Valuable Player: Henry Perkins

Sydney Mets Representatives:

Beau Rootsey, Cooper Merchant, Henry Perkins & William Szewcow

Exciting year we had, after starting with no coach and 14 raw young boys we certainly came home with a wet sail.

After selecting the team, we knew we had a lot to do to get these U12 Tiger boys to state cup level but to all the boy's credit they implemented everything we asked even with all the hurdles they faced. Through out our campaign we encountered, broken bones, Covid each week in different families, Both Coaches away for two main Gala events and really never having a full team for what ever reason. But in true Balmain spirit everyone just got on with the job and these kids just grew in strength from week to week.

By the time it came to our last few training runs before the state cup we knew this group of boys were ready and quietly confident of what they could potentially achieve.

Our campaign started with the boys winning all but one of our pool games which put us in a good position going into the semis and from there it just all came together and everything they learnt and trained for clicked as we charged through our quarterfinals and semi-finals to the Grand Final Vs Cronulla Sharks.

As we sat and had our last chat on the hill before the Grand Final game, I knew each one of these boys and given their all to get to this point which we could not have been prouder of. The boys tried gallantly but the Sharks were just too good on the day. Our effort, courage and results throughout the weekend were just outstanding but also memories and friendship made that weekend was just another win for the boys.

Team Commentary

- Cooper Merchant First year Middle player who earnt himself a spot in this year's Mets team. Cooper has the ability to create points out of nothing which is a huge asset to our team and himself.
- Charlie Broadbent Strong middle in attack and defence that consistently lead the team
 by example and a player that never lets his team down, a player that every team needs.
 This earnt him a shadow spot for the Mets team



- Matthew Boumelhem A middle player that seems to make a game changing play when needed. Heart bigger than his body and courage his biggest asset.
- Hayden Wright One of our big improvers that is always looking at ways to improve his game, His commitment to this showed becoming one of our teams most consistent and reliable.
- Henry Perkins Natural athlete that can create a try from nothing playing in the middle,
 Earnt himself a much-deserved selection in this year's Mets team and most valuable player for our team.
- Seamus O'Connell A middle that defensively could not be broken, His work rate was huge setting so many opportunities for the team and improved every game he played.
- Harrison Fitzpatrick Our best driving Link who consistently chewed up meters putting our team in great field position.
- Beau Rootsey First year to the rep touch and nothing but speed and power to burn in the link position making the Mets team to top off a great state cup and earning himself Players Player for our team.
- Tom Knight Tall link that has so much potential, very hard to stop when on a roll and could become a formidable player in years to come.
- William Szewcow A link that shows his worth through his actions rather than words, His read on the game his best asset. Another who earnt a spot in this year's Mets team.
- Max Kelly Another first year player that amazingly adapted to where ever you played him Link or wing, He grew so much over the year and will be a real threat in years to come.
- Jai Roach Voted our game ball player after a couragous grand final display, consistent all campaign and never lets his team down.
- Max Brewster Another first year player that exploded with ability, saved more tries over the campaign than we scored making him a true asset to the side. He picked up the Coach's award in our team and selection for the Mets trials.
- William Gibson Nicked named "Fergo" for his spectacular try scoring, worked all game doing the hard yards then always finished them with style on the wing.













Under 12 GIRLS



Under 12 GIRLS

JSC South 2022 Quarter Finalists Played 7 - Won 4 Drew 1 Lost 2

Officials:

Head Coach Alec Fitzgerald-Muir Asst. Coach Savanagh Abood Manager Melissa Quinn

Team:

Alexa Zizikas

Cassandra Ryall

Catia Valenti

Chloe Quinn

Tanisha Young

Elise Green

Isla Robertson

Maya Bassett

Meg Smith

Millie Macalister

Odessa Hamilton

Sophie Rout

Sorcha Reid

Zoe Pappas



Award Winners:

Coach's Award: Millie Macalister Players' Player: Sophia Rout

Most Improved & Game Ball: Odessa Hamilton

Most Valuable Player: Chloe Quinn

Sydney Mets Representatives:

Chloe Quinn, Maya Bassett, Sophia Rout

The Balmain 12 Girls had a great tournament at Wagga. We started our tournament on the Friday with three back to back games against Penrith, Canberra and Wagga. We drew against Wagga, beat Canberra and lost to Wagga.

Although having a win, loss and draw to begin the tournament is not bad, both the coaches and players knew we were so much better than we were on that day. So, after the team got some much needed rest and needed to wait till the late afternoon to play, the girls came in firing and won against Easts and Temora on the Saturday putting the team 2nd in the pool and progressing to the finals.

The girls convincingly won the round of 16 game against Wollongong but lost to the eventual runners up in Cronulla.

Overall the girls had 4 wins, 1 draw and two losses. The only losses were to the two grand finalists.

We coaches had a lot of fun coaching this great group of girls. We are so proud of them and we can't wait to continue to seeing them grow into the great touch footy players they are.

The future is bright for the Balmain Tigers!















Under 14 Boys



Under 14 Boys

JSC South 2022 Semi Finalists Played 9 Won 8 Lost 1

Officials:

Head Coach Dane Ryan Asst. Coach Emmanuel Buhagiar Manager Tanya Ryan

Team:

Sunny Steyn

James Reilly

James Jnr Breen

Bill Antonopoulos

Zac Bechara

Christian Dolfo

Marcus Cesaro

Lachlan McIntyre

Makoto Chapman

Taj Locane

Alexander Marshall

Marcus Svoboda



Ned Jackson Hunter Gair

Award Winners:

Coach's Award: James Jnr Breen Players' Player: Marcus Cesaro

Game Ball: Sunny Steyn

Most Valuable Player: Zac Bechara

Sydney Mets Representatives:

Bill Antonopoulos, Sunny Steyn, James Reilly, Lachlan McIntyre & Alexander Marshall

NSW Representatives (Merit Team)

Sunny Steyn – U12 Boys Bill Antonopoulos – U14 Boys

We are extremely proud of the Under 14s Balmain JSC Boys side.

The team performed at Junior State Cup with only 13 available players, 8 of which were actually a year younger for this age group.

We also had 2 boys at the right age that were playing at Junior State Cup level for the very first time.

Despite this they performed fantastically well and went through undefeated through the entire pool games. They came up against their rivals Wests in the quarter final which they rose to the occasion to beat to qualify for the major Semi-final.

Other teams to note which this team beat throughout trials and JSC games were:

- Penrith
- Parramatta
- Wollongong
- Bankstown
- Canterbury
- Cronulla
- Griffith
- Parkes
- Roosters
- Yass
- Ryde Eastwood



- Cyclones
- LBM
- Norths

Unfortunately they came up against a Hills side which was the strongest club side in the country in my opinion and were beaten.

The Hills side went on to beat Penrith in the final 13-6.

Some of the off-field highlights was again the importance and creative team bonding events organised by the best Manager in the world Tanya Ryan - Organising the best team bonding experiences I've ever been a part of with the team getting a private screening of Remember The Titans at Events Cinemas exclusively for our team including parents and siblings.

Another huge highlight was the coaching and mentoring of our very own greatest and most over qualified Assistant Coach Budgie who continuously made some of the hardest fitness sessions fun for all the boys and getting them in the best shape of their life for the tournament - there is no one that does this better!

It's hard not to feel like this special group should have been playing in the Grand Final like they were 2 years before in the under 12s but they still performed unreal!

Special mention goes to Billy and Sunny who deservedly made the NSW Merit team - these two boys lead us around the park every game - outstanding effort!

I would also like to congratulate Jimmy and Lachy who were a huge part of the success of the champion under 14s Mets side that won at Junior Regionals!

We all couldn't be prouder of the entire team who had a really successful campaign!

Lastly I would like to thank the parents for setting a great culture within the group on and off the field!

You guys were such a great group of people who made the entire tournament and lead up enjoyable and this past through to the boys on the field!!

Congrats to everyone involved on such a successful JSC both on and off the field!!















Under 14 GIRLS



Under 14 GIRLS

JSC South 2022 Grand Finalists Played 10 - Won 8 Drew 1 Lost 1

Officials:

Head Coach Andrew Phillips Asst. Coach Patrick Digiglio Manager Courtney Locane

Team:

Alyssa Kelly

Bronte Locane

Caitlin Russell

Eloise Howard

Frances Walsh

Halle Robertson

Isabelle Fitzpatrick

Julia Meaker

Kate LeRoux

Kiara Stanley

Lexi Modena

Madison McCarthy



Sienna Kirsten Sienna Robertson

Award Winners:

Coach's Award: Bronte Locane
Players' Player: Julia Meaker
Game Ball: Lexi Modena

Most Valuable Player: Sienna Robertson

Sydney Mets Representatives:

Bronte Locane, Caitlin Russell, Julia Meaker & Lexi Modena





U14 Girls played their hearts and unfortunately missed out on taking home the trophy by only 1pt.

The Tiger spirit they showed throughout the competition was inspirational.

The results they achieved were a testament to the hard work put in by all, not just the girls but the coaching staff (Andrew and Pat) and the parents. The girls played as a team. Not only are they great players they are all considerate and respectful young ladies and represent Balmain with pride. We are super proud of their achievements this year.

Their televised Grand Final on the main stadium was the highlight of the weekend.







Under 16 Boys



Under 16 Boys

JSC South 2022 Quarter Finalists Played 7 Won 5 Lost 2

Officials:

Head Coach Wayne Calleja Asst. Coach Alex Taberner Manager Natalie Dolan

Team:

Adam Tubbs

Akira Chapman

Amram Paita-Pepo

Darby Crowley

Jacob Digiglio

Jamie Carroll

Lee Howlett

Luke Broadbent

Maran Petkovich

Oliver Quinn

Oscar Moore

Rory Leaver

Tane Dolan



Chase Smith

Award Winners:

Coach's Award: Jacob Digiglio Most Improved: Oscar Moore

Game Ball: Adam Tubbs

Most Valuable Player & Players' Player : Darby Crowley

Long Service Achievements:

Darby Crowley – 8 Years Rep. Service Jacob Digiglio – 7 Years Rep. Service Lee Howlett – 7 Years Rep. Service

Sydney Mets Representatives:

Darby Crowley & Jacob Digiglio

All 14 Boys have either previously been a part of a JSC side, or Development side previously. A great sign of our players returning.

Additionally, 6 of this team were part of the last Youth Vawdon Cup team (2020), bringing all skills learnt from that competition on to the Junior State Cup.

This team achieved a Quarter Final result, winning all games in the tournament except two, which were to the eventual champions, and grand finalist.

Only six of these players will be going up to the U18's division next year. Of these six players, four made the train on squad for the Mets U16's. All six of these player will be offered the opportunity to play in the Senior Mens Vawdon Cup squads (Division 1 and 3) this year. The fact these kids at 15/16 years of age are able to play in the Mens squad shows the quality that they bring, and the skills they have developed.

We are hopeful that the majority of the eight "younger" players will lead this year's Youth Vawdon Cup team.















Under 16 GIRLS



Under 16 GIRLS

JSC South 2022 Quarter Finalists Played 7 - Won 3 Drew 1 Lost 3

Officials:

Head Coach Sharlene Wong Asst. Coach Akapon Sae-Lieo Manager Leoni Barnett

Team:

Amelie Hood

Claudia Meaker

Ellie Barnett

Erica Cassen

Grace Thomas

Isabella Nguyen

Jayda Stanley

Leah Russell

Lily Carmody

Lola Mumford

Stella Valenti



Mia Yule Tynise Bowrey Zara Barakat

Award Winners:

Coach's Award: Ellie Barnett
Players' Player: Tynise Bowrey

Game Ball: Jayda Stanley

Most Valuable Player: Claudia Meaker

Long Service Achievements:

Ellie Barnett – 8 Years Rep. Service Jayda Stanley – 7 Years Rep. Service Tynise Bowrey – 7 Years Rep. Service

Sydney Mets Representatives:

Lily Carmody & Tynise Bowrey

Like many teams and clubs, the U16 Girls experienced all of the challenges of COVID, injury and weather. We made it to Wagga with 13 players and had 2 wins, 1 draw and 2 losses (Wollongong 3-3 draw, Sydney Uni 4-0 win, Hills 0-9 loss, Griffith 6-2 win & Canterbury 1-4 loss) progressing the team to the round of 16. They played well against Cronulla winning 5-2 (2 tries to 1) to progress to the round of 8 where they went down to Orange 7-0 (3 tries to 0).

Top 8 was an outstanding result. This was the first state cup for 5 players – Issy Ngyuen, Millie Hood, Erica Cassen, Grace Thomas and Mia Yule. They were well supported by Tynise Bowrey, Ellie Barnett, Lola Mumford, Jayda Stanley, Claudia Meaker, Lily Carmody, Zara Barakat & Leah Russell.

Sharlene Wong (Coach) and Aka Sae-Lieo (Assistant Coach) both did an amazing job to bring together the team to perform at a very high level in a very competitive age group. Their work and dedication was reflected in them being awarded joints winners of the Club Coach of the Year.















Under 18 Boys



Under 18 Boys

JSC South 2022 Quarter Finalists Played 7 Won 2 Drew 1 Lost 4

Officials:

Head Coach Jeremy Barnett Asst. Coach Max Barnett Asst. Coach Samuel Zammit Manager Emma Broadbent

Team:

Nicholas Koutzelas Josh Hill William Fitzpatrick Norman Elzahoul Diesel Harrison Luke Avati Tyson Choppy

Kyle Leaver

Matthew Braodbent

Riley Merchant



Danny Petsas Charlie King Joshua Estwick Kian Edmed

Award Winners

Coach's Award: Luke Avati
Most Improved: Riley Merchant
Game Ball: William Fitzpatrick

Most Valuable Player: Kyle Leaver

Long Service Achievements:

Kian Edmed – 9 Years Rep. Service Kyle Leaver – 8 Years Rep. Service Charlie King – 7 Years Rep. Service

The U18 Boys team was off to a slow start gathering numbers and commitment to training nights. Once the players started filtering in the momentum started to build. Head coach Jeremey Barnett and his amazing team compiling of Max and Sam Barnett pulled the boys together with some positive training sessions using their wealth of knowledge of the game.

The 18 boys were as ready as they were ever going to be in the short space of time they had to prepare. The boys had nothing to lose and everything to gain. As they played each game we witnessed a team playing together and putting all that knowledge to practice.

The campaign saw the boys play seven games in total which they won two, drew one and lost four. They found themselves into the Quarter final.

We were extremely proud of this group of young men who were almost thrown together and achieved great results. Wishing all the boys moving on to seniors goodluck and we look forward to having the other boys back to build on where we left off. Look forward to JSC campaign 2023!

Emma Broadbent

Manager











Under 18 GIRLS



Under 18 GIRLS

JSC South 2022 Quarter Finalists Played 6 - Won 1 Lost 5

Officials:

Head Coach Dilani Blundell Asst. Coach Richard Stone Manager Victoria Walsh

Team:

Charlotte Riley

Eliza Pratt

Emma Walsh

Isabella Murray

Lily Doyle

Lily Race

Lily Stone

Madeleine Griffin



Madison Stone Makalita Zammit Olivia Carmody Presley Large Meghan May Makayla Brown

Award Winners:

Coach's Award: Madeleine Griffin Players' Player: Emma Walsh

Most Improved & Game Ball: Makayla Brown

Most Valuable Player: Lily Doyle

Long Service Achievements:

Eliza Pratt – 9 Years Rep. Service
Charlotte Riley – 9 Years Rep. Service
Lily Doyle – 9 Years Rep. Service
Madeleine Griffin – 9 Years Rep. Service
Makalita Zammit – 7 Years Rep. Service
Presley Large – 7 Years Rep. Service

Sydney Mets Representatives:

Charlotte Riley, Madeleine Griffin & Presley Large

Congratulations to the 18 Girls JSC team on a wonderful campaign. Despite not being able name our final 14 until very late in the campaign and the fact that that first time all 14 girls were together was our team brunch on Friday morning in Wagga Wagga, the girls developed a wonderful team spirit and supported each other at every turn.

Our playing pool was tough form the get go but our JSC goal was to make the finals on Sunday. After a really tough first day with no wins we thought we our target was out of reach. Not to be perturbed, the girls turned up for an early 8am start against a red hot Orange team and held them to only 4 tries. Considering Orange were thrashing teams 15-0, we celebrated our 4-0 loss as though we had won the game. We closed out the weekend with a tight win against Griffith on the stadium at 10am and we said our goodbyes after the game.

Imagine our surprise when the message went out on the team chat at 1pm that we had made the top 8 on for and against results and were due to play finals on Sunday morning! A massive shoutout to Bella and Megs for turning around on the highway being halfway back



to Sydney to get back for our finals game. We played the 1st ranked Easts and gave it our all and lost in a very narrow 2-1 game.

Congratulations to all the girls on their tournament. A big welcome to our new girls coming from other clubs and a special shout out to Maddie Griffin, Lily Doyle, Charlotte Riley and Eliza Pratt for playing their last year after representing Balmain for the past 8 years.











The BALMAIN CUP

Balmain Touch has teamed with the incredible people from Let's Get Going and have created our very first All Abilities program and Gala Day for people with disabilities.

Three incredible coaches, Dilani Blundell, Alec Fitzgerald-Muir & Emmanuel (Budgie) Buhagiar, have volunteered to coach the teams and have raised their hands to complete an additional course to be qualified to run the 6 week program. Once the program is completed we will finish off with a Gala Day called The Balmain Cup!

This completely inclusive program provides opportunities for people with intellectual impairments to learn & play Touch Football. Our goal is to create a yearly competition where we can develop players and let them fall in love with our game of Touch. The eventual goal would be to have a full All Abilities Team participate at Vawdon Cup, NTL or eventually at SSC.

We are very fortunate to have Conti Strata, jump onboard and sponsor this great program in addition to their usual BTA sponsorship. We will also be using this event to raise funds for LETS GET GOING.

We hope it's very successful and all look forward to growing the concept each year.





CONTISTRATA



The DOUGALL DRAFT

Balmain Touch has created a whole new competition for all our JSC participants!

The competition will run alongside our junior competition each week and will have finals. It will be available for all our JSC players, shadows and development players who are more serious about playing representative Touch for Balmain at JSC.

HOW IT WORKS

Players eligible that register will be drafted to a team by selectors and coaching officials. Each team will be evenly chosen so no team will be stronger than another.

Each team will consist of players aged from U12 - U18. There will be no mixed teams, just male & female.

There will be no training just games like our junior competition. It will be a competitive competition and will have winning Boys and Girls team.

REASONING

We have created this competition to give our JSC coaches a great chance to see our players before JSC trials and also get to know all the players within the club. Also gives our younger players an opportunity to mix, learn and grow off the older kids. Also give our older players the

opportunity to become mentors and sited for our club captains!

THE NAME

Joe Dougall is our President and one of the founders of Balmain Junior Touch. We thought what better way to recognise his dedication to this club than to name an ongoing competition after him.

He was reluctant to have his name on the competition but was out-voted by rest of Executive and the name of the competition stood.





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