

PARKLEA SOCCER FOOTBALL CLUB

2016 YEAR IN REVIEW



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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

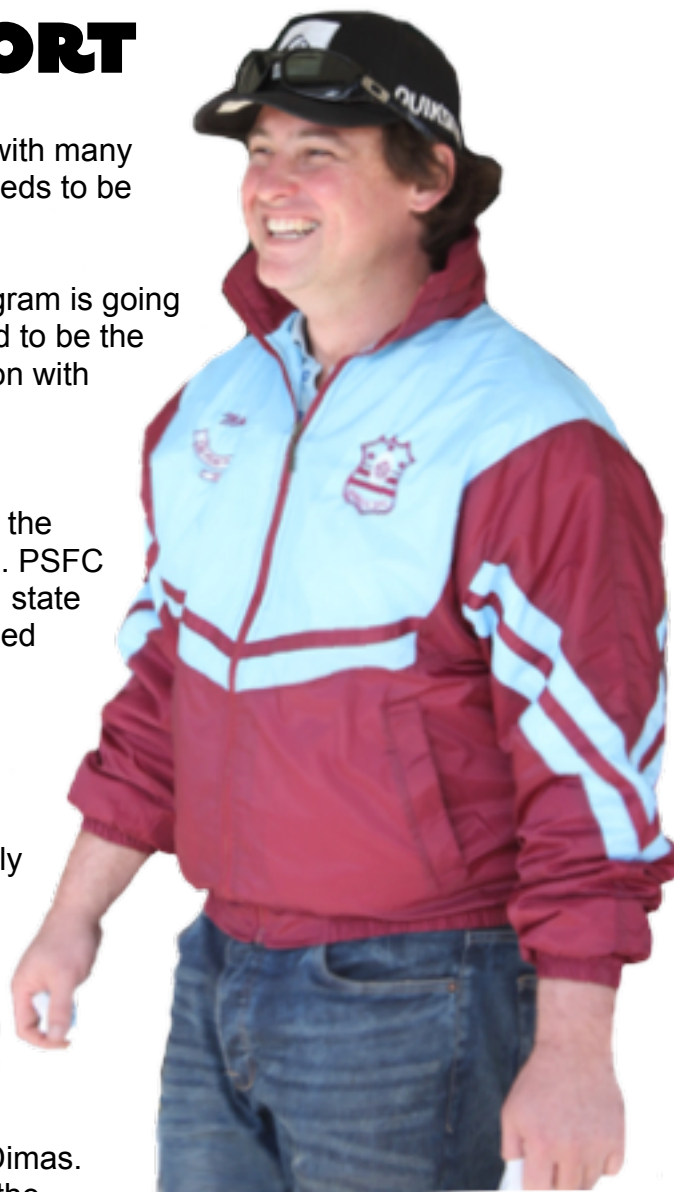
The 2016 season has been another good year with many successes on and off the pitch and everyone needs to be congratulated.

The club continues to grow and the football program is going from strength to strength. We are well positioned to be the premier football club in the Blacktown Association with over 850 playing members.

The local community has embraced PSFC with continued support by local businesses, schools, the council and state & federal parliament members. PSFC has also held strong relationships with our local, state and federal governing bodies along with continued relations with the Western Sydney Wanderers.

The highlights of the season for the club are as follows:

- AIA Vitality Kick-Off programmes held at FNSW aimed at 4-6, 7-9 and 7-9 girls' only programmes.
- The continued improvement in our coaching at a development level with record number of accredited coaches.
- Continued success in the small sided games with the opportunity for all to obtain quality coaching.
- A visit from Western Sydney Wanderer, Dimas.
- Fun filled grassroots gala day preceding the season.
- Huge association wide under 9 gala day.
- Success on the field with the O35/6's achieving the minor premiership.
- Further success on the field with our 14G/1, 15/4 & AAL/2 grand final winners.
- Highly entertaining social events with the introduction of disco nights for the younger age groups and our famous trivia night.



Off the field the committee has worked extremely hard to uphold our place in the football community by providing the best club to play for with continual support for anyone who asks. PSFC won over \$10,000 in grants to be invested soon into our club. A special mention to Anne O'Neill must be made for all of her hard work obtaining these grants.

The early focus of maintaining a club for development, fun and social aspects was proven by the increase in our grassroots members. In 2016 PSFC grew our under 5-7's by 50 members compared to 2015. We will continue focusing on these age groups in the future to ensure PSFC remains strong with opportunities for all.

Local businesses have embraced PSFC by being sponsors of the club. This year we had 3 major sponsors donating valuable funds that were reinvested into the club for many projects. I take this opportunity to personally thank Hydraulic Distributors, The Brewhouse Marayong and All Sports Direct.

All the above has resulted in greater exposure for the club and in particular regular articles in social media.

Looking forward, PSFC management will sit in November in reflection on season 2016 to implement a 5 year strategic plan with key strategies of:

- Improve the quality, depth & diversity of the football programs
- Improve club infrastructure and access to the community
- Improve club administration and communications
- Develop a vibrant social program

To enable success in creating and implementing a strategic plan, a further range of members is required to help manage PSFC. The 2016 season proved that diversity in the management committee created a highly functioning body. I hope to see more give some time in 2017 to help manage this club.

The continued success of the club will not only be judged by the quality of the football programmes that the club provides but also how well the club is managed and that the club provides an positive family friendly environment and that everyone feels welcome.

I am also pleased of our financial position and continued profitability. We created a simpler procedure in record keeping, budgeting and investment. This is proven by our financial report to be handed down at the AGM that PSFC is in a strong position financially looking towards the future.

I take this opportunity to thank all members of the 2016 Committee and without them the club would not have been the success that it was in 2016. – THANK YOU.

I also commend the commitment of the playing groups, coaches and managers. Of course, to all those parents who get the players to training and to games – THANK YOU.

I wish you all the best for the remainder of 2016 and I look forward to being your President in 2017.

Michael Carraro
President
Parklea Soccer Football Club



Team Awards

Rooball Team of the Year	7 Sharks
Small Sided Team of the Year	11 Whales
Junior Team of the Year	12/1s
Senior Team of the Year	All Age Ladies Division 2
Encouragement Award	12/5s
Most Improved Team	14 Girls/2
Best Female Team	14 Girls/1
Team with Most Scored Goals	15/4s

Individual Awards

Tripsiano Award	Keeley Segavcic
Coach of the Year	Mik Carraro
Manager of the Year	Alicia Greenwood
President's Award	Josie Hope
Club Person of the Year	George Calvar
Junior Goalkeeper of the Year Award	Shannon Williams
Senior Goalkeeper of the Year Award	Dylan Mottram
BDSFA Club Volunteer Award	Christos Panayi

PSFC GOES TO THE DISCO IN 2016



WSW VISIT PSFC

**Dimas comes to Morgan Power
23 July 2016**



AIA Vitality MINI ROOS

Ages 5 - 7



5 KOOKABURRAS

Coach: **Dave HANCOCK**

Manager: **Danielle HANCOCK**

Players: Oliver Hancock, Charlie Flood, Matthew Conklin, Isaac Isbister, Logan Losiak, Arielle McDonald and Will Fairall

What a season. We had fun, learned a lot and made new friends. The Under 5 Kookaburras were a great team to coach. Most of the kids had never played football before but together we learned team work, dribbling, passing and running towards the correct goal.

The kids looked forward to training every week, and they gained some good skills, through activities like dribbling around cones, kicking goals and the teams favourite games red light, green light and stuck in the mud.

Game days were always filled with laughter, fun and a few tantrums. The kids cheered each other on, from both off and on the field.

Thank you to the parents for getting the kids to training and games and for volunteering to referee when needed.

Thank you Dave for working so well with these kids. They have enjoyed having you as their coach.

Lastly, thank you to the Under 5 Kookaburras for always trying your best and for being a wonderful team to coach.

Dave and Danielle Hancock



5 SHARKS

Coach: **Chris MUMFORD**

Manager: **Rebecca TREACY**

Team consists of Spencer Treacy (*Front*) Lachlan Bright (*Line 2 from left to right*) Finn Mumford, Atilio Urbina, Oliver Havron, Lincoln Fryer and the Amazing Coach Chris Mumford.



What an amazing season we have had. From our very first gala day, to just watching a group of kids running after the ball to now everyone passing to one another, standing in positions and improving so much on their dribbling and team work skills and grasping more of an understanding of how the game of soccer is played. Such great sportsmanship displayed amongst each player towards each other and against other players.

My very first season as a soccer mum/manager and I have learnt a lot about a game I was never really familiar with growing up and have definitely enjoyed.

All the parents have been so helpful and have made it such an enjoyable experience and group of people to work with.

Parklea is such a great club and the way they run and organise the sport is just fantastic.

Thanks so everyone I have Facebook stalked or texted you have all been very helpful and made this such a wonderful experience. Looking forward to another great season next year!

Rebecca Treacy



5 ECHIDNAS

Coach: **Steve McINDOE**

Manager: **Michelle TRACEY**

WHAT A SEASON....

The Under 5's Echidnas team:

Max Boyd, Addison McShane, Scott Reid, Jackson Richardson, Ethan Tracey and Thea Quito.



What can I say but.....
WOW!!

This team is nothing more than simply amazing! They always turned up to training and Saturday games with big smiles and ready to play attitudes. They always tried their best every week, improving on everything from their dribbling skills to their tackling skills and all the kids showed great sportsmanship.

Thank you to the parents for being a great support, always encouraging the children and always willing to lend a helping hand. Thank you to the teams coach, Steven McIndoe for starting our kids out on the right foot, you made the kids feel at ease from day one.

Thank you to Ben Boyd, John Jackson and Daniel Quito for helping in the assistance of coaching and game leaders.

A special thank you to the children for being great team players, willing to give your best, supporting each other and always remembering to smile and have fun.....

YOU ARE ALL SUPER SOCCER STARS!!!!

It was an honour to manage this team and watch them grow. Thank you for allowing me to be part of such a fantastic team! Good luck to you all next season and I wish you nothing but the best in your futures.

Michelle Tracey (one very lucky manager)

5 KANGAROOS

Coach: **Phil RIGOLI**

Manager: **Shona RYAN**

The under 5 Kangaroos consisted of William, Seth, Callum, Mahkai, Samuel, Benjamin and Amelia.



The team had a great season having fun playing soccer, practicing some new skills as well as making friends and learning about team work.

This was the first time any of them has played an organized team sport. It was wonderful to see their confidence on the field grow through the season. By the end of the season we have seen them develop their skills in passing the ball and working as a team.

Thanks to Phil Rigoli for his dedication to coaching the team. Thanks also to the parents who helped out with coaching, being game leaders and cheering our kids on.

Shona Ryan

5 WHALES

Coach: **Mark BYLSMA & Mark DIAB**

Manager: **Beth BYLSMA**

Angus, Elroy, Koby, Marcus, Sasim and Stella had a great season having fun playing soccer, practicing some new skills as well as making friends and learning about teamwork. The team looked forward to training each week and always tried hard to do what was asked. Some of the skills we focused on at training were kicking and passing the ball.

They always tried hard and worked well as a team. Their favourite training activity was a game we called “catch the polar bear”. This involved all them chasing the coach around the field, trying to steal the ball away from him.

The team always arrived at the Saturday games keen to play! During the game they were encouraged to try their best and help each other. They continued to develop their skills throughout the season.

Saturday games were jointly coached by Mark and Mark, ensuring the coaches didn't get tired!!!

Beth Bylsma



6 KOOKABURRAS

Coach: **Luciano OLIVEIRA**

Manager: **Jade JACKSON**



Left to right: Chelsea Johnson, Zac Johnson, Lincoln Jackson, Sebastian Oliveira, Luciano Oliveira (Coach), Austin, Noah Aouchan

It has been a great pleasure coaching the team this year. These are great kids that have learned/improved a great amount of skills during this season. These include:

- Respecting the coach, referee, teammates and other players.
- Respecting others turn and playing as a team.
- Listening and playing by the whistle.
- Development of a great sense of achievement by celebrating goals.
- Being competitive.
- Controlling the ball while static before passing it.
- Difference between kicking and passing the ball.
- Keeping ball control while running "little touches".

All players have got along really well this year. It has been great seeing the team play good football as well as seeing really improvements from all players.

Luciano Oliveira



6 SHARKS

Coach: **Andrew BOULTER**

Manager: **Sally PAYNE**

What a great year for the Under 6 Sharks! It was the second year of soccer for most of the team.

Nicholas was welcomed into the Sharks team. We loved seeing him play with such energy and determination.

Declan found his confidence on the field this year. It was wonderful to see him enjoy himself and able to give his best.

Tate continued to be a strong member of the team dominating on the field with plenty of big kicks.

Yuvraj found his stride this season. It was great to watch his soccer brain 'click' and we saw Yuvraj getting really involved in the game.

Harrison was a great team player and it was lovely to see him making great improvements this season.

Zayden played his first year of soccer. He found his confidence quickly and was a really strong member of the team.

We were very lucky to have Andrew & Ashleigh Boulter give their time to coach this year. Andrew (our official Head Coach) was fun, firm and fair. Both the boys and parents respected Andrew and really appreciate the time he gave for the team. Ashleigh our Assistant Coach (11 years old) was awesome.

The boys (and parents) loved her. It amazed us how she could effortlessly command the attention of six 5/6 year old boys and have them carry out any drill she asked. Thank you Ashleigh!

Confidence is a theme that was shown in all of the boys this year. Surely it helps having such a great cheer squad on the sideline each week. A big thank you to everyone who came to support the team.

Congratulations on a successful season to Nicholas, Declan, Tate, Yuvraj, Harrison and Zayden.



*We try our best
We have fun
We kick the ball and
Run run run
GO SHARKS!!!*

Sally Payne

6 ECHIDNAS

Coach: **Ben HUPPATZ**

Manager: **Glen ELLIS**

What a great season this year. Thank you to the kids and parents for creating such a great positive environment. This year we saw an overall improvement in the team and the skills they learned at training put into practice on the field. Many thanks to Ben Huppatz for taking the time to coach the team again this season. Although we don't keep score, We were one of the best skilled teams in the competition!

A little about each player:

Cooper - What a pleasure it is to watch this kid in action. He is a real talent and has developed some good combinations with his team mates. Cooper has scored some of the best goals throughout the season. His never give up attitude and Love for the game will take him along way.



Jasper - A true defensive genius and one of our enforcers at the back with Kurt. His not too bad in attack either scoring a few sensational goals throughout the season and setting up some others for his team mates to finish off. Jasper has a positive attitude and will be an asset to Parklea for years to come.

Pheonix - Individual brilliance sums up Pheonix. He can turn nothing into something at the drop of a hat. He will chase the ball all day and if his not scoring a goal his stopping one! I've had the pleasure of watching Pheonix develop over the past two seasons and his understanding of the game and skills get better week by week. A superstar in the making!

Lawson - Loves being involved in the team and has made some solid friendships that will last a lifetime! He loved nothing better getting out with his mates for a Monday night training session or a Saturday game to kick the ball about. Always smiling and ready to play. Can't wait to see him kick it about again next year!

Kurt - Will become an awesome defender or potential goalie as he progresses through the grades. It's not about scoring goals for Kurt it's more important for him to Stop them! Always up for a bit of friendly banter with the opposition, He is an absolute Champion has really enjoyed playing in the Team!

James - Plenty of running in this little bloke, even if it's just to show off. You don't need to kick a soccer ball in a game of soccer to have fun. Never a dull moment watching James run around in circles, fall over and play dead. James loves his team mates and considers them his best mates!

Glen Ellis

6 KANGAROOS

Coach: **Marie-Louise Jolicoeur & Corey Hunter** Manager: **Amanda Sutherland**

It is hard to believe that our soccer season started way back in February. With introductions and meeting their new team mates out of the way, it was time for the boys and girls of the Under 6 Kangaroos (William Porter, Zieke Hunter, Sophie Greentree, Prithiv Parameswaran, Cillian Sunners & Alicia Sunderland) to get themselves ready for five exciting months of soccer to begin.



From our first training sessions, it was easy to see that this little group of excited players were ready to have a great deal of fun, but also train hard and learn new soccer skills that they could implement into their games.



As the season started, the Under 6 Kangaroos showed how eager they were to play against other clubs and demonstrate what they had been taught during Monday night training.... and also show off their natural soccer abilities.

As the season slowly progressed, the boys and girls from the Under 6 Kangaroos showed how quickly they had bonded as a team by playing some fantastic soccer games together.



Over time they began to realise that their games weren't just about running the ball on their own from one side of the field to the next, but by using their new found skills of dribbling, trapping, defending, running up the line and calling out to each other before passing the ball, would help them win their matches.

They played against some great clubs such as Quakers Hill, St Patricks, Quakers Hills Tigers, Prospect, Riverstone, Glenwood Spiders, Marayong, Ponds and Lourdes. With each game played the team continued to show their amazing soccer abilities and always played their games with lots of energy.



Even though throughout the season we lost one of our players due to injury for five weeks and some kids suffered from the flu, there were times when the team had to manage with only three players taking to the field (with no reserves) or four players against a team of six for some games. The boys and girls showed what fantastic soccer players they were becoming and how working so well together allowed them to win games, even when they didn't have a full team.

During the whole season all the families, relatives and friends were witnesses to amazing soccer performances, thrilling

edge of our seat goals, some tough games, funny moments and the emotional rollercoaster that comes with watching a soccer game. It was truly amazing watching every player each week just get out onto the field and have a great time.

The soccer season would not have been possible without the following people:

A big thank you goes to our manager **Amanda Sunderland** who kept us all up to date with vital soccer information via texts and emails, organised team sheets and game leaders on game day, chased late chocolate money orders and organised end of season get together for the kids. You have been truly an amazing manager and we thank you for everything you have done for the team.

To the parents and relatives who helped as game leaders during our games. Thank you so much for getting out onto the fields, blowing the whistle and keeping lots of six year old kids on track... by pointing them in the right direction to score goals.

To the wonderful parents, families and relatives that came to support us at **EVERY** game we played. A **huge thank you** for all the cheering, screaming, encouraging and excitement you brought to each game....We really do appreciate all of you being there every Saturday morning for the team... being there bright and very very early!!!

Finally to the most amazing, funny, confident and energetic team of boys and girls we had the privilege of coaching and managing. We are extremely proud of what you have all achieved over the last five months and we have enjoyed every single minute of it. We wish you all the very best in your future soccer endeavours.

Congratulations **Sophie Greentree, Alicia Sunderland, Cillian Sunners, Prithiv Parameswaran, William Porter and Zieke Hunter....**and thank you for a fantastic soccer season for 2016.

Marie-Louise Jolicoeur and Corey Hunter

Amanda Sunderland

6 WHALES

Coach: **Scott CAMERON**

Manager: **Kristy GOODWIN**

This was the first season on the field for half of our little team, but together they formed a team, learning the skills and developing an understanding of the game throughout the season.

It was a pleasure being a part of this lovely group of boys and their families.

Introducing the 6 Whales:



Charlie

An enthusiastic player. Always keen to chase down the opposing team, to protect the goal. Charlie always listened well at training and was eager to learn new skills.



Miles

“Fastest feet in the team”, his enthusiasm to play shone through with his fantastic ball dribbling skills.



Joshua

With this being his first ever soccer season, Josh was quick to pick up dribbling and running the ball in the in the right direction. He was always keen to defend his own goal.



Cohen

The youngest of our team, Cohen had determination which saw him score his first goal. He too was always a keen defender of our goal. A great team player and always cheering on his team mates!



Harry

Continuously displayed great courage when tackling the opposition. He was always keen to get in some big kicks and showed improvement with running in the right direction!



Aiden

Gave is all at every game and training session. It was at the second half of the season that we saw Aiden increase his involvement in the game, showing off his dribbling and passing skills.

Many thanks to the parents who helped out at our training sessions and special mention to Andrew (Charlie's dad) for taking on the job of 'Game leader' at many of our games!

Looking forward to seeing our 'Pod' come back together next season!!

Cheers,

Kristy Goodwin (Manager) & Scott Cameron (Coach)



6 DOLPHINS RED

Coach: **Michael ADAMS**

Manager: **Kirsty QUINN**



The Red Dolphins were made up of Eva, Toby, Charlie, Skye, Jack and Felix. We had some soccer mad girls and boys who played their hearts out each week.

The players worked well as a group and came to understand that getting the ball from the other team was more valuable than tackling their own team mates!

The team enjoyed their season together and wish to thank coach Mick and our trainer/frequent referee, Rob, for their support and encouragement.

Kristy Quinn

6 DOLPHINS WHITE

Coach: **Michael SOMMERTON**

Manager: **Olivia SOMMERTON**

Well what a terrific effort by everyone in the U/6 Dolphins team and well done on a great season. Each and every player tried their very best and some sensational goals were scored and everyone had so much fun.

William Doherty was an absolute champion, so energetic and determined he blitzed the field with his refined techniques.

Karas Metri was an absolute star. Another Harry Kewell in the making, Karas was a little dynamo with a great command of the field.



Lacey Kelso was one of the most fierce competitors and took it to the competition with gusto. She never gave up and scored some terrific goals and she was a great team player and made her grandparents very proud as they came to every game..

When **Levi Maher** was on fire he was really on fire. Many a time he would dribble the ball from one end of the field to the other scoring a goal in awe of those watching. He was a natural star.

James Reid was a great achiever. He used the training skills to maximum effect and scored the goal of the season when he kicked a goal virtually from one end of the field. What a performer!

And last but by no means least **Isaac Sommerton** who is a champion in every sense of the word. Isaac displayed a finesse and skill that improved with every single game. He should be very proud of himself as he played so well.

I would like to thank a terrific bunch of parents, all of whom were extremely supportive of having their top class players attend training and the games and enjoyed the fun and team spirit.

Special thanks to Olivia Sommerton, our team manager who did a wonderful job making sure the coach wasn't too competitive! It was an absolute pleasure to be the Coach of a truly wonderful group of kids that should all give us great hope for the future.

Michael Sommerton

6 LIONS RED

Coach: **Corynne THOMPSON**

Manager: **Karlee PEW**

What a great year for the 6 Red Lions. The 5 boys in the team had tons of natural ability and were always competitive. They always turned up to game day with a smile on their face and enjoyed playing soccer with their new friends.

Everyone improved throughout the year and they really jelled as a team by the end of the season. At the start of the season, they were very enthusiastically competing for the same ball. By the end of the season they were passing and calling for the ball and even discussing team tactics.



The team report card:

Aiden - is a fast runner who loved to use his speed in attack. He loved running the ball into an open space and was a great team player always looking to pass the ball.

Blake - read the game well and would often drop back in defence, saving goals with his fierce tackling style. He was also great in attack and had mastered the very impressive back, flick pass by the end of the season.

Ceefah - is a super striker, very focussed and never gave up. Quick on his feet he could often be seen weaving the ball through the opposition players.

Fionn - had great ball control. He loved the one on one contest and was always trying to help out by clearing the ball.

Jack - had awesome ball skills and his kicking game kept improving throughout the season. He was always supporting his team mates and loved being involved in the game.

Thanks to all the boys for always trying your best and to Karlee for managing the team. Also to all of the families who were very supportive and always cheering from the sideline

Corynne



6 LIONS WHITE

Coach: **Johney GYMELLAS**

Manager: **Michael WILLIAMS**

Players: Leonidas Gymellias, Georgiou Harpur, Amelia Hocroft, Parsa Mohseni, Diego Solar and Ingrid Williams.

The team had a great year with plenty of success on the field. Everyone gave it a good go each week and the improvement through the season was a joy to watch.

We went the whole season without ever being short of players ... and usually had some spare to lend the opposition a hand. Training was almost as much fun as game day and a big thanks goes to all the players and parents for turning up so consistently.



Leo and Georgiou were standout players on the field - they obviously love their football!

A special thanks to Johney for his efforts as coach, ably assisted by Stephanie.

We had a great year all around. Thanks to PSFC for making it all possible.

Michael



7 KOOKABURRAS

Coach: **Joe VOLPES**

Manager: **Morris DANIEL**

The Under 7 Kookaburras have enjoyed a year where each player improved so much compared to last season. Firstly a big thank you to Coach Joe for the way he has worked with the boys and ensured that the focus always remained on having fun and enjoying a good game of soccer.

Each of the boys, Dean, Harrison, Heath, Isaac, Riley and Thivash really seemed to enjoy the training sessions and were able to bring the passing, kicking, tackling skills and team play they learnt to the games on Saturday morning. Although almost always only having 1 reserve at each game and sometimes coming up against teams with 3-4 reserves, the boys never gave up and walked away having enjoyed a good game of soccer.

On the days the boys played as a team, it was really amazing to watch as they were able to pass and kick their way up the field and score those team effort goals. I am sure all the mums and dads were pleased with how involved the boys got and how they bonded together as a team.



Morris Daniel

7 SHARKS

Coach: **Ashley CALVAR**

Manager: **Danielle HANCOCK**

‘Grassroots Football Team of the Year’

Players: Stephenie Hancock, Tom Westman, Archie Westman, Max Mantarro, Rocco Victoria, Samantha Callaghan



I really enjoyed coaching this special team of players. The parents and the players are all lovely which made my job even more pleasant. The whole team played exceptionally well this year and I am extremely happy of what young athletes they have become. The U7 Sharks consist of the following players:

Max Mantarro - Max has come out of his shell this year and he has really enjoyed playing this year. Max will definitely be one to look out for in the future.

Tom Westman - Tom really impressed me this year with his strong defensive abilities. Tom always tries his best and plays with a smile on his face.

Stephenie Hancock - Stephenie is wonderful little soccer player who tries exceptionally hard and always plays to the best of her abilities and is a great friend to everyone on the team.

Rocco Victoria - Rocco is a strong and physical player who tries really hard every week. He has a really fun personality and is a real joy to coach.

Archie Westman - Archie is a great little player who tries his best and never gives up. Archie has also improved his skills throughout year and plays with a smile on his face

Samantha Callaghan - Samantha is a very strong player who is always smiling. She is a confident player with great skill and awareness.

I wish to thank all the wonderful parents for a wonderful season. I really enjoyed coaching this year because I believe the team developed enormously over the course of the year. I wish all the U7 Sharks the very best and every success in the future.

Best wishes - *Ashley Calvar*

We have had another wonderful year filled with laughter and on field hugs. These kids are amazing little friends and great soccer players.

The parents of these kids would love to say a big thank you to our Super-coach, Ashley. The kids have loved every minute of training with you for the past two seasons.

The kids have all improved greatly with your help. You have been amazing with and for the team. You may only be 15 but you have an amazing knowledge of the game and how to get the best out of these kids.

You have been such a great coach and they are going to miss training with you. We wish you all the very best.

Danielle Hancock



7 ECHIDNAS

Coach: **Qas AKHTAR**

Manager: **Linda CHEAL**

Another fantastic year with an amazing bunch of kids. They learned positions, their passing improved wonderfully, and they really had a great time together.

Callum: What a great goal scorer! He is a tough little nugget with an amazing shot on him. When you really need a goal, he's there!

Sam: Listens and trains harder than anyone, and takes those lessons onto the field. A real all-rounder who does a brilliant job for his team wherever he plays.

Cruze: An unbelievable talent, very serious about his soccer, and has the passing, dribbling and game knowledge to really dominate games. Can't count the goals!

Joshy: A real fan's favourite, Joshy has improved more than anyone. Really loves to get to that ball and give it a good kick! Very popular with his teammates.

Jake: What an amazing first season! Loves to be in the thick of the action and to be a part of the team. Really looked like he was enjoying himself out there and his skills just got better all year.

Cody: Mr reliable! Loves dropping back and saving goals, but loves scoring goals from his own half even more. What a boot this kid has on him.

Mace: Some of the things he did this year were just unbelievable for a kid his age. Don't let the cheeky smile fool you, this bloke is deadly on the field.

Highlight of the year was the parent's v kid's game, absolutely hysterical. Bree: you're not allowed to pick a player up to get to the ball! I hope everyone had as much fun as I did, it's an honour to coach these kids. They played hard but fair at all times and were rewarded with a very successful year.

Qas Akhtar



7 KANGAROOS

Coach: **Ken JOSEPH**

Manager: **Bobby & Deanne KARADJOV**

More often than not during this season the U7 Kangaroos dominated their opposition with an expansive and physical style of play that fully utilised the dimensions of the pitch. The most impressive improvement in the team's overall performance this season was their short and long range passing game. This improvement helped the U7 Kangaroos stretch their opponent's defence and provide goal scoring opportunities.



Aleks scored some great goals during the season with fantastic left foot strikes. Season highlights for Aleks included his 'goal of the match' efforts against Oakville United (Round 6) and Doonside Hawks (Round 9). Both goals were stunning long range drives that bisected our opponent's defence.

Callum used his speed, and a canon masquerading as a left foot, to score a number of goals during the season. One of Callum's season highlights was his 'goal of the match' effort against a tough Newbury Bulls outfit in Round 11. He pierced the opposition's defence with a stunning long range left foot drive.

Ethan scored or set up goals in almost every match during the season with great poise and fantastic skills. One of Ethan's season highlights was his hat-trick of goals, and overall dominant display, against Oakville United in Round 15. He ran the opposition ragged with his superior dribbling and evasive skills.

Harrison was often the first player to make a tackle and win possession for the team during this season. In many instances he made successive tackles. One of Harrison's season highlights was the 'goal of the match' against Prospect United in Round 4. He split the opposition's defence with a stunning long range right foot drive.

Harry continued to utilise stunning right foot strikes to score some wonderful goals during the season. Season highlights for Harry were his marvellous back-to-back 'goal of the match' efforts against Plumpton (Round 7) and Quakers Hill Juniors (Round 8). Both these goals were stunning long range shots from his right foot at a 45 degree angle to the goal.

Sean scored important goals during the season utilising his keen goal poaching abilities. Impressively, Sean scored goals with both feet during the season. One of Sean's season highlights was his hat-trick of goals, and overall dominant display, against Minchinbury Jets in the opening round of the season.

Thanks to **Deanne** and **Bobby** for completing the duties associated with the role of joint team managers during the season. Thanks to **Matt** and **Brendan** for fulfilling the role of referee during the season. It was greatly appreciated and allowed me to focus on organising the team on match days. Thanks to all the other parents - **Amy, Debbie, Lisa, Matthew, Penny, Rob, Russell** and **Sarah** - for their assistance at training sessions, on match days and at canteen duty during the season. And thanks to alumni member **Connor** (Ethan's brother) for his assistance during training sessions.

Well done U7 Kangaroos!

Ken (Coach)

7 WHALES

Coach: **Ross SHAYLOR**

Manager: **Sheena STOW-SMITH**

This year was the second year most of these boys played together and their friendship had them battling through some tough games and never giving up. Whether on the field together or sitting on the sideline, they were always cheering each other on.

We may have started the year very protective of our goals but I think we grew some great attacking skills as the weeks went on. It was great to see the on field celebration and support after a great pass, kick or goal.

The boys always turned up to training sessions and had fun playing with their mates. It was great to see them develop their skills and listening to coach, even if this skill was hard to maintain and bring to game day. However you could always see their efforts to better themselves individually and as a team as they strived each week to come out on top and have fun.

I want to thank the coach and all the parents for their pep talks and cheers. I'd like to think that we have enjoyed watching the games. Thank you for your commitment and help as I am sure this dedication will help the boys with whatever challenge they take on next.

Great job Aiden, Marcus, Jake, John, Riley and Tomas and 'never give up'.

Sheena



7 DOLPHINS

Coach: **Scott McANDREW**

Manager: **Renee NAZHA**

The boys must firstly be commended on their 100% effort, energy, commitment and most importantly excellent sportsmanship throughout the season.

The teams enthusiastic attitude in learning all they can during their weekly training session with coach Scott.



Come the eagerly anticipated game day these power rockets put their skills into play. Keeping their positions, executing passes, and exceptional ball skills resulted in an undefeated season.

The boys look forward to a new and challenging season ahead. Well done team Dolphins.

Sionseni - "watch out world"

Warmly welcoming Seni into his first year at Parklea. His dedication and passion for football is admirable, both on and off the field. His fantastic footwork, precision passes and strong kicks - unmatched!

A striker

Future player - Ronaldo

Tyler - "Top goal scorer of the season"

Using his strength, agility and great ball control, whilst maintaining his signature "floored" goal kicks from various angles! not to be missed!

Striker

Future player - Messi

Joshua - "just play"

There's no "stop" button when Joshy's in his element. Joshy has a great competitive and infectious attitude in football. His ball control and positioning is paramount. Showing a natural ability in defence. Indeed a crowd pleaser!

Future player- Boateng

Zain - "cool & casual"

Zain's untimed and casual manner during this seasons matches were quite original. Zain's highlights of the season include playing a game with the U8's team, alongside his teammate Seni. Enjoying the challenge taking to the pitch a more positive and promising approach showcasing excellent ball control and passing being announced players of the match. Another golden moment for Zain and his team was a "surprise dash with Archie" taking the lead!

Striker

Future player - Bale

Xavier - "fast-footed"

With his powerful speed and everlasting energy proving to be unstoppable. Xavier holds his defensive position well. The one to watch!

Future player - Aubameyang

Gurshaan - "most improved"

A quiet achiever - Gurshaan excelling his ball skills & reflexes with each and every game. Best suited to midfield role. Keep up the awesome effort Shanni!

Defender.

Future player - Thiago Silva

7 LIONS

Coach: **Ashley PRIOR**

Manager: **Rachel HOBBS**

The 7 Lions played a great season in 2016.

We had a mixture of kids who were new to club soccer and some who played last year.

Our coach Ash was new to the game but gave it everything he had to coach the team and support them for every game.

Rachel our manager had coached last year so was thankful to have Ash make that commitment.

This year our team consisted of Daniel, Benjamin, Tameike, Jordan, Caiden and Dylan.

Daniel was new to the club and had not officially played soccer but you wouldn't have known. Daniel was a stellar player on our team with unparalleled passion for the game. Well done Daniel.

Benjamin joined our team a little later in the season and being our youngest player, had to catch up quickly. We saw Benjamin grow immensely each week at training and the games and are proud of the wonderful achievements he's made this season. Well done Benjamin.

Tameike wasn't afraid to get in amongst the boys. She was a fierce contender on the field and often gave the other teams a run for their money. Tameike started the season off strong and maintained stamina as week after week she scored and saved goals. Well done Tameike.

Jordan was back for his second year and continues to show improvement. Jordan often likes to have a chat on the field with the other players but when his heads in the game he often saves goals from the other team. Well done Jordan.

Caiden was also back for his second year and was a string as ever. Caiden tackles his way through the other teams and is often in front scoring goals. Caiden's love for the game is evident each week as he charges forth and never gives up. Well done Caiden.

Dylan was new to the club this year and we have seen remarkable progress from him. As the season progressed, so did Dylan's confidence and we saw him becoming more involved each game. Dylan has a playful side that meant every game was a fun one. Well done Dylan.

Both Ash and Rachel are grateful for the commitment made by the team and their families for their consistent efforts, attending training sessions and supporting the team at Saturday games. We thank you for a great season and are proud of everyone's achievements.



7 KOALAS

Coach: **Megan ABERLEY**

Manager: **Gary ABERLEY**

7 Koalas came together as a team of five at the beginning of the year and growing to seven members by the end of season. All of the boys were new to the game and it has been a pleasure for both Megan and I to watch them grow into a skilled and confident team.

Training each week consisted of a drilling down on team work including passing, marking and basic ball skills resulting in advancing to co-ordinated and strategic ball play as the season continued.

The Koalas would often join a game with the other Parklea under 7's at training resulting in a wider knowledge of the other players and teams as well as fun and enjoyable coaching for both players and the parents.

We would also like to thank the parents for the assistance and positive help and it was great to see the whole family enjoying the games.

For all the boys being in a group that has turned into a team of mates which I'm sure endure well after the end of this season. Well done Koalas.



Julian in his first year of football matured into a thinking, running and fun player. Julian has developed good foot skills and at the end of the season was able to listen to direction and think through his movements on the field.

Marcus in his first year has taken the game of football passionately and as a result has come along at a tremendous pace. He is a conscientious team player and his skills on the field have developed him into a confident and focused player.

Ayaat puts his heart and soul into every game. He is not afraid to get in and tackle the ball. There was many occasions where Ayaat was instrumental in setting up goals. With every passing week Ayaat's skill with the ball improved.

Yeas was a late edition to the team but what a great one! Yasaa is our little champion often sliding a ball into the goals after running and dodging many opposing players. There is no doubt with his skills and gameplay that he will be one to watch in the future.



Liam started off as one of our most shy reserved players. Over weeks of training he found his confidence during the many games we played with the other U7 Parklea teams at training. Liam has a great kick and sometimes manages to kick the ball the length of the field.

Dean was one of our best offensive players, managing to use his speed and agility to get in front of the ball. Over the season he developed some fancy footwork to get around the other players whilst still maintain control of the ball and pass to his fellow team mates.

Kyle is a definite all-rounder and super-star player scoring many goals and assisting with others. He has a very clear talent for soccer, could spot the gaps and could weave his way through his opponents to score goals with ease. Kyle was definitely our team larrikin and well-liked by all.

Gary & Megan Aberley

7 WOMBATS WHITE

Coach: **Vishal BHATNAGAR/Faisal**

Manager: **Vishal BHATNAGAR**

This has been wonderful season for Parklea White Wombats players and families. The team's seasons started a little late as all the players have submitted their enrolment after the seasons kick off. Players were quite lucky as a new Team Parklea White Wombats was formed to include all new joiners. New team formation worked out well for the players as they were able to gel well without any prejudice and form fresh bonds.

Initial matches were a little tough as players were getting to understand the games, the rules and work with each other. But after a couple of training sessions and matches, players adopted beautifully with the game format and developed amazing teamwork and mateship.

During training the kids learned to work on their stamina, dribbling and were always keen to learn new things. They had a great time playing games during training and "Spider" and "bug" was always on high demand. In this game, coach used to divide the team in Spiders and Bugs and other names. Based on the name called by coach, players have to kick the ball through the goal to the coach on a speedy and accurate fashion. This game worked on their attention and kicking accuracy.

Manager Vishal Bhatnagar performed the role of coach most of the time due to non-availability of coach Faisal.



Without further delay, below is the Manager and Coach's review of each player.

Andrew showed a lot of enthusiasm and really improved his game. He was always attentive and keen to learn during the training sessions. During the last matches he scored many goals and contributed towards the team result.

Vihaan stepped into a key pivotal role of midfielder and defender. He saved many goals in the matches and he was one of the highly enthusiastic players during the training sessions. He has come a long way and have worked well with other players.

Villiami has joined the team a little late but picked up really fast. He was fast as a Flash and the top scorer of our team in most of the matches. Villiami is quite independent and moves really fast towards opponent goals.

Sarosh had played few games and have always shown presence of mind on the field. He has also improved his game in many areas including dribbling, tackling and running fast. He is quite fast in the field and always shows keenness to learn.

Janet had played fewer games as compared to all other players. She showed interest in defending the goad and has done a good job.

A special mention goes to **Robert** (Andrew's brother) who participated in almost all the training sessions. Robert was always ready to help and participate with a smile.



7 WOMBATS RED

Coach: **Nik BOTIKA**

Manager: **Ray TINDALL**



7 MAGPIES

Coach: **Chris BRICK**

Manager: **Sharon HENRY**



Miniroos Gala Day (Under 5 - 7s)

Held at Morgan Power Reserve on 19 March 2016



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Ages 8 - 11



8 KOOKABURRAS

Coach: **Michael JUILLERAT**

Manager: **Debbie McINALLY**

We have had a fantastic year moving up from the Grassroots to Mini Roos and playing on a bigger soccer field with bigger goals and an actual goal keeper. Most of the team were new to each other as they were graded for the first time, but almost straight away the boys clicked together and played some great soccer throughout the year and also made some great friendships.



Oscar - Our quiet achiever and would give his all to win the ball and create opportunities for his team mate. Oscar has developed a lot of new skills this year and this showed on the park. Looking forward to another great season. Well done Oscar

Patrick - The ROCK as we called him, cementing the Centre back position and tackling the other players without fear and determination. Patrick was also great in goals by saving quite a few shots throughout the year also grew his skills as the season went on. Well done Patrick.

William - Played in many different positions and had the ability to cover them all. Will's commitment to play great soccer was a credit to himself. Will also supported his team mates when needed. A great year Will, well done.

Thomas - our left foot striker. Thomas has the ability to score goals from a distance with the power of his strike. Tom has enjoyed his season and has had the opportunity to play with some great soccer players and learn many new skills. Well done Tom.

Marcus - who also loved to play on the left side both fullback and forward. Marcus had the skills to take on a player and create space for his team mates. Marcus was very calm when defending and read the play very well. Well done Marcus.

Aidan - a very consistent player who also covered all positions with ease. Aidan showed great skill throughout the season and was a player who would cover his team mates when needed and have the ability to turn defence into attack. Well done Aidan.

Lachlan - showed great skill on the right side of the field especially in the right wing position. Lachlan was able to take on defenders with his skill and pace and scored some great goals throughout the season. Lachlan also developed many new skills and used them every time on the park. Well done Lachlan.

Dimitri - loved to play everywhere and made sure he was involved in the game and where ever the ball was. Dimitri has learnt and developed a lot of new skills this year and will benefit from this season ensuring he has a great season next year. Well done Dimitri.

Alfred - joined us in the middle of the season and didn't take long to settle into the team. Alfred showed a lot of skill and determination and was not shy to make the big tackles. Well done Alfred.

Overall the boys have had a solid year and I look forward to a bigger and better year next year. I would also like to thank the parents for your support throughout the year by helping with set up and pack up, canteen duty and bringing the kids to the game and training. Also a big thank you to Daniel our head Coach who not only assisted with training the boys but also helped on game day when I was overseas, thanks Daniel.

And last but not least A HUGE Thank you to Deb our Manager who was instrumental with running the admin side of the team. Deb was so organised with her text messages, bringing lollies to the games, rostering the canteen duty and any other events we had throughout the year. This made the season run so smoothly and efficiently. Awesome job Deb and again, Thank you.

Yours in Sport

Michael Juillerat
Coach.

8 SHARKS

Coach: **Jeff DUNCUM**

Manager: **Matthew RYAN**



8 ECHIDNAS

Coach: **Darren SMALL**

Manager: **Ben FULLER**



8 WHALES

Coach: **David QUITTO**

Manager: **Sue KING**

The under 8 Whales: Coach – David Quitto and Manager – Sue King

It was a privilege to coach this team this year, it was the first year the team had gone through grading and with the exception of a couple of the squad it was the first time this group had played together. From the outset we commenced focusing on our first touch, striking the ball, 1 v 1 and running with the ball. Each training session we would focus on one of these core fundamentals and from week one through to gala day, the improvement the team has shown has been wonderful to be a part of, both collectively as a team and as individuals too.

We won some, lost a couple and had a few draws along the way, as we know, all the children keep the score!! And although it is not about winning or losing, we wanted the children to enjoy each game, improve their skills and be part of a team, and in reality, scores were kept by parents, opponents and us, so each week we knew the result and with the exception of one opponent, we were in every match and we were ultra-competitive too. The most pleasing aspect of the games this year was the team's ability to reverse a deficit grabbing a draw or a win. This is a fantastic trait to have and I was really proud of their ability to find a way to get a result and maintain their confidence and self-belief.

I think the way the team played as the season went on was a credit to themselves and I thank them for listening. Some of the goals the team scored were through wonderful build up play using multiple players to get the ball in the back of the net and in reverse the scrabbling play and commitment to stop our opponents scoring was truly a team effort. I wanted to ensure that everyone was able to play in each position over the course the year, some wanted to play centre forward each week and others never wanted to play in goal (actually I think it was the same players, natural strikers it appears) but as I advised the team everyone was to get the same opportunity as their teammates and whilst at time it might have been begrudgingly, they got on with it and as always with this team, tried their best!.

Your 2016 Parklea under 8 Whales are:



Dominic Battikha - naturally gravitated to the left back position over the course of the year, our strongest left sided player Dominic formed quite the partnership with his good friend Jacob on the left hand side of the field. Dominic was responsible for starting some great attacking movements with a 'killer' pass and was always reliable in defence.



Jared Beevor - would play anywhere that was required without fuss and was solid across the pitch, either side, be it up front or in defence, naturally blessed with more than a decent strike on the ball, Jared's goal against Quakers Hill is testament to that. It was just inside half way but by the end of the game I think he told me it was closer to our box!



Zachary Egan-Lee - a true box to box player who could do it at either end of the pitch, bossing the defence but equally adept at scoring more than a few quality goals. Zachary's running with the ball is a great sight and something that has improved dramatically over the course of the season along with his ability to bring others into the game by picking the right pass.



Ashton King - a real attacking presence on the right hand side and showed this in quite a few games this year linking with his right back well, to start a great attack often beating his opponent 1v1 and away Ashton went. As the season progressed so did Ashton's ability to know when to release the ball with a great cross in, or to pressure the goals himself.



Jacob Parnis - a real eye for the goal, scoring quite a few goals this year, some from the good lead up play from the team and others Jacob was able to manufacture a goal out of nothing. A handy trait to have as you move on in football. Jacob also has the flair for the post goal celebration and was able to put this into practice on a number of occasions.



Marlei Quitto - another natural defender who was able to link well with the wide attacking players when she was playing either side or though when in the middle. Marlei's game awareness improved a great deal over the course of the year, knowing when and where to pass to or using the sideline to her advantage.



Xander Rigoli - with the ability to play equally well up front or in defence another player who could stand tall playing at centre back holding the opponents at bay whilst causing opposition defences all sorts of problems at the other end of the field, be it running at them with the ball or releasing long range shots on goal.



Samuel Dal-Santo - always eager to try each position (even Goalkeeper) and happy to accommodate wherever he was played, Samuel was always determined to get the ball when it was in his part the field and again as the season progressed his running with the ball improved out of sight.



Jashabjot Gill (Jot) - A late addition to the team, however, certainly a quality one, who was able to seamlessly fit in to the established playing group and assist his team on the pitch either scoring a goal, making a wonderful run or dropping back to help out in defence. Definitely a great all rounder.

Thank you so much to Sue King for looking after the team as our manager, I feel at times I had the easy part just getting the team to play, all I had to do was turn up and I knew in the background you had everything sorted and I really appreciated all of your efforts.

To all of the parents, thank you for your commitment, getting the team to training and games throughout the season, it was greatly appreciated, along with Jacob's dad acting as game leader and Zachary's dad looking after the team until I arrived to training most weeks, again the team wouldn't have functioned without your support.

To the team, thank you all so much for your efforts this year, you have all shown great improvement, wonderful commitment, tried your best at all times and have really demonstrated team work and sportsmanship throughout the season. Enjoy your offseason or summer football competitions and I'm looking forward to seeing you all again next year.

Yours in Soccer,

David Quit

8 DOLPHINS

Coach: **Sarah SAVILLE**

Manager: **Sheree SCOTT**



8 LIONS

Coach: **Everett MILTON**

Manager: **Lindley LEONARD**

2016 was an interesting year for the Under 8's lions.



None of the boys had previously played with each other and it took a while to get use to the bigger fields and field placements.

We lost our best player after a couple of rounds to a higher grade which had an impact.

We actually trained better than we played on game day and the team benefited from having two coaches during training nights.

Most of the boys demonstrated improvement over the season and our best performances were saved to our last couple of games when everything seem to come together. Also the warmer weather seem to improve spirits.

Hopefully the team continues to play soccer next year and continue to improve.

Thank you,

Everett



9 KOOKABURRAS

Coach: **Josie HOPE/Mik CARRARO**

Manager: **Nicole MANTARRO**



9 SHARKS

Coach: **Jonathan CHEAL**

Manager: **Nicole BOLD**



9 ECHIDNAS

Coach: **William ORULE/Scott CORSIATTO**

Manager: **Mary-Ann SLUIJS**

With some ground rules on behaviour and expectations set early, the kids were an absolute pleasure to coach, train and watch this year.

Being my first year coaching, I didn't know what I was in for, though really enjoyed it. I feel the whole team (along with my knowledge of the game) progressed well, individually and as a team unit. At the start of the season, some kids didn't know each other at all, and did take some weeks for them to blend socially and as a team.



Chloe - I have watched Chloe develop over the last few years and she has always impressed me with her consistency, good manners, ability to move the ball and her never give up attitude and presence on the field. Chloe always gives 100% and has only got better each week technically and with in-game awareness. Chloe is super reliable, can play any position and is very versatile.

Cooper - Like with Chloe, I have seen the improvements Cooper has made from younger grades to his current skill level. Cooper has excellent technical skills and moves the ball well, great 1 V 1 and first touch and even throws in some tricks when he's on song. Cooper has really come out of his shell from the shy and quiet Cooper of 3 years ago. Cooper is a great defender, strong in attack and has a great strike.

Harrison - Harrison really impressed me this year – playing up a year, he has done nothing more than improve week on week. Harry (or Harry Potter as called by some of his team mates) was really quiet and timid the first few weeks of training and through trials. You could barely get two words out of him! And his enthusiasm levels varied. That didn't last long! As he got to know his team mates and me, you could really see him evolve into the great little player he is. Harry played well in all positions and loved being in goals volunteering often. Massive improvement with his first touch, passing and running with the ball.

Mieka - Like her partner in crime, another well behaved, consistent player with good technical skills and footwork, often showing up the opposition with her moves! Meika always tried her best, moved the ball well and improved every game. Meika always wanted to be up front and amongst the action, with her least favourite position being goalie. After her last effort at the Gala day, I think she may have conquered her dislike of balls being kicked at her - making some cracking saves and getting the ball out of the goals like a pro.

Robert - A polite, quietly spoken young man with good technical ball skill. Towards the end of the season, Robert improved immensely on his field awareness, passing game and holding his position. You can just tell he loves playing no matter where he is on the field. Robert always tried his best both at training and in games. Robert played well in attack or defence. Most notable Improvement was holding his position and keeping his head up.

Seth - prefers playing up the front though happy to be in goals, he has good running ball speed, much improved ball control and footwork. His most noticeable improvement from his previous seasons would be his striking and passing game. He has finally stopped toe poking and is starting to gain a much better understanding of field positions and awareness, Seth is versatile and can play well in all positions. Seth finished the season as top goal scorer though still unselfish when a team mate was in a better position.

Tyla - When in the right mindset, a very good little player, he moved the ball well up the field and very hard to get past when in defence. At the back end of the season Tyla really improved in all aspects of his game from holding positions, passing and playing as a team. He sometimes struggled to make training nights, though did his best to implement plays and techniques the team practiced in his absence.

Willie - With his season cut short a few weeks due to fracturing his elbow away from the game. Willie started the season with sound footwork and technical skill. For me, what he improved on most was his attitude and focus at training and on game day, staying on his feet, passing game and working with his team mates with and without the ball. Once Willie got those things right, the goals started to come. Willie did really well in all positions including goalie! - putting his body on the line when required.

Overall they did extremely well all season, getting better each week they played together, out playing a lot of teams on the field, often without reserves or even short. Even if behind on goals in some games, a big emphasis was put on holding positions, retaining possession, defenders playing as if there was offside and fair rotation of positions for the players. Not so much on the end goals result. I'm so proud of how they progressed and worked together. I'm sure a lot of the opposition teams thought they were going to be an easy win the first time they played the Echidnas!

Coaching them has been a blast and I wish them the very best for the future and into next season. To the parents who turned up each week for training and games – Thank you.

To the Managers Mary-Ann and Katrina, thank you so much for your time and effort on ensuring we were kept up to speed with training, games and updates.

Mik Carraro – Thank you for being the dedicated person you are – I think I know when you don't say a lot, things are good!

And lastly thank you to William – BRAVO!

9 WHALES

Coach: **Adam SMITH**

Manager: **Liz HAWKINS**

From the start of the season it didn't take long for the team to become very comfortable with each other. This team worked extremely well together on match day being very supportive and encouraging of each other. I am very proud each week to see that the training fundamentals are put into practice on match day with great results.

Jayden has improved immensely out of goals especially in passing and field positioning. Not many balls got passed him.

Ryan has a no fear attitude. He is positioned and ready to go whenever needed with great results. It is great to see that he is also very vocal to his teammates about the game whilst on the field.

Joel has improved greatly and I can see he is enjoying the game and trying new things, especially heading the ball. Joel also has a great left foot which he put into play many times with great results.

Luke has moved forward in total game play. From positioning, passing, trying tricks in tackles to striking the ball with some power. He also plays all positions with confidence.

Aiden is a great player who shows promise in the future. His confidence is continually growing by trying new tricks and showing a great understanding of soccer fundamentals.

Mason has excellent striking power and has improved in all aspects of gameplay. It is evident to everyone that he is enjoying each match he plays. He also loves scoring goals to beat his siblings totals.

Charlie has improved over the season from gameplay to communication and concentration on the field. He will be great player for many years to come.

Trisanth is a great player moving around the field with ease and running with the ball when needed.

Overall it was a great pleasure to coach such a wonderful team who all get along and know the fundamental rule of soccer TEAM WORK.



9 DOLPHINS

Coach: **Ricardo GONCALVES**

Manager: **Alissa CONKLIN**



9 LIONS

Coach: **Shane BULLIVANT**

Manager: **Alica DENIS**



10 KOOKABURRAS

Coach: **Barbara BUSH-BAKON**

Manager: **Narele POTTER**

Players: Zsolt Bakon, Luis Lemiri, Evan Hoskin, Summer Tamaka, Lucas Small, Brodie Payne, Ryan Nazha, Noah Wilson, Aiden McCarthy & Luke Nolan.

The U10 Kookaburras had an enjoyable 2016 season. Their football skills improved throughout the season and they had lots of fun playing together. It was clear that they excelled in '**chattering**' mostly at training but game time they did their best to utilise the skills from training.

Most of the members came from different teams and they gradually got to know each others' play and strengths as the season went along.

The last 2 games of the season showed just how well they had used the football skills, game sense as well as holding their positioning showing parents and head Coach how it all come together [finally] towards the end of the season making us proud.

Special thanks to **Head Coach Darren Thompson**, **Dave Hoskins** our Game Leader, **Narelle Potter** our Team Manager and **Parents/Carers** for putting in your time in canteen and field duties; your commitment was greatly appreciated.

Lastly a huge Thank You from me to the Kookaburras and we look forward to next season with Parklea Soccer Football Club!

Barbara Bush-Bakon



10 SHARKS

Coach: **Andrew FRANKLIN**

Manager: **Stephanie MAUGER**



10 WHALES

Coach: **Paul BATTIKHA**

Manager: **Betty FLOWER**

Season 2016 for the Parklea SFC 10 Whales brought with it many opportunities for the players to experience the highs and lows in football.



The 10 Whales commenced the season with a few familiar faces as well as welcoming new players into the team. Some players had already been classed in the veteran category, while others were new to the game. This provided a wonderful mix of experience along with a willingness to learn the fine art of *Joga Bonito*.

From the outset it was a pleasure to be associated with this group of players. Our tremendous 2016 team comprised of the following players: *Mia, Jacob Organ, Jacob O'Neil, Levi, Paige, Kenan, Matthew, Anthony, Riley, Bailey* and *Lucas*. Each and every week these players instilled an immense sense of character in their performance and throughout the season we have seen every single player improve in their skills and understanding of the game. These footballers made their parents, family, friends and all those involved with the PSFC 10 Whales extremely proud in the manner they approached each challenge they faced.

The players were fortunate to have a nurturing and supportive environment to train and play football. Our thanks go to the Parklea SFC committee for providing a great place to play. Parklea SFC's commitment to ensuring players playing the game both learn and enjoy football is wonderful. We also extend our thanks to Darren 'Thommo' Thompson for dedicating many hours from his own time to train the Under 10s in the capacity as a PSFC Head Coach.

Our gratitude is extended to the parents of the Parklea SFC 10 Whales. The support of their children over many cold nights at training as well as frosty early Saturday morning kick offs during the season has been greatly appreciated. This wonderful support also involved assisting with field set up, game leading as well as stepping into coaching and managing roles throughout the course of the season as needed. The 10 Whale parents have always displayed unwavering support for the players regardless of whether the football gods were smiling on us or we happened to be having a tough day at the office.

To Paul, our amazing Coach, we can't thank you enough for your massive contribution of time, effort, and patience in training our kids. The team as a whole has improved over the season and this is largely due to the level of commitment that you have shown to every player individually and the team as a group. As well as being a great Coach you were always the first to step in and referee the games if needed as well as setting up the field for our regular early games. Throughout the season ALL the parents have commented at how lucky we were to have you as our kids coach.

To Betty, our fantastic manager, a sincere thank you for the many hours spent ensuring parents were kept informed of venues, times, communication from Parklea SFC, BDSFA, etc. We appreciate your efforts on game day in completing team sheets, checking ID cards, organising playing shirts among many other duties. The 10 Whales were exceptionally fortunate to have Betty fill the role of manager.

Finally, thank you to the amazing boys and girls who made up the 2016 Mighty PSFC 10 Whales. It has been our privilege to coach and manage you, as well as watching you train and play each week. We hope you enjoyed your football and will be back next year in the baby blue and maroon of Parklea SFC.



10 DOLPHINS

Coach: **Nathan LYONS**

Manager: **Tim HALL**



11 KOOKABURRAS

Coach: **Adam LOUKADOUNOS**

Manager: **Alicia GREENWOOD**

We made 3 summer signings and 1 departure from last year's team. This was my second year involved after serving out my apprenticeship last year. I was shown the big dollars and put in charge.



Boys started out slowly getting to know each other and not really hitting the grounds running. After a few weeks the real training started and the boys knuckled down and turned it on.

First game of the season was a loss to Blacktown Workers where we were simply outscored but not outplayed.

That was the last of the losses as the team went on an undefeated streak to finish out the year.

One of the most reliable and consistent bunch I have been involved with, regularly turning up and playing for other older teams U12's and U13's to help fill in. I received nothing but praise coming from the coaches on how well they performed.

Hayden – (Peter Czech) First of 3 summer signings who put his hand up to play keeper for the year was outstanding making next to no mistakes or conceding cheap goals. He was a brick constantly throwing himself around and rushing out to sweep up any mess or attacking plays. His distribution and clearances from the back made him a very valuable and consistent performer all year

Dehon – (Eddie Macguire) (Cause he loves asking thousands of questions) Our Alberto Moreno left back was also very consistent with his skill and neat touches on the ball as well as his ability to make a timely pass was our regular left back where he sits quite nicely and is comfortable.

Lincoln - (Nike) (Cause I was always telling him to just do it) Our rock at the back who's timely interceptions, grit and determination make him a great centre back to hold our backline together as he continues to grow and mature. His positioning and distribution from the back will make him a possible WSW in years to come.

Aiden - (Terminator/Smiling Assassin) - What he doesn't have in skills or flair he makes up with in pure determination and hunger. I don't recall a time where Aiden would be caught out of position where he wasn't hunting back down or cleaning up any sniff of a chance for the opposition. His positioning and general distribution improved dramatically. His ability to smile regardless of the situation made you frustrated but happy at the same time.

Issa - (The Phantom) His ability to hold up the ball take players on and contribute over certain positions on the park made him a key figure on the left hand side of the field with contributing some valuable goals and assists. Nicknamed the phantom because sometimes he was there and sometimes he wasn't.

Max W - (Peter Crouch) Our 7 foot tall gentle giant 2 of 3 summer signings who took his opportunity and made the most of it. General distribution and solid defensive work made him one of the most improved players from start of the year. His willingness to listen and put the team first was a key factor in him fitting in and learning as much as he did.

Jai - (Ironman) His non-stop work ethic and ability to run all day, put his body on the line makes him a great team member, his ability to play all positions is the sort of player all teams need. He was very consistent all year. Always trained and played like a man on a mission.

Max S - (Mr Reliable) Max's distribution and ability to play the right pass at the right time made him yet another key member of our squad, always giving everything he had on game day and at training. Playing left or right midfield he made the sidelines his own also giving up everything he had for the team.

Daan - (Thor) Named after the blonde haired avenger the third of our summer signings was also another one of my best improved players making the transition one of ease. Daan would also contribute with some timely goals, great footwork and very neat distribution showing great vision and timing with his passing.

Marcus – (Iniesta/The Fonz) Due to his always gelled hair and good looks (from his father). Our midfield maestro whose distribution skills and shooting is the little engine that can. The Fonz contributed some cracking goals, and valuable assists.

Brad - (The Hunter) Our top scorer for the year with 19 goals was lethal in front of goals his pace and accuracy was a nightmare for all opposition teams. His unselfishness and general team work was what stood out in this year's performances.

Mitchell - (Mr Consistency) An absolute cracker of a year from Mitch he played almost every position, his work ethic his training commitment and effort was second to none, scoring lots of goals as well as setting as many up. Never complained did everything asked of him and more, an absolute pleasure to coach.

Alicia - (Mrs Mangle) (Manager) couldn't have done any of it without her. Her commitment and can do attitude to the boys was second to nobody her admin skills and communication were fantastic. She even managed to recall a lot of the scores this year without contribution from others. Another most improved. A very big thank you

Todd - (Father Time) Assistant Coach – My coaching godfather was there to confuse the issue with timing for substitute even with a time card we still managed to muck it up consistently. Was an absolute pleasure to have him next to me for his words of wisdom encouragement and experience, he handed me a team with little to do.

Craig - (The Apprentice) - Assistant Coach Home Game Ref - Was there week in and week out to help with coaching the boys setting up drills and general coaching input. Craig has already expressed his interest in turning his referees whistle into a coaching whistle for next year so I leave you a winning team with little to do.

All the very best and thanks to all.

Adam Loukadounos (Coach)



11 SHARKS

Coach: **Brett HAVRON**

Manager: **Andrew BRANSON**

This year the Parklea U11 Sharks have had a fun season of soccer. There was a core group of players who have played together for a couple of years and some new friends who have joined the Parklea soccer club community.



The team started the season meeting the new boys; Luis, Luke J., Daniel and Wahid who joined the club for the first time. The spark that the boys had in both the pre-season trials and the early games made the team gel quickly.

Their team play developed during the season under the careful eye of our coach Brett who made training fun and meaningful, the time on Tuesday and Thursday nights simply flew often with the boys wanting to go play a little more.

During the Saturday games, after just a few weeks, the U11 Sharks learnt each other's strengths and weaknesses; they covered each other's weakness and often took each other's strengths for granted – if it was Blake's ability to not let any attacker past, Luke C silky ball skills, Daniel's determination and powerful shot, Wahid's passing and dribbling skills, Luis's great first touch and accurate shot, Luke J enthusiasm and goalkeeping, Declan's accurate passing, Julian's ability in

every position, Adrian's ability to keep the defence organised, Connor's heading abilities, Henry's non-stop running, and Kieran's endless energy both in and out of goals.

There were many highlights for the year; way too many to mention here so here are the best of many;

The first was for some of the boys when they got to meet Dimas from the WSW.

Another was the playing in the mud and rain against Minchinbury (the game was postponed just after we kicked off instead we just enjoyed it, especially the slides)

The last one we will mention is the Gala day, we had three great games mixed with hours playing Touch footie (well maybe tackle as well) in between – it was a fun way to end the season.

Well 2016 was a blast, the Parklea U11 Sharks with our new friends, old faces and the last year of small sided games. We will be looking forward to 2017 where we will be on the full sized field with a full side squad, and full sized goals.

So look out for us we'll be the ones having fun whilst in position, running all game, and training hard. All these things and more we have learnt in the Parklea U11 Sharks.

Andrew Branson

11 WHALES

Coach: **Corey BANKS/Safet JASAREVIC**

Manager: **Georgina GRAHAM**

‘Small Sided Football Team of the Year’



9 GIRLS KOOKABURRAS RED

Coach: **Shannon ELLIS/Maddi LIPPMAN**

Manager: **Leigh SMITH/Kasia MULUKIN**



The under 9 girls Kookaburra Reds had a great season. Out of 14 games played they had 9 wins, 2 draws and 3 losses with a total of 46 goals scored. The girls displayed great spirit and commitment to their team, playing most of the season with no subs and for some games down a player or two.

Nia and Eleanor were our top goal scorers scoring over half of our total goals between them followed by a solid effort from Violet, Elodie and Lara. Izabella is one of our best defensive players. Eloise joined our team towards the end of the season proving to be a great all round player. Amik and Ella completed the team with their goal keeping skills.

But overall the girls had fun!

Cheers,

Leigh

9 GIRLS KOOKABURRAS WHITE

Coach: **Jason SUNDERLAND**

Manager: **Heather McCLELLAND**



9 GIRLS KOOKABURRAS BLACK

Coach: **Kristy HOPE**

Manager: **Cassandra WILLIAMS**



10 GIRLS KOOKABURRAS

Coach: **Adam SMITH**

Manager: **Nichol FERGUSON/Nicole VASQUEZ**



What a season for this girls team. For some players it was their first time playing. Watching them improve as we taught them fundamentals of gameplay and observing them put it into practice was so nice to see.

A highlight of the year was playing the U10 girls Spartan team at Blacktown Sports Park on the artificial turf. The girls all enjoyed running out of the tunnel to music and lining up on the field like professionals.

Our side consisted of a great team of girls:

Pippa has improved throughout the year. From positioning to passing and overall game play to learning the subtle nudge in the last few games.

Miwa has had an overall improvement from game 1. She has never stopped learning and implementing what she has been taught with great results. Scoring a few goals which she has made her very proud.

Marlee is great character who is always a joy to be around. Marlee played with great commitment and improved in all aspects of the game. Especially striking the ball and communication.

Olivia A is always eager to play. Her positioning was great and her determination paid off with a few goals scored. A great team player and very supportive of her team.

Chloe from the first game was eager to play and is definitely a team player. Chloe was always gaining confidence in running with the ball and tackling. Great improvement over the season.

Mikayla what a surprise. Always improving. A great goalkeeper who is not afraid of the ball or getting dirty. Her communication on the field was outstanding. Keep it up.

Kayla has had perfect positioning throughout the year and constantly learning new things and implementing them into the game. Always ready to tackle and pass the ball. Well done.

Alyssa is improving every game she plays by practicing new ideas. Alyssa is a great player in all positions and plays with 100% confidence. Overall great improvement in all areas.

Lilli was always improving from the start of the season to the end. Lilli gained great confidence in running with the ball and tackling. Lilli definitely enjoyed each game she played.

Matilda has improved in all aspects of the game performing what she has learnt in training and her overall game play was excellent. Matilda is an all round good player.

Oli was definitely confident in her skills and game play. She is great at striking the ball and running with the ball which paid off with several goals scored. A no fear attitude.

Overall it was a great season watching this team grow together and become closer.

Watching them work as a team putting several passes together, positioning and striking shows that what we do at training is sinking in. I am very proud to have coached them this year.

Adam Smith (Coach)

JUNIOR FOOTBALL

Under 12 - 16s



UNDER 12 - DIVISION 1

Coach: **Jamie CLIFFORD**

Manager: **Jodi BELLETT**

‘Junior Football Team of the Year’



Well the boys have definitely moulded into a real team this year. If you look back on the team at the beginning of the season, the boys had some work to do in discovering how to work as a team and not every player for themselves. During the season the boys really began to know where each other were, the skills each team member brought and look at them now, they made the Grand Final! Unfortunately the boys were beaten by the Minor Premiers 2 - 0, but not without a fight!

Alex - Never give up. Alex has grown through this season as his confidence grew in attacking and defending the ball through the mid field. The player that you always hear the phrase “come on boys”, encouraging the boys along even when they were down on their game.

Caleb - Get the job done. Caleb is always that reliable player that can play wherever he was asked and do a solid job. The player that would come running in to attack the ball, tackle any player, no matter who they were, how big they were or how difficult it was to catch them out on the wing!

Callum - The long kick. Cal is always the name you would hear called from the sideline.... Shhhhoootttt, such a solid long kick that would score the goals when we needed it most. Cal is quiet on the field as he is focused on the game and what needs to be done. Playing striker most weeks with his best mate beside him, the boys are always keen to give it a crack!

Connor - The quiet achiever. Connor is one of those players who is quiet on the field, but again is focused on what he needs to do out on the wing. Connor gives the good through balls allowing the strikers the opportunity to have a go at goal.

Isaac - That cheeky grin. Isaac was the player you could always be relied upon to throw a cheeky smile when he knew he had done his best. He has solid pace, attacking the ball and is always confident in taking a dig at goal whenever the opportunity arose.

Jaiden - Most improved. The improvement of this boy in goals during the season has been fantastic to watch. His commitment to goal keeper training each week has enabled him to become much more confident on the field, attacking the ball when it is coming to goal and talking with his teammates to call his ball.

Jake - Road Runner. Jake, the boy who comes at everything at full speed. Being first to the ball for each and every run is his main goal. Jake has moved around the field from mid to backs and has always put in a solid performance.

Jayden - The shy guy. Jayden is the boy that always does what was asked of him. Jayden's primary position being in the back, would defend the ball with his other team mates to prevent that goal attempt.

Jett - Heart on his sleeve. Jett is the emotional player, the player that wants to get in, give his all, and achieve the world. Jett has grown immensely on the field in both confidence and his approach to his soccer.

Lachlan - The on field cheer squad. Lachlan is our defender that improved during the season, increasing his control over the ball. Always the player you could hear from the sideline cheering his team on with words of encouragement to get to the end of the game.

Morgan - The clearance man. Morgan is the player that will clear the ball down the sideline for his team and give them the opportunity to get that goal. Morgan joins the cheer squad in back egging the boys on to play the game that needs to be played.

Nathan - Energy Plus. Nathan is the player that never gives up, literally bouncing around in any position. Whether he is playing his position as keeper each fortnight, or out on the field scoring goals for his team, he is giving his all to the job at hand.

Ryan C - Mr Reliable. Ryan is one of those players that no matter where you put him, he would build his position and come through with the goods. Ryan is always keen to be on the field and having a go no matter where the coach positioned him.

Ryan S - The Wingman. Ryan always played a solid position out on the wing. Ryan would be there to back the boys up and take the ball for a run. It must go with the name as he could always be relied upon to get in on play when it needed to happen.

To the boys - it was an enjoyable year coaching and managing you all. To see you all grow not only in your positions on the field, but also into young men. Seeing the light at the end of the tunnel and realising what you all needed to do to get there. The Under 12/1's really came together the second half of the season and it was a privilege to be a part of your Saturdays and seeing you all grow in your sport.

Also a big thank you to the parents for making our jobs easy by getting the boys to their training and games on time. The ongoing commitment during the season when changes to training or games occurred, our parents just did and ensured the boys were where they needed to be.
WELL DONE BOYS!

UNDER 12 DIVISION 3

Coach: **Nestor PENNA**

Manager: **Alice BULLIVANT**



UNDER 12 DIVISION 5

Coach: **Renee WHITEHOUSE**

Manager: **Trish SIMPSON**

'Recipients of Encouragement Award'



UNDER 13 DIVISION 1

Coach: **George CALVAR**

Manager: **Christine HOSKINS**

This has been an awesome year as manager for the Under 13's, I have certainly loved helping George and the boys with their game days.

The boys have always had a huge respect for George and you can tell they enjoy their training and playing for such a coach.

The boys have all gelled amazingly this year, took a bit at the beginning but having no reserves for the most of the year they had become stronger and I think the fittest team on the field because of it!!

George has had a lot of patience with their injuries, Luke having a month in Jordan and the odd sick child so reserves were very rare, George would say, "that's life and we will train on and play on without a full team"! His great attitude has pushed these boys through to third spot giving them an opportunity in the Semi's.

A huge thanks to the parents who came every week and supported their boys, it was always a great cheer squad... they also made my job so easy such a great bunch of parents, you guys rock!

It was certainly bad luck that we didn't make the next round, but the boys should all be proud of their season this year and so should Coach.

Thanks again George for all your support and commitment.

Christine Hoskin



UNDER 13 DIVISION 2

Coach: **Craig LOWE**

Manager: **Jason McMANUS**



UNDER 13 DIVISION 4

Coach: **Nunzio ANGELONI**

Manager: **Skye MARTIN/Mark HALE**

After a promising start to the year winning our trial games, the boys were off to a positive start to the year.

Our enthusiasm and commitment was positive after great results in the pre-season trials. Our first 2 season matches were extremely challenging as we were faced with the top 2 teams back to back in round 1 & 2.



Our enthusiasm and commitment never waned, however, our confidence suffered as a result of the 2 big losses. Nerves saw us starting each game from then onwards with a shaky first half and a great improvement in the second half of every game.

As the year progressed, the improvement in the whole team was very noticeable. As the second round kicked off the boys gained confidence. They gave the leaders a tough fought win in comparison to the results in round 1. From there we were able to string together some great results and the confidence continued to grow.

Unfortunately starting the season with only 12 players was going to be a big problem and going down to 11 only made things more difficult. The boys ended up playing many games with only 9 players, and in other games having to borrow players from the U11's and U12's.

Thank you to U11's and U12's for providing players when we needed them. They were a real help during this time and they assimilated well into the team immediately.

By the end of the season, the improvement in each player was outstanding. Also commendable was the way that many of the boys played out of position, but they did it for the team. Even though they played the new positions reluctantly, they did it willingly to support the team as needed. This is so important when playing team sports. They did it to help the team and their team mates.

Well done boys, I'm so proud of each of you and I hope you continue to love playing soccer. Come back next season ready for new challenges and even better results.

UNDER 14 DIVISION 1

Coach: **Chris SYMON**

Manager: **Kerrie STALLARD**



UNDER 15 DIVISION 4

Coach: **Mick GEIRHOS**

Manager: **Mel CHRISTENSEN**

‘Recipients of Most Goals Scored Award’



UNDER 16 DIVISION 1

Coach: **Andrew HOOPER/Ned TEPSIC**

Manager: **Jenni HOOPER**



This season was always going to be a challenge for our team. Coming from Div 2 Undefeated Minor Premier Grand Final winners last year to Div 1 was going to test these boys. With the majority of players being from last year's Div 2 team they knew it wasn't going to be easy.

Welcoming a couple of Parklea Div 1 players from last year into the team we had to form new combinations. In taking the full 16 playing roster wasn't easy to keep continuity on the field but was the right thing to do.

So with us up against it from the start the boys had to "Believe" in themselves and to train hard. They were asked to set themselves a realistic goal for the year – they wanted to make the semis and grab 4th position.

With a few games under their belt they were realising that they could be competitive and really started to want to win. Our goal keeper Jacob really got a year of being tested and performed outstandingly as did our backline and to be honest they were solid all year.

A combination of wins draws and losses kept us in reach of semis. It was such a fantastic effort and feeling to come to the final game against the undefeated Riverstone team knowing anything but a loss would see us make the semis. It was at that moment when I realised how proud of the boys I was and what they had achieved. Win lose or draw they had achieved more than many had expected.

But it wasn't to be missing out on the Semi's by 1 point. Yes 1 point. We reflected back on the year and felt that there were opportunities against top sides where we could have snared that point. Unfortunately the competition draw was against us seeing us play the leading team 3 times and others making the semi's not having to.

So my reflection on the year is one where I watched players who stepped up last year step up again to a new level. They may not have achieved their goal but little do they realise how successful they have been in many ways than just on the field. They represented their peers, their families and their club with true professionalism and were a great example of a team.

I would like to thank all my boys for a great year. In particular I would like to thank my assistant coach Ned Tepsic. Ned was always great with helping at training and the games making my job easier. Ned's input was equal and he was respected by the boys. We really made a great team. I would also like to thank my wife Jenni for managing the team once more and dealing with the cards, team sheets, referee money and the other teams managers was fantastic. Jenni made it easy for me to concentrate on the game. Thank you Ned and Jenni.

Once again well done boys and thanks for a great year.

Regards

Andrew Hooper

UNDER 12 GIRLS DIVISION 1

Coach: **Jonathan TAM**

Manager: **Kirsten FLATLEY**

What an exciting year of football for the Under 12 Girls!

This was our first year of playing for league points and it certainly created a strong team bond. Early in the season, the team agreed their goal was to make the top 4 - and they did it! They trained hard and played well every week.

We had a few new players to PSFC this year - Caitlyn, Mollie, Jemma, Teneal, Chloe and Kate. Our returning players not only welcomed them, but made sure they their experience and skills played a role in our team.



A few special mentions - Jacquie's fancy footwork and 1v1 master class, Rhiannah's team playing ability and lightning feet, Jemma's speed out wide that beat them all, Kate's 'never say die' attitude, Emma's commitment and determination across the midfield, Chloe's defence and 'up the line' passes, Teneal's trusted strike at goal, Ashleigh's left edge passing and defence, Stella's 'hang in there' defending and toughness, Caitlyn's long passing and team spirit, Mollie's speed and passing game, Olivia's control with the ball at her feet, Erin's 'brick wall' defence and long kick, and of course, we all know good goalkeepers are to find.... but Phoebe truly has shone from the goal mouth this year, big smiles and yellow gloves to match her ability and grit.

The most satisfying part about this team is their attitude - every player turned up to training ready to go, every player turned up to the game to put in their best effort. Well done girls!

Thanks and praise to the parents and family supporters around our team - all of them have helped out where they could, made sure the girls were at training and games and most importantly, cheered them on from the sidelines.

Lastly, thanks goes to our team manager, Kirsten. Her 'behind the scenes' efforts on game days, keeping our playing kit clean, even memorising the girls' playing numbers and working with our players at training has been brilliant! Thank you Kirsten.

We've all had a great year and I honestly look forward to our next season together.

Jonathan

UNDER 14 GIRLS DIVISION 1

Coach: Haydn GRAHAM/Peter KEETCH

Manager: Gabrielle SEGAVCIC

'Best Female Team Award'



The girls achieved a brilliant end to the year is understating their achievement in winning their Grand Final! To start their year training with two teams not knowing each week who was playing where, then the unfortunate problem for both teams in not having enough reserves made them more resilient to hard work than we all imagined. To ask some of the girls to learn new positions, change our style of play halfway through the competition is hard enough to teach but to play without reserves or be short for a third of the season and still win games shows they have a tenacity to achieve what they can and still have fun doing what they love.

Probably lucky for a few state cup teams that the day our girls lost was a day when more than half the team was injured or sick and they still battled on playing short of players but were gracious to the opposition when defeated.

Another highlight of the year was the duel with our arch rival team the Ponds! Having been beaten twice by the Ponds was not something our girls were happy about, so we set about working on a game plan that we thought would beat this well organised football team in the grand final. We knew our girls had been there before and were mentally tough but even we didn't realise what a game they were to play! When you ask your girls to give it all your heart and soul on game day

and they followed the game plan to a tee just gives you the best feeling in the world as coaches. (Hayden can sleep soundly now as he has been waiting two years for the monkey off his back ha-ha !)

The girls are an absolute pleasure to train even though they talk a lot. They are very attentive and fun at training even though they talk a lot. They have also become a close nit team playing with each other for a couple of years now even though they talk a lot, always cheering each other on when one of them did something special which is a pleasure to watch – even though they talk a lot !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Our job as coaches was made easier by having such a wonderful group of parents supporting their children. You cannot have a successful season without good parent support and our parents turned up rain, hail or shine every week cheering our girls on, thank you so much.

Last but not least I would like to say what a pleasure it was for me to co – coach with Hayden for all of his enthusiasm and skills training that he organised each week at training. Always a lot of fun over-thinking what we were going to do each week and on game day, and Gabby for doing that thankless job of managing – you are a natural at it! You always knew when to hand out the sugar lollies when the stress levels were up !!! The job was made to look easy and you did it so efficiently, from all of us – thankyou – a pleasure to communicate with you on the sidelines.

To the girls – Holly, Issi, Jemma, Bella D., Paige, Olivia, Tara, Keely, Bella, Tahlia, Mikayla & Alyssa, we would like to say what a fantastic group of girls you are and be proud of your achievements & commitment to the sport this year. We were proud to be your coaches this year.



UNDER 14 GIRLS DIVISION 2

Coach: **Mik CARRARO/Barbara BUSH-BAKON** Manager: **Sophie LEVACK**

‘Most Improved Team Award’



Players: Tiger-Lee Harrison, Monika Bakon, Abigail Gyles, Eloise McPherson, Chenille Dawes, Jayda West, Charlotte Levack, Mia Hinton, Mashal Barez, Tamara Isaac, Tamika McFadyen, Rachael McDermott and Tanaya Nagy

The U14 girls started the season combined with both division 1 and 2 teams under the same coaches and training structure due to a shortage of players to make 2 full teams.

Eventually, at round 6 we finally had a full squad ready to go. 13 girls, 5 who had played before. Yep, 13 of them. And once, yes at one point of the season, we had all 13 of them together.

So who in their right mind would take a bunch of 12, 13 & 14 year olds who showed exceptional skills in talking, socialising and to begin with, absolutely no idea about the game of football. I did, and I enjoyed every single minute of it.

The majority of these girls were raw. No idea, but they knew that the ball has to go into the opposition net to win. No idea on how to receive, position, pass or even shoot. We started with basic training drills. I thought this would be a good starting point. Basic passing, 5 to 10 metres apart. Nope... balls flew everywhere. Some a good 40 metres away. Coincidentally, right near where the premis boys were training.

So we moved training areas, and slowly, each week there was improvement. Then the results started to show. We started winning games, pushing the top teams, and slowly making ground on the top 4.

Eventually, these girls could knock a ball around in a very compressed area. With total control. For a limited amount of time. Until they got bored. Or a puppy turned up. Or one of them had a question about my personal life. Usually the later.

What we had though, was a group of players who turned up twice a week to training. Whether they did this to learn football or to get out of homework was not for me to decide. It certainly wasn't because they enjoyed running. There wasn't much of that. Or intensity. But they kept on turning up. Every, single night.

On the field was different. The magic of the white line. Intensity and effort suddenly appeared! The training drills were being applied on the field. Things were coming together. I think we went on a 7 match streak undefeated. Semi-final football was now a possibility. We needed to win the last game to sneak into 4th spot.

Unfortunately, it wasn't our day that day. But to see the determination in this bunch in the last round really stood out to me. To be involved with this squad, who really didn't have their odds in their favour at the beginning of the year to even be a chance of making semi's is, and will always be one of my personal football highlights for as long as I am involved with this game.

Apart from the improvement, both individually and as a squad. I was able to witness 13 young ladies grow mentally. There is no denying, this squad has a vast array of personalities. Each one of them grew in different ways. I witnessed these girls grow confidence, discipline, friendships, camaraderie, even aggression! All because of the game of football.

I must thank my sidekicks in this squad who provided much assistance when dealing with 14 year old girls. Sophia, our manager who made sure everybody knew when and where we were playing. Barbara, for being a noisy pain in the backside on the bench, and who does her best work behind the bin. And Josie, who pretty much kicked the girls into gear and gave them motivation when they were a bit lazy and my voice wouldn't work. So pretty much all of the time.

Girls, I sincerely hope you all continue playing football. You can all play. It's up to you now about how good you want to be at it.

Mik

UNDER 16 GIRLS DIVISION 1

Coach: **Trevor WILLIAMS**

Manager: **Dionne JOHNSTON**



I am writing this report less than 24 hours after our semi-final loss to Quakers Hill – a game that I will long remember as one of the most courageous displays I have ever seen on a sporting field. But more on that later....

To say this was a year of ups and downs is an understatement! At the start of the season we had a few girls coming back from last years grand final winning U16's team, 9 new teammates joining them, and to top that off a new coach (me) and a new manager (Dionne). It took a while for us all to get to know each other, for the girls to learn how to play the formations I had given them, as well as learning to play together as a team. And early on after a few tough weeks there was plenty of discussion on whether we were good enough, how would we go. One game into the season and we loose one of our most experienced players, but we deal with that, start playing better football and slowly but surely we started to get things right. When one player comes back, we then loose another veteran, this time for the season, yet we battle on, get better and things start to come together. In the second half of the season we reduce our goals conceded by half, and triple our goals for. We become a very competitive football team, we are very hard to beat, we take it to the competition leaders, and suddenly the potential that was in this team from the beginning comes to the fore. And in the last game of the season, sitting fourth overall and needing a win or a draw, the girls put on their best performance of the season and book their place in the finals.

And that brings us to our final game against the competition front-runners, Quakers Hill Juniors. As things would have it we are once again up against it, with injury and illness reducing us to 11 players – no problem, we been here before and played it tough. Once again, as we had done for our last few games we started strong, and then 12 minutes into the game it happens (and those who were there know what I am talking about) and we are down to 10 players for the rest of the game. What we witnessed from this team for the next hour will stay with me forever – down 1 - 0 from a direct penalty, this courageous group held our their opponents for all but the last 30

seconds of the game, only conceding the second goal when we had nothing left in the tank. Injured players got back up, we chased every ball, backed each other up, played busted, and I am sure our opponents were wondering what they needed to do to finish us off. And whilst the stats will show we ended up on the wrong side of a 2-0 loss, those who were there will tell of a group of players who never gave up, who played for each other until they could play no more, and for me this game showed everyone how far we had come.

We shed some tears together, we talked about our game, and with our parents and supporters and consoled ourselves and then celebrated one hell of a season!

It's hard to put to words the pride I felt, and still feel, as I watched this team run around. And despite the frustrations of getting everyone to training and games, mobile 'phone debates and a few blow-ups, I feel privileged to have been involved with this group of players. Thank you Shannon, MP, Abby, Haley, Murph, Maddie, Sophie, Romana, Steph, Mezz, Levenia, Amber and Issy – you have all developed as footballers this year, but more important you all stuck it out, and played for each other. I am so proud of you all – thank you

I would also like to thank Dionne, our manager, for her hard work and for listening too me rant on and for keeping me under control all year. And to all our parents and supports who turned up, even when it was hard to watch – THANK YOU. Your support of us as a team has never waived, and without you we couldn't put this team on the park each week.

Also a big shout out to the hardworking volunteers on our committee who turn up every week to make our club run, especially our Junior VP Darren Thompson. Many don't know the time and effort you put in so our kids can get on the park every week – thank you too.

I truly hope all of this squad return to play Parklea in 2017 and lets see if we can go one better next year.

One very proud coach!



UNDER 16 GIRLS DIVISION 2

Coach: **Phil BOPF**

Manager: **Pauline UNDERWOOD**

THIS WAS THE SEASON THAT WAS.

THERE WAS plenty of hope and much excitement as the 16/2 girls gathered for the start of a new season. Expertly marshalled under the watchful eye of ace coach Phil 'I need more effort' Bopf, the team included plenty of familiar faces and some fresh blood to spice things up a little. With 14 players in the squad, it was hoped we'd be able to put a full team on the pitch every week and give a good account of ourselves.



Despite a defeat to Doonside in our opening game, there were encouraging signs in the second half and things looked brighter still when we won our second 9-0 and (briefly) topped the league. Confidence was high and the team had already started to gell, with training nights well attended and plenty of laughter to be heard among the girls...when they weren't being shouted at by Phil!

It soon became clear, however, that the season ahead was going to be a tough one, given we were up against clubs that hadn't fielded a team in the 16/1's. This meant our girls were up against the best players in their age group in the opposing clubs, many of whom had obviously played together for many years and had developed a wider range of skills.

Yet despite this, and in the face of superior opposition, our team never once threw in the towel – a testament to their character and their enjoyment in playing together. Indeed, with a bit of luck we would have given the top teams like Kings Langley and Minchinbury a run for their money, but it just wasn't to be our year. (Indeed, but for an unfortunate own goal, we may well have beaten KL – the eventual division champions – the first time we played them). Still, the girls tried their hearts out and in every game were a credit to the club, their coach and their parents.

Special thanks to Phil for his dedication and commitment to the team, to Pauline Underwood (manager) for being 'second mum' to the girls, and the parents for continuing to cheer even when the cause looked lost. It was an absolute pleasure to be part of the 16/2 experience this year and we wish all the players the very best for their future, whether that be in football or elsewhere.

SENIOR FOOTBALL

Over 16+



UNDER 20 DIVISION 2

Coach: **Ali BESISO/Brad MEDANA/Chris HOLDEN** Manager: **Jodie HOLMES**



UNDER 20 DIVISION 3

Coach: **Cameron ANDERSON/Nick TAYLOR**

Manager: **Anne O'NEILL**



UNDER 20 DIVISION 4

Coach: **Jas SINGH**

Manager: **Joseph RAJA**

It's that time of the year again, where winter season has come to a close. It's definitely been a 'challenging' season for Joseph & I, however a great experience with a 'unique' bunch of young men.

We played our Semi Finals against Rooty Hill at the Minchinbury Oval. I tell you those boys played their hearts out giving 110% dedicated to win. At the end of first half, over-all the boys passed well, gave early balls, our defence marked tight & our communication throughout the game improved. We scored our first goal & we had some great chances to score again!

During second half it was a very tough game and the boys proved they weren't going down without a fight! Getting tired and running out of energy... but they kept pushing until the match was over.



In the past we lost to Rooty Hill by a number of goals. The boys at Rooty Hill were older & more experienced in this division. My boys were U16/2's last season, so to jump into a larger age group & all with very different skill levels & experience, it was quite challenging.

At the end of second half, my boys lost 2-1. Their heads went slightly down, however need I remind them 'winning isn't everything, the will to win is everything', which they had successfully proved. Making it to the Semi Final is an achievement on its own!

Team work is very important, and something Joseph & I had been working with the boys since we both joined this team. At ages between 16 & 18, you can understand how difficult it can be. But we remind ourselves 'coming together is a beginning, keeping together is progress & working together is success'. Well I can confidently say the last 7 years together has been a highlight of my life, dedicating myself to these young men every Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday & I haven't regretted it one bit.

A number of the boys will be moving on next year, some wanting to play with new friends, some dedicating themselves to study &/or work, and some trying new sports. Will we have team for next season? At this stage I don't know – only time will tell. However, what-ever journey these young men decide, I wish them all the best & I trust they will make the right decision & what's best for them.

Lastly, it's not just a soccer team, some have become family, and most have become great friends.

It's been a pleasure coaching you all & see you at end of season BBQ!

Yours in football,

Jas Singh
Coach

ALL AGE MEN DIVISION 1

Coach:

Manager:

Andrew VAUX

ALL AGE MEN DIVISION 3 RED

Coach:

Manager:

Lauren BURKE

This year started off with a bang, players keen and enthusiastic to take the field. There was a bit of a rocky first few games as we found our feet and got to know how the other players moved around on the field.

Unfortunately we had a few players leave our team which left us short. The boys stepped up their game and played hard to cover the missing players.

We were very thankful to have fill in players where available. With all the commotion throughout the year the boys pulled together and never gave up which showed in the end as we were not last on the ladder. Well done boys.



ALL AGE MEN DIVISION 3 WHITE

Coach:

Manager:

Peter WHITEHURST/Brad McCARTHY



ALL AGE MEN DIVISION 5

Coach:

Manager:

John BALOUT



ALL AGE MEN DIVISION 6

Coach:

Manager:

Damian ROGERS



ALL AGE MEN DIVISION 8

Coach:

Manager:

John HARTSHORNE

The season that could have been. Started off with four us registered a couple of weeks out from trials. Christos was good enough to ring around and get some numbers as did young Shai who besides adding a bit of cheekiness also brought a team of plumbers in to bolster the ranks.

Come round 3 the initial 4 had turned into 16. A good mix of talent across the park and a good bunch of guys. Mixed results throughout the season, kept up with the eventual Grand Final winners in a hard fought loss early

On and throughout showed glimmers of the potential that we possessed. Unfortunately due to injuries and other commitments it was hard to get the full compliment on the pitch and In-turn string consistent performances together.

Special mention to Dave, Luke and Max who rain hail or shine turned up and even stood between the posts when no one else would, they were always willing to put the team first.

Fitzy was all class up front and took out the Golden boot. Francis weaved his magic in the midfield and Benny always brought a smile to everyone's faces with his banter.

Thanks to everyone for a season that was not without its ups and downs but was enjoyable all the same.

ALL AGE MEN DIVISION 9

Coach: **Nick ARDHILL**

Manager: **Cathy ARDHILL**



ALL AGE LADIES DIVISION 1

Coach: **Darren HOLMES/Luke RYAN**

Manager: **Jodie HOLMES**



ALL AGE LADIES DIVISION 2

Coach: **Kristy HOPE**

Manager: **Tina SARIC**

‘Senior Team of the Year Award’



2016 was an amazing and tough year for the Parklea AAL/2 team, initially having no proper Coach to guide the team at the start of the season.

Players Kristy Hope and Valentina Saric stepped up to be the team's Coach and Manager, with the help of Dean Clarke as Assistant Coach. The team supported itself at training and games, worked together cohesively to be a success.

This was also the first year all the ladies had ever played together. Starting off the season at the bottom of the ladder we struggled with numbers, playing the first few matches of the season with no reserves. As time went on we got more recruits and landed ourselves with a full squad of 16 players. There were a number of injuries throughout the season, but every player tried their hardest to pull through.

We had a strong line of defence, including players Shayal Singh as Sweeper, Pamela Arguedas, Loren Bathurst, Mia Peisley, Laura Woolley, Taylor Rossiter and Jessie Hepburn as the Fullbacks. Our Keeper was Stephanie Murphy, making numerous excellent saves in the season, especially during the Grand Final. In our resilient Midfield we had team Captain Jessica Zoricic, Kristy Hope and Valentina Saric. The Strikers who never gave up were Rachelle Zoricic, Eloise Lynn, Nicole

Surma, Julia Lind and Shannon Jackson. Of course when it needed to be done, the team's positions were changed to improve our game.

The year started off slow, but once the team got its momentum we were on a winning streak for the rest of the season bringing us to the top of the ladder. Unfortunately due to injuries and illness we lost 2 of our last three games, resulting in us losing our 1st place position and sitting at 3rd at the end of the final round. We were up against the Minchinbury Jets in the 2 v 3 Semi-Final, which is the team we were tied equal first with for a half of the season. Working hard, playing to feet, creating great opportunities, and great saves we remained strong and won 2-0, both goals in the second half of the match.

Our Grand Final was against the Glenwood Redbacks, a team we had always had difficulty with during the season. The top 3 on the ladder were always close. However after a nail biting, intense and very tough game against them in the Grand Final, the Parklea Ladies prevailed in a fantastic match, with full support from friends, family and the Club. As a team that has come a long way we are finally the AAL Div 2 2016 Champions! Congratulations to the team on their amazing win, season and success!



ALL AGE LADIES DIVISION 3

Coach: **Harry GOUGH**

Manager: **Nicola GOUGH**



OVER 35/5 MEN

Coach:

Manager:

Chris SYMON

OVER 35/6 MEN

Coach:

Trevor WILLIAMS

Manager:

Anna PANAYI

OVER 30 LADIES RED

Coach:

John GOUGH

Manager:

Dale McSHANE

OVER 30 LADIES WHITE

Coach: **John GOUGH**

Manager: **Sue KING**



This team is new to each other this year, with only a hand full of remaining players left from last year's team. We welcomed many new members, some who were completely new to soccer, or many just had not played in a long time.

It was a fantastic journey learning about each other and gelling together as a team. Our results speak loudly for the improvement this team has made over the competition weeks. We started off with some very high scores against us at the beginning, but as we became a "team", we were able to turn this around and hold many of the top teams to a draw or very low scoring wins, sometimes shaving off over 10 points from our first meeting results.

Unfortunately we did not have many wins ourselves, but our girls were never discouraged by this at all. We were always so happy with our improvements and team growth, which far out shadowed the actual score lines.

We started out the season with a small team sheet, playing some of our earlier games short on players, but the team grew a little more each week with additions, but then came some injuries (and holidays) and most of our games were played with none or small amount of substitutes available. The girls always dug deep with effort, endurance and comradeship. Not one person on this team ever threw the towel in and gave up on a single game.

I have never seen a team bond like this one. The support and genuine care for each other has really been unbelievable. It was always a weekly meal together after the game and a few drinks,

and many other social events together with partners and kids also, we became a family unit! The growth in friendship was a pivotal part in our development as a team. It would be unfair to single out any players, as each player has improved or contributed at incredible levels. To give a run down of our team is as follows:

Renee - The soda pop of the team, full of effervescence, always running (and laughing). Huge advances in skill level throughout the season.

Barbara - Our matriarch of the team, with more energy, fitness and fight than anyone else. Always has good advice and improvements to suggest.

Tracey - The runner that never stops. Never, ever! Came to us with lots of skill and determination and was a good, steady member of the side.

Suzanne - First year playing, she was a bit scared at first, but skills developed quick as she was very committed to training.

Jackie - The quiet achiever. She was moved between mids and backs, but always put on a good show and a reliable member.

Amanda - Great dependable player in the back, but surprised as with her big boot up front too. Always makes the team feel safe when in defence.

Alison - The flash on the wing. Good speed always, but it's her ball skills that have improved out of this world. Her soccer capabilities have amplified.

Elizabeth - The lady we look to for good laughs, good questions and inspiration. We also look at her to score our goals! Huge improvements throughout the season.

Kirsten - We only had her for a short time, but the most appreciated addition to our team.

Alicia G - Always reliable, always ready, always willing to go wherever, and always talking! Big advances every week in perfecting her position.

Sue - Our rock! On and off the field! Behind every great team is a great manager. Not only a great manager but our saviour in defence.

Lauren - What a force to come against in the middle. Her speed and skills are awesome! Great late addition to our team.

Joanne - The hustle and haste on the wing. Her ball abilities have improved so much, especially evading the oppositions tackles.

Alicia Y - The pocket rocket in the middle who wears herself out more than anything else does. Been such a great advisor for the squad. Great late addition to our team.

We have had such a enjoyable year with some good soccer and huge improvements as a team and individually. It was all donelaughing and having fun.

We will certainly be a team to watch next year.

Sue King

PREMIER LEAGUE SQUAD

Coach: **Maurice KRENICH**

Manager: **Christos PANAYI**



A new chapter has begun this year at Morgan Power with our Elite squad. With more than 65% of the 2015 squad not returning, this year was going to be the beginning of our rebuilding phase.

It gives me great pleasure to say that the rebuilding has gone better than expected. The squad has bonded exceptionally well and have contributed to a positive season. The morale is very good and there is a good balance of youth and experience. Simply put, this is a really good bunch of guys who play for each other. We were very unlucky this year not finishing in the finals in first grade. We missed out by 1 point. Our 20s made it into the finals and were unlucky to bow out in the elimination final. Our form coming into the finals was excellent and I think we could have gone all the way if we made it in. I would like to congratulate all the boys on way they have played the game this year. Their conduct on and off the field was exemplary.

I would also like to say a huge thanks to Maurice who was faced with the huge task of coaching all three teams. This is no easy feat but Maurice managed to do a tremendous job. He had the boys playing some good football. Well done Mozza! You fostered a really good communication link between the players and yourself.

Also thanks to our Water Hydration Technician, George 'The Mattador' Calvar for all his efforts throughout the season. His commitment to the team was massive!!!

To all the parents and partners of the players thanks for your continued support throughout the season. To the players once again well done and let's hope we can come back next year better and stronger!!!

