

WARATAH WHISPER

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THE SEASON THAT WAS 2025-26

HELLO WARRIORS!

We have now wrapped up the 2025-26 season, and what another amazing season it has been!

From the first bounce to the final siren, our players have shown incredible commitment, teamwork and true Waratah spirit.

There were big wins, tough battles, and plenty of moments that made us proud to wear the red and white.

To our players, coaches, volunteers, sponsors and supporters – thank you. Your dedication and passion are what make our club so special.

Please enjoy our Senior Season Wrap Up edition of the Waratah Whisper as we celebrate the highlights, achievements and memories from a fantastic year.
Go Tahs!

COACHING ANNOUNCEMENT

We are very pleased to confirm, Troy Rantanten will continue coaching our Women's Premier League next season.

Ricky Nolan will continue his work developing young talent and building a strong playing culture here at Waratah as our Men's Premier League coach.

Congratulations Troy and Ricky – we look forward to another big pre-season ahead.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Match hosts of the AFL Masters National Carnival at Gardens Oval.
- Brownlow Medalist Dayne Swan pulled on the boots.
- Nathan Buckley joined us at our 100 Club event.
- MPL and WPL play at Wurrumiyanga Oval, Tiwi Island
- Survived Cyclone Fina – with a small army down at the club protecting our sponsors signs!



MILESTONES

100 Games - Troy Rantanten
150 Games - Brodie Carroll



NT NEWS RISING STAR NOMINATIONS

Zac Withers
Sebastian Carta
Lucas Gray
Amelie Ghilcrist

NT REPRESENTATIVES

Cody Szust
Captain and Best on Ground
Joel Hillis
Mitch Jorgensen
Seb Carta
Robbie Bartee
Scott Carlin
Joel Stevens
Rob Turnbull
Jo-Anna Baltais
Jamilla Cranny
Ryan Ayres
Coach



WARATAH

25/26 AWARD WINNERS

SENIORS

MEN'S PREMIER LEAGUE

Best & Fairest - **Cody Szust**
R/Up Best & Fairest - **Scott Carlin**
Leading Goal Scorer - **Cody Szust**
Best Team Man - **Brodie Embuscado**
Best Defender - **Robby Bartee**
Coaches Award - **Mitchell Jorgensen**
Most Consistent - **Joel Stevens**

WOMEN'S PREMIER LEAGUE

Best & Fairest - **Jo-Anna Baltais**
R/Up Best & Fairest - **Jamilla Cranny**
Leading Goal Scorer - **Jo-Anna Baltais**
Leading Goal Scorer - **Imogen Loftes**
Most Dedicated Player - **Lucy Bullock**
Most Improved - **Bridget O'Dwyer**
Coaches Award - **Bronte Gaynor**

MEN'S PREMIER LEAGUE RESERVES

The Duncan Sadler Memorial Best & Fairest - **Luke Cornwell**
R/Up Best & Fairest - **Steven Puruntatameri**
Leading Goal Scorer - **Koby Villis**
Most Consistent - **Kyle Delaney**
Best Team Man - **Jack Wortley**
Coaches Award - **Jayden Thomson**

WOMEN'S DIVISION 1

Best & Fairest - **Sarah Pittman**
R/Up Best & Fairest - **Lucy Graham**
Coaches Award - **Pyeta Millera**
Best Team Woman - **Romy Milligan**
Best First Year Player - **Ella Schact**
Most Improved - **Lana Blizzard**

MEN'S DIVISION 2

Best & Fairest - **Benjamin Kronk**
R/Up Best & Fairest - **Daniel Coffey**
Jeremiah Rivers Leading Goal Scorer - **Sheldon Mason**
Best Team Man - **Ethan Barling**
Most Consistent - **Dominic Waianga**
Coaches Award - **Strati Melas**
Most Improved - **Kobe Porter**

PERPETUAL AWARDS

Margaret Millar 'Courage and Resilience' Award - **Brittany Daly**
The Aunty Cath 'Club Person of the Year' - **Chris Mouat**
Rosemary Griffiths 'Volunteer of the Year' - **Chris Eddy**
Best on the Bench - **Arnold Kirby**
Waratah 'Rising Star' - **Zac Withers**
Alexander Aurrichio Humanitarian Award - **Brock Peirce**

CLUB LEGEND

SHANE CARROLL



LIFE MEMBERSHIPS

ELLE LANGWORTHY

CHRIS LAI

BRODIE CARROLL



WARATAH SOCIALS



THANK YOU TO OUR HOSTS
MINDIL BEACH CASINO RESORT

SENIOR PRESENTATION DAY ALBUM - PART 1



WARATAH EVENTS

LADIES DAY



Our Ladies Day was another brilliant success, raising valuable funds for our WFC Women's and Girls programs.

Congratulations to our 1st prize raffle winner, Nick Stevens, who took home a stunning pair of gold, diamond and sapphire earrings valued at over \$1,100, generously donated by Chris Williams Jewellers.



Thank you to everyone who supported, donated and attended the day — your generosity is truly appreciated.

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EVENTS & ADVENTURES



All about
Party Hire & Events

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SEASON EVENT SPONSORS

CARPET ONE DARWIN \$10,000 SUPPORTER RAFFLE DRAW



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 10K MAJOR RAFFLE WINNERS

\$10,000 David May - \$3000 Marc 'Rusty' Corser - \$1000 Kylie and Kevin Clark

RED AND WHITE BALL



TAHS TAP IT IN



TAHMORROW LAND THANK YOU SAM & ANT

TAHS ON TIWI



FOUNDATION CUP

CELEBRATING 109 YEARS OF
WARATAH FOOTBALL CLUB



FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK

CLASH JUMPER

'Protection Spell'

Designed by Sharona Bishop



THANK YOU TO ALL
WHO PURCHASED A
JUMPER FROM THE
AUCTIONS WE RAISED
OVER \$10,500 FOR
OUR AMAZING CLUB
PROGRAMS!



Congratulations to WFC foundation Cup best on ground medalist:
WPL JOLINE BOUWER AND MPL CODY ZSUST



Thank you

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100 CLUB NEWS

100 CLUB LUNCH WITH NATHAN BUCKLEY



THANK YOU

Thank you to all who attended The Lottery Office 100 club lunch with Nathan Buckley, we had an incredible day. By supporting functions like these, you help us to keep doing what we love, running our club and playing our great game.

A very big thank you to our amazing volunteers. Our event wouldn't be what it was without you.

Thank you to our MC extraordinaire, Matt Cunningham for hosting an amazing Q&A session with Bucks. Tim Mackenzie from Raine & Horne, Darwin, thank you for running our very successful clash jumper auction on both Saturday and Sunday.

EVENT SPONSORS

We would like to acknowledge and thank our event sponsors:

- The Lottery Office
- DCOH
- Territory Laundry
- Melas Detailing
- CUB



WARATAH JUNIOR

News

SEASON 25-26

CONGRATULATIONS! NTFL JUNIOR AWARD WINNERS

U13 Girls

Milan Eddy claimed the Leading Goal Kicker title with 20 goals, headlined by a seven-goal haul in Round 7.

U15 Girls

In just her second NTFL season, Risma Puri claimed the Best and Fairest with 12 votes, polling in five of eight matches, including two best-on-ground efforts in Rounds 5 and 7.

Bronte Bellot was named Leading Goal Kicker with 13 goals, including three in Round 10.



Bronte, Milan and Risma

GRAND FINAL CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR U13 AND U15 FEMALE PREMIERS!

U13 FEMALE PREMIERS



BEST ON GROUND
U13 - Eden Evans

U15 FEMALE PREMIERS



BEST ON GROUND
U15 - Erin Willoughby

All the hard work and determination have paid off. These incredible teams have now made history as the first ever junior girls' premierships for Waratah Football Club!

An incredible achievement for our players, coaches and the entire club. We are so proud of you all.

Stay tuned for the full junior 25/26 season wrap in the next edition of the Waratah Whisper.

THANK YOU TO OUR JUNIOR PARTNERS



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WARATAH FOOTBALL CLUB

JUNIOR Presentation

Join us to celebrate our
junior players and volunteers

PHOTOBOOTH

KICK TO KICK
ON OVAL UNDER LIGHTS!

\$5

PER PERSON

INCLUDES
POTATO OR HOT DOG
FROM 5:30PM

FRIDAY 20TH MARCH
5:15pm for 5:30pm start

*Beginning with Under 9's

Food and drinks available

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by Monday 9th March for catering purposes

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