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## CLUB PRESIDENTS

<b>1976</b>	<b>RAY JOHNS</b>
<b>1977 - 1979</b>	<b>JOHN MORRIS</b>
<b>1980 - 1981</b>	<b>KEVIN HALL</b>
<b>1982</b>	<b>BRIAN GINGER</b>
<b>1983</b>	<b>IAN FRASER</b>
<b>1984 - 1985</b>	<b>GRAHAME WILLIS</b>
<b>1986 - 1988</b>	<b>BILL McLEOD</b>
<b>1989 - 1991</b>	<b>GRAHAME WILLIS</b>
<b>1992</b>	<b>JIM PASCOE</b>
<b>1993 - 1995</b>	<b>TONY HILL</b>
<b>1996 - 2003</b>	<b>PETER PHYSICK</b>

(See inside back cover for further management history)

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## WHAT IS THE YEAR BOOK ALL ABOUT?

The history of any sporting club is vitally important as the years roll by. In the case of the East Coast Eagles AFL Football Club Inc, we have some significant history emanating from the Falcons at Baulkham Hills.

Since 1976, when the Club was first founded, many people have put time and effort into ensuring that nothing is missed in a particular season in relation to results, winners of awards and general recollections of each season.

We at the Eagles intend to maintain that unbroken record of publishing full financial details of the organisation and writing about the highs and the lows of life around our Football Club. For those who have maintained copies of previous Annual Reports, there is great pleasure to be had in reviewing past editions and reading about the kids who have progressed right through the various age groups and on to success at a senior level in the Sydney AFL.

They can also settle arguments as to who did what and when and in time will be invaluable aids to future generations of East Coast administrators, players and supporters. One historical record we haven't maintained however is a complete "one stop" record of Team Managers, Coaches and Captains in all grades whilst we have been in Senior Football. In researching that information to publish in a table format for the 2003 Year Book, we discovered that it wasn't that easy! Because previous authors of articles hadn't necessarily included that information, our memories were unable to provide the necessary data to have a strictly accurate record that we were prepared to publish.

We have set ourselves the task of assembling a total record of the Club achievers and leaders over the years and will produce all that information in 2004. In the meantime we ask that if someone has a suggestion on what else could be included within the pages of this Year Book please let us know.

In the meantime please enjoy this year's edition and we hope that it provides hours of enjoyment for those who support our Club.

Don't forget as well that our excellent website at [www.eastcoasteagles.com.au](http://www.eastcoasteagles.com.au) is fully maintained by Digital Sports Productions and is now interactive to the extent that it boasts a very professional Guestbook / Message Board where Members can exchange views on all sorts of topics to do with AFL footy and in particular our Club and the Sydney AFL. Match reports are posted weekly along with great news items, not to mention the famous "Oscar Overheard" column. The Photo Gallery is updated weekly by **Peter Physick** with his excellent action shots and player portraits.

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## CLUB MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE

**#1 MEMBER  
CLUB PATRON**

John Watkins MP  
Councillor Mike Blair

**LIFE MEMBERS**

1984	Glenys Reed & Doug Reed
1986	Ian Mercer
1988	Grahame Willis
1990	Ian Fraser & Bill McLeod
1991	John Payne & Rob Stone
1993	Kath Fraser
1994	David Grace
1995	Pam Johnson & Anne McLeod
1996	Arthur Frost, Bruce Johnson Warren Quintrell, Henry Yeates
1997	Graeme Merkel
1998	Greg Crosby
1999	Ross Abercrombie, Graeme Bleus
2000	Laima & Peter Physick
2001	Alan Brotherston, Paul Madden
2002	Craig Abercrombie, Scott Abercrombie, John Evernden, Les Jarjoura

**PLAYER  
LIFE MEMBERS**

1989	Sean Fraser, Michael Payne, Guy Place
1990	Steven Brown, Alistair Jackson, Mark McLeod
1991	Jason Crawford, Scott Fraser, Craig McLeod, Adam Stone
1992	Hugh Stone, Matthew Courts, Todd Cuneo
1993	Brett Baker, Doug Baker, Simon Bishop, Peter Bleus, Brendan Courts, Robin Drew, Simon Hammond, Adam Turbill
1994	Scott Abercrombie, Craig Armstrong, Matthew McPhee, David Reed
1995	Trevor Hare, Matthew Hayman, Anthony Horner, Scott Jones, Stuart Wynn
1996	Greg Driscoll, Matthew Frost, Daniel Graham, Ryan Meldrum, Lachlan Pascoe, Nathan Scott-Rogers, Gerard Thripp
1997	Jason Duss, Josh Harvey, Steve Merkel, Dean Nankivell, Heath Sharpe
1998	John Burt, Tim Delaney, Rodney Frost Luke McLeod, Greg Thomas
1999	Craig Abercrombie, Jay Brotherston, Rory Cormican, Jarrod Crosby, Paul Eastman, Troy Eastman, Michael Faulkner, Mark Harrison.
2000	Chris Cottee, Liam Madden, Ryan Madden, Tim Physick
2001	Scott MacLean, Daniel Murrell, Michael Murrell, Ben Shiel.
2002	David Bleus, Sam Brotherston, Tim Coakley, Quentin Ellis, Brett Jackson, Daniel Madden, Jared Madden, Ben Physick, David Walsh.
2003	Luke Austin, Stephen Bilkey, Chris Coakley

## EXECUTIVE - 2003

<b>PRESIDENT</b>	Peter Physick
<b>GENERAL MANAGER</b>	John Evernden
<b>FINANCIAL CONTROLLER</b>	Bob Wynne
<b>FOOTBALL OPERATIONS</b>	Graeme Merkel
<b>PUBLIC RELATIONS &amp; MEDIA</b>	Daniel Bylsma
<b>FACILITIES DEVELOPMENT</b>	John Evernden
<b>SOCIAL EXECUTIVE</b>	Richard Lee
<b>SECRETARY</b>	Sarah Campbell
<b>SPONSORSHIP</b>	East Coast Enterprises

## OFFICERS

<b>AUDITOR</b>	Glen Hall
<b>INSURANCE OFFICER</b>	John Evernden
<b>WEBSITE MASTER &amp; EDITOR</b>	Craig Abercrombie
<b>RECORDS</b>	Alan Brotherston
<b>PLAYER ADVOCATE</b>	Graeme Merkel
<b>FITNESS MANAGER</b>	Mark Richardson
<b>PHYSIOTHERAPIST</b>	Ellen Hawes & Matt Stewart
<b>CLUB HISTORIAN</b>	Alan Brotherston

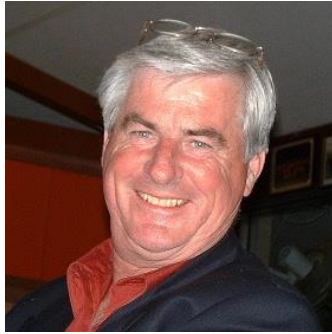
## DELEGATES

<b>SYDNEY AFL</b>	Peter Physick John Evernden Graeme Merkel
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## TEAM MANAGEMENT

<b>Under / 18</b>	<b>Coach</b>	Trevor Hangan
	<b>Assistant Coach</b>	Paul Eastman
	<b>Manager</b>	Alan Brotherston
<b>RESERVES</b>	<b>Coach</b>	Scott Abercrombie
	<b>Manager</b>	Ross Abercrombie
<b>FIRST GRADE</b>	<b>Coach</b>	Michael Knuppel
	<b>Manager</b>	Michael Butterworth

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT



*"All three teams to make the final four".*

*"Reserves and U/18's beaten in the Preliminary finals to finish third. First Grade finish 6th."*

The first statement is an abridged extract from the objectives of our 2003 Business Plan. The second is the actual end of season result. So, is it fair or reasonable to judge a year as being successful, even though the Business Plan objectives were not totally fulfilled?

Strangely enough (on this occasion) I believe it is, considering the circumstances and the progress made over the last 12 months.

It wasn't until very late in the 2002 year that we were able to appoint **Michael Knuppel** as our senior coach for 2003. I well remember the final interview process which took place on the balcony at Blueys overlooking our home ground. Also involved were **Trevor Nisbett** and **Stephen Nash** from West Coast, which demonstrated their level of commitment to the East Coast Eagles. Both parties agreed terms and each was convinced the right decision had been made. East Coast, because we had secured a quality person who displayed true leadership ability and had coaching skills and experience. And Mick was happy because he had been re-connected with AFL football again after relocating with his family from Melbourne.

Only time would tell if the outcome would be what both parties were expecting. The various reports throughout this Year Book will demonstrate that the union was a very, very good one indeed. It is not often that a person is both liked and respected simultaneously, but in **Michael Knuppel** we have such an individual. Taking control of a side which finished bottom the year before is a challenge of course but Mick is no stranger to taking on such contests and enthusiastically approached each hurdle in turn, reinventing the negatives into positives and opportunities.

It wasn't a difficult exercise at all for Mike and the Club to enter into another agreement for 2004 and beyond. There is much to be achieved from here and I have no doubt that **Mike Knuppel** is the man who will lead this Club forward.

A President's major task of course is to make sure that his ship is steering in the right direction and is the first to get to the destination before anyone else gets there. On the field in 2003 we were 6<sup>th</sup> home, but off the field the Club traded very successfully. Our financial statements (listed in full on page 18) indicate that income exceeded expenditure for the first time in several years and we were also able to reduce levels of current debt on a planned basis.

There are many reasons for that and the Fund Raising report on page 21 from the Chairman **Richard Lee** covers all of them and gives thanks where appropriate. In particular the Eagles' Auction night at the Corus Hotel Sydney in August was exceptional. A standout contributor to that success was the Hotel's General Manager **Craig Barber** who added his own touch and support to the event to the extent that a nett \$33,000 was secured for the Club. Craig was honoured at our Club Champion night for his wonderful encouragement and financial assistance.

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Our pre season Jumper Presentation night was also held at the Corus and the level of Member and supporter backing for the Club is no more evident than in Eagles' Extravaganza where \$35,550 was accumulated in the pool. An increase of 34% on 2002 and 500% higher than 1998 when we first ran it at Baulkham Hills. A huge vote of thanks to all of our supporters at the Eagles.

**John Evernden** has written about our Sponsors on page 20 and after choosing to run our Major Sponsor raffle again in 2003, we secured numerous new sponsors with **Mudix Austerberry** winning the right to become the Club's major sponsor in 2003. Particular thanks go to **Shayne Austerberry** for his continuing financial support.

**Vince Thomas** and his staff at **Bluey's Brassiere** are also to be commended and thanked for their financial support and "back of the jumper naming rights" sponsorship. There is no better view in Sydney AFL football than that which is secured from the balcony at Blueys and I encourage all Eagles members to utilise the restaurant during the off season in summer and enjoy the food and surroundings which are on offer.

One last person I want to specifically thank is **Mike Pilkington** who has had the courage to financially support his beloved Eagles when perhaps others wouldn't have. Thankyou for your unwavering belief Mike and congratulations on receiving a coveted Eagles Award in appreciation.

Marketing to the corporate business world by a Club such as ours is a very difficult task. But I'm convinced that it is not an impossible one. So, having been inspired by "**Sandy**" **Sanderson**, **Mick Knuppel's** father-in-law, the Club will create a new division called East Coast Enterprises. It will consist of a group of influential businessmen who will be charged with selling the benefits of sponsorship of the East Coast Eagles to the Sydney corporate scene. An additional task will be to secure major eastern seaboard based sponsorship for the Perth based West Coast Eagles. The Chairman of this group of people (who will also be a Vice President of the Club) will be elected at our AGM on 11/02/04.

As the Club moves forward there are changes which will be instituted as and when we think it appropriate. One such change has been voted on but the end result won't be seen until several weeks after Club Champion night. The Executive has decided to now award a medal (instead of a trophy) to the winners of the Best & Fairest in each of First, Reserve and U/18's. We are having a series of medals specially struck to our individual Eagles specifications. Regretfully they are not available to present to the winners but a replica will be awarded on the night. Brand new perpetual trophies have been purchased with support from various businesses and individuals. These trophies will be inscribed with winners back to 2000 from the inception of the Eagles.

Throughout the pages of this Year Book, our many authors take the opportunity to thank the dozens of volunteers we have who devote their energies to the Club they love. On their behalves may I give a huge vote of thanks to everyone who "put in" this year. We are a very stable club with excellent committee members and a well deserved reputation for honesty and integrity. Two attributes I am very proud to have associated with the Eagles.

One such person who used to be a volunteer (and to some extent still is I suppose, post 30<sup>th</sup> September) is **John Evernden**. When the League chose to significantly reduce the grant to clubs for GM's, John unhesitatingly offered his services in return for a remuneration package that really only represented a reward for part-time employment. In doing so John effectively ruled himself out of eligibility for any Club



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awards, but his contribution is certainly recognised by yours truly as being one which removed an enormous workload from my shoulders. Thank you very much John.

Congratulations to **Graeme Merkel** for his Presidents Award (see page 25). In footy terms Graeme has had an outstanding season getting more possessions than you could possibly imagine. Whatever happened at the football operational level, Graeme was there getting involved. Thanks as well to **Chris Bilkey** for his ingenious concept which was adopted for the Player incentive payment scheme. Unfortunately that part of the format we would have liked to have paid out (relative to a Finals finishing position) wasn't forthcoming, however I'm sure it will be in 2004.

After eight years as your President I believe that, (subject to being re elected) my ninth year will be the most rewarding yet in terms of results. Once again my expectations are that we will be cash flow positive with East Coast Enterprises chiming in with a minimum of \$75,000 of new sponsorship. On field I am confident that the current and very vigorous recruiting activity as at October 2003, by the Football Operations and Match Committees will yield long term success.

I have enjoyed the year immensely. Lots of hard work has been shared around to enthusiastic and very reliable people. The first time for a number of years that we almost had more volunteers than jobs!! It allowed me to indulge in taking hundreds of photographs at each match and publishing them on our website – a task that almost became an obsession, however it has provided a great photographic record of our season in the absence of Digital Sports' video coverage who won the contract to produce the very first Sydney AFL TV match of the day coverage on Fox Footy. Congratulations to **Craig** and **Scott Abercrombie** for their achievement.

Thanks too, to Laima, Ben and Tim for their understanding and encouragement.



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## GENERAL MANAGER



Unfortunately, **Andrew Bence**, the one and only General Manager for the Eagles' first three years, returned to Melbourne at the start of this season. His enthusiasm for the Club and passion for the game have been sorely missed, but his advice is still respected. As is that of **Stephen Nash**, the West Coast Eagles' Melbourne Manager. Andrew's departure allowed me to join the most professional team of officials, coaching staff and players in Sydney. The experience has been most rewarding.

Although the ultimate prize of a First Grade Premiership still eludes us, there have been many highlights throughout the season. The Reserve Grade and Under 18's reached the finals series for the third time in four years, several exciting players joined the Club, and several 'rising stars' were given First Grade experience.

Best of all, 2003 Club Coach, **Michael Knuppel**, has re-signed to continue the impressive building program which he and his dedicated coaching and support staff of **Michael Butterworth, Phil Bester, Mark Horan, Scott and Ross Abercrombie, Trevor Hangan, Alan Brotherston, Bruce Stokes, Matt McConvill, Gus Seebeck** and **Tim Lee** set in place this season.

Off the field, **Peter Physick** continued to provide 'value added' leadership. He remains one of the most competent and highly regarded officials in Sydney AFL. **Graeme Merkel's** non-stop recruitment campaign succeeded in signing some excellent players to blend with our existing talent and help the promotion of our young guns. **Bob Wynne** again successfully performed the onerous task of managing the finances and **Sarah Campbell** and **Chris Bilkey** ensured that the Executive maintained the Club's administrative operations on an even keel.

The Eagles are most fortunate to have had a highly professional medical staff always on hand. We are indeed indebted to **Ellen Hawes, Matt Stewart, Mark Richardson, Rudi Bylsma, Ryan Madden** and **Nathan Halliday**. Our financial situation was somewhat improved, thanks largely to the most successful Auction Night organised by **Craig Barber, Richard Lee** and their enthusiastic committee, and to the many supporters who donated or purchased lots in the main or silent auctions.

There are many supporting duties to be carried out on game days, particularly at home, and we have been fortunate that **Mirella Mulligan, Leigh Griggs, Geoff Cottee, Paul Madden** and **Chris Bilkey** always tended the time clocks; and that the Falcons' President, **Richard Stubbs**, provided 'future Eagles' to man the gate.

We are most grateful to those who acted as scoreboard attendants, water carriers, interchange stewards, Umpires' escorts and Goal Umpires, and especially to **Ron Ellis**, who left his footprint on many an U/18's boundary line.

The staff at Bluey's Brasserie and at the Corus Hotel Sydney have always been most supportive and courteous in their assistance. The officers of the AFL (NSW/ACT) Commission, particularly **Simon Loughton** and **Anthony Dignan**, have always provided valuable support and advice.

**John Evernden**

## EAGLES' EXTRAVAGANZA

The following table shows the Player Groupings, the highest bidder and the price paid. In the case of a syndicate, the bidding individual is named.

*(The rules and full details for Eagles Extravaganza can be found on the website.)*

Group	Player 1	Player 2	Player 3	Bid	Owner/s (syndicate)	Minor Round Return
1	Matthew Arbon	Mitchell Ede	Matthew Williams	\$1,500	Mike Pilkington	\$1,350.00
2	Rowan Bilkey	Jeremy Pell	Andre Sliwka	\$1,200	Chris Bilkey	\$547.50
3	Tim Hillman	Andrew Ryan	Ben Yerbury	\$900	Digital Sports	\$445.00
4	Jason Duss	Steve Merkel	Paul Reiter Sam Wood	\$1,200	Caranne Wood	\$625.00
5	Steve Bilkey	Tim Coakley	Nathan Halliday	\$1,450	John Coakley	\$270.00
6	Jared Madden	Luke McLeod	Tim Physick	\$1,600	Bill McLeod	\$365.00
7	Michael Baker	Craig Magnuson	Blake Ure	\$1,800	Frank Ure	\$350.00
8	Rodney Frost	Matt Nichol	Luke Stanford	\$2,200	Rodney Frost	\$1,525.00
9	Peter Bleus	Daniel Murrell	Rodney Pash	\$1,000	Gavin Walsh	\$357.50
10	Scott Logan	Ben Rogers	Gavin Walsh	\$1,500	Mike Pilkington	\$285.00
11	Richard Bilkey	Rhys Lavery	Josh Ryder	\$2,100	Dan Gaunt / Ryan Madden	\$1,430.00
12	Andrew Baud	Darren Chapman	Liam Madden	\$1,500	Laima Physick / Mike Butterworth	\$355.00
13	Chris Cottee	Daniel Gaunt	Andrew Spring	\$1,600	Sarah Campbell	\$1,075.00
14	Jeremy Kean	Luke Mulvihill	Rohan Ritchie	\$3,000	Laima Physick	\$355.00
15	Simon Marshall	Dean Nankivell	Ben Physick	\$2,300	Ben Physick / Dean Nankivell	\$365.00
16	Adam Lovett	Nigel McCauley	Matt McConvill	\$1,900	Richard Lee	\$475.00
17	Ryan Fitton	Josh Harvey	Any eligible U/18	\$2,000	Frank Ure	\$190.00
18	Irwin Burbage	Gus Seebeck	Julian Kasby	\$2,500	Mike Pilkington	\$525.00
19	Scott Abercrombie	Clint Austerberry	Jono Jackson	\$2,300	Rodney Pash	\$1,255.00
20	Daniel Bylsma	Matt Leeds	Ryan Madden	\$1,950	Peter Madden	\$95.00
			Totals	\$35,550		

## EAGLES' EXTRAVAGANZA RESULTS

### **First Grade**

Best & Fairest	<b>Clint Austerberry</b> owned by Rodney Pash synd.	\$4,970.00
Runner Up	<b>Luke Stanford</b> owned by Rodney Frost synd.	\$1,420.00
Third	<b>Rohan Ritchie</b> owned by Laima Physick	\$ 710.00
Best U/21 (not in top three).	<b>Ryan Fitton</b> owned by Frank Ure	\$2,840.00

### **Reserve Grade**

Best & Fairest	<b>Andre Sliwka</b> owned by Chris Bilkey	\$2,485.00
Runner Up	<b>Julian Kasby</b> owned by Mike Pilkington	\$ 710.00
Third	<b>Rhys Lavery</b> owned by Dan Gaunt / Ryan Madden	\$ 355.00

## WEST COAST EAGLES

On Sunday July 6 this year, the West Coast Eagles played the Sydney Swans at the SCG. Even though the result didn't go the desired way, it did however provide us with the opportunity to again have meaningful dialogue between our two clubs.

The weekend started on the Friday night when the full match committee of the West Coast Eagles and East Coast Eagles met over dinner to discuss a range of issues of mutual interest. The meeting lasted several hours with open and frank discussions taking place from which both clubs benefited enormously.

The following morning, **David Hart** (West Coast Community Liaison Officer) and **Brent Staker** (West Coast player) visited several Auskick centres within the Baulkham Hills area. These visits were organised by **Sean Streat** and both David and Brent were amazed at the enthusiasm shown by the kids and the people involved.

Later that same day, **Michael Knuppel**, **Mark Richardson** and **Ellen Hawes** were guests of the West Coast Eagles at our training session on the SCG. This provided Michael with the opportunity to watch how training is planned and implemented while Mark and Ellen were able to meet with **Stuart Cormack** (West Coast Fitness Coach) and **Paul Tucker** (West Coast Physio) to discuss issues of mutual benefit.

In the evening, several West Coast officials were guests of the East Coast Eagles for the game against UNSW/ES at the Village Green Oval. Those officials who attended the match remarked on the large number of people in Eagles' gear at the game. The downside of the evening was of course the result. However, some solace can be gained from this as we now know that the Bulldogs won the 2003 Premiership.

The next day was game day and **Michael Knuppel** was in our rooms to watch the pre-match planning and preparations for the Swans game. Michael got a bird's eye view on what goes on behind the scenes and from his position on the bench he was able to see first hand how things work during the pressure of game day.

To cap off the weekend both clubs gathered together at the Paddington RSL to conduct a combined after-match function.

Overall, the weekend was seen as a huge success and an opportunity for both clubs to meet and discuss matters of concern and interest. The exchanging of views and thoughts was very beneficial to both parties and can only help in further building the relationship between our two clubs.

On behalf of the West Coast Eagles I would like to thank all of those involved with the East Coast Eagles for making the weekend a memorable one.

Let's hope 2004 is the year of the Eagles.

**STEPHEN NASH / VICTORIAN MANAGER / WEST COAST EAGLES**



## JUNIOR CLUB LIAISON

### Sean Streat

This year was a stepping-stone for a new role in the club. Previously, **Andrew Bence** had done a fantastic job communicating with the junior clubs and left big shoes to fill.

As the first club in Sydney to designate a specific officer to control junior interests, it was always going to be a challenge to set up the role. Starting on the right foot, we contacted all junior clubs and explained what our intention was and how we aimed to reach our specific goals.

Our specific charter for the NorthWest competition is to unite the junior clubs under one senior banner. This association is designed to give junior players in our area a target club with which they can aim to achieve at a senior level, and to promote the interest in junior development of the West Coast Eagles.

Unfortunately, our enthusiasm for this concept was not as warmly received as we expected. The information flow was light and it was difficult to get involved with the clubs at a 'club' level. This situation is currently being addressed and, next year, a more positive climate will be maintained.

The visit from the West Coast Eagles was a success, with our altered plans (due to adverse weather) giving us contact with nearly every junior player under the age of 12 in the area. Special thanks to **Brent Staker** and **David Hart** for offering their day's service for the junior clubs.

On a positive note, we achieved a strong presence with the NorthWest and Northside representative sides, with a number of senior East Coast Eagles players making themselves available to assist in training sessions. A special mention should be made to the senior side for their help in these sessions.

One club took up our offer of 'East Coast Eagle' trophies at the end of the year. It was fantastic to see the East Coast Eagles "Leading Goal Kicker" and "Fairest and Best" Awards presented at the Kellyville / Rouse Hill Magpies' awards day.

Our commitment to the junior clubs in our area is unwavering and next year the Eagles will be more involved than ever in their liaison with the junior clubs.



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## PLAYER LIFE MEMBERS - 2003

1. ECE Player Life Membership will be awarded to any player who provides 10 years of playing service, not necessarily consecutive, from and including games played (minimum of one) in any grade from and including the year 2000 onwards.
2. Past service (in playing years) with the BHAFC can be included in determining eligibility.

Comments in *italics* are taken from the Annual Report for the player's first year of football at the Club.

**LUKE AUSTIN** ..... *Our own pocket rocket, Luke shows excellent potential in all facets of the game. His no fear approach to the football should assure a tremendous future.* **U/9 Kookas 1994**

Unfortunately Luke was only able to play three games this season as he was unable to attend training on a regular basis. Consequently he decided to give priority to his HSC commitments and his part time work. Luke will be welcomed back to the Eagles in 2004 should he make the decision to return to the Club.

**STEPHEN BILKEY** ..... *Stephen was the surprise recruit of the year who joined the team early into the season. He had displayed tremendous energy to back up from soccer in the morning and virtually run out with the team as they were taking the field. A player gifted with the quickest handball in the U/15 grade and speed to match. Along with his brother Richard, formed a strong combination and caused opposition teams plenty of headaches with his strong play. Definite talent of the future.*  
**U/15 Kookas 1994**

The author of the above comments in 1994 was Les Jarjoura. Stephen certainly still retains the skills and talents which Les noticed and he has gone on to play 154 games with the Club. One of those games was our first ever Sydney AFL Premiership in the U/18's, playing as the Falcons in 1997. Used as a decoy at full forward to take the pressure off century goal kicker Ryan Madden, Stephen kicked seven of his own and was an integral part of the victory. Have we yet seen the best of Stephen Bilkey?

**CHRIS COAKLEY** ..... *Chris, in his first year settled very well into the role of full forward and did a great job. He also stood out on many occasions in some of the finer skill areas such as handball etc.* **U/9 Kookas 1994**

Chris joins his elder brother Tim as a Player Life Member in his first year as an Eagle. Although Chris had limited opportunities this year with the 18's, he was still able to get 14 matches under his belt, which will auger well for his continued U/18 involvement next season in 2004.

**Security & Property Management Services**

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## 2004 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the East Coast Eagles AFL Football Club Inc will be held at Bluey's Brasserie on Wednesday evening (7.00pm) 11<sup>th</sup> February 2004. We plan to follow it with dinner and ask all attendees to stay and support Blueys.

As per the Club's constitution, all Executive and General Committee positions will be declared vacant on the night and nominations and elections will be held to vote in new, or re elected officers.

All members are encouraged to attend and become involved in the day-to-day running of the Club by nominating for positions available on the Executive or General Committees or to join any of the sub-committees which will be formed for organisational purposes.

With the objective of developing the Club as a professional organisation within a corporate environment, a new Sponsorship and Marketing arm of East Coast Eagles AFL Football Club will be created at the AGM. To be known as East Coast Enterprises, it will be headed up by the Vice President Marketing (to be appointed) and its responsibilities will be to directly secure corporate sponsorship funds for East Coast Eagles and indirectly for the West Coast Eagles.

East Coast Enterprises will be modelled on the highly successful PGA Tour Enterprises Board which sources all income stream funding for the PGA Golf Tour.

The Executive Committee will be comprised of the following:-

- President
- Vice President Marketing
- Finance Manager
- Administration Manager
- Football Operations Manager
- Facilities Manager
- General Manager (A paid officer appointed by the Board.)

The Executive will have responsibility for the day to day operation of the Club and will be assisted by a General Committee comprised of elected and appointed officers.



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## MEDIA EXCELLENCE AWARD

### PREVIOUS WINNERS

<b>1997</b>	Stephen Allan / Hills News
<b>1998</b>	Albert Martinez / Hills News
<b>1999</b>	Albert Martinez / Hills News
<b>2000</b>	Craig Abercrombie / Digital Sports
<b>2001</b>	Howard Sattler / Sattler Online / 2SM
<b>2002</b>	Not awarded

In the early days of the Club's inaugural years in senior Sydney AFL football, we worked very hard to secure media coverage in local newspapers and we were very grateful to the various sporting editors of The Hills News for their continued support in publishing news releases each and every week. The publicity given to the Eagles and the Falcons was very encouraging.

In 2000 we acknowledged Craig Abercrombie at Digital Sports for his super human efforts in maintaining the website and his work with the videotaping of games for the Club. Needless to say that has continued unabated with the standard and quality increasing, if indeed that was possible.

Little did we imagine that coverage of the East Coast Eagles would ever be secured on primetime Sydney radio. However that did occur via Radio 2SM and its morning presenter Howard Sattler. In 2001 we acknowledged Howard with a well deserved Award of Excellence.

In 2003 we are delighted to once again return to **The Hills News** and acknowledge their wonderful support for our code and in particular the East Coast Eagles.

**Jessica Bardetta** has been supremely cooperative in always finding space in the sporting pages for those news releases submitted regularly to her by Daniel Bylsma. And very often we also had an accompanying photo to illustrate the story.

Our thanks go to Jessica in particular and her newspaper for their most deserved honour.

The logo for Hills News, featuring the words "Hills News" in a bold, blue, italicized sans-serif font with a white outline and a slight drop shadow.The logo for Elders Gladesville, featuring the word "Elders" in a white, cursive script font and "GLADESVILLE" in a white, bold, uppercase sans-serif font, both set against a dark grey rectangular background.



# FINANCIAL CONTROLLER'S REPORT

**EAST COAST EAGLES AFL FOOTBALL CLUB Inc**  
**PROJECTED STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE**  
**FOR 15 MONTHS ENDING 31<sup>st</sup> DECEMBER 2003**  
 (Subject to audit)

<u>INCOME</u>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>VARIANCE</b>
Prizemoney	-	3,500	(3,500)
Membership	14,827	7,800	7,027
Sponsorship	57,978	41,000	16,978
Merchandise	817	364	453
Fund Raising	89,688	77,352	12,336
General Manager subsidy	40,167	38,784	1,383
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>203,477</b>	<b>168,800</b>	<b>34,677</b>
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>VARIANCE</b>
Printing, postage & stationery	2,131	859	1,272
Player / coaching fees	52,803	32,650	20,153
Merchandise Equip.	10,823	6,177	4,646
Trophies & presentations	2,706	1,157	1,549
Trainers supplies	4,047	4,061	(14)
Trainers expenses	3,725	5,189	(1,464)
Bank charges	896	663	233
Ground fees	8,946	7,939	1,007
Advertising	1,446	-	1,446
Association fees	16,025	14,250	1,775
Fund Raising	34,650	41,426	(6,776)
Umpires fees	11,234	9,250	1,984
Sundry	-	-	-
General Manager & Office costs	35,357	51,821	(16,464)
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>184,789</b>	<b>175,442</b>	<b>9,347</b>
<b>Income v Expenditure</b>	<b>18,688</b>	<b>(6,642)</b>	<b>25,330</b>

### COMMENTARY by Bob Wynne



- The Club has changed its Financial Year end to 31 December each year. Previously, the year end was September 30<sup>th</sup>. The calendar year allows for clearer splitting of season operations.
- No indication of prizemoney position for 2003 season has been received from the League.
- Membership reflects the re-introduction of fees for all players for season 2003. The impact of this has been somewhat offset by membership being included with major sponsor raffle tickets.
- Sponsors for 2003 include Taxi Clothing (**Mike Pilkington**), Blueys Brasserie (**Vince Thomas**), Elders Gladesville (**Graeme Bleus**), Banjo Books (**Chris Bilkey**), Corus Hotel (**Craig Barber**) plus our very important long term Club supporters Lamson Paragon Group of Companies (**the Frost family**) and Custom Fleet (**Keith Cormican**).
- Fund Raising has increased significantly due to the efforts of the separately established Fund Raising committee led by **Richard Lee**. Major projects included the chocolate drive and the Auction night which raised \$30,000 for

## EAST COAST EAGLES AFL FOOTBALL CLUB Inc.

the Club. These increases in revenue are reduced by a change in the way we report Eagles Extravaganza revenue and costs. In prior years the gross amount received and paid were reported. For season 2003, only the revenue received by the Club is reported. If we had reported consistently for each year, 2003 revenue and expenditure would have increased by \$27,000.

- Player and coaching fees have increased to reflect the need to put a better side on the ground to be more competitive.
- The General Manager situation has changed dramatically during the 2003 year. The NSW/ACT AFL reduced the grant provided to Sydney AFL clubs and have ended the grant as of 30/09/03. We have not received any clear indication whether the grant will be available in 2004. **John Evernden** agreed to step into this role for season 2003 on a part-time basis and has done a very good job.
- The above surplus has been applied to reduce outstanding liabilities from previous seasons. We have paid all outstanding accounts with suppliers except for the NSW/ACT AFL. We have reduced our indebtedness to them by \$7,000 as well as meeting all 2003 charges. It will be necessary for "East Coast Enterprises" to be up and running for season 2004 to enable us to clear the balance of the NSW/ACT AFL account and repay our debenture holders.
- It is pleasing to be able to present a **final** report which shows a significant change in the Club's direction from the past few years.
- I will not be standing for the committee in season 2004. Thankyou to the Fund Raising people who worked so hard and the other committee members for making a major improvement in our off-ground performance.

**BOB WYNNE**

## FACILITIES DEVELOPMENT REPORT

Unfortunately, news on the development of our own Home Ground is disappointing. The East Coast Eagles are in danger of becoming nomadic.

Although we have enjoyed the best AFL facilities in Sydney at Macquarie University, and enjoyed fruitful relationships with the Macquarie University Sports Association, it is likely that the 2004 season will be the last in which we adopt Roger Sheeran Oval as our Home Ground. The Sports Association is giving preference to University Clubs for the usage of their sports facilities. Approval has been given for only six Home Games at RSO, so we may have to double-up at other AFL venues.

Negotiations with Baulkham Hills Shire Council have come to a standstill. Even though Council adopted our proposal to develop the site in Commercial Road, Kellyville (occupied by the Baulkham Hills Motor Cycle Club) in November 1997, it refuses to progress discussions on this matter with either officials from the Club, or the AFL (NSW/ACT) Commission. The Club recently called a meeting with the Commission to discuss our dilemma.

Permission to train at Macquarie University was not approved for 2003 so training was held at ELS Hall Oval, North Ryde. Although the ground was acceptable, the change facilities and lighting were not. Following negotiations with Ryde City Council, the Club donated the sum of \$3,000 towards the proposed upgrading of lighting, which should be in place for the 2004 season.

The Club will continue its quest for its own Home Ground.

**JOHN EVERNDEN**

## OUR MOST VALUED SPONSORS

The 2003 Major Sponsorship Draw attracted a total of 37 different sponsors, several of whom purchased multiple entries. We were delighted when Mudix Austerberry won the right to be our Major Sponsor for this year. Company Director, **Shayne Austerberry**, has been a major supporter of the Club for many years.

Other major sponsors for 2003 were **Vince Thomas** of Bluey's Brasserie, **Mike Pilkington** of Taxi Clothing, **Craig Barber** of the Corus Hotel Sydney, **Keith Cormican** of Custom Fleet, the **Frost Family** from the Lamson Paragon Group of Companies, **Scott** and **Craig Abercrombie** of Digital Sports, **Kaye** and **Ray Whitfield**, owners of Tierney House Guest House in Mudgee, and **Graeme Bleus** of Elders Real Estate.

The Club has been most fortunate to have two high-class venues, the Corus Hotel and Bluey's Brasserie, at which to hold after-match and formal functions.

The donation of banners and advertising panels by **Joan, Ian** and **Meagan Francis** of Signwave Blacktown, on which were displayed the sponsors' names and logos, were very much appreciated. The new club name signs they provided certainly brightened-up the scoreboard. The support of **Julie** and **Joe Laviano** of Colonial Print and Copy has been invaluable in setting-out and printing our many publications.

**Leonie** and **Frank Ure** of Kenthurst Printing Machine Sales were responsible for introducing several new sponsors, several of whom enjoyed their visit to the Swans / West Coast Eagles match at the SCG, and/or bid successfully at the Auction Night.

Many people within the Club have provided financial assistance through their own businesses or through their employers:

Agency Printing Australia; **Ben Physick** of B Physick'ly Active; **Steve Gawley** of Base Course Management; **Dan Gaunt** of Bradnam Windows; Consolidation Services; Eagle Homes; **Mark Horan** of Eagle Global Logistics; Fire and General Insurance Brokers; **Paul Madden** of Foss Australasia; Frost Air Conditioning; GCF Customs Services; **Peter Physick** of ICMI Speakers & Entertainers; Hawkesbury Crane Trucks; H J Graphics; **Steve Jackson** of Jackson Earthworks; Lovett Transport; Loxton Smash Repairs; Mapps Productions; **Matt Nichol** of Matthews Australasia; **Noel Moig** of Noel Moig Agencies; Paul's Limited; Safetymart (Aust) Pty Ltd; the Specpipe Group; **Luke Stanford** of Stanford Search Services; Travel World Castle Hill; Trevor Conn Butcher, Kellyville; **Rudi Bylsma** of Vita Five Haircare; **Gavin Walsh** of Wayne Richardson Sales, Wizid Pty Ltd and **Gus Seebeck**.

The East Coast Eagles sincerely appreciate the generosity of these sponsors.

**John Evernden**



## FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

### Richard Lee - Chairman



At the Annual general Meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup> of March, I was elected as the Fund Raising Officer. At the same meeting, **Allison Yerbury** and **Fiona Smith** were elected as the Social Events Officers.

Our first, and all subsequent meetings, combined the two groups to become the Social-Fundraising Committee. The meetings were all well attended and many and varied ideas were put forward to ensure the success of the committee.

The members comprised, **Michael Butterworth, Daniel Bylsma, Joanne Bylsma, Allison Yerbury, Scott Abercrombie, Rowan Bilkey, Phil Bester, Ryan Madden, Tim Physick, Meagan Francis, Fiona Smith, Ben Yerbury, Matt Williams** and **Richard Lee**.

Because of the structure of the year, with most of the Club's Saturday games at the start of the season, we had to act quickly to take advantage of the limited opportunity for Saturday Night Social events. We considered that having social or fund raising events the night prior to a Sunday game was a recipe for disaster.

The first event was the Eagles' Extravaganza Night at the Corus Hotel. **Phil Bester, Scott Abercrombie** and **Ryan Madden** worked long and hard to make this evening a great success. There were around 160 people present and the night raised over \$8,000 for the club. The new members got a good taste of the Club spirit and they were all impressed with the high calibre of the event.

**Fiona Smith** organised a Chocolate Drive. Players were issued with boxes of chocolates and asked to sell them. This resulted in the club receiving a DVD player and raised around \$3,000. It was tough job collecting all of the monies owed but with the persistence and determination that **Bertie Bylsma** showed, the vast majority of the monies owed were collected.

The Cruise on the Harbour was also a great success. Bertie and Joanne did a great job of putting the event together. The new members of the Club got to experience the other side of the East Coast Eagles .... the fun, off the field side, and everyone had a great evening. Frosty showed what can happen when you've had a few sherbets too many and managed to extend the Cruise by 1 hour.

The Trivia Night was organised by **Rowan Bilkey**. All those who attended raved about the night. For a young bloke like Rowan to step up to the mark and take on the responsibility for running one of the Club's Social events was tremendous.

Ladies Day was one of the highlights of the season. Never in the history of the AFL in Sydney have so many glamorous females been gathered in one place. The women had a great day, perched on the balcony at Blueys, supporting the teams and providing constructive feedback to the Umpires. **Allison Yerbury** did a fantastic job of organising the day.

**Gus Seebeck** and **Bob Wynne** were press ganged into organising the Golf Day. Although the number of participants was not as great as we wanted, it was a successful event that raised some funds and continued a tradition that was started a few years ago. Next year the event will be run earlier and a more attractive cost structure established.

The Karaoke Night held at Blueys was also a great success. The theme was “*Back to School*” and everyone got in the spirit and sang up a storm. The venue was fantastic, the host, **Jonnie Lee**, was brilliant, the singing was unbelievable and everyone had a great night. All members of the committee assisted with the night, ensuring that not too many of the school photos went missing.

The main Fund Raiser for the year was the Auction Night. Once again, the Corus Hotel provided us with an ideal venue and the experience and enthusiasm of **Craig Barber** was invaluable in planning and running the event. Originally scheduled for June, the event was eventually conducted in late August. About 100 people attended and were treated to a fantastic evening where many bargains were snapped up by lucky punters. **Graham Logan** and **Gus Seebeck** were fantastic as Auctioneer and Spruiker. The event raised approximately \$30,000, which went a long way to assisting the Club’s finances. Many thanks go to all of those who donated goods and services and to those who participated. The generosity and loyalty of our Club Members is what really keeps this Club going.

At home day matches, a Fruit and Meat Raffle was conducted. The generosity of **Peter Madden** knows no bounds with his generous Fruit trays. Each Raffle raised in excess of \$150, thanks to the volunteers who walked through the crowds selling tickets. **Bertie Bylsma** did a fantastic job of sorting out the volunteers and making sure the Raffles ran well.

Bertie also organised the Club Stubby Holders. Major fines are imposed on any players who don’t have their stubby holder at Club events. It is going to be very difficult to fill Bertie and Joanne’s places next year. They have contributed significantly and will be greatly missed. We wish them all the best for the future in Europe.

One of our Home Games was held at Bankstown Oval. This meant that we had to run our first canteen for some years in unfamiliar surroundings. We raised around \$400 from this event. Many thanks to all of those who helped out on the day.

None of the events above just happened by themselves or were run by any one individual. It was a fantastic team effort by all of the committee members. It is hard to single out individuals. They all deserve the three votes for best on ground. **Phil Bester** was tireless in his efforts to ensure the success of all events. He chased players to assist at events, organised seating, followed up on details and acted as a gentle prodder to ensure that I fulfilled my obligations.

**Scott Abercrombie, Ryan Madden, Ben** and **Allison Yerbury, Daniel** and **Joanne Bylsma, Matt Williams** and **Rowan Bilkey** all played major roles in the success of the committee. Plus **Tim Physick, Michael Butterworth** and **Meagan Francis**. They really wanted to be successful and by any measure they were. From organising prizes, arranging tickets, sorting out seating, liaising with various organisations, collecting money, chasing blokes for commitments, etc, etc, this group were determined to make things happen. **Craig Abercrombie**, as usual, lent his expertise to making the events a success.

A special thanks goes to **Vince Thomas** and Blueys for their support throughout the year. Blueys is an ideal venue for some of our Club events and we are most fortunate to have an excellent relationship with management.

Another very special vote of thanks goes to **Craig Barber** of the Corus Hotel. Without the help of Craig we would not have raised the vast majority of our income. He was generous with his time and provided us with the venue for two of our biggest events. Along with this, the Corus donated \$40 each time a room booking was made at the Corus through the special Eagles deal. The Club is indeed indebted to Craig and his Hotel.

It has been a most successful year from this committee's perspective. The young members are taking over from some of the older Club members, which is great to see. The enthusiasm of the group was marvellous and the club is in good hands for the future.

Corus hotel Sydney



## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

We acknowledge and thank the following persons and organisations for their support during 2003.

- CEO **Trevor Nisbett** and the Board of the West Coast Eagles. In particular **Stephen Nash** for all his guidance and support.
- **The AFL (NSW / ACT) Commission** headed up by the Chief Executive Officer **John Livy** and the staff of the Australian Football League (NSW/ACT).
- **The Sydney AFL Umpires Association** who continue to provide significant input into the growth and development of our competition.
- The Presidents and their committees of all Northside Junior clubs and the coaches and managers of all Northside rep teams.
- The Honourable **John Watkins MP**, who accepted our offer of #1 Ticket Holder in 2003.
- **Joe & Julie Laviano** at Colonial Print & Copy for the printing of this Year Book.
- **The Hills News** and in particular **Jessica Bardetta** for their support in always finding space and time for the East Coast Eagles.
- **Craig Abercrombie** at Digital Sports for the hours spent on the upkeep of the Eagles website.
- **The Macquarie University Sports Association** for their great support in relation to the use of their excellent facility. Special thanks in this regard to **Deidre Anderson, Jock and Jay**.
- **Vince Thomas** and **Bluey's** for their generous weekly best player awards redeemable at Blueys for meals.
- **Craig Barber** and the **Sydney Corus Hotel** staff for their generous offer of the East Coast accommodation package and of course the wonderful and profitable Auction night held in August.

## SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS

The Club extends congratulations to the following members, players and teams on their special achievements in 2003.

- **Trevor Hangan** for his inclusion in the Balmain Team of the Century as the Strategic assistant Coach.
- **Ben Rogers** for his one match haul of 18 goals in Round 14 against Greater West, which assisted in his overall tally of 65 goals.
- **Matt Leeds** for his inclusion in the ACT/NSW RAMS and the state side for the National carnival in Melbourne.
- **Simon Marshall** for his selection as a finalist in the Baulkham Hills Shire Council Sportsman of the Year Award.
- **UNSW / East Sydney** for their First Grade Premiership success in the Sydney AFL.
- **Oscar**, for his 13<sup>th</sup> successive year in assisting with the cleanup of all food at all grounds without ever once being asked.

## PRESIDENT'S AWARD

### PREVIOUS WINNERS (Including BHAFC recipients)

1984	<b>Anne &amp; Bill McLeod</b>	1994	<b>Jake Armstrong</b>
1985	<b>Pam &amp; Bruce Johnson</b>	1995	<b>Paul Madden</b>
1986	<b>Andy McPhee</b>	1996	<b>Greg Fisher</b>
1987	<b>Terry Stephenson</b>	1997	<b>Laima Physick &amp; Samantha Edmunds</b>
1988	<b>Rob Stone</b>	1998	<b>John Evernden</b>
1989	<b>David Grace</b>	1999	<b>Craig Abercrombie</b>
1990	<b>Laurel, Ross, Craig &amp; Scott Abercrombie</b>	2000	<b>Graeme Merkel</b>
1991	<b>Doug Scholz</b>	2001	<b>Geoff Cottee</b>
1992	<b>Robyn Maughan</b>	2002	<b>Stephen Nash</b>
1993	<b>Henry Yeates</b>		

Some famous names are listed above. Some of those people still maintain their connection with the Eagles and some cannot for various reasons. This award is specifically targeted at people who do more than is expected each and every week through the real footy season and the so called "off season".

The President's award is where I get the chance to acknowledge one person who has done so much to keep the Club in shape and up and running.

It is said that lightning doesn't strike twice in any one place.

In the case of The President's Award that holds true. Up until this year anyway. Since its inception in 1984, no one person has ever been honoured with the prestigious President's Award twice. Craig Abercrombie perhaps was the closest when his entire family won in 1990 and then he individually took out the Award in 1999.

The Club should be truly indebted to this year's winner and I am honoured to announce that **Graeme Merkel** is the 2003 President's Award recipient. When Graeme and Viv decided to return to Sydney from Albury late in 2002, I knew that he would provide a tower of strength to our Committee's efforts to achieve a winning culture at East Coast. Whilst that hasn't happened overnight, I honestly believe it is very reasonable to expect that what Graeme has put in place already and what he has planned for the 2004 season, will provide an enormous springboard to achieve our goals.



It is doubtful that any one person could possibly spend the time and effort that Graeme has done in his capacity of Football Operations Manager this year. I say year, because in Graeme's mind there is no "season". We might play football between April and September, but it is the full 12 months of the year that he tirelessly devotes his energies to the Club.

I cannot think of a more worthy winner and the decision for 2003 was a very easy one in my mind. I am truly delighted he is part of our Club and congratulate him on being this year's 2003 President's Award recipient.

### **PETER PHYSICK**



# CLUB PERSON OF THE YEAR

## PREVIOUS WINNERS (Including BHAFC recipients)

1989	<b>John Mitchell</b>	1996	<b>John Meldrum</b>
1990	<b>Warren Quintrell</b>	1997	<b>Matthew Frost</b>
1991	<b>Lindsay Mayo</b>	1998	<b>Richard Lee</b>
1992	<b>Trevor Hangan</b>	1999	<b>Peter Physick</b>
1993	<b>Greg Crosby</b>	2000	<b>Craig Abercrombie</b>
1994	<b>Mick Brazel</b>	2001	<b>Ryan Madden</b>
1995	<b>Garry Hutchinson</b>	2002	<b>Jan Frost &amp; Scott Abercrombie</b>

A sporting body such as ours is made up of many teams, both on and off the field.

The Coach and the players will ultimately determine our finishing position on the Premiership ladder, but it is the off field team that determines how we finish up in the race to present a Club that we and the Sydney AFL community can be proud of.

The Club Person of the Year is someone who very quietly goes about their tasks and often it is not known by many, just how much they do to ensure the Club survives and prospers.



One such contributor to the Eagles in 2003 who has taken on a multitude of tasks and performed them without fanfare or any search for reward (other than success) is our 2003 Club Person of the Year **Phil Bester**.

Phil took on the task of Chairman of Selectors and worked tirelessly with the coaching staff and match committee to analyse and agonise over selection dilemmas. Often the hard call had to be made to drop players, but equally there were those very pleasant moments when a player was informed of his debut in First Grade.

In addition, Phil continued with his duties as the Reserve Grade runner and was always at the ground in time to watch the U/18's and keep an eye on emerging talent.

Off the field Phil enthusiastically contributed to the Fund Raising committee and was an integral member of the team which designed and executed the enormously successful Corus Hotel Auction night. He attended every event held in the Club this year and more than likely had a hand in shaping the outcome of the evening from an organisational and financial point of view.

Phil only joined us two years ago when he moved up from Victoria. May he stay for many years yet as a member and supporter of the East Coast Eagles.



## THE EAGLES' AWARD

### PREVIOUS WINNERS (Including BHAFC recipients) (Formerly known as The Falcons' Award)

1996	<b>Paul &amp; Karen Madden</b>	2000	<b>Alan Brotherston</b>
1997	<b>Rodney Clarke</b>	2001	<b>Scott Gatte</b>
1998	<b>Debby Jackson &amp; Warren Quintrell</b>	2002	<b>Not awarded</b>
1999	<b>Graeme Bleus</b>		

This award was introduced to cater for the growth in the Club and to acknowledge people who do so much behind the scenes. We have many such volunteers who we trust are recognised in the various team and committee reports.

However it is important to recognise very special and largely unheralded work from certain individuals. In 2003 we have two such people.



**Ellen Hawes** has been our physiotherapist for the last two seasons and has been a significant contributor to our playing staff. Her professional approach to her duties, her personal care and follow-up interest in our players, her valuable written reports to the Executive and Match Committees have been of immeasurable benefit to the Coaching staff, the players and the Club.

Midway during the season Ellen announced that in order to further her career, she had accepted a position in Bathurst. But that didn't stop her from returning when she could to care for her beloved players.

The East Coast Football Club has certainly been enhanced by Ellen's involvement.



**Michael Pilkington** doesn't have any sons playing with the Eagles. Yet. However Mike has been a tower of strength to East Coast across a number of years. He is a larger than life character, who together with his wife Sheryl and their company Taxi Clothing, continue to provide for our Club where they can.

Mike is, or was, a dyed in the wool Fitzroy supporter who lost his heart when that Club merged with Brisbane. However his passion for football was ignited again when he moved to Sydney some years ago and found that there is life after the Roys. East Coast Eagles are his "new Fitzroy" and when business commitments permit, he is there to support grass roots football in this city.

He generously supports our Club in a variety of ways, including the U/18's whose version of their Players' Player trophy is called the "Pilko Award". We have chosen to name the new U/18 Best & Fairest perpetual trophy after Mike & Sheryl.

The Club is honoured to have such a quality person associated with us.

## GOALKICKING

### East Coast Eagles

#### PREVIOUS WINNERS (Including BHAFC recipients) (Goals kicked in brackets)

1990	<b>Steven Brown (59)</b>	1997	<b>Ryan Madden (105)</b>
1991	<b>Peter Sheehan (91)</b>	1998	<b>Ryan Madden (27)</b>
1992	<b>Glen Johnston (117)</b>	1999	<b>Michael Scicchitano (33)</b>
1993	<b>Jason Crawford (45)</b>	2000	<b>Jason Crawford (25)</b>
1994	<b>Greg Lake (41)</b>	2001	<b>Gus Seebeck (47)</b>
1995	<b>Jason Westerbrink (63)</b>	2002	<b>Travis Hall (32)</b>
1996	<b>Ben Physick &amp; Daniel Graham (45)</b>		

The Leading Goalkicker in the Club was for many years awarded to the player who kicked the most across all our grades of footy, no matter where they played or how often. A couple of years ago we changed that to recognise 1st Grade senior goals only.

2003 was a year in which 26 different players kicked goals. We lacked a true goalkicking forward who could be classed as the “go to player” hence the midfielders and rucks and rovers needed to chime in and kick the goals.



It was one of those “runners” (and the fastest one without a doubt) who has taken out the Leading Goalkicker Award for 2003 – **Luke Stanford** with 30 goals.

Luke had a wonderful first year with the Eagles culminating in several other prestigious awards in Runner Up to the Club Champion and being selected as the inaugural East Coast Rising Star.

Leading goalkickers in Reserve and the U/18 grades were as follows:

Reserve Grade    **Matthew Nichol (35)**    Under 18's    **Ben Rogers (65)**

### Baulkham Hills Falcons (Juniors)

#### HISTORICAL RECORD

(Goals kicked in brackets)

1986	<b>Andrew Wilson (92)</b>	1995	<b>Shaun Armstrong (64)</b>
1987	<b>Shaun Miles (134)</b>	1996	<b>Jarrold Fisher &amp; Ben Durnian (26)</b>
1988	<b>Shaun Miles (108)</b>	1997	<b>Mark Leahy (77)</b>
1989	<b>Season disrupted due to wet weather</b>	1998	<b>Mark Leahy (50)</b>
1990	<b>Evan Teedla (87)</b>	1999	<b>Trent Goodrem (56)</b>
1991	<b>Dion Miles (71)</b>	2000	<b>Josh Duncan (89)</b>
1992	<b>Lachlan Pascoe (50)</b>	2001	<b>Trent Goodrem (76)</b>
1993	<b>Stuart Wynn (45)</b>	2002	<b>Josh Duncan (112)</b>
1994	<b>Lachlan Pascoe (123)</b>	2003	<b>Jared Patira (68)</b>

## FOOTBALLER OF THE YEAR

*This award has always automatically gone to the winner of the Best & Fairest trophy in First Grade. The Club Executive chose to introduce revised assessment criteria from 1999 onwards, thus allowing any East Coast player to win. This trophy will now be awarded to that player who displays exemplary form both on and off the field in relation to overall Club contribution.*

### PREVIOUS WINNERS

1990	<b>Mick Toy</b>	1997	<b>Rodney Frost</b>
1991	<b>David Reed</b>	1998	<b>Jarrold Crosby</b>
1992	<b>Doug Scholz</b>	1999	<b>Jarrold Crosby</b>
1993	<b>Greg Lake</b>	2000	<b>Jarrold Crosby</b>
1994	<b>Graham Jones</b>	2001	<b>Gus Seebeck</b>
1995	<b>Graham Jones</b>	2002	<b>Daniel Bylsma</b>
1996	<b>Shaun Edmunds</b>		

This year's East Coast Footballer of the Year is **Dan Gaunt**.



Dan joined the Club late in 2002 when he arrived at pre season training in November, having been transferred in his employment to Sydney. Little was known about him, but we certainly knew that we wanted to secure him for season 2003.

As November grew into March and Round 1 approached, the Match Committee needed to appoint their Senior Captain. Michael Knuppel had observed Dan from afar and noticed the leadership qualities that lay deep within him. There was no doubt that **Dan Gaunt** would be appointed as the East Coast Eagles Captain.

Dan spent the season frustrated with increasing work commitments that were to often keep him away from Sydney mid week. However his commitment to the cause, the Club and his team, saw Dan make the effort to drive to Sydney (from Canberra or country NSW) after work had concluded, to train with his teammates. And drive back again that same evening!

He spent countless hours on the phone with his coach to analyse where improvement could take place (not in his own game) but that of the team.

We are proud to have Dan Gaunt as our Captain and congratulate him on the honour of being selected as the Footballer of the year for 2003.

### The respective "Best and Fairest" in each East Coast Eagles team are:

Club Champion	Winner	<b>Clint Austerberry</b>
	Runner Up	<b>Luke Stanford</b>
Bill McLeod Medal	Winner	<b>Andre Sliwka</b>
	Runner Up	<b>Julian Kasby</b>
Under 18's	Winner	<b>Stephen Davidson</b>
	Runner Up	<b>Chris Cottee</b>

## FALCONS' FOOTBALLER OF THE YEAR

### HISTORICAL RECORD

1983	Scott Fraser	1994	Jason Duss & Ben Physick
1984	Kevin Kirk	1995	James Vassett
1985	Darren Conroy	1996	Michael Murrell
1986	Kevin Kirk	1997	Trent Goodrem & Michael Murrell
1987	Dion Miles	1998	Tim Kear
1988	Matthew Frost (Under 19)	1999	Trent Goodrem
1989	Not Awarded. Season disrupted due to wet weather.	2000	Joshua Duncan
1990	Bret Baker	2001	Joshua Duncan
1991	Dion Myles	2002	Joshua Duncan
1992	Mark MacLean	2003	Anthony Bishop
1993	Shaun Armstrong & Matthew Burton		

## BEST & FAIREST HISTORY

YEAR	UNDER 18's	RESERVES	FIRST GRADE
*1988	Matthew Frost	N/A	N/A
*1989	Paul Eastman	N/A	Scott Jones
*1990	Adam Stone	Andrew Brice	Michael Toy
*1991	Gavin Twining	Paul Eastman	David Reed
*1992	Bradley Hogan	Darren Edmonds	Doug Scholz
*1993	Dion Myles	Scott Fraser	Greg Lake
*1994	Wayne Pobje	Bradley Hogan	Graham Jones
*1995	Matthew Spencer	Scott Fraser	Graham Jones
*1996	Ryan Meldrum	Mick Brazel	Shaun Edmunds
*1997	Nathan Hearnese	Mick Brazel	Rodney Frost
*1998	Steve Jackson	Todd Batson	Jarrold Crosby
*1999	Matthew Phillips	Rodney Deaves	Jarrold Crosby
2000	Ryan Fitton	Jason Crawford	Steve Cutler
2001	Mark Leahy	Tim Physick	Clint Austerberry
2002	Daniel Murrell	Daniel Bylsma	Clint Austerberry
2003	Stephen Davidson	Andre Sliwka	Clint Austerberry

\* refers to the Club playing as the Baulkham Hills Falcons

In 1988, 89, 93, 94 & 1995 the competition was U/19's

In 1990, 91 & 1992 the competition was U/20's

1993 was the first year the Falcons played in the Sydney AFL.

## FOOTBALL OPERATIONS MANAGER

### Graeme Merkel



In his first year as Senior Coach, **Michael Knuppel's** efforts were extremely gratifying. Coming to the Club without the benefit of experiencing any football in Sydney AFL, or knowing the abilities of any of the players, he attacked his task with gusto. Looking at video tapes of games, asking lots of questions, talking to players and using his astute knowledge of the game to assess their abilities on the training track, he was soon able to evaluate playing talent and what was required to be done to enhance it.

Michael formulated a playing plan for the Club and conducted player meetings and training sessions to put this plan into place. Despite the difficulties of having to meld numerous new players into the Club and fine-tune the characteristics of existing players, there is no doubt that by the end of the year, players were starting to play the style required. The effort he put into match planning and preparation was outstanding. A great base has been built to take the Club into season 2004.

**Dan Gaunt** in his inaugural year with the Club was nominated by the Match Committee and appointed as Club Captain. What an inspired choice this was. Dan led the way in commitment and earned the respect of all players through word and deed. His leadership both on and off the field was exemplary.

At the start of the year we welcomed a number of new players to the Club in all grades, all of whom added to the on field capability of the three teams. Of these players, **Dan Gaunt, Darren Chapman, Rohan Ritchie, Josh Ryder, Luke Stanford, Matt McConvill, Mitch Ede** and **Tim Hillman** all played impressively in First Grade during the year. We look forward to their continued support and that of all players next year

A new performance based system of payments to First Grade players was introduced this year. In short, the ten best players, other than contracted players, are rewarded (as per the Best and Fairest results) on a sliding scale, per game they play. All other First Grade players for the year are paid an amount based on the position the team finishes on the ladder and the number of games they play. This team incentive component only comes into play if the team finishes in the final four. Unfortunately for those players and the Club, this did not happen this year.

The Reserve Grade team once again made the final series but unfortunately were defeated by one point in the Preliminary Final, thus denying them the chance of playing in their second successive Grand Final. Throughout the year many players progressed through the team and played in First Grade and those that weren't selected, certainly kept the pressure on the First Grade players to retain their places.

The Under 18's performed very well throughout the season, losing only three games in the home and away matches but like the Reserves, were also defeated in the Preliminary Final. A pleasing aspect of this team was that four players were selected to play multiple games in First Grade during the year and several others played regularly in Reserve Grade. All of these players who played at a senior level

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acquitted themselves very well showing that they were well prepared by the coaching staff and that they will develop into regular First Grade players in the future.

I would like to thank Chairman of Selectors, **Phil Bester** and his Selection Committee for the many hours of behind the scenes work they put in this year. I know the selection process was usually commenced by Monday morning and many e-mails were exchanged between the selectors during the week to ensure the best possible team for the particular match was picked.

This Club is blessed with the very best in physiotherapy services with **Ellen Hawes** and **Matt Stewart** in charge. Ellen's commitment and dedication to the players' welfare and injury recovery was very much appreciated by all at the Club. Her regular written injury reports to the coaches each Monday was of great assistance to them. When Ellen was unable to attend training or match days, her place was taken by Matt, a very experienced and highly regarded sports physiotherapist. Matt also provided Ellen with valued support and advice throughout the year.

It is with regret that we must say farewell to **Mark Richardson** after several years with the Club as our fitness and nutritional expert. His expertise and professionalism in this area has benefited the Club enormously. I can confidently say that, not only has he impressed those at this Club, but also his counterparts at West Coast Eagles. We wish Mark all the best in his future endeavours and thank him for his outstanding efforts.

I would also like to thank all 2003 coaches and Managers for their endeavours. In particular, I thank **Mick Knuppel** for his support, enthusiasm and work ethic. His communication to me of all matters pertaining to the teams throughout the year made my job very satisfying.



## UNDER 18's

**Coach – Trevor Hangan**  
**Assistant Coach – Paul Eastman**  
**Runner - Bruce Stokes**  
**Manager - Alan Brotherston**

Played 18      Wins 13      Losses 5      Final position Third  
**TROPHY WINNERS**

<i>Best and Fairest</i>	<b>Stephen Davidson</b>
<i>Runner Up</i>	<b>Chris Cottee</b>
<i>Coach's Award</i>	<b>Ashley Loxton</b>
<i>Best Player in Finals</i>	<b>Jared Madden</b>
<i>Most Consistent</i>	<b>Craig Stokes</b>
<i>Pilkington Award</i>	<b>Stephen Davidson</b>



Although the U/18's did "RISE UP" in 2003 to make the Preliminary Final, it was a disappointing conclusion to the year. With the team undefeated in the first ten matches and Pennant Hills one of the scalps, all looked to be in place for a Grand Final appearance until the nemesis of the team, North Shore bombed the Eagles out of the finals in the two appearances against them.

There were many pleasing aspects in terms of player development including:-

- Four players, **Mitchell Ede**, **Timothy Hillman**, **Stuart McKinley** and **Ben Rogers** all "rose up" to debut in the seniors and three of them were still only sixteen years old.
- **Ben Rogers** finished third in the league medal and also picked up votes in the senior medal as well.
- One U/16 Falcon, **Jared Patira** made his U/18 debut in 2003.
- Nineteen of the thirty one players used in 2003 are still eligible for next season.
- **Ben Rogers** the smallest and youngest player in the team finished 2nd highest goal scorer in the competition. He also managed to kick 18 goals in a match against Greater West.

**Les Jarjoura** decided to follow his son Luke by taking on a senior coaching role with Western Suburbs, so was lost to the Eagles having been on board since inception. As the team approached the finals, the highly experienced **Paul Eastman** was drafted into the camp to provide another pair of eyes.

The team got off to a great start to the season with 10 wins on the trot with the first loss of the season came at the hands of Wollongong when the long trip and some strange umpiring decisions went against the Eagles.

Amongst the many scalps for the season was the eventual premiers in Pennant Hills but it was the North Shore side that continued to have the wood over the Eagles when they won all three matches played during the season. The most thrilling match



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for the season was a one point defeat at Norths home paddock Gore Hill Oval.

The Eagles ended up third on the ladder having twelve wins and three losses for the season. A second semi final revenge win against Wollongong set up the qualifying final against North Shore.

The team maintained high spirits throughout the season and were capably led by the captain **Daniel Madden** who unfortunately had many work and personal commitments which interrupted his training sessions during the season. The appointed vice captains were **Jared Madden** and **Nathan Peters** who were both 2002 Redbacks returning to the Eagles fold. Another Redback premiership player to join the Eagles in 2003 was ruckman **Sam Wood** who was also moved to the forward line to provide a tall option.

**Jared Madden** along with **Sam Brotherston** celebrated the magnificent milestone of 200 games with the combined Falcons and Eagles in round 10 against UNSW-ES. Jared had a great season taking many fine marks and kicking strongly to players in forward positions. Sam improved dramatically and made the back pocket his position from mid season. They both featured in a strong Eagles backline

Five players, namely **Chris Cottee**, **Stephen Davidson**, **Ashley Loxton**, **Nathan Peters** and **Craig Stokes** took to the oval in every U/18 match this season. **Simon Marshall** started the season in the U/18's but was grabbed early on by the Reserves and **Matthew Leeds** was always going to feature with the Rams or Eagles seniors so was never counted on as an U/18. **Stephen Davidson** was again one of the midfield dynamos who had a magnificent season and really should have been considered for a senior chance. Stephen's outstanding form took him to the Best & Fairest Trophy.

As expected **Craig Stokes** was a major force in 2003 and thankfully had an injury free season, so will come back even stronger for his final year in U/18's. It seems like an eternity for Craig who originally played when only aged 14, along with his brother Scott. Fellow Central Coast players in **Tom Baldwin**, **Mitchell Ede** and **Tim Hillman** created many Eagles' opportunities and have big futures in the game. Mitchell was given a chance with the Redbacks and Tim suffered hand injuries which prevented him playing a major role in the Firsts but this turned out to be a blessing for the U/18's when he returned just before the end of the season to strengthen the midfield. Tom joined the Eagles after one game when he realised he could transfer to a stronger club and fitted excellently into the team, becoming one of the main contributors in team discussions. He also had a lovely time bonding with the team during a mid year end of exam three day get together.

After a season interrupted by study and illness **Jeremy Kean** will play a significant part in the seniors in 2004 if he gets along to more training sessions. He has the potential for greater things with his strong attack of the ball and probing handballs to players in better positions.

**Chris Cottee** did get his favoured #14 when **Brad Ure** dropped out of contention after preferring to concentrate on basketball. Chris had a stellar season dominating most opponents and only needs to improve his discipline to be a walk up start in any future Eagle teams. Brad will hopefully be back on the pre season track to take over the #14 jumper in the U/18's in 2004.

Both **Luke Austin** and **Ryan Hogg** decided to take up other interests and **Quentin Ellis** suffered a season ending injury which was a disappointment as he had been coming into good form prior to the skiing holiday accident. **Ashley Loxton** returned from an overseas holiday to play a significant role in the Eagles' quest for success and he along with **Adam Lovett** who also played a major part in the team, can look

forward to moving up the ranks next season.

**Sam Wood** participated in most of the pre season workouts and played mostly in the ruck, but was also switched to full forward to provide some extra impetus when goals were scarce. He was extremely disappointed to have limited game time in the preliminary final and will be out to prove a point in 2004.

New players to the Club and to football in 2003 were **Mitchell Clark** who made a strong impression on the team by sharing the ruck duties and **Chris Tomlin** who is a strong tackler and shows a fine turn of pace. They will both need to put in strong pre-seasons to enable them to make the step up the ranks in 2003.

**Stuart McKinley** was a dominating force with his strong attack at the ball and darting away from opponents to produce snap goals from many tight angles until he was injured. He was mainly played off the bench in the finals. Stuart was also given a start in the seniors and contributed well in the limited time he was given.

**Mark Griggs** showed some good form towards the end of the season but to enable him to play up in the next level and get more game time in 2004, he will need to attack the ball with more vigour and remove any negative talk.

Both the **Chris's** in **Wynne** and **Coakley** had limited opportunities but will both come back stronger than ever next season for another crack with the U/18's. **Liam Mulligan** and **Brett Rizzo** will also play bigger roles in 2003 having learned a lot in the season just completed. **David Walsh** made a huge difference to the strength of the backline for the limited time he was available and may need to set some priorities in 2004. **Andrew Slimmon** continued his enthusiasm being a chief water carrier on game days and assisting with training drills during the week. The players appreciated his efforts immensely.

The off field support from parents and friend's was much appreciated and some need special mention for their contributions. **Mirella Mulligan** and **Geoff Cottee** for time keeping, **Ian McKinley** for goal umpiring, **Ian Rogers** for statistics, (what do you mean you do not have individual player stats) and the reliable barefooted **Ron Ellis** for boundary umpiring. But an extra special effort was again put in by **Bruce Stokes** who performed the runner's duties once again and also assisted with training. **Paul Madden** also assisted with time keeping or goal umpiring if required.

**Mike Pilkington** again put his hand up as the major team sponsor and the players really look forward to those match day best player awards. Although Mike was unable to attend all games due to work and his own son's football commitments he was always the first on the phone to find out the score.

**Tim Lee** did a great job looking after all the football equipment and first aid supply needs including late night or early morning drops offs. Thanks to **Nathan Halliday** who put his hand up for ensuring strapping and vital medical treatment was on hand and also his able assistant in **Ryan Madden**.

Last of all to **John Evernden**, **Graham Merkel** and **Peter Physick** who continue to excel in the off field management and deserve better from all the teams who take the oval in Eagles colours each week.

At the time of going to press the make up of the U/18 support team is unknown for next season but there is much to look forward to with a new batch of players to join those who remain from 2003.

**Alan Brotherston** (Team Manager) and **Trevor Hangan** (coach)

**U/18**

**Match Statistics**

NAME	2003 GAMES	TOTAL EAGLES <u>FIRST GRADE</u> GAMES	TOTAL CLUB * GAMES	2003 GOALS
Daniel Madden	17	-	248	12
Chris Cottee	18	-	218	3
Sam Brotherston	16	-	210	-
Jared Madden	16	-	209	4
Quentin Ellis	11	-	170	-
Chris Coakley	14	-	160	3
Chris Wynne	15	-	143	2
Luke Austin	3	-	139	2
Mark Griggs	17	-	132	2
Craig Stokes	18	-	107	5
Sam Wood	17	-	93	6
Stuart McKinley	15	2	89	30
Liam Mulligan	14	-	88	-
Ashley Loxton	17	-	81	1
David Walsh	7	-	79	1
Brett Rizzo	13	-	78	3
Ben Rogers	15	5	77	65
Nathan Peters	18	-	62	38
Simon Marshall	2	4	61	1
Ryan Hogg	7	-	58	-
Jeremy Kean	14	-	51	3
Stephen Davidson	18	-	44	30
Adam Lovett	17	-	36	12
Liam Patira	11	-	29	5
Jared Patira	3	-	23	-
Mitchell Ede	12	3	18	-
Tom Baldwin	17	-	17	9
Mitchell Clarke	17	-	17	3
Tim Hillman	7	3	13	1
Chris Tomlin	8	-	8	-

\* Refers to total club games played for Baulkham Hills Falcons and East Coast Eagles.



## U/18 SEASON RESULTS

ROUND	AGAINST	RESULT	SCORES	
1	Campbelltown	Win	18-15 (123)	5-3 (33)
2	Greater West	Win	18-9 (117)	8-5 (53)
3	UNSW/ES	Win	15-14 (104)	6-6 (42)
4	<b>Washed Out</b>			
5	Pennant Hills	Win	4-4 (28)	2-6 (18)
6	Western Suburbs	Win	14-5 (89)	9-4 (58)
7	Redbacks	Win	10-12 (72)	4-10 (34)
8	Campbelltown	Win	20-15 (135)	1-3 (9)
9	Southern Sharks	Win	12-14 (86)	5-8 (38)
10	UNSW/ES	Win	17-10 (112)	4-4 (28)
11	Wollongong	Loss	6-3 (39)	8-6 (54)
12	Western Suburbs	Win	22-15 (147)	4-4 (28)
13	North Shore	Loss	12-4 (76)	12-5 (77)
14	Greater West	Win	28-13 (181)	0-2 (2)
15	Balmain	Win	18-24 (132)	3-2 (20)
16	Redbacks	Loss	6-6 (42)	9-11 (65)
Qualifying Final	North Shore	Loss	8-5 (53)	8-13 (61)
1 <sup>st</sup> Semi final	Wollongong	Win	10-10 (70)	4-6 (30)
Prelim Final	North Shore	Loss	3-5 (23)	6-8 (44)

## RESERVE GRADE

**Coach – Scott Abercrombie**



Played 19      Wins 13

**Manager – Ross Abercrombie**



Losses 6      Final Position Third

### TROPHY WINNERS

*Best and Fairest*  
*Runner Up*  
*Best Team Player*  
*Most Improved*  
*Players' Player*

**Andre Sliwka**  
**Julian Kasby**  
**Jason Duss**  
**Liam Madden**  
**Jason Duss**  
**Simon Marshall**

Some may look at the final results of the East Coast Eagles Reserve Grade team in 2003 and think that the season could only be looked at as a failure, considering the heights reached by the team in 2002. And at 2.00 pm on the 14<sup>th</sup> of Sept. when the siren sounded to leave us two points short of making the Grand Final, I was inclined to agree with them. However, the more I thought about it after the game and was able to remove myself from the emotion of the loss, my thinking began to change.

As a coach you are told to use emotion to your advantage but never let it cloud your judgement. Decisions and evaluations should be made, wherever possible, without the presence of the emotions of the moment. It is only when you apply this thinking to the 2003 season that you begin to see things for what they really were.

After the Preliminary Final loss, all I could think of or focus on, were things which had happened in that game and the final result, which is what led me to begin to think that the season may have been a failure. However in evaluating the season, I must consider all the events of the year and not just one isolated incident. When I sit back and do this I begin to see that the season was anything but a failure.

The 2003 season saw a number of changes in personnel due to retirements and players moving on, as well as the inclusion of a number of new players to the squad who came up from last year's Under 18's, or were new to the club. Also, the recruitment to the club of a number of First Grade players saw players who previously would have played in the top grade on a regular basis, visiting the Reserves a little more often. This all meant that a lot of players had to get used to playing with each other as well as to a slightly different game plan in a short period of time.

All this was helped along by the work of **Michael Knuppel**, 2003 Senior Coach, who although he came on board after pre-season had started, was instrumental in ensuring that all players started to gel as a club and began to get an idea of what the

new game plan would be. I would like to take this moment to thank Mick for his assistance and support this season. It made my job a lot easier. I have learnt a lot from Mick this season and look forward to working with him again in the future.

On an individual player level, the season saw all players improve in some way as footballers but some individuals do deserve mention for their efforts throughout the season. Congratulations to **Andre Sliwka** on winning the Bill McLeod Medal. Andre's start to the season was exceptional and if not for some late season injuries he probably would have won by more votes.

For **Julian Kasby** to be the Runner-up in the medal shows how good he can be for this club. "Kas" was playing only his first full season of senior football and got better and better as the season went on. He may have been a victim of his own good form as a number of best on ground performances at the end of the season saw him play the last game in First Grade and may have cost himself the Medal. His performance in this game only proved what the Match Committee thought in that Julian has the tools to be a very good First Grade player for this club.

After the disappointment of missing out on selection in last year's Premiership team, **Liam Madden** showed great character this season to come back and produce what I believe to be his best season of football. Liam has finally come to terms with his body and now has a better understanding of how to use it to his advantage. "Puppy" became a bit of a Mr Fixit during the season and was used in a number of positions, which he accepted and was only interested in doing his bit for the team. It is this kind of attitude that will see him continue to improve and mature as a footballer. He is a worthy recipient of the Most Improved Trophy.

While talking about improved footballers, it would be unfair of me not to also mention another player who had to overcome the disappointment of missing out on selection last year. **Jeremy Pell** had an outstanding season this year and if not for injury would have been an automatic selection in this year's finals teams. His enthusiasm for both game day and especially training are something that more seasoned players can take example from. Congratulations on your season "Jezza".

**Jason Duss** this year probably spent more time in Reserve Grade than he wanted to but as a testament to the type of team player that he is, no-one ever really heard much about it, at least not from him. Jason became a very important player to Reserve Grade in the early part of the season and never complained about where he was playing or what he was being asked to do. "Dussy" was always positive and gave the younger players a lot of advice and confidence through the way he handled himself in what would have been an awkward time for him personally. It was great to see him force his way back into First Grade late in the season. Congratulations Dussy on both the Best Team Player Award and the Players Player.

For a player to play his first full season of senior football can sometimes be very daunting. If that player is still eligible to play under age football, the temptation to only give him a few games and play the majority in the younger team is great. At the beginning of the year **Simon Marshall** came to the Match Committee and asked to be considered not as an Under 18 who might play a few games up, but as a senior player who had the luxury of being able to play U/18's if he was not good enough to be picked. This in itself shows Simon's willingness to improve and become as good as he can be. For him to earn the respect of his peers and win the Players Player award with Dussy, shows that in time he has the ability to become a key to this club. He has some way to go but he has gotten off to a good start.

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These players had outstanding seasons and fully deserve their awards but the true sense of the success of the season is realised when you look at the whole squad and what it achieved. This year's team was always going to be compared to the 2002 Premiership side. Somewhat unfairly when you actually look at the squad.

In 2003 we had 20 players play with the side that were not involved in the 2002 finals. Of these, seven were either first year out of U/18's or still eligible to play U/18's, plus we also had six new players to the club. When you incorporate these figures with the fact that there were 11 players from last year's Premiership side who were not available for selection due to retirement, injury or had moved up to First Grade, you begin to see how successful this year's side really was. And with the number of good young footballers coming through, how good it can be in the years to come while still providing players to the First Grade side.

This year would not have been possible for me personally without the help of a number of people. Firstly I would like to thank the club and the committee for allowing me the opportunity to again coach the Reserves and I hope that the opportunity will present itself again next year.

To **Mick Knuppel** and the Match Committee - **Phil Bester** (COS), **Mark Horan** (OMM), **Gus Seebeck** (AMM) and **Trevor Hangan** (U/18 Coach), it has been a pleasure working with you this year and I have learnt a lot.

Thanks to "**Philby**", "**Berty**" and "**Stringer**" for their assistance on match day ..... it would have been impossible without you.

To the best Manager I have ever been the son of .... thanks for taking all the worry of the off field stuff away from me. It will be missed next year **Rosscoe**.

To **Tim Lee**, **Ellen Hawes**, **Matt Stewart**, **Rudi Bylsma** and anyone else who helped with strapping and water running, thanks for keeping us all together at training and on game days.

To **Craig Abercrombie** for allowing me the time out of work to make sure I did the best job possible. It is greatly appreciated and I hope things work out that we can get you back involved next year.

And finally to all the players, partners and supporters of the East Coast Eagles Football Club, I would like to thank you for your assistance and good wishes throughout the season. It makes the cold training nights and long days at the footy all worthwhile knowing that I have your support.

Through my 19 year involvement with the club I have seen some good times and some bad times but I don't think I have seen a more exciting time for the Club. With the re - appointment of **Mick Knuppel** for next year and the maintenance of the majority of the playing staff with some good recruiting, the future looks bright. This being the case, the only thing that is holding us back is how hard we are willing to work to achieve on field what the administration has made possible off field. We have taken a big step this year and need to continue in the same direction next year and not be content to be happy with anything but the ultimate success on field next year.

See you all at pre-season.

**Scott Abercrombie**  
**Reserve Grade Coach**

# RESERVES

## Match Statistics

NAME	2003 GAMES	TOTAL EAGLES FIRST GRADE GAMES	TOTAL CLUB GAMES *	2003 GOALS
Scott Abercrombie	19	13	346	30
Luke McLeod	13	8	293	2
Jason Duss	13	54	281	5
Josh Harvey	6	19	277	1
Ryan Madden	14	12	255	23
Tim Physick	12	18	249	2
Rodney Frost	7	53	237	9
Liam Madden	19	-	233	-
Tim Coakley	12	4	210	15
Daniel Murrell	17	-	205	-
Dean Nankivell	3	27	188	2
Peter Bleus	14	2	186	-
Quentin Ellis	1	-	170	-
Rowan Bilkey	3	31	166	-
Stephen Bilkey	3	39	154	2
Andrew Spring	11	3	148	5
Scott Logan	12	7	112	5
Blake Ure	7	20	108	-
Daniel Bylsma	7	2	100	7
Stuart McKinley	2	2	89	2
Julian Kasby	18	1	85	3
Michael Baker	4	2	81	2
Ashley Loxton	1	-	81	-
Ben Rogers	1	5	77	4
Irwin Burbage	8	10	73	-
Simon Marshall	17	4	61	4
Richard Bilkey	14	-	57	4
Stephen Davidson	1	-	44	-
Andre Sliwka	13	7	44	18
Nathan Halliday	10	13	42	12
Adam Lovett	3	-	36	-
Craig Magnuson	16	2	35	-
Matthew Williams	3	16	35	-
Andrew Ryan	11	21	34	7
Rodney Pash	1	29	30	-
Ben Yerbury	14	4	29	13
Rhys Lavery	18	-	26	3
Matthew Nichol	13	2	24	35
Gavin Walsh	3	19	22	-
Mitchell Ede	3	3	18	-
Jeremy Pell	9	-	17	3
Andrew Baud	4	-	13	-
Tim Hillman	3	3	13	2
Nigel McCauley	11	-	11	4
Tim Fennell	5	-	5	1
Jonathan Jackson	1	-	1	-

\* Refers to total club games played for Baulkham Hills Falcons and East Coast Eagles.



**RESERVES SEASON RESULTS**

ROUND	AGAINST	RESULT	SCORES	
1	Campbelltown	Win	10-14 (74)	5-5 (35)
2	Balmain	Win	11-7 (73)	11-4 (70)
3	UNSW/ES	Win	17-14 (116)	5-5 (35)
4	<b>Washed Out</b>			
5	Pennant Hills	Loss	1-10 (16)	3-5 (23)
6	Western Suburbs	Win	14-10 (94)	3-6 (24)
7	North Shore	Loss	2-4 (16)	12-19 (91)
8	Campbelltown	Win	18-8 (116)	5-3 (33)
9	Balmain	Win	14-10 (94)	3-12 (30)
10	UNSW/ES	Win	9-13 (67)	6-9 (45)
11	St George	Win	13-13 (91)	9-4 (58)
12	Pennant Hills	Win	16-6 (102)	5-9 (39)
13	Western Suburbs	Win	10-7 (67)	7-10 (52)
14	North Shore	Loss	8-7 (55)	13-8 (86)
15	Campbelltown	Loss	10-7 (67)	11-18 (84)
16	Balmain	Win	23-10 (148)	4-6 (30)
17	UNSW/ES	Win	17-14 (116)	3-3 (21)
18	St George	Win	24-20 (164)	2-2 (14)
2nd semi final	North Shore	Loss	3-5 (23)	13-11 (89)
Prelim. Final	Pennant Hills	Loss	7-5 (47)	6-12 (48)

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# FIRST GRADE

**Coach – Michael Knuppel**



**Team Manager – Michael Butterworth**



Played 17    Wins 5    Losses 12    Final Position Sixth

**TROPHY WINNERS**

*Club Champion*  
*Runner Up*  
*Coach's Award*  
*Most Improved*  
*Rising Star*  
*Players' Player*

***Clint Austerberry***  
***Luke Stanford***  
***Ben Physick***  
***Matt Williams***  
***Luke Stanford***  
***Clint Austerberry***

It was with great honour that I accepted the opportunity to coach the East Coast Eagles in season 2003. I was fortunate to have appointed with me **Phillip Bester** as Chairman of Selectors, **Mark Horan** as Assistant Coach, **Matthew McConvill** as Assistant - playing coach, and **Scott Abercrombie** as Reserves Coach. I am very honoured to have shared this year with such knowledgeable, committed, professional and generous people with a diverse knowledge of football both in the SFL and Melbourne.

I inherited a relatively hungry group of players who perhaps lacked some self-belief and confidence and who wanted to be led towards success. Pre-season planning started in early November, and a Leadership group was established which proved effective in communicating with the Senior Match Committee. A Planning Day was held in early 2003 where Team Goals and Values were established. The playing group decided on the following:

**TEAM GOALS**

- Win every last quarter ....*
- Be in the top 4 after round 9 and play finals ....*
- Beat every opponent at least once ....*
- Win all home games ....*
- Win Respect from our opponents, supporters, and ourselves .....*

**CLUB VALUES**

- Mateship ....*
- Pride .....*
- Discipline .....*
- Commitment ...*
- Respect ....*

I believe that as a club we made substantial ground in achieving some of these goals and this was brought about by constant referral back to our values and by measuring ourselves against these values. We jumped from 9<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup>, we unearthed some exciting new talent in **Luke Stanford, Mitch Ede, Ben Rogers, Stu McKinley, Scott Logan, Tim Hillman** and **Julian Kasby**; we benefited from new recruits **Rohan Ritchie, Matt McConvill, Josh Ryder** and **Darren Chapman**. And we found a terrific leader in Captain **Dan Gaunt**. Some existing Eagles lifted to new levels, like **Ben Physick** at halfback, **Matt Arbon, Ryan Fitton, Luke McLeod, Matt Williams** and **Clint Austerberry**. We had a much healthier percentage, 89%, and won two more games. We were pretty disciplined, with only one suspension, and seemed to win the respect of the Umpiring fraternity. We had the Umpires to training, and managed to train indoors when others did not during the wet. We crushed the Premiers UNSW/ES first time, losing the other two times by just eight points and 13 points. We also beat Campbelltown comfortably twice, and they were also finalists. Who can forget the 12 unanswered goals! More importantly the spirit and camaraderie within the playing group is strong and must be the basis for further advancement in 2004.

By setting high goals we were able to aim high and each week saw this group set specific non-negotiables which, when we did achieve them, brought great satisfaction and sense of achievement. For example we set a *Team Assist* goal that, when we achieved it or over-achieved, we usually won. The more we over achieved, the greater the winning margin. Unfortunately the player group could not sustain these standards, both because we strayed at times from *commitment* and *endeavour*, and because our opponents refused to let us. But what I hope the players realise is that a team committed to achieving *Team Assist* standards can, and will, have success. Consistent standards met will achieve consistent success.

We recruited well and it was no surprise to see our new players feature strongly in the Best and Fairest count. These players have added depth, flair and confidence to the club and I look forward to their continued *commitment*. However, inconsistency is the hallmark of young sides that as yet do not know each other well, and we suffered as a result. 2004 should see greater consistency if this group manages to stay together. It is this vital ingredient, *Consistency*, which I think cost us some critical games. Losses when we had all to play for particularly hurt, as we let at least four chances to figure in the finals slip, against Western Suburbs, Pennant Hills, Easts and St. George. The loss of **Gus Seebeck** and **Michael Baker**, crucial injuries to **Rodney Frost** and **Blake Ure** mid-season, and the unavailability of **Steve Merkel** and **Ryan Fitton** at times proved critical. We realised we needed our best on the park to achieve, and the biggest challenge for the club is to develop depth in the playing list.

So there is a lot to be optimistic about. We are not too far away, but far enough away to know that we need to work harder, smarter, and make greater sacrifices if we want to achieve the 2003 goals, for they are still relevant. This is a football club determined to go forward. A club brilliantly supported on and off the field by an army of volunteers. I thank them for their unqualified support. Inevitably there will be some people inadvertently left out of any thank you list, and I apologise in advance if this has occurred.

Can I also thank and congratulate:

- **Clint Austerberry** for winning his third consecutive Club Champion Medal. An outstanding achievement for a young man who still hadn't reached age 21 by the time the season ended.

## EAST COAST EAGLES AFL FOOTBALL CLUB Inc.

- The match committee, in particular Chairman of selectors **Phil Bester**, who chaired this group in a professional and diligent manner; to **Mark Horan** who assisted coaching at both Reserve and Senior level. His knowledge of opponents and match ups were invaluable; to **Scott Abercrombie**, always a right hand man, who made my transition smooth and who provided invaluable information and feedback on the club, opponents and positions;
- **Michael Butterworth**, my First Grade Team Manager who took on such a task for the first time in his life and managed it more than admirably;
- **Trevor Hangan**, and **Alan Brotherston** for coaching the Under 18's so successfully and finishing 3<sup>rd</sup>, and providing a healthy group of players who will flow on to Senior level;
- Football Director **Graeme Merkel** for his outstanding support and work in all matters of football including chairing the Recruiting committee, tribunal appearances and Statistician Team;
- The Leaders of the club, **Dan Gaunt**, **Clint Austerberry**, **Gavin Walsh**, **Ryan Madden**, **Luke McLeod** and **Matt Nichol**.
- All footballers who represented the East Coast Eagles in 2003;
- President **Peter Physick**, **Richard Lee**, **Bob Wynne**, **John Evernden**, **Bob Harvey** and the committee for their outstanding leadership of all off-field activities;
- All winners of the various awards presented by the Club;
- The hard working and most professional medical staff, led by **Ellen Hawes** and **Matt Stewart** and **Rudi Bylsma** and the various water carriers;
- **Mark Richardson**, Senior Runner and head of fitness and nutrition, whose knowledge of sports science and specific training regimes proved invaluable;
- The many supporters, partners and friends of the Eagles who made us, newcomers to Sydney, feel so welcome at the club;
- **Jan Frost** for superb salad rolls for the team after every game;
- My wife **Libby** and daughter **Jasi**, for their generous support.

I feel we have all worked to improve our football club this year and become a respected SFL combatant.

It is with great determination and enthusiasm that I look to continue our rise in 2004.

### Michael Knuppel



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## FIRST GRADE Match Statistics

NAME	2003 GAMES	TOTAL EAGLES <u>FIRST GRADE</u> GAMES	TOTAL CLUB * GAMES	2003 GOALS
Steve Merkel	16	41	321	1
Luke McLeod	6	8	293	-
Jason Duss	7	54	281	-
Josh Harvey	2	19	277	-
Ryan Madden	3	12	255	3
Tim Physick	5	18	249	-
Rodney Frost	7	53	237	11
Tim Coakley	4	4	210	-
Dean Nankivell	11	27	188	5
Ben Physick	17	42	170	18
Rowan Bilkey	14	31	166	4
Steve Bilkey	10	39	154	10
Andrew Spring	3	3	148	-
Scott Logan	6	7	112	2
Clint Austerberry	16	49	108	7
Blake Ure	4	20	108	-
Stu McKinley	2	2	89	3
Julian Kasby	1	1	85	-
Ben Rogers	5	5	77	6
Irwin Burbage	8	10	73	-
Matthew Arbon	17	64	64	2
Ryan Fitton	14	37	64	5
Matthew Leeds	9	16	64	3
Andre Sliwka	4	7	44	1
Craig Magnuson	1	2	35	-
Matthew Williams	14	16	35	4
Andrew Ryan	5	21	34	1
Rodney Pash	14	29	30	5
Gus Seebeck	2	30	30	2
Gavin Walsh	6	19	22	2
Mitchell Ede	3	3	18	2
Rohan Ritchie	17	17	17	-
Josh Ryder	17	17	17	14
Darren Chapman	16	16	16	21
Daniel Gaunt	16	16	16	23
Matt McConvill	16	16	16	2
Luke Stanford	16	16	16	30
Tim Hillman	3	3	13	-

\* Refers to total club games played for Baulkham Hills Falcons and East Coast Eagles.

## FIRST GRADE SEASON RESULTS

ROUND	AGAINST	RESULT	SCORES	
1	Campbelltown	Loss	6-2 (38)	12-12 (84)
2	Balmain	Loss	7-10 (52)	14-4 (88)
3	UNSW/ES	Win	17-10 (112)	8-18 (66)
4	<b>Washed Out</b>			
5	Pennant Hills	Loss	4-6 (30)	8-15 (63)
6	Western suburbs	Win	14-15 (99)	11-10 (76)
7	North Shore	Loss	7-5 (47)	16-14 (110)
8	Campbelltown	Win	12-17 (89)	5-7 (37)
9	Balmain	Win	15-13 (103)	4-10 (34)
10	UNSW/ES	Loss	14-5 (89)	15-13 (103)
11	St George	Loss	9-11 (65)	11-12 (78)
12	Pennant Hills	Loss	12-10 (82)	18-8 (116)
13	Western Suburbs	Loss	11-16 (82)	17-16 (118)
14	North Shore	Loss	13-9 (87)	16-17 (113)
15	Campbelltown	Win	15-16 (106)	11-9 (75)
16	Balmain	Loss	12-8 (80)	16-8 (104)
17	UNSW/ES	Loss	7-6 (48)	7-14 (56)
18	St George	Loss	12-8 (80)	18-12 (120)

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## CLUB CHAMPION BEST & FAIREST VOTING FIRST GRADE

POSITION	NAME	CLUB VOTES (Based on 5-4-3-2-1)	PHELAN MEDAL	PLAYERS' PLAYER
1st	Clint Austerberry	120	11	46
2nd	Luke Stanford	82	3	41
3rd	Rohan Ritchie	63	-	26
4th	Matt McConvill	61	3	27
5th	Josh Ryder	57	2	22
6th	Matt Arbon	48	-	26
7th	Dan Gaunt	43	-	14
8th	Ryan Fitton	41	-	20
9th	Ben Physick	36	5	18
9th	Irwin Burbage	36	-	5
11th	Matthew Williams	26	-	5
12th	Darren Chapman	24	-	9
13th	Steve Merkel	23	-	8
14th	Jason Duss	15	1	6
15th	Matthew Leeds	14	-	5
15th	Steve Bilkey	14	-	7
15th	Luke McLeod	14	-	1
18th	Andrew Spring	12	2	13
19th	Scott Logan	10	-	1
20th	Julian Kasby	7	-	1
21st	Rodney Pash	6	1	6
22nd	Rodney Frost	5	3	1
23rd	Tim Physick	4	2	1
24th	Stuart McKinley	2	-	
25th	Dean Nankivell	1	-	7
25th	Ben Rogers	1	1	2
	Blake Ure	-	-	4
	Andrew Ryan	-	-	2
	Gavin Walsh	-	-	1



## BILLY McLEOD MEDAL BEST & FAIREST VOTING RESERVE GRADE

POSITION	NAME	CLUB VOTES (Based on 5-4-3-2-1)	SANDERS MEDAL	PLAYERS' PLAYER
1st	Andre Sliwka	50	4	13
2nd	Julian Kasby	46	-	11
3rd	Rhys Lavery	44	3	21
4th	Matt Nichol	41	1	17
5th	Craig Magnuson	39	-	10
5th	Jason Duss	39	1	27
7th	Daniel Murrell	36	3	5
8th	Ryan Madden	34	8	17
9th	Andrew Spring	32	4	25
10th	Simon Marshall	29	2	27
11th	Jeremy Pell	26	-	5
12th	Peter Bleus	25	-	10
13th	Tim Physick	24	8	15
13th	Andrew Ryan	24	2	14
15th	Tim Hillman	22	-	8
16th	Liam Madden	21	-	5
17th	Irwin Burbage	20	1	7
18th	Nigel McCauley	19	-	4
19th	Luke McLeod	16	4	7
19th	Scott Logan	16	-	4
19th	Stephen Bilkey	16	-	12
22nd	Josh Harvey	15	-	1
23rd	Rodney Pash	13	-	-
23rd	Scott Abercrombie	13	10	1
25th	Mitchell Ede	11	-	2
25th	Michael Baker	11	1	2
27th	Tim Coakley	10	-	13
27th	Matt Williams	10	3	4
27th	Richard Bilkey	10	-	11
30th	Ben Yerbury	9	-	1
31st	Adam Lovett	8	-	1
32nd	Rodney Frost	7	-	1
33rd	Daniel Bylsma	5	3	7
33rd	Dean Nankivell	5	3	3
35th	Andrew Baud	4	-	4
35th	Nathan Halliday	4	-	2
35th	Ben Rogers	4	2	-
38th	Stuart McKinley	3	2	8
39th	Blake Ure	2	-	1
40th	Rowan Bilkey	1	2	2
40th	Gavin Walsh	1	2	5



## BEST & FAIREST VOTING UNDER 18

POSITION	NAME	CLUB VOTES (Based on 5-4-3-2-1)	KEALEY MEDAL
1st	Stephen Davidson	124	8
2nd	Chris Cottee	68	1
3rd	Stuart McKinley	63	2
4th	Mitchell Ede	59	8
5th	Jared Madden	52	-
6th	Ben Rogers	51	15
7th	Craig Stokes	40	-
8th	Ashley Loxton	35	-
8th	Jeremy Kean	35	-
10th	Adam Lovett	28	-
11th	Simon Marshall	16	4
11th	Tom Baldwin	16	-
13th	Daniel Madden	15	13
13th	Sam Brotherston	15	-
15th	Mitchell Clark	14	-
16th	Nathan Peters	13	5
17th	Chris Coakley	7	-
17th	Mark Griggs	7	-
17th	David Walsh	7	-
17th	Sam Wood	7	6
21st	Liam Mulligan	2	2
22nd	Quentin Ellis	1	-



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## PLAYER MILESTONES – 2003

The Match Statistics sections for each team (included within the overall team reports), detail individual East Coast games played for this year and total Club games played, irrespective of whether it has been for the Falcons or the Eagles.

We now also document total Eagles' First Grade games played. However it is important to continue to record and recognise all games that were played with the Baulkham Hills AFC.

Reserves and Under 18 East Coast Eagles matches have also been recorded in total games played.

NAME	GAMES
Ryan Madden	250
Tim Coakley	200
Daniel Murrell	200
Sam Brotherston	200
Jared Madden	200
Rowan Bilkey	150
Stephen Bilkey	150
Chris Coakley	150
Blake Ure	100
Scott Logan	100
Clinton Austerberry	100
Craig Stokes	100
Daniel Bylsma	100

### East Coast Eagles First Grade games

NAME	GAMES
Matthew Arbon	50
Jason Duss	50
Rodney Frost	50

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### AT COMPLETION OF THE MINOR ROUND

**FIRST GRADE**

PREMIERS: UNSW / ES

CLUB	P	W	L	D	For	Agst	%	Pts
North Shore	17	15	2	0	1772	939	188.71	60
St George	17	12	4	1	1574	1140	138.07	50
UNSW/ES	17	10	5	2	1555	1242	125.20	44
Campbelltown	17	10	7	0	1422	1313	108.30	40
Pennant Hills	17	8	8	1	1423	1556	91.45	34
East Coast	17	5	12	0	1289	1441	89.45	20
West Suburbs	17	3	14	0	1211	1695	71.45	12
Balmain	17	3	14	0	1078	1998	53.95	12

**RESERVE GRADE**

PREMIERS: NORTH SHORE

CLUB	P	W	L	For	Agst	%	Pts
North Shore	17	17	0	2119	513	413.06	68
East Coast	17	13	4	1476	771	191.44	52
Pennant Hills	17	10	7	1233	936	131.73	40
West Suburbs	17	9	8	1025	1260	81.35	36
Campbelltown	17	8	9	1100	1216	90.46	32
St George	17	5	12	848	1825	46.47	20
UNSW/ES	17	4	13	979	1419	68.99	16
Balmain	17	2	15	791	1631	48.50	8

**UNDER 18's**

PREMIERS: PENNANT HILLS

CLUB	P	W	L	D	For	Agst	%	Pts
Pennant Hills	15	14	1	0	1606	498	322.49	56
North Shore	15	14	1	0	1503	506	297.04	56
East Coast	15	12	3	0	1483	559	265.30	48
Wollongong	15	10	5	0	1038	548	189.42	40
St George	15	9	6	0	1350	687	196.51	36
Redbacks	15	9	6	0	1079	958	112.63	36
West Suburbs	15	7	8	0	948	943	100.53	28
South Sharks	15	3	11	1	693	1217	56.94	14
Greater West	14	3	11	0	602	1314	45.81	12
Campbelltown	14	3	11	0	566	1359	41.65	12
Balmain	15	2	12	1	424	1690	25.09	10
UNSW/ES	15	2	13	0	453	1466	30.90	8

## PERPETUAL TROPHY DONORS

The executive has decided to replace all Perpetual Trophies which had originally been established in the days of the Baulkham Hills Falcons.

The new Perpetuals will be in East Coast Eagles colours and design and will be backdated with all winners of the various awards since the inception of East Coast in the year 2000.

Very importantly we will be retaining and archiving the original trophies for display within the East Coast social clubrooms as soon as an appropriate place is determined.

We thank and congratulate the following people and / or businesses who have assisted us.

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<b>CLUB CHAMPION</b>	<b>Phil Bester</b>
<b>BILL McLEOD MEDAL</b>	<b>Billy McLeod</b>
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<b>RISING STAR</b>	<b>West Coast Eagles</b>



### **Rising Star criteria**

- In his first full year of Senior Football.
- Demonstrates excellence in many areas of his football.
- Is influential in the success of the senior team.
- Lives up to the Team Values.
- Demonstrates outstanding qualities that set him apart from others

**Luke Stanford .... Our first Rising Star winner.**

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## CLUB MANAGERIAL HISTORY

YEAR	GENERAL MANAGER	SECRETARY	FINANCIAL CONTROLLER	SENIOR COACH
1983	-	Glenys Reed	John Mitchell	-
1984	-	Glenys Reed	Andy McPhee	-
1985	-	Prue Daffy	Andy McPhee	-
1986	-	Jill Turbill	Andy McPhee	-
1987	-	Jill Turbill	Andy McPhee Jim Pascoe	-
1988	-	Jill Turbill	Jim Pascoe	David Grace Bruce Johnson
1989	-	Pam Johnson	Jim Pascoe	Bill Willington
1990	-	Pam Johnson	Jim Pascoe	Doug Scholz
1991	-	Henry Yeates	Jim Pascoe	Doug Scholz
1992	-	Henry Yeates	Jacki Toy	Mick Toy
*1993	-	Henry Yeates	Ian Fraser	James Walton
*1994	-	Henry Yeates	Jake Armstrong	Doug Scholz
*1995	-	Henry Yeates	Lou Zivkovich	Dennis Dunstan Garry Hutchinson
*1996	-	Henry Yeates	John Spring	Kevin Allen
*1997	-	Henry Yeates	John Spring	Matthew Frost
*1998	-	Henry Yeates	John Spring	Craig McGrath
*1999	-	John Evernden Bob Wynne	Jan Frost	Craig McGrath
2000	Andrew Bence	Bob Wynne	Jan Frost	Tim Jones
2001	Andrew Bence	Richard Lee	Bob Wynne	Tim Jones
2002	Andrew Bence	Richard Lee	Bob Wynne	Andrew Baxter Gus Seebeck
2003	John Evernden	Sarah Campbell	Bob Wynne	Michael Knuppel

\* The Sydney AFL teams played as the Baulkham Hills Falcons.