



Piara Waters Junior
Football Club
Annual Report 2023

Club Committee Members

President	– Gayle Sartori
Vice President – Junior	– Vacant
Treasurer	– Toni Gratteri
Secretary	– Tanya Dellaca
Junior Registrar	– Jenny Gay
Vice President - Auskick	- Vacant
Youth Registrar	– Melissa Mansfield
Auskick Registrar	– Lisa Lister
Youth Coach Co-Ordinator	– Adam Waight
Junior Coach Co-Ordinator	– Spencer Grebe
Auskick Co-Ordinator	– Brendan Scriven
Auskick Co-Ordinator	– Katelyn Gibson
Starkick Coordinator	– Amanda- Jane Peacock Savic
Canteen Manager	– Vacant
Fundraising Co-Ordinator	– Denis Coldham
Grounds & Equipment Manager	– Kris Mansfield
Merchandise Co-Ordinator	– Denise Sharpe
Media Co-Ordinator	– Sian Rebelo
Sponsorship Co-Ordinator	– Denise Lane
General Committee Members	- Tracey Fitt, Daniel Jones, Andrew Bryan, Kristy Green.



Club Values

The Piara Waters Junior Football Club believes in the following values:

- Providing strong leadership and direction from the executive committee.
- Developing an all-inclusive culture where friendship, encouragement, teamwork, and participation is at the forefront of everything we do.
- Providing opportunities and encouraging all members of the club to continually improve and evolve as individuals as well as within their roles.
- Developing strong lasting relationships with community members, sponsors, officials, and club members.
- Acting with integrity and honesty in all matters both on and off the playing field.
- Taking a positive "can-do" approach to the opportunities and challenges we face.

Presidents Report by Gayle Sartori

This year the Committee welcomed some new faces and had the pleasure to have many roles undertaken by returning committee members. As they do each year the committee undertook a great deal of work, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank them again for their time and commitment to our Club.

This year Piara Waters Junior Football Club celebrated their 10th anniversary, and our Club continues to go from strength to strength.

For the second year running, our Club showed growth in players transferring into our Club, exceeding transfers out.

Our Youth division grew from 5 teams in 2022 to 8 teams in 2023. Our youth teams represented the Club with good sport and spirit and 6 teams achieved finals. 3 teams were unfortunately knocked out in the Preliminary finals but amazingly we had 3 teams make the grand final this year with our Year 7/8 Orange team taking the flag.

Juniors continued to flourish with 13 teams nominated this year. The Club managed to have 4 teams come through our Auskick ranks to enjoy their first year of junior footy. Their performance and behaviour on and off the field continues to be commendable and our players are a credit to our Club. In 2024 we hope to start a jumper replacement program as well as continue to provide high quality equipment for these teams.

Our Auskick program continues to have enviable numbers and the team at Auskick have again provided a welcoming environment for our littlest members. In its second year, the Rookie Me series was again well supported by our Year 2 Auskick teams, and we look forward to welcoming our Year 2's into Juniors next year.

Starkick was, as always, one of the shining beacons of Piara Waters Junior Football Club. The program continues to flourish and PWJFC Starkick had many opportunities provided to them through the WAFC.

PWJFC has secured funding from BMD through a community grant to create the Clubs first indigenous jumpers. The Club hopes to have this unveiled next season in time for NAIDOC round.

It would be remiss for me to not mention the Club had 3 Fairest & Best winners, Taj Watson Year 11/12 Grey, Daniel Ellis Year 9 Grey & Bella Godecke Year 7/8 Grey at the District awards as well as 1 Runner Up Fairest & Best, Chelsea Natta Year 7/8 Orange. What an incredible achievement and recognition for these players. The Club had multiple top 10 placings across our Youth teams and the Clubs had an outstanding achievement of 64 players receiving votes at the District Fairest & Best.

A massive thank you to each and every one of our coaches and team managers for your commitment to coaching or team managing any one of our teams this year. Your time, patience and passion to guide our players is appreciated not only by our committee but I know our parents appreciate all that you do.

Thank you to our families and friends for supporting our teams and volunteering for the many roles that need to be filled each week and for supporting our players at training and games.

In closing I want to give a heartfelt thanks to our wonderful committee. Without each and every one of these people our teams would not take the field each week.

Gayle Sartori

PWJFC President 2023



Year 7/8 Orange 2023 Premiers



Year 11/12 Grey – 2023 Runner up

Treasurers Report – by Toni Gratteri

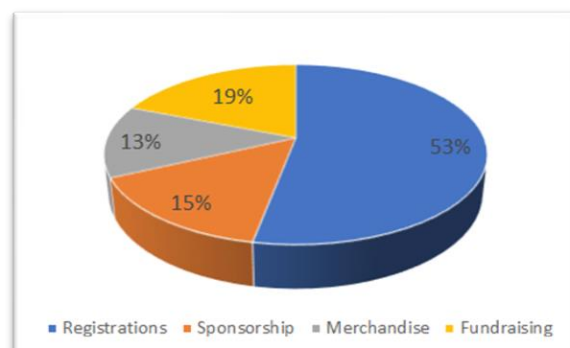
The 2023 Season was my first as Treasurer of the Piara Waters Junior Football Club and financially we hit the ground running with a record number of registrations coming in well before the end of the 2022 calendar year.

Our total registration income for the 2023 season was \$101,904.88, this makes up 53% of our income for the year. This is not only attributable to the small increase in club fees for the 2023 season but also is a strong indication that PWJFC is and continues to be a club of choice within the local community. Sponsorship was again a significant part of the club's net income, and we continue to be grateful and appreciative of all the small businesses who return each year to support our club. We also welcomed several new sponsors this year which meant an increase in gross income in comparison to the 2022 year of \$1,554. Due to the overwhelming support from this year's sponsors, we will be carrying forward \$12,165.79 in sponsorship funds into the 2024 season. It has been agreed, and minuted, that these funds will go solely towards the purchase of new sets of jumpers in both the Auskick and Juniors teams. In that respect, the biggest financial goal for 2024 is to be able to purchase all new playing jumpers for all teams across both divisions. These surplus funds will go a long way towards ensuring this is achievable for the 2024 Committee.

Our fundraising efforts went into overdrive this season, bringing in a total of \$37,536.31 in gross income for the 2023 season. The biggest event being the "Through the Decades Quiz Night" bringing in 40% of the fundraising income. This event was also a tribute and a celebration of the Clubs 10 Year Anniversary. As with the unused sponsorship funds, the Committee has unanimously voted to use the net Fundraising profit from the year 2023 to fund new jumpers in the 2024 season. That provides an additional \$11,021.24 (plus the Good for Footy Raffle income – total not yet confirmed) in funds carried forward.

Merchandise remained consistent in the 2023 season, again making up 13% of our income, equating \$24,861.81. There will be \$23,924 of merchandise on hand to start the 2024 season.

At the end of the 2022 season, our long-standing Canteen Manager stood down and we were unable to find a suitable replacement, leaving the Committee to seek alternatives. Unfortunately, the arrangement did not go as we had planned financially, leading to a reduction in income from the Canteen from \$8,055.48 in the 2022 season to \$3,880.79 for 2023.



Due to council restrictions placed on the Rossiter Oval, the yearly Club windup was divided, with Starkick, Auskick, Juniors and Youth each given their own budget. At the time of writing this report, windups and presentation/awards nights had not been fully costed. However, based on team budgets, this will again be our highest area of spending. Representing approximately 14.5% of total income. This was followed closely by the WAFC Levies, insurance, team nomination fees and umpiring costs, which in combination, makes up 14%.

There is currently \$56,017 in the Club bank account (plus just over \$12,000 in the Youth Development Fund). The youth fund has \$10000 in there with previous agreements that those funds are to help Youth teams travel as a group as long as they fundraise for the trip too. \$2000 is grant money that will be spent on our first set of Indigenous jumpers.) Estimated final spending for the 2023 year will come in at \$30,000, leaving \$26,017 for the start of the 2024 season and allocation towards new playing jumpers.



Starkick Report - by *Amanda-Jane Peacock-Savic* (Coordinator)



This year saw the successful 3rd year of this fantastic program at our Club. With 23 registrations this year, this program is going from strength to strength. This year our Starkickers had the opportunity to play at half time during the Purple Heart round at Optus Stadium, participate in a Gala Day, where Starkick Clubs from

across the state came together and enjoyed a Festival of Footy for All Abilities.

This year also saw a world first, a walk for inclusion where over 2000 people from across Western Australia, came together to promote and raise awareness for people living with a disability. Myself and our Starkickers, walked across the bridge to the Optus Stadium known as the Matagarup Bridge. It was a privilege to be a part of this historical walk.

My goal is to continue making this program an integral part of our club, increasing awareness, tolerance, acceptance and respect for people of All Abilities. Not just within our club, but our greater community throughout the 2024 season.

We thank our Sponsor Napoli Mercato for their continued support throughout the season. To say that I love supporting, engaging and providing opportunities for these inspiring children is an understatement. Starkick's mantra is "If you want to play, we will find a way" and through this program we do just that.



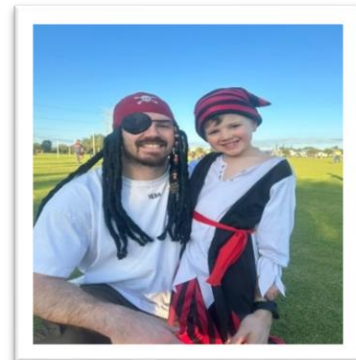
Auskick Report – Lisa Lester, Katelyn Gibson & Brendan Scriven

Season 2023 has been jammed packed with fun! How quickly has the season gone with over 230 participants at PWJFC who have played 14 weeks of games and training in line with the Auskick 2.0 program.

The season commenced April 30 and our first fundraising event for the season was our annual Mother's Day event. Mother's Day round is always a great opportunity to dress up in pink and have some fun on this special day with parents versing the kids all while raising funds for Breast Cancer Care WA. This was closely followed this year with the Superhero Round. Previously this is usually at the end of the season however we wanted to join in with the rest of the Auskick around Australia and dress up as Superhero's to raise money for Neuroblastoma. We thank all the parents that were involved in these two weekends in raising money for these two foundations. Next year's committee will discuss the feedback from members that it was a lot to have two weeks in a row.



Our last home game of the season held under the lights was celebrating our father figures and this year we made it our Pirate round. Thank you to everyone who got in the spirit and dressed up as pirates – the kids looked great! This round raised funds for Melanoma Institute. This charity was chosen by our outgoing Auskick Coordinator Brendan, in memory of his late brother Stephen.



We continued to grow our relations with local clubs and had a handful of Pre-Primary kids play at half time of the Seniors Sirens event for Piara Waters Senior Football Club and notably the Auskick kids partaking in some way in the Bears inaugural First Nations Round. This included games and being included in the smoking ceremony at half time. This was a lovely way to educate our children about indigenous culture in sport.

During rounds 11-13 the Auskick committee begin to prepare our Year 2 teams for what it will be like in their first year of Juniors. Working with the district and neighbouring Auskick clubs the Year 2 teams competed in Rookie Series. Various clubs hosted a round of games at their club kick starting that competitive nature and giving the teams an idea of what it is like to travel for games. Finally, Auskickers travelled to be part of the Festival of Football which was held at Hammond Park and the annual Rossmoyne Carnival which is always a great day and loved by all. We completed the season with a colour run and other carnival type games for the kids to enjoy – We hope both parents and children had a great time at these events.



The current committee wishes Brendan and all the Year 2 Auskick Coaches and managers all the best in their junior's career and thanks to them all for their dedication this season. The remaining committee will focus on retention of players and coaches, strategizing to improve communications and pre planning events to ensure a smooth Season for 2024.

We would like to thank all the players and families for an amazing season 2023. Enjoy the off season and we will see you in Season 2024.

Juniors Report – Jenny Gay

There are many reasons to celebrate 2023! This season we saw a record number of 31 coaches and assistants and 13 team managers along with numerous weekly parent volunteers dedicate over 500 hours of their time to ensuring our 262 registered players got to play the game they loved in a fun, inclusive, safe and encouraging environment. We had the largest contingent of Year 2 Auskickers join us for the first time in Year 3 Juniors, creating four new teams, and continued our growth in our female players with a 34% increase of new female players from Year 3-4 to Year 5-6 registering having never played before. We also had a change in our Juniors committee with Amanda-Jane Peacock Savic and Jenny Gay joining our long-term Coordinator, Spencer Grebe, as Vice-President and Registrar respectively, bringing fresh ideas and commitment to our evolving Juniors program.

Our Highlights

Our season commenced with the return of our ever-popular intra-club scratch match day. It was a wonderful sunny day filled with much excitement as teams got a practice run on the field ahead of round one. It was great to see so many happy faces again around our home ground.

Our Juniors represented our Club proudly again this season with our two Year 5 boys' teams and two Year 5/6 girls' teams all being invited to play Half-Time Little League at East Fremantle WAFL and WAFLW matches at the WACA in May and June – a great experience for all our players.



Our Year 3 teams also stood tall as they hosted our inaugural Indigenous Round at Piara Waters Pavilion on Derby Day. All our players spoke confidently, delivering a poignant acknowledgement of country; recognising the ongoing contribution of Indigenous Australians to our great game, followed by our strong, united pledge against racism of any kind.



Our Juniors division also displayed our “one Club” mentality with combined year level training sessions throughout pre-season, our Year 3-4 Girls and Year 5 Boys playing up one year level most rounds to assist older teams to cover injuries and illnesses as well as our Year 6 boys working together as a group with our Youth division to bridge the gap and foster relations with opportunities to train with the Piara Waters Senior Football Club.

Our Challenges

Juniors were met with the first of our challenges even before pre-season commenced, with slightly fewer player registrations resulting in the amalgamation of teams. However, once teams were formed and pre-season training commenced, all our teams’ leaders did an amazing job to create a strong and welcoming team culture which we hope will lead to more returning registrations next season.

Even with fewer teams; oval availability and training schedules were tough to draft but thanks to one of our local feeder schools, our newest contingent of Year 3’s were all able to train on state of the art facilities at nearby St John Bosco College, freeing up space for our older teams which also afforded most year levels to train as a cohort or run modified games at the end of their sessions.

Prior to pre-season as well, we assessed our previous years’ equipment and determined most of it to have aged beyond usability, so we chose to invest \$5,000 in new equipment for our teams to train with. Care was taken to research brands and products for durability and sustainability prior to purchases while also making sure every team was using equipment according to their year level competition rules.

As with all seasons, 2023 saw a larger than expected amount of injuries, concussions and cases of COVID-19 however, these provided opportunities for some of our younger, more developed players to step up and play in older year level competitions – no doubt the exposure and chance to extend and push themselves met all of their desires to thrive and continue to grow their skill sets.

The Season Ahead

The season ahead will see a whole new group of Auskick players join and a renewed Juniors Committee focus on retention of players and coaching teams. Our expected continual growth in registration numbers may also pose a challenge, requiring close management of player and team numbers whilst also planning for continuity into Juniors. We also look forward to more mentoring for coaches as we see the need for up-skilling in engagement of players and game day strategy.

Lastly, to our Year 6 Rovers, our Year 6 Sea Wolves and our Year 5/6 Orange teams, we bid you farewell from Juniors and wish you all the very best in your continued football journey in Youth. And, we look forward to welcoming a whole new legion of Auskickers with a possible five teams of Year 3s next year!

As our season comes to an end, we'd like to take this opportunity to say thank you to all our Juniors players and their families; all our Juniors Coaches and Team Managers, and all our weekly volunteers who have each taken on demanding roles or who have readily taken on tasks whenever needed. To our broader Executive and Committee colleagues; we say thank you for their continued support of our weekly efforts to deliver a fun, safe and encouraging Juniors football program for our members. Together we've all had another successful season, and we hope to have a bigger and better season in 2024.



Youth Report – *Melissa Mansfield*

It has been an amazing year to be part of youth at PWJFC in 2023.

For the first time in our club's history, we had 8 teams representing PWJFC with 6 of those making finals. Year 7 Sea Wolves & Year 8 Grey played some gutsy games and only missed out on finals by percentage. Our Year 7/8 Grey, Year 9 Grey & Year 9/10 Orange all played in Preliminary finals and three teams made grand finals with our Year 7/8 Orange team being 2023 Premiers in the 7/8 red division. Massive congratulations to our Year 7 Raiders & Year 11/12 Grey who played with so much heart in their respective Grand Finals but unfortunately didn't come away with the flag.

Although it has been awesome seeing so many teams make finals, I am mostly proud of the conduct and mate ships I have seen within each of our youth teams. This stems from the positive coaching styles that I see week in and week out. I would like to thank our coaches and team managers for a wonderful year which I and the rest of the youth team know has been a lot of hard work for all of you.



Year 7 Raiders Runners Up

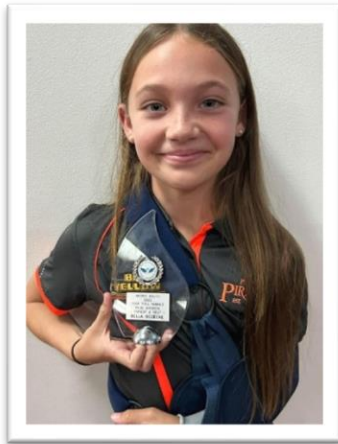
We would also like to acknowledge and congratulate personal achievements from our youth players, which include:

Metro South Fairest & Best Award

Bella Godecke from Year 7/8 Grey sponsored by Big Yellow Mining

Daniel Ellis from Year 9 Grey sponsored by Renew Energy

Taj Watson from Year 11/12 Grey sponsored by iLink Integrated Services & Savs Auto



Metro South Fairest & Best Runner Up Award

Chelsea Natta from Year 7/8 Orange sponsored by Attree Real Estate



2023 Best on Ground for Year 7 North Division Grand Final

Chase Brunt from Year 7 Raiders sponsored by Bill Gecko Custom Furniture



Representation of WA in U12 State School Competition:

Eva from Year 7/8 Grey
Bella Godecke from Year 7/8 Grey
Lyla from Year 7/8 Grey

Representation of WA in U15 State School Competition:

Ava Sartori from Year 9/10 Orange
Emma Chambers from Year 9/10 Orange

Representation of WA in U18 State School Competition:

Elijah Scoble from Year 11/12 Grey



We bid farewell to our Year 11/12 Grey team and wish them all the very best in their future beyond junior footy – it has been an absolute pleasure having you in the club for the last 2 years, you have shown our younger teams what they have to look forward to!

I am so very proud of the achievements of all our 8 Youth teams in 2023 and cannot wait to see what these kids can do in 2024!



Sponsorship Report - Denise Lane

In 2023 we have had an overwhelming response to sponsoring our junior football club. Thank you to all the sponsors in 2023 who have helped the committee achieve our goals.



We welcomed Big Yellow Mining, Billy Gecko Custom Furniture, The Lash Loft and Celsius Living to our platinum sponsors. Along with Attree, iLink Integrated Systems, Sava's Auto Electrics, Hyper Active Fitness, Renew Energy and WAICE these sponsors have made sure that all Youth teams have playing jumpers, a polo shirt to wear to each game and a PWJFC bag. Celsius Living sponsorship went towards new goal pads for the Rossiter oval goals which were in much need of replacing for the safety of all youth players attending the ground. As youth teams have increased so much in our club this sponsorship has been welcomed to help us keep up with the changing requirements of the club.

Attree Real Estate was again our major sponsor, and you can still see the goal pads and posts standing tall at Junior games at Piara which they helped make happen over the last couple of years. Perth Concrete Pools can be seen on our awesome water bottles this year which the kids love! Sponsorship money also paid for the new updated flags with the new logo on them for Auskick and club functions. Along with All Sealed WA, Platinum Settlements, Yaz Mubarakai, Rent WA, My Health Warehouse, Brooks Hire, Enzed, The Retic and Landscape Shop and Dynamic Sublimation, leftover profits from Sponsorship from this season will go towards updating Junior and Auskick playing jumpers for the 2024 season.

We would also like to thank McDonald's Harrisdale and Iplay Carousel for providing our weekly player of the game prizes every week to all our Junior players. This is definitely a highlight for our Juniors and they look forward to receiving them for their efforts.

Sponsorship packages are now available for the 2024 please contact us through sponsorship@piarawaterspirates.com.au



Fundraising Report – Denis Coldham

In 2023 PWJFC was able to raise over \$12,000 of much needed funds towards the replacement of all Junior playing Jumpers.

We were able to do this through the running of the following events.

- Bunnings Sausage Sizzle
- Footy Tipping Competition
- Mother's Day Raffle
- Juniors BBQ Breakfast Sausage sizzle
- Bears First Nations Round Raffle
- 10 Year Anniversary Quiz night
- Toyota Good for Football Raffle

We were able to also raise money as a club to some worthy causes, Breast Cancer Support WA, Breast Cancer Network Australia, Neuroblastoma Australia, and Melanoma Institute. Any fundraising can only be successful through the support of our donors. I would like to acknowledge and thank the following businesses for supporting PWJFC throughout the year in our events and to help our club run.



Award Nominees & Winners

NOMINATIONS FOR PIRATE OF THE YEAR 2023:

Adam Waight * A-J Peacock Savic * Scott McInnes * Bill Bradley * Jarrid Deluca * Dave Brown
Dave Farlie * Denise Lane * Dom Madaffari * Ernie Brackin * Gareth May * Gayle Sartori
Geraldine Stewart * Grant Hill * Jasmine Paterson * Jodie Wall * Julie Madaffari * Kristy Green
Kristy Heatly * Leah Klatt * Melanie Natta * Mel Parry * Michael Ziccoli * Naomi York * Nicole
Poss Cottrell * Ryan Healy * Shana Chapman * Spencer Grebe * Steve Di Conza * Stewart Smith

The Winner this year is Shana Chapman from the Year 6 Rovers.

NOMINATIONS FOR CLUB SPIRIT OF THE YEAR AWARDS 2023:

Adam Waight * Clint Regan * Gayle Sartori * Dusty London * Sharlene McLauchlan * Jenny Gay
Katelyn Gibson * Lisa Renko-Lester * Melissa Mansfield * Tanya Dellaca

The winner this year is Melissa Mansfield – Youth Registrar 2023

NOMINATIONS FOR JUNIOR CLUBPERSON OF THE YEAR 2023:

Ava Sartori * Bec Cornwill * Cartia Zumpano * Elijah and Oscar Scoble * Jack Mansfield * Oscar
Chamberlain * Tyler Brown

The winner this year is Jack Mansfield – Starkick Assistant Coach



LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP RECIPIANTS IN 2023:

Gayle Sartori * Tanya Dellaca * Grant Hill * Tracy Fitt * Denise Sharpe * Spencer Grebe

Thank you to all our volunteers this year – we look forward to seeing you all in 2024 so we can do it all again!