

# PANANIA DIGGERS SOCCER CLUB 2023 YEARBOOK



**Grade 13 Division 3**



**All Age Ladies Division 03 Female Blue**



**All Age Men Division 05 Male White**



**All Age Men Division 07 Male Yellow**





# **PANANIA DIGGERS SOCCER CLUB**

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# YOUTH CLUB CODE OF ETHICS

1. While I remain an active member, I shall keep my mind and body active.
2. I shall conduct myself in an orderly manner and treat other members as I would like to be treated myself.
3. I shall, at all times, take proper care of the furniture and property of the Youth Club.
4. I shall respect the principles of good citizenship and encourage my associates to do likewise.
5. I shall endeavour to build friendship with my Club mates because friendship is one of the greatest assets that I can have and it is advantageous to my future welfare.
6. I shall follow my Youth Club leaders and respect and obey my instructors.
7. I shall be loyal to my Youth Club.
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PANANIA DIGGERS Soccer Club would like to thank all the sponsors for their support during the 2023 season.



# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It is with pride and pleasure that I present my 15th report as President of this wonderful club.

This year we had 49 teams plus Mini Roos with over 700 players, showing excellent growth across the grades of over 10% on 2022. Despite that growth we were not, for the first time in many years, the largest club in the district, with Greenacre taking that spot after an aggressive recruitment campaign. Biggest isn't always better, and we're proud to continue developing our club for the betterment of our members and the game in general.

Results wise it was a successful season, with 17 of our 27 competitive teams making the semis, and of those 4 were crowned Premiers. Watching our younger teams around the grounds shows plenty of promise for the future and we'll look to keep building for 2024 and beyond.

Our move to an online apparel shop has been a great success, with the new Polos and sponsored Training Shirts in particular, really getting our club colours out on the local grounds in force. We will look to build on the range next year, and are also very excited to announce that we will have brand new jerseys for all teams thanks to sponsorship from Bitesize. This is our first new strip design across the club in 7 years and we can't wait to see our teams displaying them across the district.

On the negative side, matters outside of our control caused enormous grief:

- The disrupted season with lots of midseason regrading caused a lot of angst for teams having to play many midweek games.  
Regrading is necessary to keep balance in competitions, but more thought is required to even the load of catching up games.
- Our club was disgracefully and unjustifiably abused online by a Premier League coach from another club. When alerted we immediately demanded the post be taken down, which it was but not before further comments were added. Despite our submissions - which took 2 months to be considered by the Judiciary - and the fact this behaviour is a blatant breach of BDAFA's By Laws, no action was taken against the perpetrator.
- Our Grade 15 Division 1's had their Preliminary and Grand Final put back a week because the Judiciary took 2 weeks to deal with disciplinary matters.
- Unfathomably, the foundation of our Premier League competition, First & Reserve Grade squads, was dropped for the future without any consultation with the clubs that have built and sustained the competition.

Despite (and partly because of) these frustrations, your committee has gone above and beyond this year in doing all that is possible to protect and build our club, and to support our members. My sincere thanks and appreciation for all the support, thought and efforts from the Executive, committee members and the host of players, officials, family members and friends of the club who put their hand up to help whenever asked, and often without being asked. Thank you also to all our sponsors, we very much appreciate your support and look forward to working with you again next season.

To everyone who was a part of our club this year, in whatever capacity, thank you for being with us – we'll be back next season to do it all again.

BOB BELL

President





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# **PANANIA DIGGERS SOCCER CLUB REGISTRATIONS**

**Numbers for the 2024 season are limited, the registration process should use Dribl – So ensure you get in early. On line registrations will open early January 2024, information and start date will be on our website when available.**

## **2024 SEASON**

### **SATURDAY COMPETITION**

**MEN, BOYS & MIXED, 12's to ALL AGE, G35's, G45's, PL  
Small sided games for 6's to 11's and Ladies 6/7's, 8/9's.**

### **SUNDAY COMPETITION**

**WOMEN 11's, 13's, 15's, 17/18's, All Age**

**On line registrations start early January.**

**Dates for assistance with registration,  
20th and 27<sup>th</sup> January, 10 am to 1 pm at the**

**Kelso Clubhouse**

**Please obtain Active Kids Voucher before registration.  
Copy of proof of age will be required for all new players.  
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**[Panania Diggers SC - Home \(pananiadiggersoccer.au\)](http://pananiadiggersoccer.au)**

**MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE – ON LINE PAYMENT OF FEES IS  
THE PREFERRED METHOD OF PAYMENT.**



# 2023 SERVICE AWARDS

## 10 YEARS SERVICE RECOGNITION AWARDS

Sean Amy	Morgan Armstrong	Alex Cole	Matthew Cook
Luca Dore	Heath Ebbs	Jed Fletcher	Bodhi Glasby
Harry Gourlay	Scott Guest	Gabriel Kaillis	Nick Kastrounis
Drew Kurtz	Nicholas Larsen	Mark Lepre	Riley Marshall
Tainui McFadden	Rebekah Nakhla	Brooke Petersen	Dylan Petrovski
Benjamin Ross	Robert Russell	Joshua Scott	Daniel Smith
Emma Taliana			

## 15 YEARS SERVICE RECOGNITION AWARDS

Dane Barnes	Michael Garbellini	Greg Hassett	Jarryd Howard
Anthony Sams	Jason Smith	Benjamin Wedgwood	Luke Wedgwood

## 20 YEARS SERVICE RECOGNITION AWARD

Wayne Johnson	Jack Jones	Christopher Mason-Johnson	Mark Wedgwood
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## 25 YEARS SERVICE RECOGNITION AWARDS

Elyse Walker

Checking club records for service awards is protracted and arduous, omissions are easily made. If you believe that you are entitled to a service award and are not listed above, please contact the committee so that your service records can be checked and amended as required.



## LIFE MEMBERS

Ken Anderson	Netta Anderson	Dawn Norris	Keith Norris
Frank Bosustow	Keith Smith	Brian Pearce	Ken Judd
Rex Cox (senior)	Wal Furness	Allen Pike	Dick Leach
Pat Carney	Kevin Finnie	Ron Trusty	Frank Price
John Essam	Peter Druce	Bill Johnson	Russell Scott
Ray Newbery	Geoff Wise	Lance Bartley	Bruce Petch
Graham Williams	Bob Brown	Val Johanson	Mick Blatch
Mark Lidbetter	Craig Wise	Jack Frazer	Peter O'Shea
Greg Williams	Wayne Roberts	Glenn Rufford	Richard Williams
Carolyn Pope	Bob Bell	Dave McFadden	

# TEAM ACHIEVEMENTS 2023

Grade	Team	Coach	Position in Premiership	Result
12	2	Paull Walker	5 <sup>th</sup>	
12	3	Paul Bayley	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Finalists
13	1	Tony Robertson	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Runners Up
13	3	Ian Sinclair	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Premiers
13	Ladies	Orazio La Pace	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Runners Up
14	2	Daniel Moy	5 <sup>th</sup>	
15	Ladies	Mark Weir	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Semi-Finalists
15	1	Dion Omeros	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Runners Up
15	2	Paul Bayley	4 <sup>th</sup>	Semi-Finalists
16	1 Blue	Anthony Martin	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Semi-Finalists
16	1 Yellow	Riki Cannon	5 <sup>th</sup>	
17/18	1	Stuart Collins	4 <sup>th</sup>	Semi-Finalists
17	Ladies	Shayne Puckeridge	6 <sup>th</sup>	
AA	4	Scott Hamilton	5 <sup>th</sup>	
AA	5 Blue	Mark Houllis	5 <sup>th</sup>	
AA	5 Yellow	John Lembryk	6 <sup>th</sup>	
AA	5 White	Alex Hassett	1 <sup>st</sup>	Premiers
AA	6	Shaun Goodson	8 <sup>th</sup>	
AA	7 Blue	Jack Wedgwood	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Finalists
AA	7 Yellow	Shayne Puckeridge	1 <sup>st</sup>	Premiers
AA	8	Jack Jones	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Finalists
AA	9	Larry Brooks	5 <sup>th</sup>	
AAL	3 Blue	Chad Bentley	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Premiers
AAL	3 Yellow	Brett Lombe	5 <sup>th</sup>	
Over 35's	1	Brett Lombe	9 <sup>th</sup>	
PL	Firsts	Ian Loy	5 <sup>th</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Rnd Semi-Finalists
PL	Reserves	Ian Loy	4 <sup>th</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Rnd Semi-Finalists

# 2023 AWARDS

	2022	2023
<b>Jack Samuelson Award for Highest Goal Average</b>	<b>G21-1 Bull</b>	<b>G13 Ladies La Pace</b>
<b>Barry Kermond Memorial Award for Junior Sportsmanship</b>	<b>G14-1 Omeros</b>	<b>G15-2 Bayley</b>
<b>Ian Major Memorial Award for Junior Achievement</b>	<b>G12-1 Robertson</b>	<b>G13-3 Sinclair</b>
<b>Bill Wise Memorial Award for Senior Sportsmanship</b>	<b>O35-1 Lombe</b>	<b>AA4 Hamilton</b>
<b>Sid Newberry Memorial Award for Senior Achievement</b>	<b>AAM-7B Hassett</b>	<b>AA5 White Hassett</b>
<b>Sharon O'Shea Memorial Award for Ladies Achievement</b>	<b>G13-1 Ladies Weir</b>	<b>AA3 Ladies Blue Bentley</b>
<b>Jack Matthews Memorial Award for Ladies Sportsmanship</b>	<b>G15-1 Ladies</b>	<b>AA3 Ladies Yellow Lombe</b>
<b>Kevin Finnie Memorial Award for Premier League Players' Player</b>	<b>Tommy Tremolada Doug Nabaki Ben Thomson</b>	<b>Lachlan Vella Josh Adams Tom Potts</b>
<b>Bill Johnson Award for Junior Manager of the Year</b>	<b>Jas Jovevski - Lots!</b>	<b>Nicole Atzemis Grade 15-1</b>
<b>Bill Johnson Award for Senior Manager of the Year</b>	<b>Karoline Shears - AA5A</b>	<b>Greg Williams Premier League</b>
<b>President's Award In Appreciation</b>	<b>Brett Lombe</b>	<b>Joe Busutill</b>
<b>Volunteer of the Year</b>	<b>Andrew Lee</b>	<b>Daniel Mason</b>





# Joeys

**Coordinator:** Hannah Lombe

Panania Diggers Soccer Club wishes to express gratitude to Hannah and her regular helpers, Mike Millen, Jack Amy and Drew Smithwick.



## 6 Blue

**Coach:** Joey Russo  
**Manager:** Katherine Dyson  
**Players' Player:** Billy Dyson

### The Team

Sophia Agha

Adam Alkhateeb

Zane Collins

William Dyson

Archie Grisinger

Elora Harkin

Nullah Harkin

Nicholas Russo

**The highlights of the season were:**

- Watching all of them learn about the game and learning to play as a team.
- When Archie Grisinger was meant to be off the field but ran on and scored his first goal. 😊

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## 6 Green

**Coach:** Anthony King  
**Players' Player:** Dylan Cratchley

**The Team**

Bohan Arnold Imogen Brown Dylan Cratchley  
 Ethan King Lucas Liu

**Season Summary:**

Games	Won	Lost	Draw	Goals For	Goals Against
15	13	2	0	131	27

**The highlights of the season were:**

- The team found their preferred positions and played to their strengths the entire season.
- The team greatly improved sequence passing and set plays to strikers.
- Most of all, we had fun!

**Player Comments**

	Name	Commentary
1	Lucas Haotian Liu	Great little utility player, can strike and defend and always energetic and competitive.
2	Ethan Blake King	Our seasons best striker! Was generally upset if he didn't get at least 3 goals per match. Great team player and very competitive.
3	Dylan Thomas Cratchley	Our vote for "Players' Player" Dylan was our key defender for our season and thanks to his great work on the pitch he stopped a lot of goals being conceded. Great sportsman.
4	Imogen Brown	Imogen was always putting 100% into running around the pitch and giving it her all, she has a bright future ahead and managed to snag her first goal toward the back end of the season.
5	Bohan Arnold	Bohan always gave his heart and soul in and off the pitch, a great little player who will continue to grow in the coming years.



## 6 Red

**Coach:** Jaime Lister  
**Players' Player:** Isaiah McComish-Fangaloka

**The Team**

Jax Boseski Jet Boseski Vincent Holt  
 Michael McComish Isaiah McComish-Fangaloka

# 6 Yellow

**Coach:** Lukas. Bayley  
**Manager:** Craig Gerrard  
**Players' Player:** William Gerrard

## The Team

**Maximos Antoniou**

**Max Cakovski**

**Joshua Dunn**

**William Gerrard**

**Alexander Kalinderidis**

**Samar Narsey**

**Levi Wombey**

## Season Summary:

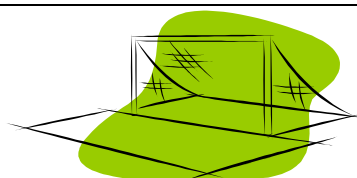
Games	Won	Lost	Draw	Goals For	Goals Against
16	3	13	0	66	140

## The highlights of the season were:

- They won their first game without having an actual training session due to the weather.
- The team played well even when I was unable to make the game as I had to play at the same time at a different field.
- Watching the team develop their skills over the course of the season, can't wait to do it all again next year.

## Player Comments

	Name	Commentary
1	William	William is an energetic, positive player who played well in defence and attack. He is good at getting to the ball first, which lead to him becoming the highest goal scorer for the team and saved several shots at goal from the opposition.
2	Josh	Josh is by far the smallest player on the team and often the field, but don't let that fool you. He was never far from the action, tackling players to get the ball. He was great at passing the ball setting up many opportunities for others to score.
3	Levi	Levi grew in his confidence and understanding of the game throughout his first season. As his ball skills improved so did his enthusiasm on the field. Levi was happy playing any position on the field as long as he got the chance to kick the ball.
4	Max	Max was only able to play 7 games before heading overseas for a holiday. He has a powerful kick on him and loves to kick the ball. Max scored some great goals this season terrorising our opposition.
5	Maxi	Maxi loves to defend. He naturally took on the role of the team's last line of defence, often frustrating the opposition. His favourite part of being a defender was taking goal kicks which often involved a large run up just to make sure the ball went as far as it could.
6	Samar	Samar was a late addition to the team but was a perfect fit. Always enthusiastic and ready to get on the field, he just wanted to play. Samar loved taking kicks from the sideline as he liked the idea of getting to kick the ball while everyone watched.
7	Alex	Alex was our most enthusiastic player at training. He loves drills and learning new skills and playing with his teammates. It was great to see him develop his soccer skills; he has come a long way this season.



# 6/7 Girls Pink

**Coach:** Glenn Lynch  
**Manager:** Leah Lynch  
**Players' Player:** Julia Schmidt-Braga

## The Team

<b>Zoey Kastrounis</b>	<b>Eden Leilua</b>	<b>Zoe Louka</b>
<b>Mackenzie Lynch</b>	<b>Harper Roberts</b>	<b>Julia Schmidt Braga</b>
<b>Eden Smoother</b>	<b>Charli Pate</b>	

## Season Summary:

Games	Won	Lost	Draw	Goals For	Goals Against
Heaps	Lots	1		millions	not so many

## The highlights of the season were:

- Watching the girls grow and play as a team,
- Taking girls who had never played before through to scoring goals,
- How much fun we had throughout the season and how competitive the girls were.

## Player Comments

	Name	Commentary
1	<b>Julia Schmidt Braga</b>	Super competitive with great ball control. Julia competes until the final whistle and wears her heart on her sleeve. Her commitment to training at home and in multiple sessions a week showed on the pitch!
2	<b>Eden Smoother</b>	Super quick and a great defender. Eden scored lots of goals with a deadly left boot. Eden has the ability to score long range goals and attack from anywhere.
3	<b>Mackenzie Lynch</b>	The solider! Mackenzie left nothing on the field. Did the hard yards up the middle when it was needed. loved the hustle and bustle and scored many goals from both sides of the goals.
4	<b>Harper Roberts</b>	Harper is a quiet girl until you get to know her, she started the season with a good foundation of skills. Halfway through the year we were a little short on players and Harper had her breakout game! Leading from the front and her skills blew the other team away and that set the tone for the rest of the season.
5	<b>Eden Lailua</b>	The smiling assassin, Eden's effort was unmatched, she tried and battled through the year. Eden epitomises the term, having a crack! Every time she took the field, she was smiling, no matter where she played.
6	<b>Zoe Louka</b>	The Physie girl that turned into a soccer fanatic! Special breakfasts and support from her big sister let Zoe play some of her best games. Zoe listened and did everything that was asked of her. By the end of the year Zoe had improved out of sight and was controlling the ball like a superstar.
7	<b>Zoey Kastrounis</b>	Zoey was the youngest in the team and was actually playing up a couple of years. At 4 years old she was certainly outsized and many of the opposition players had a number of years experience on her, to her credit that never phased Zoey. She battled and competed in every game. Zoey gave 100% effort. I even managed to get her to talk to me by the end of the season!



<b>8</b>	<b>Charli Pate</b>	Charli came to us midway through the year for some experience and time on the pitch with Girls her age as she was a bit overwhelmed by the mixed boys team for another club she was playing for. Charlie came out of shell and was able to get involved with the girls and have a red hot crack at training. We even got Charli onto the pitch for one game we was awesome to see.
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### Report:

What an awesome season!

As a first time coach it was a little daunting getting started, being competitive to my core, trying to instil the desire to win and balancing out the participation aspects with the girls had me a little nervous to start, I was worried about being too competitive! After game 1 and getting to know the parents and the girls a little more it was easy to see I did not need to worry about balancing out winning and participation, I only had one objective.....winning.... I mean have fun!

What a fantastic group of young girls and very supportive parents, grandparents, aunties and uncles and big brothers and sisters! We always had a big support crew!

I need to thank you all for allowing me the opportunity to coach a magnificent group of kids.

The group was diverse with experience. A couple of seasoned veterans of the game (2 years experience) a couple with a year under their belt and a couple of rookies. We started slowly with some basics and built our skill base as the season progressed, we dribbled in squares, rectangles, triangles and circles! We passed in pairs, threes and fours, we defended our goals, we attacked the ball, we attacked the goals and we scored goals!

By mid-season we had a really strong base skill set, the girls were stringing passes together, spreading out into our swim lanes and not chasing the ball as a group of four, working together as a team and most importantly winning... I mean having fun.....

By seasons end I didn't have a group of girls that were learning to play with different experience levels, I had a team of legends! The girls pushed and worked hard as a team and the results speak for themselves.

I need to thank my manager Leah, she manages me at soccer and at home! My fill in managers, coaches and parents who helped out at training and games!

Most importantly thank you to the girls for allowing me to coach, for being respectful and being just awesome!

Looking forward to next year!

Cheers

Glenn Lynch



## 6/7 Girls Purple

**Coach:** Joseph Busuttil  
**Manager:** Samantha Craig  
**Players' Player:** Frankie Sirotnak

### The Team

Isabelle Busuttil

Ruby Clancy

Kaleah Craig

Zoey Hunter

Charlize Kailanen

Frankie Sirotnak

Chloe Walraven-Shurley

### Season Summary:

Games	Won	Lost	Draw	Goals For	Goals Against
15	7	4	4	77	35

### The highlights of the season were:

- Parents vs Players training mini matches...always lots of fun and providing extra motivation to compete well on match day.
- Watching all players develop their soccer skillset at training to shine on match day by scoring goals, passing to each other and communicating in their defensive and attacking roles.
- The pre-match player huddle / team meeting to discuss tactics. Great team spirit and unity!

### Player Comments

	Name	Commentary
1	<b>Zoey Hunter</b>	Our Formidable defender really showed her growth this year. Never to be beaten Zoey is a force field in the back line however this season showed us she also has the ability to take on the field and score goals. She had a strength this year that was unmatched. Well done, Zoey.
2	<b>Ruby Clancy</b>	The keen striker. Forever looking for that through ball and moving the girls around the park where she wants them. Ruby came into the team this year and didn't look out of place from Day 1. Her commitment and dedication to working on her skill proved valuable towards the end of the season scoring a barrage of goals.
3	<b>Chloe Alexanderia Walraven-Shurley</b>	Surprise package. Chloe with her will to play and improve grew so much this year. She solidified her place in the team and gave a strong consistent performance week in and week out. Always ready to train and learn, Chloe should be proud of the season she had.
4	<b>Charlize Kailanen</b>	The utility player. Charlize has the capacity to play in any position she is needed. With skill and determination, she played a very consistent year of soccer. Charlize worked well in the mid-field and covering in the backline when required. A pleasure to have in the team.
5	<b>Isabelle Busuttil</b>	Our big kicker. Quite a few goals this season were scored off her ability to put a ball through from the back up to our strikers. A skill she will come to understand will be invaluable on the bigger field. Never to be beaten in a tussle Izzy's skills developed over the season and she is becoming a strong, well skilled little player.
6	<b>Frankie Sirotnak</b>	Strong and determined! Frankie showed tremendous character this season. Strong with the ball at her feet, the opposition found it difficult to stop her. Our most improved player! She excelled in attack and provided the team with dynamic energy to remain competitive. Excellent season, Frankie.
7	<b>Kaleah Craig</b>	Fast and fearless. Kaleah used her speed and lethal left foot to score consistently. Demonstrated throughout the season she can play in defence and attack providing the necessary support to her team mates on match day. Great mindset and determination to play well especially against bigger opposition. Tremendous effort, well done Kaleah.



# 7 Blue

**Coach:** Greg Willis  
**Manager:** Dragana Hobbs  
**Players' Player:** Rex Kinnavong

## The Team

Koen Campbell

Jacob Ceiley

Luka Cibalevski

Maxwell Hobbs

Rex Kinnavong

Thomas Petkovic

Miles Willis

## Season Summary:

Games	Won	Lost	Draw	Goals For	Goals Against
16	10	3	3	35	17

## The highlights of the season were:

- Scoring from a combination of passes involving the whole team.
- Everyone having fun and learning team work.
- Passing and communication improved.

## Team Comments

	Name	Commentary
1	Luka Cibalevski	Knows where the goals are and loves to score. Learned how to pass and play his position better this year. Great season and scored a lot of goals for the team, and even put in a few tackles defensively.
2	Max Hobbs	Started to really pass well this season, always looking for other players first <u>and scored a few nice goals with his left foot</u> . He had a good season, especially towards the end, playing really well in the midfield.
3	Miles Willis	Likes to boot the ball, started to string a few good passes together and get more confidence with dribbling. Started the season playing a lot in defence, moved into midfield which he seemed to enjoy and communicated well.
4	Rex Kinnavong	Likes to direct the play and can score from anywhere on the field. Always good for a running commentary. He had a good first season with the team and really connects the team all together with end to end play.
5	Koen Campbell	Self-proclaimed fastest on the field, loves a dance after scoring. Started to get more confidence with passing the ball, he had a good season running onto some long passes to score.
6	Thomas Petkovic	Scored the first goal of the season, asks questions and listens on the field and follows direction well. Defensively he's the rock of the team. He had a good first season with the team and had the most player of the matches with his consistent performances, well done.
7	Jacob Criley	Natural striker, very good at finding a goal with a strong right foot. Got more confidence as the season went on. Great work in his first season with the team.



# 7 Green

**Coach:** Matt Button  
**Players' Player:** Parker Button

## The Team

**Zakk Bedford**                      **Parker Button**                      **Lachlan Dunn**  
**Jaxson Golledge**                      **Aiden Grady**

## Season Summary:

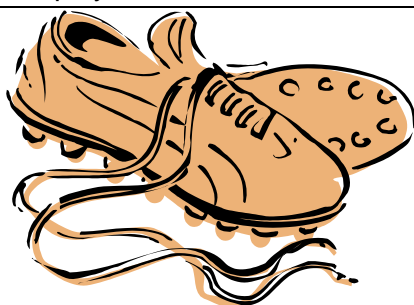
Games	Won	Lost	Draw	Goals For	Goals Against
15	6	9	0	80	78

## The highlights of the season were:

- Massive improvement throughout the season from everyone.
- The determination everyone showed each and every game – even when the score was against them.
- Participating in the under 7's Gala Day at Padstow.

## Player Comments

	Name	Commentary
1	<b>Zakk Bedford</b>	Zakk improved out of sight from last year, his electric speed and great dribbling skills lead to some great goals including a few long-range goals that not many kids could pull off. His willingness to never give up on the play was also very impressive.
2	<b>Parker Button</b>	Parker scored some great goals this year, but his best attribute was his vision to try and find a teammate in a better position than himself. He often found himself beating defenders down the sideline with some great finishing crosses to teammates that led to goals.
3	<b>Lachlan Dunn</b>	Lachlan also improved immensely from last year. Something I noticed throughout the season, was when Lachy played well - the team played well, his rugged defence and never give up attitude rubbed off on the other boys. What lachy lacks in size he makes up with heart.
4	<b>Jaxson Golledge</b>	Jaxson was a newcomer to the team this year, but he did fit in straight away. He got himself a few goals and his clearing kicks out of danger stopped many goal scoring opportunities. Jaxson showed great commitment to defending by putting his body on the line and making some very courageous tackles.
5	<b>Aiden Grady</b>	Another newcomer, Aiden came in with high energy and a positivity that was catching. Defenders don't always get the praise, but Aiden constantly put his hand up to do the team thing and defend, and he saved a lot of goals by putting himself in the right places on the field. A true team player.





## 7 Yellow

**Coach:** Omar Abdo

**Players' Player:** Laith Abdo

**The Team**

Laith Abdo

Mitchell Aouad

Lorenzo Basara

Alexander Karagiannis

Alessandro Piol-Crawford



## 8 Black

**Coach:** Andrew Raft

**Manager:** Sarah Raft

**Players' Player:** Leo Astill

**The Team**

Yusuf Agha

Leo Astill

Jaxon Axiak

Oscar Cortes

Connor Cratchley

Walid El Badawie

Hayden Ellem

Levi Lac

Isa Mehcur

Edison Raft

Josiah Raft

**Season Summary:**

Games	Won	Lost	Draw	Goals For	Goals Against
19	10	6	3	57	40

**The highlights of the season were:**

- Welcoming 4 new players to the team in 2023
- The team growing in their knowledge and understanding of the game. Particularly, learning to use the whole field and finding available teammates to pass to.
- The boys starting to identify positions they naturally feel suited to in both attack and defence.
- The team had a lot of fun and achieved some excellent results throughout the season, including some big wins:
  - 8-0 vs Revesby Workers
  - 7-0 vs Birrong Sports
  - 4-0 vs Revesby Rovers.
- A thrilling finish to the season with a last gasp 3-2 victory against Central Sydney Wolves.
- Developing friendships, teamwork and building important life skills such as humility in victory and encouragement in defeat.

**Team Comments**

	Name	Commentary
1	Yusuf Agha	A talented addition to the team this year. Yusuf reads the game well, demonstrating great vision to position himself in open space and create opportunities to score. Scored 10 goals throughout the season including an absolute cracker to secure victory in the dying seconds in the final match of the season.



<b>2</b>	<b>Leo Astill</b>	Leo always produced one hundred percent effort regardless of the score or position he was playing. A great allrounder who is as comfortable in the role of goal keeper as he is at striker. Leo has blinding speed and always seeks to get back and help his teammates defend when the pressure is on. Scored 9 quality goals during the season. A humble team player with lots of natural talent.
<b>3</b>	<b>Jaxon Axiak</b>	Jaxon's skills continued to develop with each game. He improved in his tackling, game awareness and passing skills this season. Jaxon's willingness to learn and be a team player is evident as he takes action on the field. A great kid and excellent effort this season.
<b>4</b>	<b>Oscar Cortes</b>	Faithful in defence. Oscar kept his eye on the ball and consistently made tackles that saved the team countless times throughout the season. He consistently supported his teammates and his positive attitude helped to lift the team when in tough positions.
<b>5</b>	<b>Connor Cratchley</b>	Great speed and clearing power with the boot to prevent tricky situations when the team was under pressure. This was particularly evident in round 4 against Greenacre where he diffused the opposition attack time and time again. A real competitor on the field and fights hard to win the ball.
<b>6</b>	<b>Walid El Badawie</b>	An excellent addition to the team this year. Walid is a confident character with excellent ball control. He is a real competitor with a cheeky sense of humour. Loves to nutmeg the opposition players and perform well choreographed post goal celebrations. A real attacking weapon scoring 13 goals throughout the season.
<b>7</b>	<b>Hayden Ellem</b>	It doesn't take much to get Hayden motivated on the field. His positivity and energetic character is contagious. Confidently played in all positions across the field including in goals when required. Equal top goal scorer with 13 goals throughout the season. Kept us entertained with plenty of cheeky post goal celebrations. Always encouraging and supportive of his teammates.
<b>8</b>	<b>Levi Lac</b>	Levi showed excellent growth in confidence, game awareness and skill throughout his first season. A great addition to our team he scored a memorable goal during the Gala Day against Birrong Sports. Enjoyed celebrating with his teammates.
<b>9</b>	<b>Isa Mehcur</b>	Isa developed a never give up attitude and the ability to contest strongly to win the ball from opposition players. He contributed across the field in both attack and defence. Controlling the ball well at his feet, he regularly displayed a team first approach to set up his teammates with quality passes. Scored 10 quality goals throughout the season.
<b>10</b>	<b>Eddie Raft</b>	Constantly giving it all he's got every game. Eddie has continued to improve in his tackling, game awareness and passing skills this season. Became progressively more confident dribbling the ball throughout the season. A real go-getter, his commitment to playing is a joy to see.
<b>11</b>	<b>Joey Raft</b>	Joey often took on a defensive role and was quick to shut down the opposition attack and get the ball moving in the right direction. Joey had a strong game in the final match of the season playing the sweeping role to turn back the opposition attack when under pressure.



# 8 Blue

**Coach:** Liam Martin & Isaiah Rivas  
**Manager:** Alisa McAndrew  
**Players' Player:** Isaac Arnold

## The Team

Isaac Arnold	Annabelle De Luis	Mustapha El Masri
Prayosh Khadka	Claire Mitchell	Reyansh Nair
Mia Psomas	Riley Roberts	Jackson Ross
Laura Sinclair	Biraj Thapa	

## The highlights of the season were:

- Having great fun at the gala day winning two games!
- Thanks also to Ian for his help at training throughout the year.

## Team Comments

	Name	Commentary
1	Isaac Arnold	Isaac was a standout in the team and was always not far from the ball. Scored some great goals. Always turned up to training and put in 100% on game day each week. Well-deserved players' player.
2	Annabelle De Luis	Anna had a good season mainly in defence and the midfield and progressed well as the season went on.
3	Prayosh Khadka	Prayosh had a great season and combined well with Isaac up front and in the midfield sparking some great attack and scoring a couple of goals.
4	Claire Mitchell	Claire was fearless in defence. Playing against teams made up mostly of boys most weeks she never backed down and loved a good slide tackle!
5	Reyansh Nair	Had a good year for his first season of soccer and wherever he played on the park he was always in the thick of the action
6	Mia Psomas	Mia played every position on the park this year at least once and was probably strongest in the midfield where she was solid in both attack and defence.
7	Riley Roberts	Riley had a great season and showed great skills at times linking up with Isaac and Prayosh in the midfield and up front. Never stopped trying for the team.
8	Jackson Ross	Jackson found his home in the backs this year with a few cameos as goalkeeper. Was solid as our last line of defence, clearing many threatening attacks.
9	Laura Sinclair	Laura had great speed and this was useful in the midfield where she played most of the season. Helping start some great attack and tackling players before they got to our defence.
10	Biraj Thapa	Biraj was another versatile player this year adapting well to every position he played. Had some great games as goalkeeper stopping some great shots and keeping us in the game.



# 8 Yellow

**Coach:** Christopher Mason-Johnson  
**Manager:** Lauree Cortis  
**Players' Player:** Zayden Moustafa

## The Team

<b>Massimo Battiato</b>	<b>Corrado Camuglia</b>	<b>Archer Corkin</b>
<b>Joel Cottee</b>	<b>Isaac Ghookasian</b>	<b>Lucas Lescenin</b>
<b>Quin Mason-Johnson</b>	<b>Zayden Moustafa</b>	<b>Luka Runevski</b>
<b>Ethan Sudiro</b>	<b>Joseph Yaacoub</b>	

## Season Summary:

Games	Won	Lost	Draw	Goals For	Goals Against
15	7	8	0	38	38

## The highlights of the season were:

- Receiving their sponsored name and numbered shirts.
- 8-0 win with 5 members of the team scoring goals.
- Seeing the player's pass the ball around more, play in their positions together as a team.

## Team Comments

	Name	Commentary
1	Massimo Battiato	Massimo has shown great flexibility this year to be utilised in different positions, he has been an important sound player in our defence, but also able to run the ball and open up play in our attack. Massimo was willing to play goalkeeper when required and determined to keep those goals out.
2	Corrado Camuglia	Corrado is a passionate and fearless player who continuously plays well and delivers, his ability to offer strength in both attack and defence makes him an extremely important player for our team. Corrado reads the play well, looks for opportunities and uses his creative skills to shake things up.
3	Archer Corkin	Archer's quick hands as our goalkeeper continually saved goals for our team, it's fair to say he filled the shoes of his long-awaited role very well. Archer plays an important part of our team's defence often getting himself in the right place to use his big boot to change the direction of play.
4	Joel Cottee	Joel had a fantastic first season of soccer fitting into our team like he had been there for years. Joel's big clearance boot and strength to win tackles made him an extremely reliable support player for our goalkeeper. Joel's positive attitude and big smile on the field always brightened our games.
5	Isaac Ghookasian	Isaac continues to impress; his speed consistently allows him to get to the ball first and clear it out of the oppositions end, he confidentially runs the ball back to our end beating his opposition players. Isaac's perfect passes to his teammates have been the result of setting up many goals.
6	Quin Mason-Johnson	Quin's kind and caring nature makes him a very popular member of our team. Quin has shown huge signs of improvement in his defence, he is extremely committed and does a fantastic job of marking his opposition players. Quin often rescues his team by using his big boot to clear.

<b>7</b>	<b>Lucas Lescenin</b>	Lucas played a universal role in our team this year, he did a fantastic job as our team's goalkeeper, Lucas was never afraid to throw his body on the line to save goals and keep his team in winning position. Lucas's accurate shooting skills made him a reliable choice when converting penalty kicks.
<b>8</b>	<b>Zayden Moustafa</b>	Zayden is a driven and competitive player who looks for opportunities to build attack and move forward, his ability to play well in both attack and defence saw him play his best as a box-to-box midfielder. Zayden contributed 20 goals this year, therefore he is our team's Golden boot.
<b>9</b>	<b>Luka Runevski</b>	Luka was a great contribution to our teams attack this year, Luka offers great speed and agility and is always looking for opportunities to score goals. Luka showed great improvement in his ball control and can now offer his fellow teammates perfect passes to set them up for goals.
<b>10</b>	<b>Ethan Sudiro</b>	Ethan showed a huge boost in his confidence this year and improved his acquired skills. Ethan has great control over his precision passes, his passes played a huge role in setting up numerous goals for his team. Ethan is always willing and committed to give things ago.
<b>11</b>	<b>Joseph Yaacoub</b>	Our team has thoroughly enjoyed welcoming Joseph this year, his determination to stop the opposition team from scoring made a huge impact on our team's defence. Joseph is a very positive and cooperative player who gives his 100% commitment week in week out.



## 9 Green

**Coach:** Nathan Pearson  
**Manager:** Nathan Pearson  
**Players' Player:** Jaxson Punwani

### The Team

**Ibrahim Charbaji**

**Henry Corkin**

**Leo Dassakis**

**Devesh Kunwar**

**Lucas Neade**

**Flynn Pearson**

**Jaxson Punwani**

**Nate Roberts**

**Anthony Sara**

**Elias Veas Reyes**

### Season Summary:

<b>Games</b>	<b>Won</b>	<b>Lost</b>	<b>Draw</b>	<b>Goals For</b>	<b>Goals Against</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>43</b>

### The highlights of the season were:

- Brand new team this year that really gelled together.
- Devesh realising he's actually really good at goalkeeper.
- After losing to the Hornets at the Gala Day, turning around and beating them at their home ground 1-0 in a tight competitive game with no reserves.

## Team Comments

	Name	Commentary
1	Elias Reyes	Gives his all every game, just needs to slow down sometimes and look for the opportunity.
2	Anthony Sara	Loves football, can't keep him off the ground and really works hard to get better but Al needs to look for the opportunity to pass.
3	Jaxson Punwani	Great vision and footwork, real team player happy to put his body on the line, will only get better with age, our players player for this year.
4	Flynn Pearson	Played every game this season, always gives 200% every game and happy to play any position without question, most improved.
5	Lucas Neade	Great marker and defender, never give up attitude and great team player, always asking great questions about position and how to get better.
6	Devesh Kumwar	Also, another massive improvement this season, can play any position including GOALIE, great team player and best scorer.
7	Leo Dassakis	Ultra-competitive and energetic at every game, shows lots of passion to his team and opposition.
8	Henry Corkin	Has been with the team since day one with Flynn and always plays with the everything he has, also has improved from last season, just needs a little more focus.
9	Ibrahim Charbaji	The team pocket rocket and team clown, has improved in his confidence and skills from last season, which is great, always a bundle of energy.
10	Nate Roberts	Always happy to give any position a go, a big change from playing rugby league to his first season of soccer, really improved by the end of the season.



## 9 Orange

**Coach:** Kieren Frappell

**Players' Player:** Zac Morrison

**The Team**

Liam Frappell

Wade Jalonen

Adam Khaznadar

Laeth Khaznadar

Sebastian Mamari

Zac Morrison

Leonardo Piol-Crawford

Brody Sani

Oliver Taylor

**Season Summary:**

Games	Won	Lost	Draw	Goals For	Goals Against
17	10	5	2	54	20



### The highlights of the season were:

- Coaching an awesome group of boys that are always keen to train, play and improve their skills every week.
- The variety of goals the boys managed to create through their ever-improving passing game along with the occasional long-range missile and the 7 clean sheets showing the boys dedication to defending their goal at all costs.
- Match of the season - Down 2 nil at half time after being dominated by Revesby Workers, before showing typical Diggers fight to turn the momentum in the second half, levelling the game with two great goals and just missing a winner in the final minute.

### Player Comments

	Name	Commentary
1	<b>Zac Morrison</b>	In his 4th year with the Diggers, Zac continues to impress with his lung busting runs up and down the pitch scoring 13 goals and helping to stop plenty more.
2	<b>Wade Jalonon</b>	In his 4th year with the Diggers, Wade transitioned seamlessly between midfield and the forward line. Always an attacking threat he banged in 7 goals this year.
3	<b>Leonardo Piol-Crawford</b>	In his 4th year with the Diggers, Leonardo is as enthusiastic scoring goals as a striker as he is stopping them as the Goalkeeper. Wins the Golden Boot for the second consecutive year with 16 goals including 4 in one game against Bankstown Strikers.
4	<b>Liam Frappell</b>	In his 4th year with the Diggers, Liam showed his versatility this year as he rotated between defence and attack. He enjoyed getting forward, scoring 9 goals including a long-range cracker against Birrong straight out of his Father's playbook.
5	<b>Oliver Taylor</b>	In his 3rd year with the Diggers, Oliver showed great improvement this year, supporting his teammates with some sound tackling and passing and some important saves when playing Goalkeeper.
6	<b>Sebastian Mamari</b>	In his 2nd year with the Diggers, Sebastian relished the opportunity to play in the midfield in a few games this year. He helped create some excellent chances before scoring an outstanding volley to finish off a slick team passing movement against St Christophers late in the season which may have caused the Coach to shed a tear (maybe)
7	<b>Brody Sani</b>	In his 2nd year with the Diggers, Brody is a constant menace for the opposition. Scoring 7 goals this year, he uses his pace to easily beat players down the flanks or drops back into defence stopping opposition raids in their tracks.
8	<b>Laeth Khaznadar</b>	In his 2nd year with the Diggers, Laeth is a key player in the team. A defensive minded player who likes to push into midfield and shoot from distance. He has a powerful shot the PL boys would be proud of. Scored a bomb this year from halfway to give the team a 1-0 victory over Padstow Hornets.
9	<b>Adam Khaznadar</b>	In his 2nd year with the Diggers, Adam has developed into a fine utility player. Can fill gaps in the side all over the pitch and doesn't stop running at training or in games.



## 9 Red

**Coach:** Mitch Walker  
**Manager:** Jenni Kiddle  
**Players' Player:** Arthur Cross  
**The Team**

Antonios Aboud	Cody Ballard	Jacob Braddick
James Brennan	Arthur Cross	Cruz Gallagher
Isaac Iaali	Harlan Pollard	Tristan Pollard
Sonny Pringle	Jordan Ristevski	Rory Walker

**Season Summary:**

Games	Won	Lost	Draw	Goals For	Goals Against
16	10	5	1	More	Less

**The highlights of the season were:**

- Watching the Matilda's quarter final win together at the Diggers.
- Second half win against Greenacre.
- All the boys putting their hands up to be goalie.

**Highest scorers:**

- Jordan
- Harlan
- Cody

I have been fortunate enough to coach these boys for two years now, and the amount of growth I have seen in the last season has been fantastic. All the boys have improved so much, in many different ways. To be able to show determination and win a half, despite losing the game, makes me most proud. Their passing and holding of positions has improved greatly as they have become used to the larger pitch.

To see how much they love the game, and playing with their mates, instils confidence that the club has a great future.



## 10 Blue

**Coach:** Dean Arnold  
**Manager:** Julia Lescesin  
**Players' Player:** Adrian Lescesin

**The Team**

Zion Biggar	Dinh Phu An Dang	Harrison Gould
Omar Haddad	Rory Heagney	James Karavelas
Caleb Kitchingman	Adrian Lescesin	Houd Makhfi
Oliver Naidovski	Ioannis Tsakiridis	Jayden Ward

### Season Summary:

Games	Won	Lost	Draw	Goals For	Goals Against
15	10	4	1		

### The highlights of the season were:

Winning our first 10 games of the season - what a cracking start! This team has all the passion equal with the right amount of skill that continued to develop as the season went on.

There was a lot of sensational passing, shots and camaraderie between all the players. Watching them develop their skills even further during each game was a delight and we could notice their improvement, consistency and passion on the field. But none of this could be remotely possible without the support from the amazing parents turning up each week to training and game day especially during those cool wintery days. A massive thanks to Coach Dean for his absolute dedication and commitment to help each player develop their skills and reach their full potential.

### Team Comments

	Name	Commentary
1	Jayden Ward	All time runner. His determination to win the ball at every turn was super sharp and he always strived to put his best boot forward.
2	Oliver Naidovski	Our golden boot. Always at the right place, at the right time and confidently nails each shot to the back of the net. Flawless!
3	Adrian Lescetin	That right foot and those free kicks/corners were outstanding. Not much got past him in defense. A chip off the old block.
4	Caleb Kitchingman	Maestro in the midfield. His precision passing or on target himself, Caleb was always involved in the momentum of the game.
5	James Karavelas	A true winger. A versatile player that never stopped running circles around the opposition. He was everywhere!
6	Rory Heagney	A solid and reliable defender. Quickly manoeuvres around each attacker and successfully brings the ball up the line.
7	Omar Haddad	By far the team's most passionate player and solid midfielder. He will win that ball at almost any cost and plays the game with pride.
8	Harrison Gould	Never gives up! He had a fantastic season and scored his first goal! Always the most cheerful player on the team.
9	Leo Dang	Smooth operator. He's dynamic and can play in almost any position. He's developed great control of the ball and can only continue to shine on the field.
10	Zion Biggar	A classic winger and always prepared to strike by making those runs up and down the line and providing those great crosses into the right player. Keep it up!
11	Giannis Tsakiridis	Heroic goalkeeper. Not the easiest job on the field, but Giannis made some impressive saves when it counted most. Great work this season.
12	Houd Makhfi	The newcomer to the team! He fitted right in with his great attitude and always listened to the coach. Great first season!







## 10 Yellow

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<b>Coach:</b>	<b>Ali Moustafa</b>	<b>John Roberts</b>	<b>Daniel Moy</b>
<b>Manager:</b>	<b>Barbara Moy</b>		
<b>Players' Player:</b>	<b>Bailey Moy</b>		

### The Team

<b>Harrison Ellem</b>	<b>Christopher Green-Rice</b>	<b>Jak Hristov</b>
<b>Anthony Kalinderidis</b>	<b>Jayce Kastrounis</b>	<b>Joshua Kollannur</b>
<b>Jasper Marshall</b>	<b>Izaya Moustafa</b>	<b>Bailey Moy</b>
<b>Jett Roberts</b>	<b>Yianni Roussis</b>	<b>Elhan Shams</b>
<b>Max Vigenser</b>		

### Report:

We recruited well this year welcoming 4 new players to the team in Anthony, Chris, Josh, and Jett & 2 assistant coaches and a manager! That's what we call a win-win-win situation! It was lucky that we did as we didn't see Josh and Elhan for most of the year due to a broken hand and foot respectively, just as the season started. That combined with other sporting commitments for some players, COVID and the flu, meant we were down to the bare minimum sometimes.

A lot of growth and learning this year as the boys continue to learn how to hold positions and play and pass as a team. A lot more work to do at the same time.

We had a great defensive team with “Team Triple J” (Jak, Jayce, Jasper) leading the way. Add in Jett who proved to be very versatile – great in defence but also doing well up front. Build these guys around our irreplaceable “Bruiser Boys” at the back in Harrison and Bailey and we are very strong defensively. Then we have our greyhound midfield team in Yianni, Chris, Max and Anthony. They run all day, with great hustle and energy often turning into attack in the blink of an eye. This left our goal-scoring machine Izaya to finish off a lot of our goals this year with some classy efforts upfront. When you then throw in Elhan and Josh at the end of the year once they were given the all-clear from the doctors, we started to see just what this team could do.

Well done and thank you boys.

**Congratulations** to all players as this year, As voted by the team Players’ Player results were as follows:

- **Players’ player:** Bailey Moy (GK) (15 points)
- **Runner Up:** Yianni Roussis (11 points)
- **3<sup>rd</sup> place:** Izaya Moustafa (10 points)
- **Coaches award:** Max Vigenser

**Thank you to:**

- **Ali** and **Jeff** for all their help this year with training when I had to travel for work sometimes and running games on gameday when it clashed with the U14’s game.
- To **Barb** for helping with managing the team from an admin point of view, the comms on WhatsApp etc. This helps a lot especially when I am coaching two teams and playing/managing in another.
- **The parents** for supporting their kids in the best possible way. It was a tough year for them, for some, their first year of soccer and I think it’s important to focus on them having fun more than ever now to help foster their love of the game for future years to come.
- **The boys** for being great listeners. There is so much energy in this team (yes, sometimes too much for the 3 coaches to handle!!!) It will come down to how we harness that energy and focus it in the right way as a team. There is also a lot of passion and motivation within you all to do well which is equally great to see.
- **The club and associated office bearers** for your support on and off the pitch this year.

The Panania Under 10 Yellow Team would like to thank Rowan Brown and the team at Ability Partners: [www.abilitypartners.com.au](http://www.abilitypartners.com.au) who kindly sponsored our team this year and enabled the whole team to receive a training jersey this year.

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# 10/11 Girls Pink

**Coach:** Joseph Busuttil  
**Manager:** Aimee Busuttil  
**Players' Player:** Emily Busuttil  
**Runner Up:** Bethany Busuttil

## The Team

Nikolina Barakat	Bethany Busuttil	Emily Busuttil
Georgia Codreanu	Mariyah Fernandes	Olive Hayler
Chrystal Hughes	Veronica Liang	Talia Lippett
Faith Moloney	Gabriella Moussa	Savannah Rabadi
Bzoyna Vasudeva	Lily Whitear	

## Season Summary:

Games	Won	Lost	Draw	Goals For	Goals Against
15	11	3	1	53	24

## The highlights of the season were:

- Reaching the Semi-finals of the Gala Day at Kelso by beating St Christophers in extra, extra-time with 5 players left on the field.
- The team spirit shown at our training sessions and on match day to compete well.
- All players maintaining the team formation throughout each match, not an easy task!
- Our loud cheer squad...great sideline support.



## .Player Comments

	Name	Commentary
1	<b>Emily Busuttil</b> (Striker)	Our potent goal scorer and fearless captain. Strong with the ball, Emily showed great determination to beat opposition and score. Very resilient! Even when playing with a forearm cast in the latter stages of the season. Strong work-ethic at training and on match day. Great effort this season Emily.
2	<b>Bethany Busuttil</b> (Midfield)	Dynamic and Skilful. Great ball control to get past the opposition, at times 3 players with ease, before using her long pass to provide the support the strikers. Scored many goals with her 1 <sup>st</sup> touch. Well done Bethany.
3	<b>Faith Moloney</b> (Defence / Midfield / Goal keeper)	Strong and courageous. Played well in defence and midfield. Positive and determined! Focussed to compete and WIN no matter what. Our most improved player. As Goalkeeper, she was always willing to give 100%. Excellent Season Faith!
4	<b>Gabriella Moussa</b> (Midfield)	Energetic and proactive. Gabriella was always determined in midfield. Consistently retrieving the ball from the opposition and promoting the ball forward. Her passing and communication was a constant highlight on match day. Keep up the great work Gabriella.

<b>5</b>	<b>Talia Lippett</b> (Defence)	Reliable and confident. Talia solidified herself in defence with her great long 'side-line passing' and ability to defend very well. Often communicated to her fellow players to stay organised and focussed. Outstanding season Talia!
<b>6</b>	<b>Veronica Liang</b> (Striker)	Consistent goal scorer. Our Golden boot winner! Veronica used her quick ball control, reflexes, speed and accuracy to score in most if not all matches. Dangerous when in the opposition half. Formed a great partnership with Bethany and Emily to create many goal scoring opportunities. Tremendous season, Veronica.
<b>7</b>	<b>Bzoyna Vasudeva</b> (Goal keeper / Midfield)	Enthusiastic and spirited. Bzoyna was always willing to give 100%. Great determination to play well at training and on match day. She played with Great team player. Well done Bzoyna.
<b>8</b>	<b>Savannah Rabadi</b> (Midfield / Defence)	Strong-willed and motivated. Savannah consistently showed great work ethic at training and on match day. One of our hardest working players! Passing and creating energetic passages of play to support the Strikers. Often, played in defence as sweeper to stop any striker in her way. Outstanding season Savannah.
<b>9</b>	<b>Georgia Codreanu</b> (Midfield / Defence)	Strong and courageous. Georgia was our vocal leader and organiser in defence. Never to take a back step, led by example with her powerful boot and tough presence. Pushed herself at all times to improve. Our loudest team member, a great motivator for all the team to WIN. Excellent season Georgia.
<b>10</b>	<b>Chrystal Hughes</b> (Midfield / Striker)	Determined and resilient. Chrystal is one of our strongest of players. Consistently forcing the opposition to turn over the ball, and passing to the strikers. Often scoring from distance even from outside the penalty area with her 1 <sup>st</sup> touch. Great powerful kick! Well done Chrystal.
<b>11</b>	<b>Olive Hayler</b> (Defence)	Quiet achiever. Olive showed tremendous improvement throughout the season. Providing quick passing from defence to her attacking team mates, she demonstrated a great understanding and awareness in her role as one of our main defenders. Reliable and a consistent performer. Outstanding season Olive.
<b>12</b>	<b>Mariyah Fernandes</b> (Midfield)	Spirited and dynamic. Even though Mariyah missed the majority of the season through illness, she consistently showed unwavering enthusiasm to compete, participate and contribute at all training sessions and on match day. A team-minded player who can fulfill any positional role on the field. Great effort this season Mariyah.
<b>13</b>	<b>Nikolina Barakat</b> (Goalkeeper / Defence / Midfield)	Powerful and Fearless. Nikolina is our No.1 Goal keeper. Saved many shots on goal with her quick reflexes and physical presence. With little training she excelled and displayed the characteristics needed to fulfill any position on the field. Strong and often courageous when with the ball, her powerful kick, would provide the strikers with many opportunities to score. Fantastic season Nikolina.
<b>14</b>	<b>Lily Whitear</b> (Goal Keeper / Defence / Midfield)	Fast and skilful. Lily showed the determination to compete at all training sessions and on match day. Her selflessness to help in a number of positions on the field assisted the team to dominate against the strongest of opposition. Energetic! Provide the spark the team needed to WIN! Well done Lily.

# 10/11 Girls Purple

**Coach:** Andrew Smithwick  
**Manager:** Lauren Smithwick  
**Players' Player:** Sofia Cataldo

## The Team

Addison Brown	Ella Brown	Sienna Caddoo
Sofia Cataldo	Annabelle Grady	Jaimee Murphy
Ivy Nolasco	Mia Silva	Ava Smithwick
Jasmin Tran	Madison Vajdevski	Zoey Vella

## Season Summary:

Games	Won	Lost	Draw	Goals For	Goals Against

## The highlights of the season were:

Coaching the 10/11 Purples is my pleasure. It is a roller coaster. At times, I feel like a coach, at other times, I feel like a personal emotional consultant. We have only been together for a few years, with the girls having varied levels of previous experience, combined with playing the older girls made for some difficult match experiences. The girl's development from last year to this year and from the start of the year to the end of the year was significant. At times we had to remember that it was about how we played and how we were improving each week. Nevertheless, a fantastic effort from everyone with some positive results.

Thanks to Loz, Pete, Jen and John for helping out throughout the year. Very much appreciated. A couple of individual highlights from me:

- The parents v's kids game at the end of the year. Who said the parents weren't competitive?
- We lost to a team during the season, a lot to nothing, and then we played them in the gala day and had a 0-0 draw!
- A parent (no name) leaving Kearns to drive to Buchanan – which took a lot longer than it should have and arriving late for our game???????

## Player Comments

	Name	Commentary
1	Ella Brown	Ella you never stopped running and competing when you were on the field. Making some great progress, understanding positions on the field and reading the play really well. Definitely one of our players who never backed down!
2	Addison Brown	Addison made some fantastic progress this year. Starting the year spending some time in goals and then soon becoming our regular keeper. What a year you had, making some great saves, coming off the line and taking some fantastic goal kicks! Great work, Addi!
3	Sienna Caddoo	Sienna was one of our most tenacious fullbacks, never backing down from a tackle or an opponent. This year I noticed you starting to pass the ball and show a lot more composure when you had the chance, fantastic year, Sienna!
4	Sofia Cataldo	Sofia is one of our most naturally talented players. Leading the way at training and at the matches. Scoring some fantastic goals and setting up a few more. A pleasure to have you as part of our team, Sofia!
5	Annabelle Grady	Annabelle great year, you were more than happy to play in any position and did it admirably, you provided me with one of my personal highlights of the year when you saved a goal and celebrated immediately! Annabelle – make sure you do some star jumps 😊.

<b>6</b>	<b>Jaimee Murphy</b>	Jaimee, we had some incredibly wonderful conversations throughout the year. When you turned your mind to it, you are certainly adding a great deal to the team, tackling with purpose and always looking up for a team mate to pass the ball to. Great year, Jaimee!
<b>7</b>	<b>Ivy Nolasco</b>	Wow – what a first year playing with our team, you’re a natural. Pete and I were so impressed with your skill and your ability to pick and playing any position you were asked and even more importantly you did it with a bloody massive smile! Well done, Ivy!
<b>8</b>	<b>Mia Silva</b>	Mia – what a pleasure it was having you join our team – you joined our team and showed composure when you had the ball at your feet, never giving up and always chasing back, an absolute pleasure to have you at training and the games each week! Well done, Mia!
<b>9</b>	<b>Ava Smithwick</b>	Ava “can I play striker?” Smithwick – No! Moving from fullback to midfield had such a positive impact on our team. You showed excellent skill dribbling and defending, we need to work on crossing the ball! Well done, Ava!
<b>10</b>	<b>Jasmine Tran</b>	Jazi! The most consistent of consistent players we couldn’t have asked for more! More than anyone Jaz, you understand your position – you read the play really well and have started to pass the ball! Jazi – Fantastic!
<b>11</b>	<b>Madison Vajdevski</b>	Madi the heart of a lion and determination to match! A fantastic year where you tried every single week. Never giving up - Some fantastic improvement with your shooting as well. Great year, Madi!
<b>12</b>	<b>Zoey Vella</b>	Zoey – Thank you for joining our team – you certainly added some speed, aggression and never backed down from any challenge! For your first time playing soccer you were awesome and even managed to score a goal! Well done, Zoey!



## 11 Blue

**Coaches:** Mark Weir and Brent Smithwick  
**Manager:** Jas Jovevski  
**Players’ Player:** James Jurinic

### The Team

**Kody Barton**

**Jalal Dirani**

**James Jurinic**

**Oliver Madarac**

**Oliver Busby**

**Jacob Hapehi**

**Tanapat Kheawkham**

**Jayden Margi**

**Declan Clarke**

**Logan Jovevski**

**Jonathan King**

**Hanson Su**

### Goal Scorers:

Jalal	26
James	16
Hansen	4

Tanapat	4
Kody	4
Oliver B	3
Logan	2
Oliver M	1
Jayden	1

### Report:

Coming into this team we really didn't know what to expect but we were really keen to see what we could do with this young team and all we really wanted to do was to prepare them for competition soccer in 2024. What we found was a group of young lads that were absolute pumped to play soccer and after some adjustments to positions the boys straight away clicked into gear. They absorbed what we were teaching them in positions and how to work as one team which was so good to watch.

The boys quickly learnt that the efforts and attitudes they put in at training would reflect what happens in the game and we were glad to see that it really worked because they were an unstoppable team. Every single player in this team has significantly improved compared to what they were at the start of the season and they were an extremely fit team and that was just put down to the hard work they did at training and the coaching staff really respect that and couldn't ask for more.

This team were so unlucky not to be undefeated all season, but we were just unlucky with losing the last game of the season, but each member of the team should be very proud of that statistic it is extremely hard to achieve. Thank you to the parents for allowing us to be able to coach this team and as we said at the start of the season is to learn the fundamentals of the game and prepare them for competition soccer and we believe we achieved that and this team can achieve great things in the future.

### Team Comments

	Name	Commentary
1	<b>Logan Jovevski</b>	We couldn't be prouder of Logan who started off a little quiet and wasn't too confident, but as the season went on, he really came out of his shell and has turned into a great utility player who can play in all positions. This makes Logan a very valuable player. A fantastic season from a player who always put in 100%. Great effort and season, Logan!
2	<b>Tanapat Kheawkham</b>	Tanapat is a pocket rocket, who just doesn't stop. A fantastic midfielder and his effort and attitude can't be faulted. He is an absolute pleasure to coach and he has had an outstanding season. Tanapat has outstanding skills who easily and frequently got around his opponents. Fantastic season, Tanapat, can't wait to see what you produce next season!
3	<b>Jonathan King</b>	Speed demon!! You can never question Jonathan's passion for the game as he turns up each training session and game ready to rock and roll. Although he wanted to play in a few different positions during the season he mainly played fullback, where he simply stood out and shined. He protected and saved so many break through runs from the opposition on so many occasions it was brilliant to watch. Fantastic season, Jonathan!
4	<b>Kody Barton</b>	A fantastic season for Kody who was solid in left midfield. He has a wicked left boot on him and a never give up attitude. He has great ball control and which allows him to get him around his opponents. He is really starting to read the game, which is a big bonus and will no doubt see him have a big season in 2024, so keep an eye on him as he develops into an outstanding player. Brilliant season, Kody!



5	<b>Oliver Madarac</b>	Oliver is another player who started out a little quiet but every game he grew with confidence and skill. Oliver is just one of those kids you want in your team as he just never gives up and is such a passionate player, which we really enjoyed watching. He tried his hand at goalie a couple of times and did an absolute brilliant job. A pleasure to coach and he had a fantastic season so well done, Oliver!
6	<b>Oliver Busby</b>	Oliver B is definitely the quietest in the team but now a completely different player to when he first started the season. As coaches, Oliver is a perfect example as to why we love coaching because we love to see kids progress in skill and simply enjoy the game. Oliver's first goal in soccer will be very memorable and it just unlocked the beast within who craved more goals which he achieved plenty of by the end of the season. An absolute cracker of a season, well done, Olly!
7	<b>Declan Clarke</b>	Another player that developed into a very different player compared to when he first started the season. We have really enjoyed watching Declan grow as a player and by the end of the season he was doing some fantastic turns, which the opposition had no answer for. We are confident that he now understands the fullback position and the importance of never giving up. A great season Declan, we are proud of what you achieved this season!
8	<b>Jacob Hepahi</b>	Jacob was unlucky to start the season off with a broken arm but when he was fit and ready, he showed us the skills he has as a goalie. Jacob was like a human brick wall, nothing got through him. When we would move Jacob out of goals, we loved it when we gave him the task of marking a certain player, he wouldn't let you down as he stuck to them like glue and frustrated that player to know end which was brilliant. Well done on a great season, Jacob!
9	<b>Jalal Dirani</b>	I don't think I really ever saw Jalal without a soccer ball in his hands and he would be one of the most passionate soccer players we have ever coached. His skill level is beyond his years and weaved through teams with ease. He was starting to learn the art of when to hold onto the ball and when to release it. I have no doubt we will see Jalal do bigger and better things in the sport of soccer. Incredible season, well done, Jalal.
10	<b>James Jurinic</b>	Wow what a season! James first turned up as a quiet player, wanting to play goalkeeper, but once we saw his skills on the field, I don't think his goalkeeper gloves every came out again. James is a sponge and absorbed everything we threw at him, James has turned out to be an incredible player. The power in his shots is remarkable and you simply wouldn't recognise him to when he first started. I can't wait to see what he produces next season as I think he is just getting started. Unbelievable season, well done, James!
11	<b>Hanson Su</b>	An extremely strong player in the middle of the park. Hanson has played extremely well and become an integral part of the midfield pack. He has an extremely strong boot and is not afraid to go in for the hard tackle to win the ball. We look forward to seeing what he will produce in the 2024, as he will just keep getting stronger and faster. Great season, Hanson!
12	<b>Jayden Margi</b>	Jayden has turned into a valuable little player who can play in many positions making him a great utility player. He has a great turn on the ball and can place the ball perfectly to his fellow players. He is relatively quiet but fire him up you better look out as he packs a punch when he gets going. A fantastic season Jayden and I can't wait to see what you produce next season. Well done.

# 11 Green

**Coach:** Martin Folan  
**Manager:** Aimee Busuttil  
**Players' Player:** Heidi Ava Elfalak

## The Team

Bethany Busuttil	Emily Busuttil	Heidi Elfalak
Ben Folan	Vaughn Greenwell	Liam Hayler
Lewis Leung	Kilifi Maugatai	Logan McKinley
Rafael George Milad-Said	William Russell	Alyssa Thompson

## Season Summary:

Games	Won	Lost	Draw	Goals For	Goals Against
16	1	12	3	22	59

## The highlights of the season were:

- The never give up attitude of this team was amazing! No matter how tough it got in the games, they picked each other up and encouraged each other to push through to the end!
- The goal keeping this season was outstanding! We had 2 regular goalies this year with Logan and Kilifi both stepping up into this critical position. Some of the saves they made would have the premier league scouts take notice!
- The tactical and passing game of the team improved immensely throughout the season. We had many new players to the team and to the game and it took us some time to get into a rhythm of positioning and passing but by the end of the season the skills and awareness of the whole team were fantastic!

## Player Comments

	Name	Commentary
1	Alyssa Thompson	What an athlete! Alysa preferred playing in a defensive position and shifted well between defence and mid-field. Her athletic ability made her the perfect covering defensive player. Her big boot could turn all that defensive work into attack very quickly and was essential to the team!
2	William Russell	This was Will's first year playing club soccer, which he combined with a season of rugby! It didn't take Will very long to transfer those rugby skills into some exciting breaks and shots on the pitch! Will injected his pace and skill into the team and allowed a broad spread of play in all positions. His positioning was his biggest improvement throughout the season and the understanding that you must trust your team-mates in their positions to compete as a team.
3	Rafael George Milad Siad	Rafael aka Rafa Tafa aka Mbappe had an awesome season! His lightning quick feet, low centre of gravity and seemingly lack of breaks made him a difficult player to stop once he got rolling. Raf has been a great character in the team, always positive and laughing and made the season very enjoyable for the team.
4	Logan McKinley	Logan is one of the original players in this team and has developed his skills year on year! This season Logan volunteered to play goalkeeper and it didn't take long for him to demonstrate why he was suited to this position. As the last line of defence this position can be a tough one but Logan stood up to the challenge and made some amazing saves.

5	<b>Kilifi Maugatai</b>	Kilifi also had his first season of soccer and took on his commitments in addition to his rugby union season. Kilifi competed in every position on the pitch and developed his signature 360 degree turn! He also volunteered as goalkeeper and showed how his rugby handling skills, nerves of steel and big boot could be transferred to this position. Our goalies became the counter attacking edge the team relied on. Kilifi is a great sportsman and while he competed with intensity he also encouraged his team-mates to move forward and keep their heads up.
6	<b>Lewis Leung</b>	Lewis was new to the team this year and excelled in the mid-field. He got stuck in with his tackles against some tough opposition and made some great breaks throughout the season.
7	<b>Liam Hayler</b>	Liam has grown in confidence hugely throughout the season and always brought his positive attitude to every training session and game. It was a pleasure to have him in the team and we particularly enjoyed when we were able to borrow Liam's sister, Olive, to complete the family combo for breaks down the wing!
8	<b>Vaughn Xiang Greenwell</b>	Vaughn has grown as a player with every season. His easy going and considerate attitude helped the team navigate through some tough games. He has an admirable level of resilience for his years and always ensured that being part of and enjoying the team was above any wins or losses on the pitch.
9	<b>Ben Folan</b>	Ben developed as a natural central midfielder. Covering back to support his team in defence and pushing forward through the centre in the counterattack. Ben's biggest improvement this year was in his communications on the pitch and awareness of player positioning. He brought his passion for the sport and his team into every game and supported his team with every determined tackle and attacking opportunity he fought for.
10	<b>Heidi Ava Elfalak</b>	Heidi joined the team from a background in AFL and enjoyed her first season of soccer with our team and also supported the girls' team at training and games. Heidi's positional play was excellent from the start of the season, she was always available for a pass into space up the wing and was relentless in covering back in defence. At some points we wondered if there were 2 Heidis on the pitch because she seemed to be everywhere!
11	<b>Emily Busuttil</b>	Emily and her sister Bethany kindly volunteered to play with our mixed team in addition to their girls' team commitments. Emily is a wonderfully skilled player who loved to push forward and score goals! Her positional play was excellent in the mid to forward positions and always gave her all in every game.
12	<b>Bethany Busuttil</b>	Bethany, our superstar defence to mid-field part of the super-sisters duo was a fantastic addition to the team. She brought her determination and flare to every game. I can't count how many times she managed to steal the ball back and start a counterattacking opportunity. Fantastic footwork and a really great personality and team-mate!



# 11 Yellow

**Coach:** Nathan Mulholland  
**Manager:** Alisha Davenport  
**Players' Player:** Shia Davenport  
**Runner Up:** Hamza Abdo

## The Team

<b>Hamza Abdo</b>	<b>Hasan Abdo</b>	<b>Cooper Bentley</b>
<b>James Bouranopoulos</b>	<b>Jaxon Cahill Green</b>	<b>Shia Davenport</b>
<b>Ryan Davis</b>	<b>Blaine Fuller</b>	<b>Edward Neilson</b>
<b>Kalen Pena</b>	<b>Caleb Perez</b>	<b>Kaiden Wihongi</b>

## Player Comments

	Name	Commentary
1	Kaiden Wihongi	Kaiden is our little speedster who gives 100% every game. His ball skills have improved throughout the season and stands out when dribbling passed multiple opponents to set up a goal or finish through himself. Well done Kaiden on an awesome season!
2	Hasan Abdo	Hasan is our littlest and youngest player, but don't let that fool you! Scored some cracker goals as striker and can hold his own on the field. Outstanding season, Hasan!
3	Caleb Perez	First season and what a great season it was for Caleb. His eagerness to play no matter what position he was put in shone through and he gave it his all. Developed a great deal in his skill and performance on the field and we look forward to seeing Caleb progress further in seasons to come! Good job, Caleb!
4	Kalen Pena	Kalen loves a chat and is a real motivator for his team mates on and off the field. Kalen is very good with the ball at his feet and holds his position well. Little legend, great season, Kalen!
5	Edward Neilson	Eddie's concentration and ability to read play set up many good team moves. Scored some fantastic goals and is not afraid to put his body on the line to make that ball his. Also good at talking to his teammates throughout the game and pumping them up. Great work, Eddie!
6	James Bouranopoulos	James is our quiet achiever. Loves to get out there and play and has also scored some beautiful goals. Seen a massive improvement with ball skill and speed this season, keep up the great work, James!
7	Hamza Abdo	Hamza is a solid performer and talented player with a lot of determination. He is developing into a great soccer player who will go far. Hamza can defend, attack and score - a real asset to the team! Nice season, Hamza!
8	Shia Davenport	Shia is a skilled and talented player with a dangerous left foot. Shia has an ability to read the game well and has scored some great goals and set up a few more too. Little champion, Shia!
9	Blaine Andrew Fuller	This was Blaine's first season and became one of our solid back defenders. We all saw a massive improvement in confidence throughout the season that showed on field. Blaine gave it his all in tackling and never backed down. Top stuff, Blainey!
10	Jaxon Cahill Green	Jaxon has great sportsmanship which was seen throughout the season. Jaxon uses his strength and body while defending which made it hard for the opponent to get through. He saved many goals from being scored and his ability to clear the ball out of danger was tops. Awesome season, Jaxon!

<b>11</b>	<b>Cooper Dean Bentley</b>	Cooper wasn't afraid to go into a late tackle. He uses his height and body to get the ball. Cooper showed great improvement throughout the year and was solid in the backs. Equal Rights! Great season, Coops!
<b>12</b>	<b>Ryan Davis</b>	Ryan is our tallest player on the field, a little scared to use that to his advantage in case of hurting someone but when he does what an impact it makes! Solid defender with a lot of potential. Well done, Ryan!

### **Coach's Report:**

Great group of kids that all get along well. All but a couple go to school together which helped the team build a bond rather quickly. All the kids were committed players who turned up to training and game days each and every week. It has been very rewarding to see their skills develop over the season and their hard work paying off. We spent half the season undefeated which is a great achievement, next year will be the entire season hey boys! At times it was frustrating when you all preferred to have a chat amongst each other instead of listening (lucky I already have grey hair) but it's been an absolute pleasure coaching each and every one of you and can't wait to do it all again next season!

Thanks to the parents for bringing the kids to training and games each week, without you all the games wouldn't happen. Also, a big thank you to those who helped with the dreaded field duty.

Very special thank you to Zoey for helping us keep Koah occupied on game day. He had an absolute ball with you all season! If you need a reference for babysitting services, we will be more than happy to provide one for you.

Last but not least, thanks Alisha, our team manager, for doing all the behind the scenes manager stuff and writing this report, much appreciated.

To sum up, congratulations to the whole team and thank you for a great season! Look forward to doing it all again next year.



## **Grade 12 Division 2**

**Coach:** Paull Walker and Mario Favotto  
**Manager:** Jackie Paul  
**Players' Player:** Archie Tourn

### **The Team**

<b>Anthony Adel</b>	<b>Noah Aube</b>	<b>Spencer Favotto</b>
<b>Harrison Hawkins</b>	<b>Angelo Karavelas</b>	<b>Harley Kegg</b>
<b>Logan McCoy</b>	<b>David Mikhail</b>	<b>Marco Naidovski</b>
<b>Kevin Nguyen</b>	<b>Tamika Paul</b>	<b>Leonardo Sanches</b>
<b>Daniel Stopa</b>	<b>Archie Tourni</b>	<b>Victoriano Papalexis</b>
		<b>Emily Walker</b>

### **Season Summary:**

<b>Games</b>	<b>Won</b>	<b>Lost</b>	<b>Draw</b>	<b>Goals For</b>	<b>Goals Against</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>2</b>		

### **The highlights of the season were:**

- Hatrick from Angelo and Archie in the same game against the Wolves.
- The commitment the team showed to train extra hard trying to make the finals.
- Parent's participation in turning up for duties and taking on the training when coaches couldn't make it.
- Siblings, Oliver and James showing the older kids who's boss on the field all season.



## Team Comments

	Name	Commentary
1	<b>Tamika Paul</b>	Always reliable and tough, but added more ball skills and great throw-ins to her game. Goal for next year is marking tighter in defence
2	<b>Emily Walker</b>	Pillar of consistency and showed more grit and determination this year. Goal for next year is to dribble more
3	<b>Noah Aube</b>	The ever-ready battery. He covers a lot of ground and has improved aggression and dribbling with the ball. Goal is to offer more support to the person he just passed the ball too.
4	<b>Spencer Favotto</b>	His a highflyer. In team one day, flying the world the next. Goal for next year is to start diving in goals and strong hands for the high shots. Injected an energy that was missing all year at trainings.
5	<b>Leonardo Papalexis</b>	Really built his year and finished off strongly. Great goal keeping and diving. Goal for next year is to get into the tackles and use more of his ball skills on the field and in goals catching the high balls.
6	<b>Logan McCoy</b>	Very consistent year and always gave 100%. Goal for the year is to get the body behind the ball, controlling it and looking for the pass.
7	<b>Marco Naidovski</b>	Took on the sweeper position and made it his own. Read the game well for his first time. Goal for next year is pushing the defence out earlier and running with the ball.
8	<b>Angelo Karavelas</b>	Very passionate and hungry to win. Cracking goal in the last game and the celebration made the year worth it. Goal is to develop left foot and not have the coach fear for his life when he took him off at training :)
9	<b>Archie Tourni</b>	The smiling assassin. Talk about tough, never backed down and played his heart out all season. Goal is work on his control and turning players. He will be hard to handle when those elements come together.
10	<b>Harley Kegg</b>	Really improved on his involvement in the game and reliable in many positions. Goal is to be stronger in his tackles and not give an inch.
11	<b>David Mikhail</b>	Another that built into his year and finished off really strong. Goal is to get longer periods of involvement and build on his ball control.
12	<b>Anthony Adel</b>	A natural left footer which was nice. Showed good ball skills and dribbling. Goal is working on positioning to get further into the game.
13	<b>Daniel Stopa</b>	Another ever ready battery, ran his little heart out for the team. Goal is ball control and understanding positioning.
14	<b>Harrison Hawkins</b>	What a year in goals, really stepped up for the team and showed good ability. Goal is to work on positioning in goals and diving to shot stop.
15	<b>Kevin Nguyen</b>	Lots of ability for not playing much soccer. Can hit a ball, fast and tackles well. Goal is understanding positions.
16	<b>James Karavelas</b>	Did exactly what the coach asked. Always busy and disrupting the play on the break. Was awesome seeing you grow as a player. Goal is confidence and trusting your skills.
17	<b>Oliver Naidovski</b>	Wow, has the skills, time on the ball and speed to burn. Goal is to push further up on defence and make runs in behind the defence to hopefully get a pass behind the line to shoot.

A great season by the team in the first year of competition

Many thanks to the Parents and supporters who also made the season an enjoyable one

Looking forward to seeing where the team can go next year!

The whole team would like to thank Tony for the great coaching this year!

# Grade 12 Division 3

**Coach:** Paul Bayley  
**Manager:** Paul Bayley  
**Players' Player:** Lilly Brown

## The Team

<b>Nicholas Bayley</b>	<b>Lilly Brown</b>	<b>Kayden Campbell</b>
<b>Nathan Ferrier</b>	<b>Cooper Gersbach-Smith</b>	<b>Indiana Glasby</b>
<b>Tanner Glissan</b>	<b>Emma Halilovic</b>	<b>Evan Makrypodis</b>
<b>Johnny Makrypodis</b>	<b>Yianni Pantazoglou</b>	<b>Kayla Peters</b>
<b>James Willis</b>	<b>Xilai Zheng</b>	

## Season Summary:

Games	Won	Lost	Draw	Goals For	Goals Against
18	0	10	6	2	56

2023 was a fantastic season. If someone had said to me at the start of the season that our team, who barely won a game last year, would finish the regular season in second place, I would have told them they were dreaming. Everyone played well as a team and it was great to see so many improve their skills over the course of the season.

## The highlights of the season were:

- This was our first competitive season and we made it all the way to the preliminary final, an amazing feat within itself.
- We were the only team to get a draw against the undefeated premiers. They weren't happy about it, but we were thrilled.
- Our defensive line. Kayla in the centre, Emma on the right and Johnny or Kayden on the left made life difficult for every opponent this year. Our opponents only had 168 shots at goal this year, compared to over 300 last year and 8 halves where the goalkeeper didn't even touch the ball.
- We had a few games with no reserves and even played 1 game short, but we pulled together as a team and played some of our best soccer, even winning the game we played short 3-1.

A huge thank you to the parents. Coaching and managing 2 teams is never easy, but having parents jump in and assist when I had to be at another park meant that the team never missed out. Having a supportive parent group helps demonstrate to the players what it means to be part of a team and that a team can achieve far more than individuals.

Looking forward to another great year in 2024.

## Team Comments

	Name	Commentary
1	Nicholas Bayley	Nicholas made Centre Forward his own this year. His balls skills and speed more than made up for his size. This year he scored 25 goals from only 76 shots. His best performance this year was in round 13 against St Christophers where he pressured the defensive line all game. In the second half, he had a shot from out wide and curved the ball in, scoring in the opposite corner, securing the win.
2	Lilly Brown	This was Lilly's second year with the team and again she played her best soccer in the mid field. She always puts in her best effort whether it be her ball skills, speed or through balls for the forwards. This year she set up more goal scoring opportunities than anyone else as well as scoring a few herself.

<b>3</b>	<b>Kayden Campbell</b>	Kayden found his calling as a defender this year. His speed, ball control, determination and no fear make him a perfect fit. His unassuming size fooled many attackers down their right-hand side. Kayden's skills were highlighted best against Birrong in round 12 where he not only kept them out of our defending half, but also took the ball up to the front line a few times and still had the speed and energy to get back in defence.
<b>4</b>	<b>Nathan Ferrier</b>	Nathan's interest in the game shone when he was on the field this year. He mastered the art of gaining possession of the ball, passing it to a teammate and finding a gap to support. His newfound confidence and understanding of the game allowed him to play several positions on the field and even score 4 goals himself, giving him the highest strike rate in the team.
<b>5</b>	<b>Cooper Gersbach-Smith</b>	Although Cooper is not new to the game, he was new to our team this year. He often played a half as goalkeeper and the other half up front. As his fitness improved, so too did his confidence. Cooper's kicking game improved significantly both as a goalkeeper and on the field which was often followed up with a huge smile and sense of achievement.
<b>6</b>	<b>Indiana Glasby</b>	Indi is one of our most versatile players. She found her home in the mid field this year controlling the centre of the field. A couple of Indi's biggest contributions this year were in rounds 13 and 14 where she shadowed a key player on the opposing team. Her job was to prevent them from getting the ball and shut down any attacking chance they got. Both games her determination neutralised their attack, frustrating our opponents.
<b>7</b>	<b>Tanner Glissan</b>	Tanner loves his soccer and always has a smile on his face. He played his best at right mid, setting up some great opportunities with his amazing right foot and even scored eight himself. Tanner's passing game improved a lot this year, making life easier for the forwards and using his teammates to get around players rather than trying to do it himself.
<b>8</b>	<b>Emma Halilovic</b>	Emma is our resident right back and is not impressed by striker's antics. She is fearless, determined and has a great kick to boot. Emma always makes the other team work hard for their goals and she shuts them down so often you start to forget how hard it is to defend a full-size field at this age. Emma had a go in goals this year and surprised herself not letting a single goal in.
<b>9</b>	<b>Evan Makrypodis</b>	This was Evan's second year in the team and unfortunately overseas travel meant he only played 8 games at the start of the season. He loves to get on the field and be a part of the team. The highlight of his season would have to be his goal in round 2 against Birrong. He only had one opportunity to score and he followed the ball into the net to make sure it counted.
<b>10</b>	<b>Johnny Makrypodis</b>	Johnny too only played the first 8 rounds this year before heading overseas. He not only is a key member of our defensive line, but he doubles as our resident free kick taker. Johnny's highlight was round 7 against Birrong where he set up a couple of goal opportunities from kicks at halfway and even had a stint up the front to try and score a goal.
<b>11</b>	<b>Yianni Pantazoglou</b>	Yianni learnt to use his voice for good on the field this year. Not just calling for the ball and helping others find players to mark, but also to support his teammates making sure they knew when he was available to accept a pass. He developed his left foot kicking game this year, often taking the opportunity to use either foot to pass the ball or to play a through ball for the forwards.

<b>12</b>	<b>Kayla Peters</b>	Kayla is our resident centre back, a position she not only enjoys, but everyone in the competition knows you must deal with Kayla if you want any chance at scoring. Kalya is not phased by fancy footwork and takes on anyone that dares to step beyond our defensive line. When Johnny left to travel, Kayla stepped out of her comfort zone and took on the duties of corners, goal kicks and free kicks. No surprise to anyone, she did a fantastic job.
<b>13</b>	<b>James Willis</b>	James made the right forward his own this year. He scored 5 goals and set up another 8 opportunities as he developed his passing game and was able to get the ball to others that were in a better position to score than him. His highlight was scoring 3 goals in round 1 against Birrong, some may say he peaked too soon, but it was the start of a great year for James.
<b>14</b>	<b>Harry Zheng</b>	This was Harry's first year at the diggers. He developed his confidence the more games he played and became an important asset supporting the defensive line against some tough attacking teams.



## Grade 13 Division 1

**Coach:** Tony Robertson and Ethan Jones

**Manager:** Glenn Lucas

**Players' Player:** Dain Christiansen

**The Team**

**Charles Basha**

**Joshua Caltabiano**

**Dain Christiansen**

**Joshua Everingham**

**Ethan Harrison**

**Jason Iacovou**

**Christian Lescesin**

**Jai Metcalfe**

**James Mitchell**

**Patrick Passarelli**

**Caleb Punwani**

**Elijah Rivas**

**Nate Robertson**

**Jayden Schipp**

**Nicholas Vakalaros**

**Season Summary:**

<b>Games</b>	<b>Won</b>	<b>Lost</b>	<b>Draw</b>	<b>Goals For</b>	<b>Goals Against</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>18</b>

**The highlights of the season were:**

- Grand Finalists.
- A great team effort by all players.

**Team Comments**

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Commentary</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Caleb Punwani</b>	Caleb with another great season controlling the mid-field and taking on the defenders with great control. Great play, Caleb!
<b>2</b>	<b>Charles Basha</b>	Charles our dependable keeper having kept us in the game on numerous occasions with great saves! Thanks for the season, Charles!
<b>3</b>	<b>Joshua Everingham</b>	Joshua an ever-dependable player fitting into many positions and always giving it 100%. Great play, Joshua!
<b>4</b>	<b>Nicholas Vakalaros</b>	Nicholas using his speed to control play and be a handful for the opposition which makes him a key player for the team. Well played, Nicholas!

5	<b>Jayden Schipp</b>	Jayden solid in defence as always closing down the opposition and great play back up the park to the forwards. Well done, Jayden!
6	<b>James Mitchell</b>	James quick play and great passing upfront was difficult for defenders to stop. Also great defending when playing in the backs! Nice work, James!
7	<b>Patrick Passarelli</b>	Patrick playing all over the field and never stopping. Great in attack with great team play and passing. Well done, Patrick!
8	<b>Dain Christiansen</b>	Dain having another great season playing in both defence and attack. Some great long range goals again and great team play! Well played, Dain!
9	<b>Ethan Harrison</b>	Ethan again solid in defence closing down many runs from the opposition with speed and never giving up. Great effort, Ethan!
10	<b>Elijah Rivas</b>	Elijah key in mid-field controlling the play with time on the ball and great footwork. Always looking to pass it around. Well done, Elijah!
11	<b>Christian Lescsin</b>	Christian joining our team this year had a great season with a couple of nice goals! Enjoyed playing out wide going up the field. Great play, Christian!
12	<b>Nate Robertson</b>	Nate playing both in the backs and up front when required had another great season. Clearing kicks saved many opposition chances. Well done, Nate!
13	<b>Joshua Caltabiano</b>	Joshua had a great season playing in many positions with great control and passing making him a key player in the team. Well played, Joshua!
14	<b>Jason Iacovou</b>	Jason playing upfront and in the middle with strong team play and passing making it difficult for defenders. Well done, Jason!
15	<b>Jai Metcalfe</b>	Jai had a great season playing all over the field with strong attack and defence. Great passing and teamwork. Well played, Jai!



## Grade 13 Division 3

### Premiers

**Coach:** Ian Sinclair  
**Manager:** Jordan Catling and Gavin Coleman  
**Players' Player:** Dominic Trenkovski

#### The Team

Khalid Husam Zayed Alkouz	Christopher Castle	Alexander Catling
Micah Coleman	Josiah Davids	Jayden Federico
Jay Goodridge	Dean Liolias	Christian Margi
Gabriel Naumovski	Lucas Naumovski	Dion Petrakis
Frederick Sharkey	Lewis Sinclair	Dominic Trenkovski
David Veas Reyes		

#### Season Summary:

Games	Won	Lost	Draw	Goals For	Goals Against
15	8	4	3	35	22



### The highlights of the season were:

- What a season, with 8 new players we took home the 13-3 premiership!
- The boys showed great teamwork, playing to each other's strengths and abilities.
- Without fail the boys never gave up all season long, fighting right to the end, even if we were a goal or two down at half time.
- The boys were fully committed to training and game days each week, with 5 on the bench ready to go at any time.
- The sportsmanship in our team was outstanding and they were a pleasure to coach.



### Team Comments

	Name	Commentary
1	Alex Catling	Another fantastic year for Alex, a fast, quick-thinking player and a great asset in defence. He was our right defender, never letting the bigger kids push him out of the way and sending it down the right wing to his good friend Lewis to chase.
2	Christian Margi	Joining the team for the first time this year, Christian showed great speed and ability to get on the ball, he showed a lot of passion by attending every training session and game. It was great to see Christian scoring a few well deserved goals.
3	Chris Castle	A standout in many years in previous with our team. One of our senior players playing in the midfield Chris was able to control the ball and put many balls through to other players and scoring on several occasions.
4	David Veas Reyes	David is new to us this year, having never played soccer before. When he was on the field, he showed good ball skills and passing abilities. He found himself in between the sticks, saving many critical shots that would give us the win.
5	Dean Liolias	A very tall and confident midfielder. New to our team this year showing passion and supporting his team in every way possible throughout the season, often making life difficult for attacking players.
6	Dion Petrakis	Towering above all the kids on the field, and looking after little Gabby, Dion was my centre defence and was a force to be reckoned with. Showing great commitment to training and game days.
7	Dominic Trenkovski	New to the team this year, Dominic, with his great speed and agility, and brilliant right foot, was our top goal scorer. His passion was quickly on display as a keen attacking player, always pushing forward, sending lots of balls into the back of the net.
8	Fred Sharkey	Bound and determined to be at every game and training practice, Fred's passion showed throughout the season, always willing to play in any position. Fred always gave 100% and scored a few goals along the way.

9	<b>Gabriel Naumovski</b>	The little man in the back, hiding behind Dion, his stepover skills left attacking players wondering where the ball was, directing his defence and stopping many goals.
10	<b>Jay Goodridge</b>	Another new member this year, Jay was a great attribute to the team. Using his ball skills and passing skills to help us through to the Grand Final. During the final rounds, Jay slotted a beautiful top corner ball to take us into the semis.
11	<b>Jayden Federico</b>	Power to weight ratio, Jayden can hunt down anybody with the ball, his endless energy was another huge asset this again this year. He mostly played left midfield but would often be at the back getting the ball and helping out the defence.
12	<b>Josiah Davids</b>	A new addition to the team, we all call him JoJo. Another strong midfielder, never letting the ball escape him, with his gifted ability of using both feet, he was happy to send the ball down the wing.
13	<b>Khalid Husam Zayed Alkouz</b>	Solid left back, showed tremendous defending and tackling skills with great defence awareness and speed. He was an influential player successfully tackling the ball and passing to his teammates.
14	<b>Lewis Sinclair</b>	Mr Reliable for speed and corners, always 100% effort and super team player. Lewis is confident on the wing, sprinting up and down. Great goal in the semi-finals, too bad it didn't count - next time wait for the ref to blow the whistle. Good job my boy!
15	<b>Lucas Naumovski</b>	Lucas sustained a back injury off field but still kept playing hard and strong. Playing in midfield and up the front, he had another great season scoring a few goals, with his 'never give up' attitude, you can tell he loves his soccer.
16	<b>Micah Coleman</b>	Coming to us from Revesby having taken the premiership last year, he brought his good luck to our team and helped us take home the trophy! Micah gave his best in defence and always showed up to training and games with enthusiasm.



# Grade 13 Ladies

**Coach:** Orazio La Pace  
**Manager:** Jas Jovevski  
**Players' Player:** Ava Gaughan  
**Runner Up:** Audrey Gilberd

## The Team

Huda Agha	Mackenzzy Barton	Zoe Chamakos
Kristiana Daleris	Clara Encarnacao	Paige Fosse
Ava Gaughan	Audrey Gilberd	Gemma Howard
Alexis Hughes	Olivia Jovevski	Sienna Nolasco
Tamika Paul	Lara Pinkerton	Anika Ralevski
Vanessa Skowron	Emily Walker	

## Season Summary:

**Statistics For Competition Rounds:** 2<sup>nd</sup> on table.

Games	Won	Lost	Draw	Goals For	Goals Against
18	16	1	1	125	6

## Statistics for Finals:

**Overall Results: Runners Up Of The Competition.**

<b>Finals Played</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Finals Won</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Finals Lost</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Semi Final 1 Against Bass Hill</b>	Won 1-0
<b>Grand Final Against Bass Hill</b>	Lost 0-2

## The highlights of the season were:

- Competing in the U13's State Cup Competition.

## Goal Scorers of the Season:

<b>Kristiana</b>	<b>62</b>
<b>Gemma</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Ava</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Paige</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Audrey</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Olivia</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Mackenzie</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Huda</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Zoe</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Lara</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Vanessa</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Sienna</b>	<b>1</b>

## Cards Issued in Season:

<b>Vanessa</b>	Yellow	Game 14
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### Coach's report:

What a remarkable season for this squad! It marked the inaugural time the girls united as a team. The beginning was a bit turbulent as they acquainted themselves and found their footing. However, once they clicked, they became an unstoppable force, achieving their objective of reaching the final. Though the ending wasn't as we had envisioned, the journey was extraordinary.

The girls underwent a transformation from the start to the end of the season. Their skills and game performance significantly improved week after week. Moreover, they exhibited notable personal growth and cohesiveness as a team.

Coaching this group throughout the year was an absolute privilege and joy. Despite facing challenging moments, I relished the obstacles they presented and the progress we made. I eagerly await what the 2024 season holds in store.

### Team Comments

	Name	Commentary
1	Ava Gaughan	Ava, our versatile all-rounder, shines in any position she's placed in on the field. Her tactical awareness and game-ready mindset are ever-present, making her an asset to the team.
2	Audrey Gilberd	Audrey, our youngest team member, is a dynamic and agile player, a true force on the field despite her size.
3	Alexis Hughes	An outstanding defensive midfielder, a true workhorse in the midfield who displayed relentless determination throughout the games, never backing down.
4	Anika Ralevski	Anika, the standout goalkeeper of the year, allowed a mere six goals to breach her defences throughout the season, showcasing remarkable skill and control in the net.
5	Clara Encarnacao	Clara has evolved into an exceptional player, overcoming initial shyness at the season's outset. She's become a stalwart in the defence and forms a formidable partnership with Lara on the field.
6	Emily Walker	An excellent centre back, showcasing impressive reading of the game, solid claims, and maintaining composure even in high-pressure situations. A potential future leader for the team.
7	Gemma Howard	An exceptional attacking midfielder, adept at building partnerships across the field. Demonstrates excellent game reading skills and isn't hesitant to take on opponents
8	Huda Agha	A diligent newcomer on the pitch, embracing the game for the first time and visibly relishing every minute. Remarkable growth observed within this fantastic team
9	Kristiana Daleris	Kris had a phenomenal season as a striker, consistently finding the back of the net and tallying an impressive 62 goals. However, she could work on improving her offside positioning to enhance her overall game.
10	Lara Pinkerton	Lara, our most improved player, has made the wing position her own by the end of the season.
11	Mackenzey Barton	Mackenzey, another versatile all-rounder, surpassed her own expectations by confidently stepping into various player positions. Regardless of where she played, her commitment and determination were evident, making her a desirable choice for any coach.
12	Olivia Jovevski	An unparalleled player in terms of development, seamlessly transitioning from defence to scoring goals. Keep pushing and showcasing your versatility on the field!
13	Paige Fosse	Paige displays remarkable versatility, although she may not always prefer it. With 8 goals this season, she shows potential to evolve into an exceptional attacking player.
14	Sienna Nolasco	A rising star displaying immense potential. Keep working tirelessly towards becoming a remarkable player in the future.



15	<b>Tamika Paul</b>	An immovable force in the defence, especially during throw-ins, demonstrating unbelievable skill to create scoring opportunities seemingly out of thin air.
16	<b>Vanessa Skowron</b>	A reliable defender with a promising future in football. Keep honing your skills and the sky is the limit for your football career!
17	<b>Zoe Chamakos</b>	Zoe showcased exceptional defensive prowess, thwarting many attempts to breach her line. Her kicks grew stronger and more forceful as the season progressed, contributing significantly to the team's success. She had an outstanding season and exemplified exceptional leadership on the field.



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# Grade 14 Division 2

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**Coach:** Daniel Moy  
**Manager:** Barbara Moy  
**Players' Player:** Noah Braddick

## The Team

Noah Braddick	Noah Debono	Elijah Diab
Andrew Ioakim	Lucas Martin	Ryan Maxwell
Cooper Moy	Sean O'Brien	Zach O'Brien
Cameron Prior	Drew Prior	Thomas Smallwood
Eli Thanasuras	Ellis Tzanakis	

## Team Report

This year we found ourselves being promoted straight to division 1 after winning the 13/3's division this year. Incredibly with some division 2 teams remaining in Division 2. Finally, the Association wised up and placed us back in the 2<sup>nd</sup> division league where we finished 5<sup>th</sup> missing out on the semi-finals this year. This meant a lot of catch-up games mid-week. Combine this with some injuries this year in key positions (Tom broken hand, Ryan and Cooper with growth plate issues in their feet and knees and often playing in a lot of pain sometimes, and Noah B our Goalkeeper with a sprained wrist) and it meant we didn't really see any traction until the end of the year when we had a full team playing in the right division and the right positions on the field.

We often found it hard to field a full team with any subs on the bench as a result as well, and I'd like to thank the under 12's and under 13's players who helped us out this year also – as well as their coaches and parents.

This year was a year for learning and growing as players and as a team. We welcomed some brand-new players to the team in Noah de Bonno and Elijah Diab as well as welcomed some familiar faces in Zach and Cam to the team permanently.

We ended up winning 5, drawing 1 and losing 8 but only with a goal difference of -4. This was highlighted some very strong positives for me as their coach:

- We are very strong defensive team. Opposing teams' coaches and players often quite frustrated with our ability to shut them out. It was also no surprise to see 2 defenders in the top 3 players player award. **Noah B, Cooper, Drew, Cam, Zach and Ryan Maxwell** – you guys were the best defensive unit in the competition, well done! Maxy often being our versatile utility with a great ability to play any position on the park.
- In the games that we did lose, most of them we did not lose by much and if we had a little more luck this year, we would have made the semis. Our final game a good example where we beat the grand finalists 1-0.
- We need to continue to explore ways of finding new and multiple ways of creating attacking options and scoring goals. That said we saw some cracking goals this year from many players. We need to realise that 90% of the game involves a first touch and a pass and work really hard on this at training.
- Our midfield unit led by **Thomas and Sean** in the middle was well organised and received great support from those around them usually our "E-Team" **Ellis, Eli and Elijah**. It was great to see more desire to want the ball more in the middle of the park and in a much more structured way.
- Upfront we had a trio that complimented themselves well. "**Marto**" who annoys the defence all day, often winning the ball and creating chances, **Andrew** who would often set up others with his vision and selflessness, and **Noah Debono** who wins the most marathons run in any single

match. He simply just wants the ball more than anyone else on the pitch and I simply loved watching that.

**Congratulations** to all players as this year, although you were a little apprehensive you took everything in your stride this year and you competed hard. You are only ever out of the game if you tell yourself that you are. The never say die approach is one that I hope you will take with you and apply in everything that you do moving forward, in whatever you do. As voted by the team Players Player results were as follows:

- **Players' player:** Noah Braddick (GK) (25 points)
- **Runner Up:** Drew Prior (20 points)
- **3<sup>rd</sup> place:** Tom Smallwood (10 points)
- **Coach's award:** Noah Debono & Ryan Maxwell

**Thank you to:**

- **Anthony Martin** for all his help this year when I had to travel for work sometimes and training the boys when that happened.
- To **Barb** for helping with managing the team from an admin point of view, the comms on WhatsApp etc. This helps a lot especially when I am coaching two teams and playing/managing in another.
- **The parents** for supporting their kids and me when I needed their help.
- **The boys** for being a great bunch of lads to coach. It's such a pleasure to be able to help guide you around the soccer pitch but to also see you all growing into the awesome men you are starting to turn into.
- **The club and associated office bearers** for your support on and off the pitch this year.

The Panania Under 14-2's Team would like to thank Mirvat and the team at IROC Loans: [www.irocloans.com](http://www.irocloans.com) who kindly sponsored our team this year and enabled the whole team to receive a training jersey this year.



## Grade 15 Division 1

**Coach:** Dion Omeros and Andre Cipri

**Manager:** Warren Thomson

**Players' Player:** Lachlan Marshall

**The Team**

Isaac Ayoub

Marco Battiato

Sam Bayley

James Busby

Jack Campbell

Harry Gourlay

Liam Irvine

Emmanuel Kasadelis

Cameron Kuhn

Lachlan Lee

Lachlan Marshall

Nikolas Petkovic

Joshua Rex

Alex Solomon

Robert Talevski

Dylan Thompson

Nathan Thomson

**Season Summary:**

Games	Won	Lost	Draw	Goals For	Goals Against
18	8	3	7	31	23

### The highlights of the season were:

- Alex scoring the winning penalty against Greenacre.
- All the training sessions.
- Giving Greenacre their first loss of the season by winning 2-0.
- Going from the bottom of the table to the grand final with only 3 losses all season!!

### Player Comments

	Name	Commentary
1	<b>Alex Solomon</b>	One of the most consistent performers, gave everything week in week out and kept that control in midfield, scored the winning penalty and showed great passion throughout the season, and don't be too hard on yourself!- Andre Mr versatile! Alex would perform in every position that he played. Especially in the 6 role where Alex was able to display his passing ability and control the game. We will never forget the winning penalty against Greenacre to get us into our first grand final! Congratulations on an amazing season! - Dion
2	<b>Cameron Kuhn</b>	Very skillful and tricky winger who can hit it with both left and right foot,improved a lot throughout the year by coming down to training hours early and got smarter as a player-Andre One of the most technically gifted players in the whole competition! Cameron has the ability to beat any fullback and then hit it into the top corner. Always at training from 4pm, Cameron was eager to learn and grow which was seen as the season went on. Such an amazing talent who should be proud of the season that he had! - Dion
3	<b>Dylan Thompson</b>	Crazy energy who's always looking to improve, came down several hours early to training and brought good energy to the team, also is a free kick specialist, also made me laugh a lot throughout the season- Andre Dylan would always entertain the team! Not only by making everyone laugh, but through his ability to dribble past players with his right and left foot. Dylan showed his determination by coming to training early and putting in for the badge! You can't be too hard on yourself Dylan, you're a great player who can bang a freekick top bins! - Dion
4	<b>Emmanuel Kasadelis</b>	Extremely humble and eager to learn more, excellent dribble and an overall smart player, got a lot better with his left foot throughout the season and scored some good goals-Andre Emmanuel displayed his talent throughout the season, beating players in situations that did not seem possible. As the season went on, Emmanuel's awareness on the field grew as he became a much more intelligent player. You have been eager to learn from the first training session, and I hope that continues! Congratulations on an amazing season! - Dion
5	<b>Harry Gourlay</b>	Although injured and absent for a few games it was very clear with Harry's presence that he brought a lot to the team on and off the pitch. Even in absence he would always come and support the boys, good luck with your golfing career- Andre Harry knows how to get the team motivated! If Harry was on the field or even off the field, Harry would always be supporting his team by being vocal. Harry is a talented football player who can play in multiple positions, and would do so for the team. Good luck with your golf career! Keep working hard! - Dion
6	<b>Isaac Ayoub</b>	Joined mid-season and proved straight away that he deserved to be there, one of the best shots I've seen in the team and scored plenty of goals despite joining late. Merged in straight away with the rest of the boys and played a huge role- Andre Although you joined the season late, it was like you were with us from the start! Isaac would put in at every training session and ask multiple questions to grow as a player. Isaac would never complain and would do what he can for the team! You are a great footballer and a great person... you also have one of the best shots that I have ever seen! Thanks to your dad for getting all of the videos for the team! - Dion

<b>7</b>	<b>Jack Campbell</b>	<p>From right-back last season to top scoring striker this season, showed a display of passion and hard work scoring in crucial games like the semis against strikers and 2 in the grand final, Jack has improved so much on his left foot and ball control since starting last year-Andre</p> <p>The improvements this season Jack... unbelievable! Who would have thought that last season's right back would become our top goalscorer! Jack improved majorly as a player throughout the season. You can confidently juggle a ball! Congratulations on an amazing season, you should be very proud! - Dion</p>
<b>8</b>	<b>James Busby</b>	<p>The amount of saves Jimmy pulled off this season was ridiculous, from a penalty save in extra time to several important saves throughout the season, could not have asked for a better goalkeeper and a great captain too- Andre</p> <p>The captain!!! Not only are you an amazing goalkeeper Jimmy, however, you are also a great person! You have so much to learn and I believe that you can reach great levels! You just have to put in the work and take all of the advice that you get. What an amazing season for an outstanding player! - Dion</p>
<b>9</b>	<b>Joshua Rex</b>	<p>My Centre Back!! scared me so many times with how many last man tackles he did but was very consistent throughout the whole season and even got an amazing goal from a corner, all around great centre back and a great kid- Andre</p> <p>The guy with no left foot! Josh, although you would refuse to use your left foot, you would somehow find a way to win the ball and make the pass! An extremely talented defender who definitely made a name for himself this season! Congratulations on the year that you had! - Dion</p>
<b>10</b>	<b>Lachlan Lee</b>	<p>A great kid who loves the team through and through, Lachlan showed great consistency throughout the season and put in some great tackles no matter where in the back line we put him, improved so much from last season and has great drive- Andre</p> <p>Lachlan is a player that would put others above himself! Lachlan is such an amazing person, and also a determined/talented player. The progression you made from last season is unbelievable! Playing all over the backline, I believe that Lachlan's best performances came as a CB. Not only did you win the ball and find your players, you also went to the other end and scored a goal! You should be very proud of the progression you have made and the player that you are! - Dion</p>
<b>11</b>	<b>Lachlan Marshall</b>	<p>Defender, midfielder, forward and even goalkeeper for a game, Lachlan excelled in every position we asked of him and gave 100% throughout the entire season, played consistently well and a great kid too which gives him a very deserved players player-AAndre</p> <p>Lachlan quite literally played in every position this season... and was an absolute star in each. Very deserving of your player's player award as you would put everything on the line for your team without a single complaint. An outstanding player and an outstanding person. You showcased how you can make amazing runs, beat a few players, make a nice pass, or even score absolute bangers! You should be very proud of what you achieved this season! - Dion</p>
<b>12</b>	<b>Liam Irvine</b>	<p>Another one of the funniest kids throughout the season and always tried his best at that right back position, improved a lot throughout the year and I'm sorry you didn't get to take a penalty, next season i want you to pull off that rainbow flick over someone- Andre</p> <p>Lian, what a strong and powerful player! You would never give up for the team and put in your all. Your touch has improved majorly from the beginning of the season and you should be proud! Never shy to ask some questions to help improve! Congratulations on an amazing season! - Dion</p>

13	<b>Marco Battiato</b>	<p>"The calmest man on the ball", don't need to say much else really. Marco is a great kid and also calmed the play down when he needed too, shame he didn't get a goal this season, but kept making me laugh every time in training when i was trying to be serious- Andre</p> <p>Marco could beat the press like it was nothing. You displayed how to play football and remain composed under difficult situations. You know how to read the game and make the difficult plays. You're an unbelievable player who many others from this team looked at to learn from (they told me that themselves). You should be very proud of your season! - Dion</p>
14	<b>Nathan Thomson</b>	<p>My other Centre-back!! Consistent performances throughout the whole season and even got yourself a goal in a semi final, completely composed at the back and an extremely funny kid to train as well, great leadership and commanding on the field hence why you never came off-Andre</p> <p>Nathan... you know how to win a ball! You would make the opposition scared to come near you! Your ability to make the last effort challenges and win the ball... absolutely amazing. You are truly a talented player who still has so much room to grow! You would always display your drive and motivation for the team, you should be very proud of yourself! I know for a fact that you will continue to progress and become even better! - Dion</p>
15	<b>Nikolas Petkovic</b>	<p>Nik got very unlucky with the injury that kept him out for several weeks, but showed great determination to come back and improved massively over the remaining weeks that he came back, funny kid but also don't be too hard on yourself if you don't score, it'll come- Andre</p> <p>Nik, even when you were injured, you would make your way to training. That in itself shows how much effort you put in for this team! You were unlucky with injuries but you didn't let you hold it back! You are truly an amazing player and an even better person! You just need to believe in yourself! There is no substitute to pace and you have it! You will become an even better player next season, just continue to work hard and realise your potential! - Dion</p>
16	<b>Robert Talevski</b>	<p>Headband Rob, Rob has definitely been the most improved player this season and plays with a great work rate, always shows up to training and puts in 100%. A completely different player and man compared to last year- Andre</p> <p>Robbie... undoubtedly the most improved player this season! You were unbelievable in the midfield! Always determined to improve, Robbie would put his all into training. This was seen on gameday as Robbie would shine every time he stepped on the pitch. You should be very proud of the season that you had! Also... Headband Robbie &gt; Prime Messi - Dion</p>
17	<b>Sam Bayley</b>	<p>Sam has extremely improved over this year and that it's not surprising, he takes in everything we tell him and is a great listener, he also gives everything on the field for the team and helped us defensively when we needed to change things up- Andre</p> <p>Sam... the creator of the SAM position! We all knew how talented you were as a left back, but when you played in front of the defenders against Greenacre... unbelievable! Nothing would get past you because of the determination to win that ball back for your team! You improved so much this season and you should be so proud! - Dion</p>





# Grade 15 Division 2

**Coach:** Paul Bayley  
**Manager:** Steve Kurtz  
**Players' Player:** Heath Ebbs

## The Team

Zayed Alkouz	Lukas Bayley	Joshua Cocking
Jason Dhungana	Heath Ebbs	Oliver Ghantous
Keanu Goncalves	Jonathan Irhandie	Patrick Kemp
Drew Kurtz	Nicholas Larsen	Cameron Lynch
Aryan Mehta	Jordan Spagnolo	Zachary Taylor

**Season Summary:** 4th Place, Finalists

Games	Won	Lost	Draw	Goals For	Goals Against
16	7	8	1	40	46

## Coach's report:

2023 was full of ups and downs. An early recruitment drive saw us increase our numbers from barely enough to take the field to ending the season with 15. All the new players fitted in well with our regular starting line-up and gave us the opportunity to try different formations tactics we didn't have available to us last year.

We got off to our best start to a season ever winning 4 of our first 5 games, beating all teams in the competition bar one. Then injuries kicked in. Keanu injured his leg and missed half the season and several injuries during games saw us struggle to adapt in the moment. With 3 games left, we'd worked through how to adapt when things don't go to plan, and we were back to a full bench.

We finished the season with 2 good wins coming into the semi-final against Greenacre who we had beaten 4-1 the week before.

The semi-final seemed like we were playing a different team to the week before and they got an early goal putting us in the position of catching them, something we always struggle to do. The boys dug deep in the second half and then injuries started to occur, but we knew what to do and kept pushing. Greenacre scored again, putting them 2 goals up and that is when we kicked into gear. We pushed up both left and right wings and Lukas put on in the back of the net from a great cross from Keanu. Not long afterwards we were brought down in the box and awarded a penalty, this was our chance. Pat took the kick, scored the goal and with only minutes left in the game we were level!

With a minute to go, Greenacre scored, and it was just too late in the game to get one back and force extra time. Although the game didn't go our way, the boys should be proud of what they achieved this year. It may not have been our most successful year on paper, but their resilience, determination and the way they came together as a team when things were not going our way was by far their strongest.

Well done boys. When you sit down and look at the challenges that this season threw at us, you all stepped up and created a team that others only dream of being a part of. It's not about who scores the goals or what the result is on the day, its about working together to do the best you can regardless of the circumstances. If you compared the way you played in the first 3 games with the last 3 games, the results may have been the same, but the last 3 games were a completely different team in attitude and that is something to be proud of.

Thank you to the parents for your support again this year. This year the boys really understood what it means to be part of a team. Seeing you chip in to do numerous ground duties, picking up other boys to take them to games or bring them home or helping organise the boys before games when I was coming from another park with my other team made my job possible. It is easy for everyone to see that when we all contribute the result is a successful team both on and off the field.

Thanks,  
Paul

## Team Comments

	Name	Commentary
1	<b>Zayed Alkouz</b>	This was Zayed's first full season with us and he just loves the game. He developed his passing skills and solidified his position in the team as Centre Attacking Mid. He is growing in confidence to use his head rather than his feet for the high balls. Zayed scored some pivotal goals in some tight games this season including his best goal with only minutes left on the clock to beat Greenacre in round 5.
2	<b>Lukas Bayley</b>	Lukas always puts in his best effort on the field and has an impressive cross kick from the wing. This year saw him take on the role of captain which made him think more about not just his role on the field, but how to get the best out of the rest of the team. Lukas developed his own skills around what he needed to compliment his teammates and the results were outstanding. He had 3 times more shots at goal, scored 3 times more goals and 4 times more goal assists than last year and his fellow forwards also saw improvements in their results too.
3	<b>Josh Cocking</b>	Josh was new to the team this year but as a school mate of half the team, fitted in right from day 1. He played most of the season at left wing and soon realised that he needed to play more strategically to maximise his time on the field. This included learning to time his crosses with the other forwards, playing back for support to create space and knowing when to come off and take a break. Josh's growth this year made him a great asset to the team.
4	<b>Jason Dhungana</b>	Jason was also new to the team, not knowing anyone in the beginning, but it didn't take long at all for the boys to embrace him as one of the team. He played centre fullback this year and proved solid as a rock, thwarting many opportunities from attacks down the centre of the field. He and Heath made a fantastic duo saving certain goals time and time again.
5	<b>Heath Ebbs</b>	I still don't think Heath realises just how good a keeper he is. When there are over 250 shots at just you in a season and only 40 go in, that's not luck. In every game there was at least one situation where there was a 'matrix' style save Heath pulled off to the amazement of everyone. His humble and supportive role in the team makes him a worthy Player's Player this year.
6	<b>Oliver Ghantous</b>	Olly is the perfect all-rounder. What under 15s team doesn't want a 6-foot-tall kid, with broad shoulders, who is fast, can head a ball mid-air 20 metres down the field and can step in to play any position on the park. Olly is also one of the most coachable boys on the team and always brings his A game. He never lets opposition players intimidate him and again this year, plenty of forwards tried and failed.
7	<b>Keanu Goncalves</b>	Keanu lives and breathes soccer. He worked extra hard in the off season, becoming a lean, mean speed machine. When added with his already impressive skills with the ball, he was able to take control of the centre of the field against any team. Unfortunately, his injury in round 4 saw him sidelined until round 13 which was a real blow to the team. He may not have been able to take the field, but Keanu still came to each game and supported the team with his 'words of wisdom' as assistant coach.
8	<b>Jonathan Irhandie</b>	Jono was a new starter in the team this year, having not played soccer competitively before. He knew a couple of the boys in the team and fitted into the line up very quickly. Jono is a very coachable player; he listens to learn and puts in his best effort every time he sets foot on the field. He has been a real pleasure to coach and a great addition to the team.
9	<b>Patrick Kemp</b>	Pat really grew as a player this year. He has always had the skills, but the difference this year was the way he worked with the team. He focused more on his role at the front rather than scoring goals, often setting others up to score when he wasn't in the best position to do so himself. He also had more one touch shots at goal which saw him score 7 times more goals than last year.

<b>10</b>	<b>Drew Kurtz</b>	Drew really grew into his role in defence this year. His reliability at the back was a great support to the entire back line, particularly with new teammates learning the ropes. Drew's stats showed he saved twice as many goals this year as last year, doing that by playing smarter rather than harder. This was evident in his offside game, making it easy for referees to pick up attackers preventing through balls being converted in almost every game he played.
<b>11</b>	<b>Nick Larsen</b>	Nick always puts in his best effort, regardless of the position he plays or the score. At training, Nick would show us all the different directions a ball can go when you kick it, generally unintentionally. Getting that out of his system at training resulted in some impressive passes during games that were converted by the forwards on several occasions.
<b>12</b>	<b>Cameron Lynch</b>	Cam understands the game better than most and that proved his strength this year. He often started games on the bench with me sussing out the opposition identifying weaknesses in their game while pinpointing where he was needed to support the team. Cam is always ready to get on the field and not just play his best but communicate with his teammates, so everyone plays their best too.
<b>13</b>	<b>Aryan Mehta</b>	Aryan was another newcomer to the team this year, having been recruited by several boys in the team. He found his place at the back very quickly, making it difficult for attacking players trying to cross balls to the centre. He gave the mid field a go on a few occasions quite successfully.
<b>14</b>	<b>Jordan Spagnolo</b>	Jordan had a good season this year taking up the position of centre defending mid, supporting Jason at the back in the middle. His speed was an asset chasing down through balls from opposing teams. His agility and fitness meant we could rely on Jordan to fill gaps when key players needed a break.
<b>15</b>	<b>Zachary Taylor</b>	When Zac brings his A game, he makes a real impact on the team. This season he stopped 38 goals, more than any other player that was not a goalkeeper. He set up 48 opportunities for the forwards to score, more than 3 times more than anyone else except Lukas and had 38 shots at goal himself, playing most of the season in the mid-field.

Team Stats	Position	Games	Shots at Goal	Goals	Strike Rate	Assists	Saves
<b>Zayed Alkouz</b>	Centre Attack Mid	15	<b>36</b>	5	13.9%	<b>15</b>	2
<b>Lukas Bayley</b>	Right Forward	16	<b>64</b>	<b>8</b>	12.5%	<b>53</b>	2
<b>Josh Cocking</b>	Left Forward	16	<b>16</b>	2	12.5%	9	0
<b>Jason Dhungana</b>	Centre Back	12	-	-	-	1	<b>36</b>
<b>Oliver Ghantous</b>	Back or Mid field occ up front	15	8	1	12.5%	7	<b>27</b>
<b>Keanu Goncalves</b>	Mid Field	8	<b>24</b>	4	16.7%	<b>10</b>	6
<b>Jonathan Irhandie</b>	Back or Mid field	10	-	-	-	1	3
<b>Patrick Kemp</b>	Centre Forward	14	<b>56</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>26.8%</b>	<b>14</b>	0
<b>Drew Kurtz</b>	Left Back	15	1	0	-	5	<b>19</b>
<b>Nick Larsen</b>	Back or Mid field	16	11	0	-	4	6
<b>Cameron Lynch</b>	Up front, mid or defending	16	3	1	33.3%	3	1
<b>Aryan Mehta</b>	Back occasionally Mid field	14	1	0	-	2	4
<b>Jordan Spagnolo</b>	Centre Def Mid or Back	14	5	0	-	3	<b>17</b>
<b>Zachary Taylor</b>	Mid Field occasionally Back	16	<b>38</b>	3	7.9%	<b>48</b>	<b>38</b>
<b>Team</b>		<b>16</b>	<b>263</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>15.2%</b>	<b>175</b>	<b>443</b>

Goalkeeper Stats	Position	Games	Shots at Goal	Goals	Save Rate
<b>Heath Ebbs</b>	Goalkeeper	15	<b>257</b>	40	<b>84.4%</b>
<b>Drew Kurtz</b>	Goalkeeper (reserve)	1	25	6	76.0%

# Grade 15 Ladies

**Coach:** Mark Weir and Brent Smithwick  
**Manager:** Jas Jovevski  
**Players' Player:** Drew Davies  
**Runner Up:** Ashley Tomanovic

## The Team

Ellen Abdallah	Drew Davies	Caitlin Dib
Yara Elsakawy	Chanelle Gulabovski	Adele Hayes
Ava Hristov	Talia Jovevski	Ariana McComish
Kaewa McComish	Leilanee Nobrega Natio	Ruby Savva
Laisha Shrestha	Tahlia Smithwick	Ashley Tomanovic
April Tonks	Hayley Weir	

## Season Summary:

**Statistics For Competition Rounds:** 3rd on table.

Games	Won	Lost	Draw	Goals For	Goals Against
19	13	3	3	39	15

## The highlights of the season were:

- Round 2 of Champions of Champions
- Lost against Lily Pilli 3-1

## Goal Scorers of the Season:

Adele	8
Ashley	6
Ellen	5
Kaewa	5
Drew	3
Kris (U13s fill in)	3
Ruby	2
Tahlia	2
Chanelle	2
Talia	1
Ariana	1
Lani	1

## Coach's report:

We really were treating this year as a rebuild year after winning last year's competition and building for 2024 as we didn't really know what to expect playing in 14/15 age group, especially given majority of our side is on the younger side of the age group. This did not faze the girls, the girls out did themselves most weeks and they really did surpass our expectations.

This team played outstanding throughout the season and pushed every team in the competition. The skill level for every player has significantly improved and the coaching staff can comfortably say that this team understands hard work pays off and if they work as a team, they will be successful, which they proved on many occasions.

To coach these girls continues to be so enjoyable, challenging, heart stopping and thrilling, and we have loved it! We are so proud of what we have achieved as a team and I can't wait to see what 2024 brings for this team.

## Team Comments

	Name	Commentary
1	<b>April Tonks</b>	April is an outstanding defender and is known as the human brick wall, nothing gets through her. She is an absolute pleasure to coach and continues to grow even more in her position as sweeper. Her boot has grown in strength and started to show that in the back end of the season by starting to take the corner kicks and gets it nicely in the goal area. Great season, April!
2	<b>Ellen Abdallah</b>	Ellen works incredibly hard in the mid fields and has a brilliant turn on her and has on many occasions weaved through the opposition. Ellen is relatively quiet, however don't poke the bear, as she comes back firing at the opposition. Fantastic season, Ellen!
3	<b>Hayley Weir</b>	Hayley continues to grow as a player but she just doesn't have any luck with injuries. Hayley is a team player and loves being out there playing with her team and she most definitely gives us a laugh. She knows how to make the attackers work as she knows how to get in way of the defenders slowing them down. Well done, Hayley!
4	<b>Talia Jovevski</b>	We were keen to see what Talia would bring this year and we weren't let down. She came out firing, she is a solid player and one of the fittest in the team who simply doesn't stop. She has been exceptional in the Mid field and can move into fullbacks if needed. Outstanding season this year, Talia!
5	<b>Drew Davies</b>	Drew is new to the team and club and we are very glad she joined our team. Drew started a little quiet in the first couple of games, but wow did she find her feet and she gelled so well with the team. Drew is a natural leader in defence and every now and then had a quick run in midfield. She has a great boot on her and she can read the play really well. What a season Drew, we are excited to see what 2024 holds for you!
6	<b>Ashley Tomanovic</b>	It has finally happened, Ashley has announced her presence in women's soccer and we think she may now realise how talented she is as a goalkeeper. Ashley is by far the best goalkeeper in the competition and wow, some of her saves were simply incredible, jaw dropping and game saving. Her hand eye coordination is brilliant and she can boot the hell out of the ball landing the ball on the full over the half way mark or just over which is so good for a 13 year old. Brilliant and memorable season, Ashley!
7	<b>Adele Hayes ©</b>	It was Adel's first year as co-captain and she did a brilliant job. Adel's speed and skill just gets better, and she easily gets around her opponent consistently at right midfield. No surprises that she is a never give up type player which every team needs and like previous years, she simply doesn't stop which makes her shine as a leader. Fantastic season Adel, you showed us what a great leader you are!
8	<b>Kaewa McComish ©</b>	First year as Co-Captain and Kaewa just grew more and more into this role, which was fantastic to watch. Kaewa is one of the strongest tacklers in the competition, hence why she carries the nickname, 'The Axe' as she can really intimidate the opposition with some of her tackles. Kaewa mainly plays up front but has shown she is becoming a brilliant utility player who can really play anywhere on the field with ease and doesn't get lost when she gets moved around. Well done, Kaewa, we are very proud of what you produced this year!
9	<b>Arianna McComish</b>	Ariana started a little quiet on the field but really came home strong. She is a fantastic left mid fielder and many players that come up against her cannot keep up with her and she leaves them quickly behind. Compared to last year, the strength in her kicks have increased significantly and now has become one of the strongest boots in the team. We really think 2024 is going to shape up to be one of the strongest for Arianna, so look out she is definitely one to keep and eye on. Great effort this year, Arianna!



10	<b>Chanelle Gulabovski</b>	This is the first time Chanelle has played soccer and she should be extremely proud of how she performed. She works extremely hard at training and keeps getting better and better. She is relatively quiet but don't be fooled, she is extremely competitive and once she is on song, look out. Chanelle scored an incredible goal at Padstow Park where she shot from near the halfway line, and like a bullet scored incredible goal. We are glad Chanelle came to our team, she has been an absolute pleasure to coach. Incredible effort and season, Chanelle!
11	<b>Tahlia Smithwick</b>	Tahlia again was sharing the goalkeeper duties and did a fantastic job in one of the hardest positions on the field. Tahlia never gives up and is extremely competitive (don't know where she gets that from hey Brent) Tahlia is becoming a utility player, being able to play in all over the field and has scored a few solid goals this season. Tahlia continues to grow as a player and it will be interesting to see what Tahlia brings in 2024. Great season and well done, Tahlia!
12	<b>Leisha Shrestha</b>	Leisha had never played soccer before and compared to where she first started at the start of the season to where she was at the end of the season, she is a very different player. We tested her in various positions and she just grew each game. Leisha is a pleasure to coach and one of the most polite kids we have coached. Although Leisha is quiet, she did get a bit fired up a few times which we loved to see. There is no doubt Leisha will keep getting stronger as player but we are glad she started her soccer journey with us. Well done and great season, Leisha!
13	<b>Caitlin Dib</b>	Caitlin again performed well in defence she has become a confident player. Once again very similar to some of her teammates, if the opposition try to intimidate her she will not take a backwards step. When Caitlin is tested by the opposition, she fires up against them and it is probably at those times when she plays her best. Caitlin continues to get stronger with her kicking game and she is starting to get some good power from her boot. She did carry a bit of an injury for a few games but gritted through it and played on. Well done, Caitlin, great season!
14	<b>Ruby Savva</b>	Ruby is just a speed demon and we all know, you cannot coach speed. We have loved watching her grow into a solid defender who has stopped some of the attackers in their tracks. As she grows more confident and begins to believe in her own skills, she will become a brilliant player. We are really proud of how you played this season and we can't wait to see what happens in 2024. Fantastic season, well done, Ruby!
15	<b>Yarra Elsakawy</b>	Yarra is another new player to the team and who had never played soccer before. Yarra is a very different player to where she was at the start of the season and her skill and understanding of the game has really come along. Yarra settled into a defensive roll and again you cannot coach speed. Given Yarra is a speedster, this gave her a big advantage, especially in defence. Yarra continued to learn the game and seemed to get comfortable with her position and the game as the season progressed. Well done, Yarra, great season!
16	<b>Lani Nobrega Natio</b>	Lani is another new player to the team and club and she tried her heart out each time she stepped onto the field. Lani is another player that didn't have much luck with injuries this season but regardless played through some of them and had a good go at it. Lani gave it her best up front but also did some great saves in goals when she stepped in. Well done for the season!
17	<b>Ava Hristov</b>	Ava consistently puts in 100% every game and has strong boot to clear the ball out of the danger zone. Ava continues to grow with confidence each game and seems to be at home in the full back position. We utilised her great hand eye co-ordination a few times in goals and did a fantastic job. Well done, Ava!



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# Grade 16 Division 1 Blue

**Coaches:** Anthony Martin and Mark Simler

**Players' Player:** Oisin Partridge

**The Team**

<b>Cameron Brophy</b>	<b>Harrison Davy</b>	<b>Andrew Denyer</b>
<b>Luca Dore</b>	<b>Kristian Lukasiewicz</b>	<b>Alessio Madau</b>
<b>Riley Marshall</b>	<b>Liam Martin</b>	<b>Jayden Maxwell</b>
<b>Dylan McKenzie</b>	<b>Marcus Pantazoglou</b>	<b>Dean Papas</b>
<b>Oisin Partridge</b>	<b>Isaiah Rivas</b>	<b>Bradley Simler</b>
<b>Lucas Tohmeh</b>		

**Season Summary:**

<b>Games</b>	<b>Won</b>	<b>Lost</b>	<b>Draw</b>	<b>Goals For</b>	<b>Goals Against</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>22</b>

**The highlights of the season were:**

- Making the semis for the 5th year in a row and giving it a red hot crack in a very even competition!

**Player Comments**

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Commentary</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Andrew Denyer</b>	Excellent work as our custodian between the sticks all year, pulling off many great saves keeping us in games. Man of the match in a thrilling semi-final (where he thought he'd come up for a last ditch corner and came away with a broken nose for his efforts!).
<b>2</b>	<b>Dean Papas</b>	As always, Dean was a rock at centre back with great positional play and cleaning up many opposition attacking raids through the middle of the park. Was sorely missed late in the season while sunning himself in Greece.
<b>4</b>	<b>Lucas Tohmeh</b>	A handy early season addition to our side predominantly at right back. His take no prisoners style of defending was great to see and left a few opposition players licking their wounds.
<b>5</b>	<b>Brad Simler</b>	Another solid year spent between right and centre back, Brad was calm under pressure stifling many opposition attacks.
<b>6</b>	<b>Liam Martin</b>	Liam had another great year predominantly in the centre midfield and always trouble the opposition defence when he pushed forward in attack. Always tried his guts out to get win for the team.
<b>7</b>	<b>Alessio Madau</b>	One half of Mario & Luigi, Pez was a machine at both left and right back and played some great cameos in the midfield during the season – a bit of a cult hero among the boys!
<b>8</b>	<b>Jayden Maxwell</b>	Showed his skill and versatility at both left and right midfield this year and always did what was best for the team on the day. Had great touch on the ball and combined well with the centre midfielders and strikers.
<b>10</b>	<b>Dylan McKenzie</b>	A big improver and brought the physical stuff to his game this year! Finished some great goals as striker this year with finesse in front of goal.
<b>11</b>	<b>Isaiah Rivas</b>	Our captain, lead the boys around the park well this year and was a rock in the midfield in both attack and defence – always dangerous on the ball. Another who left nothing in the tank every game.

12	<b>Oisin Partridge</b>	A great addition to the team this year and rewarded with Players Player. Also topped the yellow card tally with his menacing style of play! Chief penalty taker but also scored some cracking goals in general play.
13	<b>Marcus Pantazoglou</b>	Maria's boy! A great addition to the team this year at right midfield/wing. Made some great runs down the sideline and was unlucky not to bag a few goals this year (or was he??). Strong when making tackles in defence too.
14	<b>Riley Marshall</b>	Whether it was his brute strength in defence or one of his trademark runs around/through/over the top of hapless opposition players, Riley had another outstanding season and always left nothing in the tank.
16	<b>Kristian Lukaiewicz</b>	Krispy was another big improver this year and showed his versatility playing just about every position on the park. Selflessly filled in at goalkeeper a couple of times throughout the year also.
17	<b>Cameron Brophy</b>	We welcomed Cam back into the side after a few years in the wilderness! His season was cruelled by injuries at the start and end of the season, and we were a much better team when he was on the park – we certainly missed him in the semis.
19	<b>Harrison Davy</b>	Harry had his best year by far and was the coaches' choice for player of the year. Always gave 100% both at training and on the park and made the left back position his own this year.
20	<b>Luca Dore</b>	The other half of Mario & Luigi, Luca had another great year playing in both the midfield and up front when called upon. Came out of his shell a bit more this year on the field and used his size with great affect to silence many opposition players!



## Grade 16 Division 1 Yellow

**Coach:** Riki Cannon  
**Manager:** Richard Reginald Shun Wah  
**Players' Player:** Cameron Poole

### The Team

Justin Baxter

Bodhi Glasby

Steve Kitsios

Cameron Poole

Logan Weir

Zachary Beddoe

Nicholas Haralambous

Sam Moratidis

Joshua Shun Wah

Jeremy Cannon

Mitchell Johnson

Dylan Petrovski

Thomas Weeden





## Grade 17 Ladies



**Coach:** Shayne Puckeridge and Rachel Lombe

**Manager:** Andrew Lee

**Players' Player:** Brianna Lee

**Runner Up:** Breanna Kopp

**The Team**

Ruby Bentley	Ruby Carter	Hannah Cooke
Chelsea Hannaoui	Summer Hession	Ivana Jovanovski
Breanna Kopp	Brianna Lee	Brooke Petersen
Chloe Puckeridge	Makayla Ralevski	Kiarna Russell
Sofia Stefanovska	Princess Subedi	Juliette Wedgwood

**Season Summary:**

Games	Won	Lost	Draw	Goals For	Goals Against
12	2	10	0	Not enough	Too many

**The highlights of the season were:**

- Gaining the knowledge of Bankstown's best (female) referee.
- No matter what we did, we never gave up.
- The acceptance of new players into the team,

**.Player Comments**

	Name	Commentary
2	Brooke Alexandra Peterson	Brooke's fitness & physical aggression took her game to a higher level this year. She scored some unbelievable goals running from deep in her own half. I think a highlight of the season was seeing her dominate Revesby Rovers Team and getting under their skin with her physical aggression and skill level!
4	Chloe Puckeridge	Chloe's fitness and positional play helped her improve her game. Chloe gained self-confidence from completing her duties with this team and assisting all age ladies' team. Chloe has soccer knowledge beyond her years and this is show cased in all games she played. She matches skill level and aggression on the park, almost a mirror image of her dad.
5	Princess Subedi	Welcome back Princess. Always a delight to coach & asks multiple questions. Park soccer is very different to what Princess has been playing and it took her most of the season to adapt playing against larger & more physical players.



7	<b>Sofia Stefanovska</b>	I still can't fathom that Sofia has not played soccer in several years. Plays way above her age & can control the game or change the dynamics of the game with a jink of her body or a deft pass. Sofia over season learnt how playing the offside law can shut down the opposition which was highlighted in the last round playing Revesby Rovers!
8	<b>Makayla Ralevski</b>	Makayla started slowly this year but once she gained some self-confidence when playing out from the back, she can control pass or take the opposition on with ease. Makayla was a massive backbone to our defensive line!
9	<b>Ivana Jovanovski</b>	Ivana had an amazing season this year. She was always ready to play the positions her team needed her to play especially when we were down players! Ivana has amazing potential in this game. Even though goal keeping isn't her favourite position she really shinned and excelled in it! Well done Ivana!
11	<b>Juliette May Wedgewood</b>	Miss reliable in the back line. There were some games we played that not even Bankstown Sports Stars super stars could get around her. Jules takes everything in her stride & when everyone else is cheering her on, she would be lucky to crack a smile.
12	<b>Kiarna Kim-May Russell</b>	Kiarna's first year with us. She fit in well with all the girls & always gave me 100% when she was at training and on the field. Kiarna was happy to play in any position we gave her which improved her overall knowledge of the game. Keep up the amazing work Kiarna!
13	<b>Breanna Kopp</b>	Breanna came to our team as a player from out of the area. Breanna is energetic & slotted well into our team. Breanna brought her A game to all games. Her speed and ability to read the plays let her steal key game moments from her opposition and gain possession. She also gained self-confidence from completing her duties with this team and assisting all age ladies' team.
14	<b>Brianna Lee</b>	Brianna is someone I know that has worked hard at her game, during the preseason along with during the year, be it passing or running with the ball. She is starting to gain that aggressive part of her game. She also gained self-confidence from completing her duties with this team and assisting all age ladies' team.
15	<b>Ruby Carter</b>	Ruby trained well with us but had a change of heart after the first couple of games & sadly walked away from the game.
16	<b>Summer Hession</b>	Summers unselfishly put her hand up at the start of the season to 'share' the goal keeping duties. She played well in goals, but we did miss her dynamics on the field. Summer is an all-rounder and she continues to improve in every position she is given. Another young lady that plays way above her age group.
23	<b>Chelsea Hannaoui</b>	Chelsea was another reliable lady in our backline. Constantly & sometimes recklessly putting her body on the line to make crucial tackles when they were needed. When ANY feedback was given to her she would utilise it and action it, which ultimately improved her knowledge and game! Well done, Chelsea.
34	<b>Hannah Marie Cooke</b>	Hannah was another new starter this year. Hannah always gave 100% at training & on game day. When required, Hannah came off the bench to make an impact. Unfortunately, a long layoff due to a knee injury towards the start of the season - we didn't get to see Hannah excel.
35	<b>Ruby Bentley</b>	Slowly but surely, Ruby is getting better & better at playing soccer. She has worked hard on her direct passing to feet & can run around the opposition, the problem is I compare her to her father & she just doesn't have an aggressive bone in her body.

## Coaches' Report

A year of 'what ifs'.

Once Ruby C decided not to play and Hannah hurt her knee, we were basically down to the bare 11 players for most of the year.

We competed against sides with full benches and once again, clubs that took SAP representative rejects and the other big club that is a development squad.

These 2 clubs (Bankstown Sports Stars & Bankstown Sports Strikers) - we never expected to win against.

The rest of the teams in the competition, we were competitive against but failed due to the lack of players. We ran out of legs. Times were tough.

This year, you will look back on with fond memories and work harder, be it at life or sport in general, to make yourself a better positive person.

Thank you to all the ladies, we thoroughly enjoyed the adventure and we hope to see you all again.

Shayne & Rachel



## Grade 17/18 Division 1

**Coach:** Stu Collins and Beau Collins

**Manager:** Julie Pargovski

**Players' Player:** Cameron O'Shea

### The Team

Mohamad Kamal Al Kotob	Sean Amy	Bailey Collins
Ryan Flannery	Mason Hunter	Ethan Jones
Cameron O'Shea	Jamie Pargovski	Lincoln Parmeter
Liam Parsons	Blake Pryde	Hamza Rahmani
Joshua Sidrak	Jack Stinson	

### Season Summary:

Games	Won	Lost	Draw	Goal Diff	Points
16	7	5	4	6	24

### Report:

A fantastic bunch of young men enjoyed a reasonably successful season. The boys made the semis finishing in fourth spot. Unfortunately, we were beaten in a nail biter in our first semi and that ended our season.

A large portion of these boys have played together since the Under 7's and this could well have been their last year together. You should all be proud of what you have achieved over many years and I wish you all every success in the future.

Special mention to Beau Collins for co-coaching with me and to long time manager, Julie Pargovski, for all her help, not just this year but over many years.

Stu Collins

### Player Comments

	Name	Commentary
1	Cameron O'Shea	An outstanding year from Cam who, right at the start of the season, volunteered to play in goals for the entire year. A totally selfless young man who did a brilliant jib.

2	<b>Mohamad Kamal Al Kotob</b>	Mo' was our self-appointed captain when Mason was absent and did a great job. This was highlighted by a brilliant hat-trick against Birrong. Mo' was also extremely consistent in his timing, arriving exactly 3 minutes before kick off each week.
3	<b>Sean Amy</b>	Excellent year from Wally who contributed well in all games. Wally covered a number of different positions throughout the season.
4	<b>Lincoln Parmeter</b>	A really consistent season from Lincoln and that is what we have come to expect. Link was his usual tough competitor in all games and played whatever role was asked of him.
5	<b>Jack Stinson</b>	Jack was the only left footer in the side and enjoyed a really good season at left half. His service to the forwards all season was first class.
6	<b>Josh Sidrak</b>	Unfortunately, Josh had an injury plagued season, suffering a nasty leg injury early on. When he was on deck, it was clear that we were a much better team. On the park, he was a very tough and tidy player.
7	<b>Mason Hunter</b>	A season that we have all simply come to expect from Mason. Every season he sets the standard for everyone, (and for every team for that matter) to follow. Everything that Mason does is at another level. Well done, Meat.
8	<b>Ryan Flannery</b>	Flanno has become somewhat of a stalwart for us up front. A really consistent striker, Flanno was the difference in quite a few games this year.
9	<b>Ethan Jones</b>	Jonesy regathered himself really well this year after a rather nasty head knock rattled him early. He had a really good year highlighted by a great goal in our semi final that kept us in the game.
10	<b>Bailey Collins</b>	"Toit" had probably his best year to date. He was much more consistent and made the centre half role his own. His set pieces were excellent and added another string to his game.
11	<b>Jamie Pargovski</b>	The Bomber was tough and tenacious in everything he did this year. He was more than happy to cover any number of positions in what was a really good season for Jamie.
12	<b>Liam Parsons</b>	Pud was awesome this year in everything that he did. A true team man who was often a big help to the referee and also by sharing his opinion on the situation. If a career in soccer eludes Pud, he could easily turn to comedy. A pleasure to coach.
13	<b>Blake Pryde</b>	A bit like Josh, Prydey had a disjointed season due to injury. Blake is a big strong old-fashioned striker who proved to be an absolute handful for every fullback he came up against. Once again, we were a far better team with him on the park.
14	<b>Hamza Rahmani</b>	Hamza had an absolute cracker of a season. He has electrifying pace and sublime talent with the ball at his feet. Scored and set up any number of goals this year. A great season, Hamz.



# All Age Ladies 3 Blue

## Premiers

Coach: Chad Bentley  
 Assistant Coach: Dimi Karperos  
 Manager: Alicia Kastrounis  
 Players' Player: Aqeelah Woods

### The Team

Nawal Abdi	Hannah Bentley	Jessica Gould
Emma Guirguis	Alicia Kastrounis	Anissa Khan
Kate Kozlowski	Eva Lozanovska	Elysia Mayne
Holly Nguyen	Meg Payne	Grace Prior
Rebecca Selmon	Charlotte Sewell	Tamara Smith
Freya Tischler	Caitlyn Van Woudenberg	Aqeelah Woods

### Season Summary:

Games	Won	Lost	Draw	Goals For	Goals Against
16	12	3	1	54	14

### The highlights of the season were:

- This year we had many new players join, from those that had not played soccer at all to others that were coming back to the game after many years away. A couple of rounds in and we were starting to gel as a team. Learning where everyone fitted and how everyone played took time but we got there with lots of support and guidance from our coaches Chad and Dimi.
- Throughout the season there were many highlights, some that I can recall are Kate (our centre back) scoring an amazing goal from just outside the 18 yard box, Grace (never played soccer in her life) scoring her first goal, a header off a corner, Emma's goal off a corner (no idea how it snuck in) and Alicia's Grand Final winning goal off of Tamara's awesome corner.
- What an amazing bunch of ladies we had this year.

### .Player Comments

	Name	Commentary
1	Eva Lozanovska	Number 1 goal keeper, the proof is in the pudding only 14 goals conceded for the season, great result.
2	Kate Kozlowski	Kate makes up part of our solid back line, she is our little runner in the centre back who never gives up (A little un-co but always gets the job done.)
3	Emma Guirguis	One of our newbies, what can I say Emma always seemed to have a target on her back right from the first game, but no matter how hard she got hit she always popped back up ready to fight for the ball again and punish our opponents with amazing goals.
4	Aqeelah Woods	Aqeelah has been our all-rounder this year, no matter where she ended up playing, she managed to always clean that ball up and get it to where to it needed to be. For most of the season, she also made up part of our formidable back line.
5	Freya Tishler	Coming back after not playing since she was 9, Freya slotted into our team perfectly. A little shy to start with but once she got her confidence back there was no stopping her.
6	Elysia Mayne	Grown from strength to strength, not always playing where she was used to but always put in 100%.
7	Rebecca Selmon	Bec is our dark horse, looking very sweet and innocent on the field making her opponents underestimate her abilities, as she sweeps in and steals the ball.



8	<b>Anissa Khan</b>	Anissa is our little engine that could, there is no stopping her, when she sees the ball she goes for it. Amazing growth since last year, now no longer trying to help players once she takes the ball from them. (all legal tackles)
9	<b>Charlotte Sewell</b>	Floats like a butterfly, stings like a bee, coming from nowhere on the left side either setting up an amazing assist or scoring a goal herself.
10	<b>Tamara Smith</b>	Some amazing corners this season and long range goals. One in particular helped us take out the Grand Final.
11	<b>Nawal Abdi</b>	Poor Nawal, a little injury prone this year but when she played you knew she was on the field, some amazing tackles from the back line.
12	<b>Caitlyn Van Woudenberg</b>	Now you see her, now you don't. Where did she come from, she was up front a minute ago. Caitlyn is our little rabbit always popping up when needed and holding our middle line.
13	<b>Grace Prior</b>	Grace is a shiny penny, first season out and what an amazing effort. Becoming one of our main midfielders, honing her header skills, even scoring a header through the season.
14	<b>Jessica Gould</b>	Along with Caitlyn, Jess has been our rock in the middle, playing most of the end of the season with an injury, she still held her line and placed some amazing crosses.
15	<b>Meg Payne</b>	Coming back after many years off, Meg has brought stability, knowledge, a loud voice and so much encouragement.
16	<b>Alicia Kastrounis</b>	A solid second keeper and right back, although someone put her up front in the Grand Final only for her to score the winning goal with her head off Tamara's amazing corner.
17	<b>Hannah Bentley</b>	Rounding out our solid back line, Hannah is our amazing sweeper. Coming back after weeks out without missing a beat, we can always count on her to clean up any missed through balls.
18	<b>Holly Nguyen</b>	When Holly has the ball, it is like watching a great dancer the way she manages to dance around her opponent with the ball to get it off to her team player.











# All Age Ladies 3 Yellow

**Coach:** Brett Lombe and Craig Watts  
**Manager:** Brett Lombe  
**Players' Player:** Emma Wells  
**Lollies:** Greg

## The Team

<b>Marina Beshay</b>	<b>Barbara Georgio</b>	<b>Gabriella Ghattas</b>
<b>Melissa Hooper</b>	<b>Taylor Hooper</b>	<b>Hannah Lombe</b>
<b>Rachel Lombe</b>	<b>Martina Malek</b>	<b>Rebekah Nakhla</b>
<b>Jill Raynes</b>	<b>Jennifer Stevens</b>	<b>Kristie Stevens</b>
<b>Emma Taliana</b>	<b>Elyse Walker</b>	<b>Sophie Watts</b>
<b>Emma Wells</b>	<b>Antoinette Yammine</b>	<b>Jeanette Yammine</b>

## Season Report

Been a long season for the ladies this year, starting in AAL2's and played all of the first round and first match of second round and then being asked if we wouldn't mind dropping to 3's so BDAFA could move a team from 1's to the 2's. Once in 3's, we played twice a week for nearly every week to catch up, which played a toll on the ladies with a lot of injuries along with sickness, holidays and work commitments. We struggled to have the bare eleven players, and often played short.

This season we welcomed four new players to our team and club, Marina, Gabriella, Tina and Barbara whose experience ranged from not played before to had played in the past. It was great to have these ladies and watch them improve and contribute to the team each week as well as their friendship with the other players. Considering not being able to train most of the time due to midweek games practically every week so those who hadn't played before only got experience during matches, these ladies put in a great effort!!

Week to week struggling to get enough to be able to take the field our performances were up and down, for example we played East Bankstown twice in one week. First game they were short for 15 minutes and we had the bare 11 players but we couldn't take advantage of it and match ended up a 0-0 draw, but the next game we played them on their home field and we won 6-0.

Unfortunately, we didn't make the finals, falling short finishing in 5<sup>th</sup> spot.

Special thanks to U17L players Chloe Puckeridge, Brianna Lee and Breanna Kopp who played up into all age to help us out on many occasions. Without your willingness to play another match after you had already played, we may have needed to forfeit.

Thank you again!

From Craig and I, thank you ladies for another season and hope you will all be back for 2024.

Brett Lombe





# Over 35 Div 1

Only because there isn't any other division.

**Coach:** Dave McFadden  
**Manager:** Brett Lombe  
**Players' Player:** Martin Ferrier

## The Team

Dean Arnold	Graham Black	Brett East
Martin Ferrier	Jason Glasby	Brett Jones
Michael Lescenin	Glenn Lucas	Dean Marsh
David McFadden	James McKechnie	Steve Miller
Matthew Mooney	Alex Naidovski	Ben Pringle
Jozef Sirotnak	Karlo Taliana	Geoff Wise

## Season Report

We had good hopes for this season with welcoming four new players to our team, Matthew, Alex, Joe and convincing Jason to throw away his saints red and yellow and wear Panania's white, blue and yellow.

Our win against Padstow Hornets was at a cost of some major injuries to a few of our players that were either out for many weeks or had a season ending injury.

Unfortunately, for the first time I can remember, the 35's needed to forfeit games as we couldn't get enough players. On a few occasions we played short, down to 7, seven, players but it wasn't a pretty outcome, especially against Birrong who ended up champions for 2023.

Though this season was hard and frustrating, with not much reward even with all the efforts of these players who played with injuries, lack of players and no one on the bench.

The comradeship and friendship as we gather around the trusty esky after the game, talking how the result could have been different if we had a few more players or we did this or tried that earlier in the match.

No matter the result, the gathering around the esky with our team, family and friends is what it's all about at our age.

Thanks, guys, for another season,  
Brett Lombe



# All Age Men 4

**Coach:** Callum Lavin  
**Manager:** Liam Yabsley  
**Players' Player:** Jason Stamenkovic

## The Team

Harry Anderson	Dane Barnes	Ethan Barnes
Zachary Chin	Matthew Cook	Gavin Costello
Matthew Craft	Brad Crain	Scott Hamilton
George Harapa	Patrick Henry	Richard Kemp
Cameron Langdale	Matthew Lee	Mitchell Lincoln
Tom O'Neil	Robert Russell	Brendon Sacilotto
Jason Stamenkovic	Dale Williams	

## Season Summary:

Games	Won	Lost	Draw	Goals For	Goals Against
16	7	4	5	38	23



**Well-dressed Manager**

## Report:

I would first of all like to congratulate our boys on a terrific season. It has been a pleasure to be a part of this team for another year. To be within a whisker of making the finals after all the injuries we endured this year truly shows our determination and commitment to the team. Only losing 1 of our last 9 games gave everyone hope and became a winning streak we only ever thought we would see from Chook on the trip away.

Unfortunately, a team that should have been booted (twice) took out fourth spot by a point. Nonetheless, this year showed what a talented group of players you all are and how great we can be as a team. The attitude of continually turning up for each other brought this team closer together. There wasn't ever a game where the opposition felt comfortable, or we left anything on the field. Shout out to the fresh faces in the team this year. Everyone fitted in seamlessly and got around our team culture (beers and punting). The combination of young and old heads helped make this team better.

Enjoy the off season, boys and rest the weary bodies!

I hope to see you all next year!

## The highlights of the season were:

- Beating the (eventual) Premiers in the final round.
- Brandon's hat trick.
- Dale becoming the 'Top Contributor' on our team Facebook page within the first 4 days of joining the team, thanks to his 476 posts. He is now Admin.



- Young fellas using the clubhouse as an Air BnB during field duty.
- Matty Lee for his positivity in goals.
- Dane Barnes scoring top bins from his left foot outside the box.
- Dr Lee turning a sprained ankle into a broken leg.
- Dr Lavin turning a dislocated finger into a broken finger with tendonitis.

### Player Comments

	Name	Commentary
1	Harry Anderson	First year with the team but felt like he had been in it for years. Solid season. Always put in all game. His speed was unmatched.
2	Dane Barnes	Great season. Loves a goal from outside the box. Played all midfield positions and never looked out of place.
3	Ethan Barnes	Looked at home on the left edge with multiple attacking sprees down his side. Backed up the defence and was always an option when getting out of our end. Great season Ethan.
4	Zac Chin	Mr Versatility. Played all across the park and did the job each time. Played half the year with one knee but couldn't tell and never complained.
5	Matthew Cook	The aerial ace. Another strong year. Always plays at a high standard and always a fan favourite. Red finished the year with a 99% win rate with headers this year.
6	Gavin Costello	Scored the first goal of the year and continued that momentum. Happy to play wherever the team needs him to. Unlucky not to have scored more this year.
7	Matthew Craft	The bearded warrior. Injuries tried to stop his season, but he didn't let them. Always strong in defence and never shies away from a challenge. Great season Crafty.
8	Brad Crain	The Work Horse. Never stops moving or giving up on the play. Integral part of the team. Getting his dislocated finger put back into place then running back onto the field will be spoken about for years to come.
9	Scott Hamilton	The organisation master. Can run a team better than anyone. Played in a new position this year and crushed it. Always solid in defence. Can read a play better than Callum can read a book. Great season, Ham.
10	George Harapa	Talented player. Unfortunate with injuries but what we saw on the paddock we were all impressed by.
11	Patrick Henry	Loves the team. Team loves him. Loves a beer. Beer's afraid of him. Great hair. Can sometimes be too loud on the field.
12	Richard Kemp	"Switch it!" Loves to begin an attacking raid from the backline. Always plays hard. Great team player.
13	Cameron Langdale	Showed his talents in goals and on the field. Strong player in any position. Quality teammate who had a great season.
14	Matthew Lee	The Skipper. His cat like reflexes stopped certain goals all year. Another great year. Kept the team in games by putting his body on the line. Great to see some positive comments coming from him on the field.
15	Tom O'Neil	Tom unfortunately suffered a hamstring injury but made it back for the last game!
16	Robert Russell	Caused headaches for his opposition all year. Never stopped trying and competing for the ball. Great team player. Awesome year Rob Dog.
17	Brendon Sacilotto	The hat-trick hero. Solid all year. Never left anything out on the field. The game against Workers will go down in Panania folklore.

18	<b>Jason Stamenkovic</b>	The key cog in the machine. Attack and defence started with him. Has a great football brain and organises the team on the pitch. Solid first year with the club. We look forward to seeing you next year.
19	<b>Dale Williams</b>	The biggest transfer deal since Brad Fittler joined the Roosters. Came across mid-season and took to the team like a duck to water. Very talented striker. Scored goals from the moment he joined. Great positivity on and off the pitch. I look forward to having him in the team next year.
20	<b>Liam Yabsley</b>	"I think a good night's sleep and it will come good." Unfortunately for Liam, it did not come good.



Dale's right foot goal of the Year

## All Age Men 5 Blue

**Manager:** Mark Houllis  
**Players' Player:** Lynn Roehrig

### The Team

<b>Marco Basara</b>	<b>Lochie Benson</b>	<b>Noah Cauchi</b>
<b>Shady Ekladious</b>	<b>Andrew Gad</b>	<b>Blake Harris</b>
<b>Mark Houllis</b>	<b>Balin Lusted</b>	<b>Logan Marshall</b>
<b>Tainui McFadden</b>	<b>James Poulos</b>	<b>Lynn Roehrig</b>
<b>Brodie Roth</b>	<b>James Sestanovic</b>	<b>Mitchell Small</b>
<b>Thomas Tiberti</b>		

### Report

The Panania All Age Blue's have wrapped up another season, and it's been a rollercoaster of ups and downs. Despite the challenges, the season was undeniably enjoyable.

Throughout the season, we faced tough opponents, weather obstacles, and scheduling quirks. Some matches ended in exhilarating wins, while others in disappointing losses. But what remained constant was our growing team spirit and the sheer enjoyment we found in playing together.

Our players demonstrated a strong commitment to improvement, with each match showing tangible progress. On and off the field, we shared in the joy of being a part of this tight-knit team. The laughter, inside jokes, and unwavering support made this season memorable.

As we bid farewell to this season, we do so with a sense of accomplishment and a pocket full of cherished memories. We're excited about the future, ready to face new challenges, and build on the successes of this season. Thanks to everyone who contributed to making this season unforgettable. We can't wait to see what the next season brings!

# All Age Men 5 White

## Minor Premiers and Premiers

**Coach:** Alex Hassett  
**Manager:** Greg Hassett  
**Players' Player:** Samere Mohammed

### The Team

Russell Butters	Alex Cole	Daniel Curran
Ryan Falkner	Alexander Hassett	Lachlan Hunt
Rahul Jagtap	Mark Lepre	Jaydn McGregor
Ryan McGregor	Samere Mohammed	Benjamin Morrison
Jordan Morrison	Beni Salievski	Dylan Taylor
Michael Touzell	Marcus Townsend	

### Season Summary:

AAM-6 Games	Won	Lost	Draw	Goals For	Goals Against
4	4	0	0	18	3
AAM-5 Games	Won	Lost	Draw	Goals For	Goals Against
19	11	1	5	59	25

### The highlights of the season were:

- Minor Premiers and Grand Final winners for second year in a row.
- Moving up a grade from last season and then up another grade 4 rounds into the year meant a lot of mid-week games and a mounting injury toll.
- A team that played for each other. Injuries and unavailability often meant we couldn't field a fully fit team of 11 but they found a way to grind through and come out with a result and importantly, enjoy themselves.



### Player Comments

	Name	Commentary
1	Alex Cole	An injury plagued season that saw him experience the joys of watching the team from the technical area for an extended period. Now understands that the team don't take directions from him whether he's on the field or not. Came back for the finals at his playing weight which surprised everyone.

2	<b>Alex Hassett</b>	Ruined his multi season run of 100% win ratio as captain this season. Spent a lot of time trying to convince referees that he'd been seriously fouled. Equal golden boot though it should be noted less than 35% of his goals actually came off his boot.
3	<b>Ben Morrison</b>	Took the mark of the season against Revesby and then tried to convince the referee it wasn't a handball. Finished the season with 41 goal assists and made some of the opposition look ordinary with his ball control in the middle. Gave away a free kick by calling the ref sir. Nominated for an Emmy for his GF performance.
4	<b>Beni Salievski</b>	Mid season recruit to cover for a raft of injuries to the team and fitted right in. Beni starts his warm up for Saturday on Thursday afternoon with a few gentle stretches. Dominate player in the box particularly against smaller, faster opposition.
5	<b>Daniel Curran</b>	Was glad Samere joined the team so he wasn't the last player to turn up to the game each week. Gives 100% every week on the field and 110% off. Official beer taster of the team.
6	<b>Dylan Taylor</b>	Guaranteed to cover the whole field regardless of the position he's playing at the time. Miracle recovery from a serious rib injury mid season allowed him to contribute to the finals campaign. Often seen watching YouTube videos on how to strap injuries before a game.
7	<b>Jaydn McGregor</b>	Passionate half time motivator who leaves nothing in the tank. Mistakenly though shaving his head this year would make him faster. Suffered a similar rib injury to Dylan in a freak accident but only missed the one game.
8	<b>Jordan Morrison</b>	Another that missed a big part of the season with injury but showed his commitment to the team by going to Europe to rehab to enable him to return for the finals. Not afraid to give away a yellow if beaten. A pillar in the middle and one the few people who can take the ball off his brother. Often used the whistle blower as a target when passing the ball. Won't be wearing white canvas shoes to another wet night game on the sideline.
9	<b>Lachlan Hunt</b>	New recruit this year who scored 4 goals in his opening game. Great balance on the ball and can shoot from either foot. Equal golden boot who scored every one of his goals off his boot. Was the main campaigner of including div 6 goals in the season count for the boot. Rumoured to have a secret family in Tamworth.
10	<b>Marcus Townsend</b>	Always solid at the back with a super boot. Self-assessed player of the match each round who hates a chat. Has taken Ronnie under his wing and is grooming him for a stand-up comedy routine.
11	<b>Mark Lepre</b>	One who's season was cut short with a surprising new injury that required surgery. Kept turning up to the games to support the team and looking forward to returning to the field next season to get some fitness back and avoid having to buy a new wardrobe.
12	<b>Michael Touzell</b>	One of the quietest players on the field he lets his keeping do the talking. Has been telling the strikers for years they didn't know how to put the ball into the back of the net properly and scored a double in the only half he took the gloves off. Drop the mic moment.
13	<b>Rahul Japtap</b>	Another new recruit for season 2023. Started strongly and then went into a self-imposed mid-season hiatus but returned for the business end of the season. Solid on the ball.
14	<b>Russell Butters</b>	Scored more goals this season than any other and strong both in the air and on the ground. Must have done something to the referee's boss in the off season to justify the number of free kicks and yellow cards awarded against him. Didn't stop him asking each time what the card was for.

15	<b>Ryan McGregor</b>	Injury plagued season he kept giving everything when on the pitch. Grew his hair this year to show his brother what long flowing locks could look like. Doesn't like shin pads as he thinks they make his legs look funny – it's not the shin pads.
16	<b>Ryan Falkner</b>	The best dressed member of the team who often donates items of his wardrobe to those more in need than him by leaving them at the ground. Hard to get past in the defensive line. Can't wait to see the stand-up routine. Hope it's ready for presentation day.
17	<b>Samere Mohammed</b>	Off season recruit that squeezed more overtime at work on a Saturday before the game than anyone thought possible. The opening whistle was often heard as he was putting his boots on. Player's Player and well deserved. Scored every goal in the final series and a specialist at putting free kicks in the back of the net. Struggles to drink upside down but with more practice will improve.



## All Age Men 5 Yellow

**Coach:** John Lembryk and Stephen Hughes  
**Manager:** Sharon Whyte and Graham Williams  
**Players' Player:** Mason Allen

### The Team

<b>Mason Allen</b>	<b>Isaac Briggs</b>	<b>Ethan Burke</b>
<b>Reece Cokun</b>	<b>Peter De Polignol</b>	<b>Yong Deng</b>
<b>Jack Ellery</b>	<b>Kierstan Faulks</b>	<b>Corey Hession</b>
<b>Thomas Keech</b>	<b>Ben Kelly</b>	<b>Jared Kennedy</b>
<b>Jack Martin</b>	<b>Bailey Minett</b>	<b>Luke Mitchell</b>
<b>Marc Opferkuch</b>	<b>Ben Pascoe-Stanford</b>	<b>Callum Pryor</b>
<b>Jackson Rebeiro</b>	<b>Luke Riches</b>	

### Report

A new team to the club this year, consisting of young friends, some from the area and other players from other districts.

The squad moulded into a great bunch of players and everybody stood up when required with some memorable wins. Their passion and sportsmanship, unfortunately wasn't enough to get them over the line and they just missed out in playing semi-final football.

The boys have shown protentional for greater things with their efforts this year and could be a force next season, should they stay together as a team.

The management consisted of coaches, John Lembryk and Stephen Hughes and managers, Sharon Whyte and Graham Williams. It was a pleasure to coach and manage this squad, and they are a credit to the club.



# All Age Men 6

**Coach:** Tony Gustavsson  
**Manager:** Shaun Goodson  
**Players' Player:** Harrison Walther  
**Runner Up:** Jason Lee

## The Team

<b>Morgan Armstrong</b>	<b>Paul Ashley</b>	<b>Amir Atme</b>
<b>Fred Ghajar</b>	<b>Shaun Goodson</b>	<b>Joshua Holt</b>
<b>Jarryd Howard</b>	<b>Nathan Howard</b>	<b>Andrius Jurksaitis</b>
<b>Jason Lee</b>	<b>Ryan Perrin</b>	<b>Nathan Ruppas</b>
<b>Anthony Sams</b>	<b>David Scognamiglio</b>	<b>Randy Smeros</b>
<b>David Vu</b>	<b>Harrison Walther</b>	<b>Thomas Walther</b>

## Season Summary:

Games	Won	Lost	Draw	Goals For	Goals Against
14	2	10	2	22	48

## The highlights of the season were:

- The win against Padsow.
- Playing a man down and narrowly losing by 1 goal to Greenacre after they had beaten us two weeks before.

## THE TEAM

	Name	Commentary
1	<b>Morgan Armstrong</b>	Amir, where's Morgs? He was out on a bender. Tryin' to rear end ah? Yea, but he'll have to go back to Tindah. Oh wait, Ooop, there he is. Still hazy dreamin' about dem Beers Jumps on to defend his peers. Covers more ground & switches gears. Defends likea god, give 'em some cheers. Okay is it half time yet? Looks like he's added years. Morgs. He's 50 but still got it.
2	<b>Paul Ashley</b>	It was a big year for Paul not only on the field but also tying the knot off it. Even with all that he turned up each week and put in a good performance. In a team full of backs (or a bunch of unfit guys that really don't want to run around in the mid field) Paul is always able to stand out. His ability to read the play and strength on the ball made sure that anyone who made it through the front line was cut off like they were family members at his bucks. It was a great year and hoping we see more of it next year.
3	<b>Amir Atme</b>	The little pocket rocket assistant coach that never gives up. Scored a cracker of a goal mid year through sheer determination. Turned dup rain, hail or hungover.

4	<b>Fred Ghajar</b>	<p>Fred, as staunch a defender as we could ever ask for, though with the new rules in place his antics of approaching the ref, hand raised like a pre-schooler asking the teacher a question, yelling “ref, ref, REF!!!” did have to be toned down. So upon reflection of the season I’ve composed an acrostic in honour of Fred’s raised hand.</p> <p>The Flamin Galah (an acrostic by Rhino)</p> <p>F – Flamin hell  R – Ref!! Did you  E – Even see that!  D – Doing it all day you, Galah.</p>
5	<b>Shaun Goodson</b>	<p>Shaun has always taken up many roles for the team: Manager; captain; courageous and inspirational leader; chief organiser with able support from his deputies, Amir and Dave Vu. He was the Man of Steel at the back and knows how to put opposition forwards in his pocket. Unfortunately, had to go to the UK before the end of the season but was still always supporting the team in spirit.</p>
6	<b>Joshua Holt</b>	<p>Great season, always tried hard, decent person for a substitute keeper and always a great free kick taker to put it into the box.</p>
7	<b>Jarryd Howard</b>	<p>Wanna give props to this absolute legend. Always gives 100% no matter the opponent or situation. Hopeful he’s back next year, to tear it up and score some sweaty goals.</p>
8	<b>Nathan Howard</b>	<p>After a slow injury riddled start to the year, 2023 ended up being a very typical year for Howie. For every game he showed up late, there was a game he put his hand up to be keeper. For every challenge where he fell over clutching his face, there was a clutch header saving a goal. He was invaluable for us in the middle of the field, and hopefully we get to see more of him, on the field and on time next year.</p>
9	<b>Andrew Jurksitas</b>	<p>At times a lone wolf up front, like a bull terrier harassing the defenders, has contributed to scoring a few and trying his best when our team were short at times. Will have a break out year next year depending on if he turns up for pre-season sand dune runs.</p>
10	<b>Jason Lee</b>	<p>Jason had a great season and was on track to take golden boot until he decided to injure himself in a game of futsal ultimately ending his season and golden boot title chase. Before his injury he could always be counted on to be chasing the ball. With his goal scoring prowess, speed and constant running it was like we had Sams 2.0. Overall a great season from Jason.</p>
11	<b>Ryan Perrin</b>	<p>After a couple of seasons plagued with injury, it was great to have Rhino back in the side consistently. He really showed us what we had been missing both on and off the field. On the field he stepped up with his performances in goals which included some remarkable reflux (sic) saves. Off the field, as always, he was at the very core of this team.</p>
12	<b>Nathan Ruppas</b>	<p>Ruppas, or Nathan as his wife calls him when he is trouble, is always one of our best players. He is a fighter, deceptively quick, and never lets an opponent beat him to the ball. Even if he has a potentially season ending injury and probably shouldn’t be playing. It’s an honour to suit up with him every week, a bigger pleasure to have a beer with him post game, but man I wish we could do it in over 35s instead.</p>
13	<b>Anthony Sams</b>	<p>With Sams being a very one footed player you’d think he’d be easy to defend against but each year he manages to score a hat full of goals. This year our team lost our imported striker so we turned to Sams for goals. In our time of need Sams decided a full time job was more important than All Age 6’s and left us hanging. Still with only playing 5 games, give or take, he is one of our leading scorers.</p>

14	<b>David Scognamiglio</b>	In his sophomore year, there was high hopes of an off season watch purchase for accurate arrival times, unfortunately it must of been lost in Aus Post. When arrived he always gave his best for the team, flying up and down the wing. Hopefully next season brings the much anticipated first goal!
15	<b>Randy Smeros</b>	Randy brings a light-hearted touch to the field with an undeniable fondness for toe socks. Despite his injuries throughout the season and a few tings off the bar, his energy is a game changer. Cheers to our sock enthusiast for adding that extra kick to our matches.
16	<b>David Vu</b>	Throughout the year, David showcased exceptional leadership, continually motivating the team and boosting morale while also remaining rock solid in defence, delivering stellar performances every week. His inspiring presence on and off the field has once again this year proved invaluable to the team and made playing alongside him an absolute pleasure.
17	<b>Harrison Walther</b>	Opposing teams seem to underestimate his fight for the ball and where he lacks in mathematical ability he makes up performing perfectly timed professional fouls, usually after he had thought to be fouled himself. You know H is playing well when he is getting fouled.
18	<b>Tom Walther</b>	It's a miracle Mr "it's just a burner" finally admitted he may be a little broken. This however didn't stop him from being the ultimate team player and putting his hand up to play when we were always short and no matter the position. Top season mate, see ya in preseason for a couple of sand dunes.



## All Age Men 7 Blue

**Coach:** Jack Wedgwood  
**Manager:** Mark Wedgwood  
**Players' Player:** Liam Hewitt

### The Team

<b>Jed Fletcher</b>	<b>Liam Hewitt</b>	<b>Zachary Luth</b>
<b>Blake MacDonald</b>	<b>Joshua Martin</b>	<b>Nathaniel Mudie</b>
<b>Brodie Romcke Harber</b>	<b>Ben Shears</b>	<b>Ryan Shears</b>
<b>Alexander Stengos</b>	<b>Cameron Walsh</b>	<b>Benjamin Wedgwood</b>
<b>Jack Wedgwood</b>	<b>Luke Wedgwood</b>	<b>Joshua Wills</b>

### Season Summary:

<b>Games</b>	<b>Won</b>	<b>Lost</b>	<b>Draw</b>	<b>Goals For</b>	<b>Goals Against</b>
<b>17</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>31</b>

### The highlights of the season were:

- First Preliminary final with a new team.
- Ben Shears out first game.
- Alex Stengos in keeper (we will get to that).
- Mid-Season and Postseason Drinks.
- Tuesday Night Training.
- Scoring 13 goals against Rovers.

- Brodie scoring his 1st goal.
- Blake scoring his 1st goal.
- Zach scoring 3 screamers in 3 consecutive weeks.
- 15/17 times winning the toss.

#### Team Commentary

	Name	Commentary
1	<b>Luke Wedgwood</b>	Brick Wall in Defence. Luke has a tactical read on the game and is the reason why the goals against is only at 31.
2	<b>Ben Wedgwood</b>	Potentially the unluckiest player this year, on the back end of a horrible goal kick that put him out for the rest of the season. Played well at the start of the season using his build to prevent any defenders from coming through.
3	<b>Alexander Stengos</b>	Great knowledge on the game on and off field, unfortunately he couldn't apply that same knowledge to his goal-keeping skills (poor ben).
4	<b>Zach Luth</b>	This man knows how to play. Provided some great highlights by scoring 3 absolute crackers out of box and being a very important player when it came to the midfield.
5	<b>Joshua Wills</b>	Quiet Achiever. A valuable asset in defence, putting his body on the line to stop defenders no matter the cost.
6	<b>Nathan Mudie</b>	Constantly creating chances up front and being clinical when it came to his passing and shooting.
7	<b>Liam Hewitt</b>	Skills and speed, put them together and you have Liam who gives 100% every time he is on the field.
8	<b>Cameron Walsh</b>	A cool, calm collected head in the middle who provided many assists and controlled the midfield well.
9	<b>Joshua Martin</b>	Speedy and skilful. Josh played with intricate ball-playing skills and confidence to score many goals up front.
10	<b>Jed Fletcher</b>	One of the oldest players in the team. Jed stature gives him the strength in the midfield that was needed.
11	<b>Brodie Romcke-Harber</b>	Apparently in the wrong position, Brodie uses his agility, speed and reaction to prevent anything from going in. A tough job and one he did well.
12	<b>Blake MacDonald</b>	Blake never played a game of soccer before this season, by the end of the season he was one of the most important players on the field, using his strong build as an intimidating presence towards opponents.
13	<b>Ryan Shears</b>	Skilful and knows how to play. Ryan was a great addition to the team, using the wing to provide many through balls for yours truly.
14	<b>Ben Shears</b>	Unlucky with what happened at the start of the season, however provided so much support off-field especially to his brother, Ryan.
15	<b>Jack Wedgwood</b>	First time in defence, didn't do too bad. Need to work on my soccer skills before I can call myself "good".

In all seriousness, to get to a preliminary final with a new team is a great achievement and I hope this season will be the first of the many great seasons to come.

Special mention to Mark Wedgwood for involuntarily signing up to be the manager for this year.

Jack Wedgwood



# All Age Men 7 Yellow

## Minor Premiers and Premiers



**Coach:** Shayne Puckeridge

**Manager:** Liam Puckeridge

**Players' Player:** Harrison Dean

### The Team

Zach Caddy-Kelly	Brad Cooper	Harrison Dean
Cameron Driver	Leon Duryea	Riley Duryea
Peter Fowler	Andrew Garreton	Luke Kozlowski
Ethan Leten	James Londos	Joel McNamara
Joshua Scott	Lachlan Scott	Daniel Solway
Zack Walker	Ryan Williams	

### Season Summary:

Games	Won	Lost	Draw	Goals For	Goals Against
16	13	1	2	61	12

### The highlights of the season were:

- Winning the grand final.
- Setting the goal at the start of the year and achieving it.
- The introduction of team bonding at Revesby Pacific Hotel.

### Team Commentary

	Name	Commentary
1	Cameron Driver	Throughout the years that I have coached with or against, Cam is always the No.1 goal stopper. Cam is starting to believe in his own abilities & gain the self-confidence he requires on and off the pitch. Can only kick legs at training if he has no gloves on.
8	Harrison Dean	I'm still unsure about Harry's demeanour or if it is the way he naturally slides into any conversation or soccer team with little to no fuss. A stalwart of the team that can lift his game or make a deft pass to change the pace of the game or steal the ball from the opposition.



20	<b>James Londos</b>	Another schoolteacher, like Harry, that cannot express any type of insult against the referee or the opposition. Did have some outstanding games where he scored at will and other games where he missed from in front.
35	<b>Zack Walker ©</b>	The only player I've ever met that can tell me before the game, he is going to get sent off today. Made him Captain at start of the season and he spent more time on the sideline suspended. The negative energy never got to Walker and he built his skill and fitness level so no team we played against could out pace or out play him.
43	<b>Leon Gordon Duryea</b>	Started out wide on the left coming off the bench and always gave 100%. When Leon got his chance to cement a fulltime position, he took the opportunity with both hands. A definite crowd favourite with all the signs on grand final day.
53	<b>Ethan James Leten</b>	Can literally score from anywhere like he did on semi-final day to give us the week off. Nothing looks better than Lutow running off a Solway throw in. Should be a life member of Revesby Pacific Hotel.
54	<b>Brad Cooper</b>	Nugget get some new boots and stop wearing Matty's boots. Had a great year and goes to the next level when he feels his position is in jeopardy of going to someone else.
56	<b>Joel McNamara</b>	Mr Reliable at the back and would be odds on favourite to get back-to-back Players' Player awards. The opposition worked out if they could catch or kick Joel enough, he would stop running. The opposition targeted Joel in the semi and to a degree it worked as he spent most of the game on the bench with a bad back. Could play any other higher division if he wished to.
57	<b>Zach Caddy-Kelly</b>	Another trainer, like Walker hates missing a training session. Can change a game with a deft pass or pulling the ball back. Uses his body well in defence and attack.
62	<b>Ryan Williams</b>	Ryan found his feet mid-season after carrying some early injuries. Ryan is very physical in attack and defence. Ryan reads the game well and knows where to be for him to stop the opposition from coming through the middle of the park.
68	<b>Andrew Garreton</b>	Bags became a father for the first time at the end of last year and still hasn't wiped the smile of his face. He loves connecting with his good mate Londos to put the opposition in two minds.
79	<b>Joshua Paul Scott ©</b>	When BDAFA changed the rules mid-year because of an incident in PL where a team player could not speak to the referee or if the referee felt threatened, the referee could abandon the game. Therefore, with Walker suspended, I took the gamble of making Josh the captain. Josh is a passionate player that wears his heart on his sleeve. Loves to win. Hates to lose. As the year went on Josh took the responsibility on as the captain and shone.
80	<b>Lachlan Scott</b>	Another first-choice starter in the back line. Always gives me all he has. Playing next to his older brother, they always had each other's back. A deadly combination, on their day, when they're passing the ball out from the back.
81	<b>Daniel Solway</b>	Solway is the epitome of fitness but as Garry Solway will tell you, his passion for winning sometimes overcomes any normal sensibility. Daniel's long throw ins kept the opposition constantly guessing. Is Captain of the debating team in a past life.
83	<b>Luke Kozlowski</b>	Luke's mid to end of season hiatus overseas on a Contiki tour only put him back on our shores the week of the semi-final. Luke never gave up when he returned and trained like he was going to play. Due to injury and suspension Luke got to play the finals series and always has given me his all.

95	Riley Duryea	Riley's first year back playing soccer and decided to have a run with his older brother. Riley came off the bench and his speed and agility put him in the right places to score. Another year of hard training and this young lad could play a higher division.
97	Peter Fowler	Peter came through a development squad many moons ago when I was at a different club, winning competitions and we have always kept in contact over the 30 odd years. Pete over the years has brought North Bankstown and Thistles up to be a competitive PL squad and/or win competitions. Pete is still actively coaching the Thistles Platinum Ladies side who we ended up training with and following at the end of the year. I am grateful that Pete made the phone call at the start of the year and asked me if he could come to Panania as it was only last year Thistles made Pete a life member. I'm also grateful for Pete's assistance during the year, be it at training or coming off the bench. The training brought a different spark out of some players that were lacking that extra urge. I believe the players knew how hurt Pete was to give up his GF position to another player, due to injury, that would have mentally hurt some people. Not Pete. Another day. Another time. We'll be having a kick again.

### Report

Special mention to John Lembryk and Stephen Hughes AA5's for giving us many competitive training session matches.

Another year and a different outcome.

I think most of you would have realised that I may have toned it down from years gone past and made this year more of a democracy, rather than a dictatorship. I have read a couple books over the off season by 2 great NRL coaches. What the books taught me was sometimes you must listen to the noise around you, absorb it, filter it and then positively act on it.

I like to win. I'm a terrible loser.

But out of a loss, we learn. We don't ostracize.

We work harder at what we must do to achieve the end goal. Not everyone in life is going to agree with what you do or the decisions you make.

Those lessons we learned as a team. Firstly, when we lost against Thistles. Then the loss against St Christophers. I knew we were on the right trajectory but every once in a while, you have to blow a valve.

I'm immensely fortunate and proud I got to do this year with an extraordinary bunch of players and had my son standing next to me, assisting where he could.

Let's do it again.

Go Panania

Cheers Pucko



# All Age Men 8

**Coach:** Bob Bell  
**Assistant Coach:** Eamon McCann  
**Manager:** Sir Rev Dr Jack Jones OA  
**Players' Player:** Jarrod Bradley

## The Team

Philip Artlett	Ian Bell	Jarrod Bradley
Mitchell Dinham	Michael Garbellini	Scott Guest
Thomas Hudson	Justin Johnson	Jack Jones
Gabriel Kaillis	Nick Kastrounis	Shane Kumar
Aidan MacDona	Simon Masterton	Matthew McCann
Brayden McFarland	Ryan Melvold	Euan Pirie
Brendan Ross	Daniel Smith	

## Season Summary: including finals

Games	Won	Lost	Draw	Goals For	Goals Against
17	9	3	5	30	16

## Report:

While we reached the second round of the semi-finals for the second year running, this team improved and headed into the finals only conceding one loss.

The mood amongst the group was that this year was ours to win, even after the regrade, and despite the presence of a strong workers side and resilient Padstow United team.

We were unlucky not to progress to a grand final which we expected. Regardless, with this rate of improvement, I'm confident we will reach the grand final next year.

## The highlights of the season were:

- Ryan getting sent off in the 1v2 semi final after understandably getting cranky at our neighbours Revesby Workers;
- Jarrod, in his debut players player winning season, banging in a late equaliser against the same Workers team in the final round of the regular season;
- Brayden getting yeeted by the fattest player in all age soccer; and
- Bass Hill trying to play two foreign players every game (I'm certain one was Samuel Eto'o).

## Team Commentary

	Name	Commentary
1	Daniel Smith	Daniels like a cat. Amazing reflexes. Incredible eyesight. Hates water. Also because he's a pu.....
2	Michael Garbellini	Every team needs a cranky italian defender. That being said, does anybody want ours?
3	Phil Artlett	Phil takes more dirty shots than a homeless alcoholic. Phil got jabbed more this year than an Australia during covid. Scientists will study his body for generations.
4	Mitch Dinham	Mitch is the crankiest man I've ever met. He got cut off in traffic 7 years ago and he's still pissed about it.
5	Ryan Melvold	Loses his head more often than a French politician in the 17 <sup>th</sup> century.
6	Ian Bell	Bob is Ian's father. Ian is the Revesby left winger's father.
7	Justin Johnson	Sometimes I think Justin is a robot powered by Artificial Intelligence, programmed solely to humiliate all age 8 players. Was he sculpted from marble? Is he taking performance enhancing substances? Will he answer my calls? The answer to all those questions is yes. Maybe the best player in all age 8 history.

8	<b>Matt McCann</b>	Matt got a new girlfriend this year after years of speculation regarding his preferences. Many (only me) feared this would result in complacency. And we all know complacency in the all age 8 colosseum of athletic prowess is a recipe for disaster. My fears were proven wrong and Matt and his father, who I assume is related to Ange Postecoglou given his coaching wizardry, helped us charge deep into the second week of finals. Had more opposition complaints against him than Russell Brand.
9	<b>Simon Masterton</b>	Tackles like a bull on meth. Runs faster than lightning on crack. That's the only reason why I call him the flash.
10	<b>Brendan Ross</b>	Good soccer player, better post soccer player. Best and fairest at Diggers every week.
11	<b>Thomas Hudson</b>	Tommy was our most improved player this year. Did a great job at wingback and was very unlucky to have a power shot saved late in the season.
12	<b>Nick Kastrounis</b>	A dodgy hamstring didn't stop Nick taking the pitch and making some big tackles this year.
13	<b>Gabriel Kallis</b>	Gab loves his soccer, loves his team and loves his teammates. Can't ask for more than that.
14	<b>Jarrold Bradley</b>	Jarrold should be a firefighter because he can run for 90 minutes despite smoke inhalation. There're two reasons why I think Jarrold's Kenyan. The first is because he can run forever. The second reason I can't mention in this report. A truly deserving recipient of our players' player award. Never stopped at left mid. Scored goals for fun. Got cranky. Ran all day. And never stopped trying. Embodies what this team and this club is about.
15	<b>Euan Pirie</b>	I don't know what Euan pops out more, bone rattling tackles or kids. Certainly, the most virile man in the team.
16	<b>Brayden McFarland</b>	Left to go to England to try their traditional spotted dick. Will come home with a spotted dick.
17	<b>Aidan MacDona</b>	Our tooth fairy. Not because he's a fairy. But because he's missing a tooth and always leaves money under the pillow.
18	<b>Scott Guest</b>	The leader of our pack. Our enforcer. Made of steel. Uncompromising. Rumoured to be fighting Tevita Pangai Junior during the off season.
19	<b>Shane Kumar</b>	Getting in contact with Shane is harder than getting in contact with a Titan submarine. Had his best ever season for us.
20	<b>Jack Jones</b>	The worst person to ever stain this proud league. A horrendous writer. A disgraceful joke teller. The biggest skeleton in Panania Diggers Clubs closet. Also, the best damn all age soccer player you'll ever see.



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# All Age Men 9

**Coach:** Larry Brooks  
**Manager:** Same as above  
**Players' Player:** Patrick Saad

## The Team

<b>Brett Anderson</b>	<b>Larry Brooks</b>	<b>Danny Cooper</b>
<b>David Costin</b>	<b>Jeremy Dakis</b>	<b>Benjamin Harkin</b>
<b>Wayne Johnson</b>	<b>Elio Karamanlis</b>	<b>Jonathan Karamanlis</b>
<b>Ross Kotrotsios</b>	<b>Anthony Martin</b>	<b>Rubinco Rikaloski</b>
<b>Patrick Saad</b>	<b>Mark Shakespeare</b>	<b>Bill Simitci</b>
<b>Ian Sinclair</b>	<b>Daniel Wedgwood</b>	<b>Simon Wedgwood</b>
<b>Martin Whitear</b>		

## Season Summary:

Started superbly finished poorly and did not commit enough effort towards the esky.

<b>Games</b>	<b>Won</b>	<b>Lost</b>	<b>Draw</b>	<b>Goals For</b>	<b>Goals Against</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>34</b>

## The highlights of the season were:

- Cold Beer.
- Being relegated for the first time in 24 years to a division that never existed prior to the season kick off.
- End of year trip to the Marrickville Brewery's.

## Player Comments

	<b>Name</b>	<b>Commentary</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Larry Brooks</b> (Back)	Spiritual leader and supplier of cold beverages. Also known as captain cranky. (2 goals)
<b>2</b>	<b>Danny Cooper</b> (Keeper)	The big Irish men and protector of our goal mouth. Does like a can or two but not venturing outside his six-yard box.
<b>3</b>	<b>Anthony Martin</b> (Mid/Forward)	Marto went down with a bad back early in the season. Some say it was shaggers back but it was from all the money he was making. (4 goals)
<b>4</b>	<b>Marty Whitear</b> (Forward)	Our international import and striker. Got more footy boots than Footlocker. Only problem is, they are all right footed 😊. Still the only bloke who warms up before the game then has a dart. (4 goals)
<b>5</b>	<b>David Costin</b> (Back/Mid)	Ever reliable and plays every position and never lets you down. His only downside he is related to Marto poor bloke.
<b>6</b>	<b>Wayne Johnson</b> (Back)	Tough as teak or even tougher. Played all year on one knee which needs a rebuild but was always solid in defence and attack. Does not mind the odd verbal stouch with the opposition.
<b>7</b>	<b>Rubinco Rikaloski</b> (Back)	The supplier of Araki on a cold late Wednesday night game. Still struggles with throw ins. Should have had a goal to his name but was somehow called offside due to his lack of pace as he not a known speedster.
<b>8</b>	<b>Daniel Wedgwood</b> (Back)	The behemoth and one the best headers in the game. Does like a chat with the officials and opposition players. Also, the captain of our drinking team. (2 goals)
<b>9</b>	<b>Simon Wedgwood</b> (Back/Mid)	Mister reliable and my go to man for all my decisions. I have had the pleasure of playing alongside Simon for Thirty odd years now and he would be the first bloke picked in any of my teams. Always puts in a hundred percent every week.



10	<b>Patrick Saad</b> (sweeper)	Pat has only been with us for a few years but has turned out to be one of our best recruits. Super solid in his role as sweeper but also has the ability to go forward with the ball. Was unlucky not to score a few goals himself but he took a liking to the cross bar.
11	<b>Ian Sinclair</b> (Mid/Forward)	The big Canadian. One of the rare players who can strike the ball with both feet. Unfortunately had a few injuries. Spent too much time in the gym sculpting his body. Too much weights and not enough speedwork. (1 goal)
12	<b>Mark Shakespeare</b>	Shakers, Shakey or the enigma. This year he was more like the yeti rarely seen. Did provide plenty of entertainment from the sidelines and plenty of useless advice to his teammates or as he calls it banter. (1 goal)
13	<b>Jeremy Dakis</b> (Mid/Sweeper)	Shrek had the muffin man we have the biscuit man (Bite Size Supremo). Super passionate and leaves nothing on the field. Jermey is one of our best players and controlled our middle in both attack and defence. (4 goals)
14	<b>Elio Karamalis</b> (Mid)	Another Greek recruit who also came out retirement after four Olympics. Showed some of his early day skills when he played for Sydney Olympic as a youngster. Unfortunately, we did not get to see Elio's full potential due to injuries. (2 goals)
15	<b>Ross Kotrosios</b> (Back/Mid)	Came out of retirement after four Olympics and started to find his feet mid-season but was hacked down in a poor tackle and his season was over. It was a shame as he loved a good laugh and made a mean chocolate doughnut.
16	<b>Bill Simitci</b> (Back/Mid)	Big Bill another Greek recruit who as the others was out of the game for four Olympics. Just like Elio, Bill showed some of his younger day talents with some silky-smooth runs and ball movement down the sidelines.
17	<b>Jonathan Karamanlis</b> (Mid/Forward)	Our youngest member and another recruit from the Greek network. Played tough footy and did not take a backward step for a young fella in his first year in senior footy and started to find the back of the net later in the season. (4 goals)
18	<b>Brett Anderson</b> (Mid)	A hard-working midfielder and one our youngest recruits. Must have thought he signed up to the wrong team when he saw us geriatrics. (5 goals)
19	<b>Benjamin Harkin</b> (Forward)	Ben was a late starter for us but provided a big body to hit up front and on corners and scored a couple of cracking goals. (3 goals)

I would like to thank everyone for their efforts this season and hope you enjoyed the football but more importantly the after-game banter and a few cold beverages. I would like to thank our supporters of the esky and after game analysis and all the new recruits for getting us through the season.



# Men's Premier League

**Coach:** Ian Loy, Paul J Edmunds

**Manager:** Greg Williams

**Fridge Assistant:** Geoff Amy

**Players' Player First Grade:** 1<sup>st</sup> Lachlan Vella

2<sup>nd</sup> Josh Adams

3<sup>rd</sup> Tom Potts

**Players' Player Reserve Grade:** 1<sup>st</sup> Zach Bowmaker

2<sup>nd</sup> Matt Mulligan

3<sup>rd</sup> Sakarin Aller



## The Team

Joshua Adams

Liam Binnington

Jake Capes

James Dedousis

Daniel Estephan

Mitchel Jeffs

Joshua Loy

William Moir

Thomas Potts

Emanuele Serra

Max Stephens

Thomas Tremolada

Daniel Wilkinson

Sakarin Aller

Zach Bowmaker

Beau Collins

Anthony Di Lucchio

Luke Hallows

Brendon Lecce

Matthew Loy

Matt Mulligan

Hayden Probert

Beckham Smith

Liam Stokehill

Lachlan Vella

Jason Williams

Jack Amy

Joshua Bull

Joshua Collins

Lachlan Ellis

Logan Hession

Nathan Linabury

Michael Lukasiewicz

Douglas Nabaki

Benjamin Ross

Andrew Smithwick

Benjamin Thomson

Nicholas Vertsonis

## Burger's Report

I have been coaching the PL squad now for 4 years and this was certainly our best effort as a squad. We averaged about 28 players at training each night and the all-round effort was second to none. If anything, I called an end to training when most of the boys wanted to keep going on quite a few occasions.

It was certainly a team effort on and off the field with Paul Edmunds helping me out on a coaching level and of course the best manager in the league in Greg Williams taking care of all the stuff no one else would even know about. Add to that my two captains in Dru and Doug, I think we formed a pretty good team. The boys seemed to have an enjoyable year on and off the pitch which is what makes me happier than the results that we had throughout the year.

A very good first half of the season was interrupted by a half a dozen players heading to Europe which stalled us a little and we dropped points. Both grades were looking good to contest the top spot but unfortunately our results let us slip down the ladder a touch with first grade ending up in 5<sup>th</sup> and reserves coming in 4<sup>th</sup>. Having won our first semi each we both went to the next week and unfortunately fell short on the day when I thought we were still looking good to on further.

With the change to the competition next year very much disappointing to myself and most of the lads after building to where we are now over the last few years sort of set us back a little at the wrong time of the year but no excuses as it was the same for all other sides. Not sure where this we leave us next year as a squad, but I would love to see this squad stay together for as long as possible, in what format I am not sure at the moment.










I would like to say it has been a pleasure to coach such a great bunch of blokes who love playing football together and let's see what next year brings. On behalf of Greg, Paul and I, thanks for a great year on and off the field and hope to see you all back with the mighty Panania colours on next season.

First grade players' player was a new comer Lachlan Vella who honestly played his ass off in the centre of the park and just about got 3 points off every player in the squad, 2<sup>nd</sup> was Josh Adams and 3<sup>rd</sup> was Thomas Potts.

Reserve grade players' player was Zac Bowmaker, who is born and breed Panania and TBH is a PL captain to be in the near future, once again receiving most of the 3 points of all the squad when voting. 2<sup>nd</sup> went to Matt Mulligan and 3<sup>rd</sup> went to our young goalkeeper, Sakarin Aller.

Ladder for Umbro MPL 1st Grade

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From Round	Optional Round	To Round	Optional Round						Ladder Type	Round Robin			
				Apply		Export							
Club	Team (9)	P	W	D	L	B	FF	GF	GA	GD	Adj.	Pts	Avg
	YFC MPL 1st Grade Male	16	12	1	3	2	0	60	31	29	0	37	2.31
	BST MPL 1st Grade Male	16	11	1	4	2	0	49	23	26	0	34	2.13
	PHF MPL 1st Grade Male	16	9	5	2	2	0	47	22	25	0	32	2.00
	CSW MPL 1st Grade Male	16	9	3	4	2	0	45	24	21	0	30	1.88
	PDS MPL 1st Grade Male	16	9	2	5	2	0	40	25	15	0	29	1.81
	GRT MPL 1st Grade Male	16	6	1	9	2	0	36	37	-1	0	19	1.19
	PUC MPL 1st Grade Male	16	4	5	7	2	0	46	38	8	0	17	1.06
	RWF MPL 1st Grade Male	16	2	1	13	2	0	20	89	-69	0	7	0.44
	BHR MPL 1st Grade Male	16	0	1	15	2	1	13	67	-54	0	1	0.06



From Round  To Round  Ladder Type

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Club	Team (9)	P	W	D	L	B	FF	GF	GA	GD	Adj.	Pts	Avg
	BST MPL Res Grade Male	16	13	1	2	2	0	59	16	43	0	40	2.50
	YFC MPL Res Grade Male	16	11	1	4	2	0	33	20	13	0	34	2.13
	CSW MPL Res Grade Male	16	10	3	3	2	0	49	25	24	0	33	2.06
	PDS MPL Res Grade Male	16	10	3	3	2	0	36	19	17	0	33	2.06
	PUC MPL Res Grade Male	16	8	1	7	2	0	32	26	6	0	25	1.56
	BHR MPL Res Grade Male	16	6	3	7	2	1	25	30	-5	0	21	1.31
	PHF MPL Res Grade Male	16	5	1	10	2	0	26	32	-6	0	16	1.00
	GRT MPL Res Grade Male	16	1	1	14	2	0	9	59	-50	0	4	0.25
	RWF MPL Res Grade Male	16	0	2	14	2	0	10	52	-42	0	2	0.13

### Greg's Report

The best thing about being manager of PL is that you get to watch 2 high quality games every week. You can usually tell people not to bother you while the games are in progress, except when BFAFA hang a camera on you. You have to remember to mind your language and turn the camera off when you go for a whiz. I have seen many extraordinary passages of diggers' play and also seen some heartbreaking moments. All in all, it has been a great way to spend a Saturday afternoon or freezing midweek winter's night.

Every year, you meet a bunch of young men that are vying for places in the PL squad. These young men come with superior attributes, not only as players but as polite and respectful persons. There is no way that I would have stuck around for so long if the Diggers attracted the sprinkling of arseholes that are playing in some squads. The squad system at least allowed the chance to bring in groups of players with some flexibility on the pathways that you can provide. I think that BDAFA have made a mistake, disbanding squads when many other Associations are looking at ways of promoting a first and reserve grade as their top league.

I was looking around for replacements and Ufuk Talay came to mind but Sydney FC snapped him up last night. Ufuk would insist that you call him by his name and you can guess what his preferred pronouns will be, definite red card material.

Believe it or not, there is another Burger going around at Stoke City. I asked Jase about him and he said "No, he's rubbish!" I also heard that the treasurer is practicing as a tactician, you can be the judge.



The 2023 statistics speak for themselves. We generally score more goals than we concede and do not give up too many cards.

First name	Last Name	Games			Goals			Assists			Yellow Cards			TDs	Red Cards			Yellows
		Total	Res	1st	Total	Res	1st	Total	Res	1st	Total	Res	1st	Total	Total	Res	1st	Finals
Joshua	Adams	20	2	18	18	1	17	7	0	7	5	0	5	0	0	0	0	1
Sakarin	Aller	20	18	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jack	Amy	19	14	5	5	5	0	1	1	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Liam	Binnington	14	14	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Zach	Bowmaker	23	18	5	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Joshua	Bull	13	0	13	3	0	3	2	0	2	3	0	1	2	0	0	0	2
Jake	Capes	8	2	6	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Beau	Collins	15	10	5	2	2	0	4	3	1	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
Joshua	Collins	14	2	12	2	0	2	5	0	5	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
James	Dedousis	18	0	18	2	0	2	2	0	2	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Anthony	Di Lucchio	18	2	16	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Paul	Edmunds	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lachlan	Ellis	16	16	0	3	3	0	1	1	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Daniel	Estephan	8	7	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
Luke	Hallowes	11	11	0	3	3	0	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Logan	Hession	16	0	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Mitchel	Jeffer	16	1	15	3	0	3	3	0	3	3	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
Brendon	Lecce	12	12	0	5	5	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nathan	Linabury	14	13	1	3	3	0	2	2	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	1
Joshua	Loy	18	12	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	1	1	0	0
Matthew	Loy	18	1	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	2	1	0	0	0	1
Michael	Lukasiewicz	17	17	0	2	2	0	1	1	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
William	Moir	18	15	3	1	1	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Matt	Mulligan	19	16	3	1	1	0	2	2	0	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	1
Douglas	Nabaki	13	1	12	1	0	1	1	0	1	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Thomas	Potts	13	0	13	1	0	1	3	0	3	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	1
Hayden	Probert	10	0	10	2	0	2	2	0	2	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0
Benjamin	Ross	19	4	15	3	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Emanuele	Serra	19	11	8	5	5	0	2	1	1	5	4	1	0	0	0	0	1
Beckham	Smith	19	16	3	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Andrew	Smithwick	15	15	0	2	2	0	4	4	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Max	Stephens	8	5	3	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Liam	Stokehill	17	15	2	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Benjamin	Thomson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Thomas	Tremolada	13	0	13	1	0	1	4	0	4	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	1
Lachlan	Vella	19	2	17	2	0	2	3	0	3	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Nicholas	Vertsonis	12	0	12	8	0	8	4	0	4	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	0
Daniel	Wilkinson	19	5	14	2	2	0	1	1	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Dale	Williams	9	9	0	2	2	0	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jason	Williams	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0 For					89	42	47	71	32	39	65	28	32	5	3	2	1	9
0 Against					52	23	29											

I still want to provide assistance to the PL non squads, just maybe not to the exclusivity of PL as in the current format. Decisions will be made in the new year, but I will still see you all around the park.

Regards,  
Greg





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"Maso" has been with the club for over 25 years and has contributed as a player, coach, manager, and committee member, before taking on the Senior Vice-President role in 2023. The work he does goes far beyond the SVP role, he is not only heavily involved in ensuring the club is prepared and organised for each day at soccer, but also there on game days ensuring things run as smoothly as possible, often the one who locks up after another long day at Kelso. Maso takes extreme pride in his role and in our club, he is a deserved Volunteer of the Year.





