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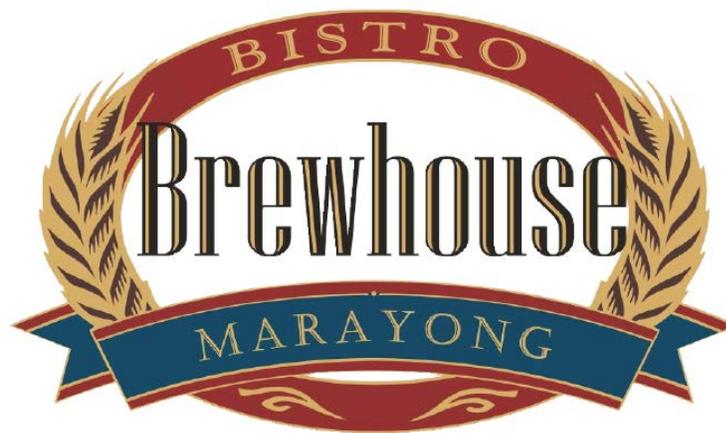
YEAR IN REVIEW

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT



The 2017 successful season marks the continuous stellar growth of PSFC with just over 900 registered players, making up 83 teams.

This makes PSFC the largest club in the BDSFA and one of the largest Junior Football Clubs in NSW. PSFC fields teams in practically all of the BDSFA groups and divisions including:

- * U5, U6, U7, U8, U9, U10, U11 & U12 Age Groups (Boys & Girls Combined)
- * U13, U14, U16 & U20 Age Groups For Young Men
- * Junior Women, including U13, U14 & U16
- * Senior Women, including All-Age Divisions & Under 20s and Over 30's
- * Senior Men including Prems, AA & Over 35's

PSFC encourages male and female participation at all levels of our game. We have over 200 registered female players, making PSFC the biggest in the BDSFA and the GDSFA for Women's Football.

PSFC take pride in all of our team's efforts and enjoy watching our players have fun whilst they develop their skills and reach their highest potential in football. We share their love of football and celebrate their remarkable achievements in 2017.

Congratulations to the following teams for their consistent high-performance throughout the season to achieve the following:

2017 Minor Premiers: U14/1, O30W/1, O35/5
2017 Premiers: U16G/2, U20G/2, O30W/2 red
2017 Runners Up: Premier First Grade, AA2, AA3

Excellent work by O30W/1 for qualifying for the Football NSW Champion of Champions competition. Their narrow quarter final defeat will provide valuable experience and lessons which will make them stronger for next season's campaign.

Improvement of the club's facilities and services continues with a slight upgrade of the home change rooms during the off season. The most noticeable "facility" enhancement is the new PSFC website. It represents our club philosophy: Friendly, Family-Oriented and Community Focused. It is one of the most comprehensive websites in the junior football arena with a presence on Facebook and Instagram. It is ultra-friendly, easy to understand and effortless to

navigate on all platforms including smartphones, tablets, laptops and pcs. Above all, the website content is regularly updated to cover interesting and current news regarding all issues that are relevant to the PSFC "community". We encourage everyone to utilize this effective communication medium.

PSFC is totally operated by volunteers consisting of the committee, coaches, managers, parents, family members and other stakeholders. The Club exists, runs and flourishes due to their planning, dedication, and self-less and tireless efforts.

We thank each and every one of our volunteers who make "everything happen" each week.

PSFC presents two awards annually to our much-appreciated volunteers. A third award is decided upon by the management committee and is presented at the annual BDSFA dinner:

Club Person of the Year – David Quitto
President's Award – George Calvar
BDSFA Club Person of the Year – Michael Juillerat

We would like to express our gratitude to our Sponsors for their steadfast commitment and support of PSFC throughout the season.

We also thank the BDSFA. The actions from Glen and the BDSFA board is truly something special.

Lastly, we thank the Referees, Council and other Clubs for ensuring players enjoyed football as much as possible during the 2017 season.

We would like to announce our 2018 Executive Committee consisting of:

President – Michael Carraro
Senior Vice President – Christos Panayi
Junior Vice President – George Calvar
Honorary Secretary – David Quitto
Honorary Treasurer – Anne O'Neill
Registrar – Lisa Reeves
Grassroots Coordinator – Michael Juillerat
Competition Secretary – Vanessa Joyner

We wish everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and a wonderful summer. We look forward to seeing you back at PSFC in 2018.

Michael Carraro
President
Parklea Soccer Football Club

2017 PARKLEA SFC COMMITTEE



Executive Committee

President:	Mik Carraro
Senior Vice President:	Christos Panayi
Junior Vice President:	Mik Carraro
Grassroots Coordinator:	Michael Juillerat
Secretary:	David Quito
Treasurer:	Anne O'Neill
Registrar:	Lisa Reeves
Competition Secretary:	Nicole Mantarro

Management Committee

Assistant Grassroots:	Danielle Hancock
Assistant Secretary:	Paul Battikha
Assistant Registrar:	Vanessa Joyner
Canteen Manager:	John McShane
Assistant Canteen Manager:	Tracey Pender
Publicity Officer:	Christos Panayi
Events Coordinator #1:	Kristy Hope
Revenue Coordinator:	Darren Hoefsmit
MPIO:	Anna Panayi
General Members:	Natalie Buccini, Barbara Bush-Bakon Sarah Saville, Josie Hope and John Gough



Team Awards

Grassroots Team of the Year	7 Kookaburras
Small Sided Team of the Year	10 Kookaburras
Junior Team of the Year	16G/2s
Senior Team of the Year	Premier League Squad
Best Female Team	16G/2s
Team with Most Scored Goals	O30L/2 Red
Team Conceded Least Number of Goals	O30L/2 Red

Individual Awards

Steven Tripiciano Award	Joel Hoskins & Ryan Hoefsmit
Coach of the Year	Maurice Krenich
Manager of the Year	Janice Calleja
President's Award	George Calvar
Club Person of the Year	David Quitto
PSFC Service Award	Paul Battikha
PSFC Service Award	Kristy Hope
Junior Goalkeeper of the Year Award	Nathan Clarke
Senior Goalkeeper of the Year Award	Shannon Williams
BDSFA Club Volunteer Award	Michael Juillerat



Ages 5 to 7

MINIROOS



5 KOOKABURRAS

Coach: Gavin Roffey

Manager: Stephanie Roffey

Players: Marko Bajkanovic, Julian Cowan, Cash Roffey, Jayden Ryan, Cooper Scruse and Jeremiah-Xyndel Tatupu.

It was clear from the start they were going to do fantastic throughout the season. The team was wonderful and everyone was onboard from the start. The boys became friends right from the beginning, looking forward to playing with the whole team every Saturday. This was clear when any of the players would score a goal; every player took delight in celebrating with hugs and high fives as if they had scored themselves!

All the boys wanted to do at training was run and run and run. They dribbled, kicked and played games. The favourite was at the end of training playing mud monsters and soccer bowling. Everyone tried to get a strike knocking over all the milk bottles, it would last well past training had finished.

Somewhere along the way the team name was changed from kookaburras to “The Kickaburras” which will continue as all the team decided to play summer soccer together.

A big thank you to all the parents for all their help game leading and all the support throughout the year.

A big big thank you to the boys for making it such an enjoyable first season.

Gavin and Stefanie.



5 ECHIDNAS

Coach: Qas Akhtar

Manager: Ginnie Akhtar/Alicia Duffy

Players: Declan Akhtar, Angus Blackburn, Lochlan Duffy, Tahlia Elias, Cooper MacLaren, Brody Williams, Annabel Vaux.



Well a lot of fun was had by all this season as the kids got to know each other really well and started getting to grips with the whole idea of soccer. Training was well attended and all of the kids showed they enjoyed running around with the ball and improving their kicking and running with the ball.

By the end of the season they were starting to get the hang of the matches, and it was really pleasing to watch all of them going for little runs with the ball and showing some of those skills, which I'm sure will only get better as they get older.

All the unique little characteristics came out through the season, and gave us so many comedy moments. Gus and Lochy camping out in the goals. Declan doing his impression of a human dynamo. Tahlia on a mission to engage each and every person in conversation and hugs. Annabel starting her own



hairdressing salon in the centre circle. Cooper smiling his way through games, and Brody happy to join in any soccer match he happened to be walking past.

Brilliant.

Hopefully the parents also had fun, particularly in the kids versus parent's game at the end of the season, which was a real highlight.

As it turns out most of the kids will be starting kindergarten together next year at Kings Langley, so this has been a wonderful way to make some friends in advance.

Great season!



5 KANGAROOS

Coach: Daniel Morris

Manager: Emma Faulkner

The under 5 Kangaroos have enjoyed a season which has seen each child improve their individual skill set, and develop a preference. Whether their preference was the flashy goal scorer, the defensive back, or the hearty midfielder each one of our children played as a team.

Many thanks to coach Morris, and assistance coach Matt for always being ready on game day and all of the parents for volunteering whether that meant canteen/ BBQ duty or on game day as a referee you all have made the year go smoothly.



It has been a pleasure to watch every one of our team improve over the course of the season.

And lastly thanks a billion to Alexis, Zac, Sammy, Hayden, Aaron, Will and Marshall for always giving 100% each game We cannot wait to see how you develop over the next few seasons.



5 WHALES

Coach: Matthew Vitalone/David Harrison

Manager: Eleanor Harrison

What a season! It was the first season of soccer for Madison, Bidhek, Nathaniel, Lahtarnah, Braxton and Priyanth. And what a season it was!

They went from 6 little strangers to being wonderful team mates!

The season saw them learning many things from Coach Matt and Coach David. They learnt to dribbling the ball, passes, defending and to shot goals!

The encouragement the kids showed each other was amazing.

They were always cheering on one and another from the field and sidelines.

We look for to Soccer Season for 2018!!

Eleanor Harrison



6 KOOKABURRAS

Coach: David Hancock

Manager: Alissa Conklin

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

What a season we have had! I was lucky enough to have a similar playing group to last year and able to continue on with what we had learnt last season. We had a lot of fun doing that. We continued to build on our team work, dribbling, passing and running towards and shooting at 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 activity of a practice game against the 6 Echidnas to finish off the nights training.

Game days were always filled with laughter, fun and some great teamwork. The kids cheered each other on, from both off and on the field.



Isaac - your confidence has grown and you are developing great accuracy with your skills

Logan - your work at training has come on amazingly this season

Charlie - showing great teamwork and passing skills

Matty - a pocket rocket whose goal celebrations put a smile on everyones face

Oliver - great defensive skills and great tackling against much bigger opponents

Will - showing great speed and skills up front



Thank you to the parents for getting the kids to training and games and for volunteering to referee when needed (especially Scott who brought his own unique style to being a game leader).

Thank you, Alissa, for be a great manager, getting out all the relevant information and making sure the game times were sent out each week.

Lastly, thank you to the Under 6 Kookaburras for always trying your best and for being a wonderful team to coach.

Dave Hancock



6 SHARKS

Coach: Joseph Bonello

Manager: Carmen Bonello

Players: Noah, Arielle, Yuvraj, Roshan, Addison and Japjit.

2017 saw many of these kids play together for the first time, but you wouldn't have known from the amazing teamwork and sportsmanship displayed through the season.

Fast friendships were formed with training sessions developing into the kids 'social' highlight of the week as coach Joseph Bonello encouraged them to learn, grow but most importantly - laugh and have fun! Joe focused on the importance of team work, that it doesn't take 1 or 2 players to win, rather a whole team.



Playing fairly and honestly, praising and acknowledging good work while encouraging growth when needed. Ball skills, goal direction, player positioning and passing the ball. Player of the match wasn't awarded to who scored the most goals, but who tried the hardest and played the fairest that week.



Being a first-time soccer mum as well as manager, I also had a lot of learning to do, but it was made so much easier with the help of willing parents who took on the roles of ground officials and refs every week, even going as far as calling in help from other family members when needed.

So I have to say a big thankyou to our 6 Shark Family for your participation throughout the season, we should all be very proud of our amazing children 😊

Parklea SFC has been a brilliant club to be a part of and we look forward to doing it all again next season!

Carmen

6 ECHIDNAS

Coach: Johnny Richardson

Manager: Ben Boyd

This season the Under 6 echidnas have had a great time competing against all the different teams. The team has shown great sportsmanship and loved shaking hands with the opposing teams at the end of each game.

From the start of season to end of season everyone has improved in different skills from passing to their team mates to keeping control of the ball at their feet. It has been great to see each player evolve and learn new skills as well as encourage each other along. Everyone attended training and always gave it their best shot.



The team had the chance to run out on the field with the big boys and loved every minute of it.

We have had a great season together and finished on high with our gala day and disco which were both great fun. We look forward to another season together.



6 KANGAROOS

Coach: Tom Palacios

Manager: Phil/Julie Palacios

After a long and wet start to the season we finally started playing some games. We had a new team of mixed players, some who had played before and others who had never kicked a ball before. It was a pleasure to have the boys Aarav, Darius, Corbin, Samuel, Scott and Elroy to form a strong team under the watchful eye of their coach Thomas Palacios.



We had a good season and all of the boys developed skills and they all improved with their positioning. The boys all had a wonderful time and enjoyed their training nights as well. A big thank you to all of the parents and carers that came to all the training nights and games and helped with ground official, set up and BBQ duty.

Regards Phil Palacios



6 WHALES

Coach: Paul Maher

Manager: Jennifer Rice

The U6 Whales had a very fun season. For most of our players, this was their first season... We started as a team of individuals, but finished as a group of friends that were playing for each other. We learnt to spread out, pass, run with the ball at our feet, defend, and work together to score plenty of goals. Most importantly, we had fun and were good sports!



Alianah was our most determined player. Every week she showed up with a look in her eye that screamed "let me at 'em!". She has a terrific personality and it was a pleasure to have her on the team.

Dominic was our most improved player. He wasn't too sure for the first couple of games, but his reservation soon turned around when he realised that there was a 'Player of Match' trophy at stake. Dominic gave us his all. He has also developed the longest goal kick run up in the competition.

Ella was our smartest player. She's loves soccer and works hard to be the best on the field. Ella has a gift beyond her years to help her read the game, and when combined with her physical talents - she's unstoppable in attack and a rock in defense. A future Wanderer.

Kavan was our fastest player. He was great in every training session and always had his fuel of choice - pancakes - to make him explosive for every game. Kavan was a dedicated, hard-working, skilled player who expected a lot of himself and developed the skills to deliver.

Kingston was our fairest player. He loves soccer and worked hard on his skills throughout the season. He was always there to shake hands with players after the match and make sure everyone was having a good time.

Stephen was our most competitive player. Having the ball at his feet is completely natural to Stephen. He showed up to his first training session as a confident player and loved every minute he was on the field. Over the course of the season, Stephen helped everyone in the team to develop by teaching them what he knew and passing the ball often as he could. And even though we don't count goals, he could always tell you the final score.

Troy was our most gutsy player. He joined us late in the season but instantly fit into the team. Troy was always ready to play, listen and learn. It was a fantastic having him on the team. He always has a smile on his face.

It was an absolute pleasure to be involved with the team. A huge thanks to all of the players and parents for making this year a great experience for everyone involved.



6 DOLPHINS

Coach: Cal Parker

Manager: Mel Brace

Players: Jackson, Braxton, William, Jake, Indiana and Benjamin.



This group of children were such a delight to coach and manage. They loved learning new skills and looked amazing at training. They tried every week, and had lots of fun and laughter. The children always got along with each other and really tried to share the ball around where possible.



Thanks to all the parents for helping out where possible. And for a great year! We wish to see you all again next year.

6 LIONS

Coach/s: Jaspreet Singh/Matthew Thomasee
Manager: Michelle Davis-Rigoli

Players: Samabir, Seth, Aiden, Roger and Roddrick.

The under 6 Lions team has had an amazing 2017 soccer season. For many of the boys, this was their first time playing soccer, though you would not have guessed it as their skills were impressive by the end of the season.

They have had a great range of competitive games each week, some were a little easy for our boys and then they had more experienced teams to play, which was good to challenge the boys. All the boys always gave their best and never gave up, some still playing whilst they were not well.

It was great to see all the boys' soccer skills and abilities improve over the season. By the end of the season they were playing more like a team and less like little individuals, their passing and talking on field had improved and scored some good goals because of it and everyone scored a goal over the season!

Congratulations to all the boys on a great soccer season, everyone is proud of your progress and achievements throughout the season.

Thank you to all the parents for all your commitment, getting the boys to their training nights and games throughout the season. Thank you to coaches Jaspreet and Matthew for coaching the boys each Monday night in the cold and attending each game to keep them motivated, well done! A special mention to Jamie for pitching in and assisting with the management of the boys on and off the field, it was appreciated.

Keep practising those soccer skills boys, you will achieve great things!

Michelle Rigoli -
Manager



6 MAGPIES

Coach: Ashley Prior

Manager: Sateesh Babu

Players: Aryan, Mark, Sasim, Ethan, Emilio, Mahkai and Nathan.

This year the **6 Magpies** had a great season.



We had a group of boys who were new to the club and were excited and enthusiastic to play.

This was my second-year coaching but my first with this team. The boys were very well behaved and always eager to learn. Such a great group of kids and it was a pleasure to coach them.

Sateesh was our manager and having it being his first time he done a tremendous job. He made my job as coach so much easier. Thanks, Sateesh.

This year our team consisted of:

Aryan - The quiet but cheeky boy who had never played before but trained hard, always listened and gave 100% every game.

Mark - A natural talent. With sweeping runs down the sideline, scored goals and was a great competitor.

Sasim - The rock in defence. Breaking down the attack and getting forward to help his team. He was quiet at first but eventually came out of his shell.

Ethan - Had a great first year playing soccer. Scored goals for fun and will continue to develop in the next few years.

Emilio - Another fun and cheeky boy. Developed his skills over the season and got better and better every week.

Mahkai - A lovely kid with a great right foot. A excellent team player. His motto "Big kicks win big games"

Nathan - Joined us halfway through the year and always gave his best. Next year will be his time to shine.



Both Myself and Sateesh are grateful for the commitment made by the team and their families. For their consistent efforts, attending training sessions and supporting the team every weekend. We thank you for a great season and are proud of everyone's achievements.

Ash.



6 KOALAS

Coach: Chris Mumford

Manager: Belinda Havron

Our team from last year was eager to play together again, and after a rocky start Lachlan, Oliver, Finn and Spencer became the U6 Koalas! Shortly after formation we welcomed Rafael & Jackson to our team.

The boys' determination, skill and teamwork built over the season, and by our last game we were even listening to what our coach had to say.



Finn

Our super scorer.
Our left foot wonder!

He could dribble the ball all over the field, and finish with an impressive goal.

It was a pleasure to watch Finn play week in and week out.



Lachlan

His confidence on the pitch dramatically increased this year. He was a super tackler and was fantastic at being on the ball and in the thick of the action.

Lachlan always called his team mates name when playing.... Any my goodness he was fast runner.



Jackson

He was a whole year younger than the rest of the team, and he really stepped up to play with the 6-year old's.

Jacksons ball work and dribbling skills have improved and with an awesome on field presence and cheeky smile, Jackson was a valued part of our team.



Spencer

He is an awesome allrounder.

Great defender!

Can score a goal when needed.

He was enthusiastic about Soccer, and it showed when he stepped foot on the field. Well done Spen.



Oliver

He really cemented his spot as a defender of our team.

He used his size and speed to get around the opposition , and set up some beautiful passes that led to goals.

He wasn't afraid to have a go.



Rafael

He has shown so much improvement this year, he is running for the ball and is always giving it his best. He runs down the middle of the field giving support to his team mates.

He has had some great passes and kicks that have set up goals for us.

As the manager of the U6's Koalas, I would like to thank the boys for their hard work and determination that they have shown this year.

A HUGE big thank you to our coach Chris!! Your training sessions were fun and the kids learnt so much. Your game leading on the day was invaluable not only to us but to our opposition. Bring on 2018.



7 KOOKABURRAS

'GRASSROOTS TEAM OF THE YEAR'

Coach: Andrew Boulter

Manager: Sally Payne

What a year! The team had a great year with all players improving out of sight. The boys developed their team work skills and we saw lots of passing between the players. Plenty of goal scoring and celebrating by each player.

Thank you, Andrew, for coaching. Your time, energy and passion for the boys is appreciated. Also, a big thank you to Ashleigh and Alex who helped as assistant coaches and also picked up the game leader duty.

It feels like an end of an era with next year bringing a larger field, bigger team size and more rules to learn. The boys are certainly ready to take this next step. The parents are feeling like it is an end of an era knowing things will change next year. We have become a lovely, supportive, close soccer family.

Goodluck to Nicholas, Tate, Declan, Zayden, Harrison and Yuvraj. We wish you all the enjoyment in the world with your soccer journey. Always try your best, and never forget to have fun. X





7 SHARKS

Coach: Luciano Oliveira

Manager: Alicia Huppatz

Players: Joshua, Phoenix, Sash, James, Lawson and Sebastian



7 ECHIDNAS

Coach: Stuart Goodwin

Manager: Ross Leonard

Our second year together for this little team (with one addition) and what a year it was.... These boys really stepped it up this year and showed how they improved both individually and as a team.

Our Echidnas.....



HARRY - never gave up & tried hard all season!



AIDEN - brought great energy, speed & never gave up the chase.



MILES - scored some cracking goals with his left foot, just don't celebrate till it's in the net!!



JOSH - a shortened season due to a broken arm but played with determination & emotion.



ALEX - A little reluctant at the start of his first season but finished well with lots of involvement & nearly his first goal.



COHEN - Worked hard at training & in the game, with some big kicks!

Thank you to all the parents for your support & help throughout the year. Many a laugh were shared every weekend on the sideline as well as at our team bonding outings!

Much thanks and appreciation to our super coach Stuart & his trusty assistant Ross for their encouragement and often inspiring comments!

It was such a pleasure to be involved with a wonderful bunch of kids - friends on and off the field!



7 KANGAROOS

Coach: Michael Sommerton

Manager: Krysty Doherty

Well what a fantastic season for the U7 Kangaroos! A great effort by all the players ably assisted by a very efficient and organised Manager, Krysty Doherty. A special thanks to Krysty for an outstanding job throughout the season! And to Steve and Ewan who acted as Coach when I was unavailable. Of course, they let me know how much they were thrilled when the team won when they were in charge!



Each of the players tried their very best and had terrific fun which is all we ask of them.

Karas was the little "Pele" of our team, setting up or scoring many goals and is definitely a star of the future no doubt about it.

William always put in 100% effort every single game. He goes off to play Rugby League next year and we wish him the very best but I suspect he will miss playing soccer very much - he is such a great player.

Ryan was a champion! A natural talent to dribble the ball past the opposition from one side of the field to the other he is a very gifted and valued player. Well done Ryan!

Levi was the most improved throughout the season. Always eager and a straight shooter he proved to be a terrific team player with a keen eye for the goal. A great attitude Levi!

James loves playing soccer. His enthusiasm was infectious and his skill in scoring top goals was just a pleasure to watch. Keep up the great work James!

And last but not least Isaac "**Zac**", who scored a fantastic goal during the season just when his Nanna Sommo was there to see it! A great improvement every game and a sensational season mate well done!

Thank you to all the parents for their support and friendly banter. It was a terrific atmosphere at each game and it was an absolute pleasure to have been able to Coach the boys.

Mike Sommerton Coach



7 WHALES

Coach: Scott McCoy
Manager/s: Corynne Thompson/Simon Burns

What a year! At first, I was a bit reluctant and nervous about coaching but boy was I wrong. I loved it. It was great coaching a good bunch of kids and watching them improving every week. Thanks to our manager, Corynne who kept on top of everything and very well organised. She helped me through first couple of weeks when I was clueless and even taught me which way the kids run.

I would like to thank Liam, Noah's brother, for helping out and reffing a lot of the games through the season.

Noah Cash first season playing soccer and is a good little player improved week by week. Started to work well up the front passing and scoring.

Fionn Duckworth really improved with his big run ups from kick ins and really started to attack the ball and players lifting his confidence.

Toby Burns with his mini minee moes with kick ins, he is a really good defender attack the ball and players.

Skye Hession is a great little goal scorer and covering goals was all over the field.

Eli Brown full of beans great all-round player always great fun with his long-range cracks at goals.

I enjoyed coaching all the kids and had fun all year. Thanks to all parents for getting kids to training and games and supporting the 7 whales. It was a pleasure!

Thanks Scott McCoy



7 DOLPHINS

Coach: Lauren Marks

Manager: Marissa Kerr



Wow what a year! Congratulations to Leo, Iggy, Kris, Cooper, Austen and Jasper for a team of whom some had played before to some that were new to the game we had a fantastic season.

Some weeks it was hard to pick our "man of the match" and often it wasn't who scored the most goals but who had improved the most with their skills, attitude and teamwork. 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 always to have fun. It was great to see the on-field celebrations and support after a great pass, kick or goal.

A huge thank you to our coach Lauren Marks who often refereed and coached at the same time and to Chris Marks who was our head trainer on Monday nights the boys learnt a lot from you both.

We would also like to thank 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.



7 LIONS

Coach: Amanda Sunderland

Manager: Kirsty McSpadden

With only two seasoned players in the 7 Lions, and the rest of the team new to soccer, we had a great year learning together. Instantly we felt welcomed into the club, with loads of information and support provided.

The kids gelled well together and played equally as well. Win or lose there was still smiles on their faces and victory dances when goals were scored.

Overall, we have had a wonderful season at Parklea and cannot wait to do it all again next year.



7 MAGPIES

Coach/s: **Johney Gymellas/Rajnish Shrestha**

Manager: **Kimberley Peters**

Players: Leonidas Gymellas, Georgiou Harpur, Rohan Shrestha, Blake Peters, Aahan Pulipati, Charlie Vaux and Max Lewis



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 big thanks goes to all the players and parents for turning up and also making new friends the players had so much fun together that we kept them together through the summer.

A special thanks to Kimberly for her efforts as manager, assisting coach by Raj special thanks to Johney for his role as coach.

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



7 KOALAS

Coach: Laurence Key

Manager: Janice Calleja

Players: Levi Bryen, Leo Calleja, Andrew Deiri, Paige Emery, Genevieve Key and Ryan Salmanzadeh



What a season! As a first-time coach and manager, we had fun, learned a lot and made new friends. The Under 7 Koala's were a great team to coach and manage. Most of the children on the team had never played football before but together they all learned team work, passing and running towards the right goal.

The children looked forward to training every week even in the cold weather. They gained some good skills that they will hopefully be able to take with them for next year.

Our game days were always filled with fun, laughs and the occasional tantrum. The children cheered and encouraged each other on.

Thank you to the parents for getting the children to games and training and for volunteering to referee when needed and for helping in the canteen when asked and helping with washing the jersey's every week.

A big thank you to our coach Laurence for training the team, he didn't have a football background but every week he trained the team to try as hard as they could. They have enjoyed having you as their coach.

Finally, thank you to the Under 7 Koala's for always trying your best and for being a wonderful team to coach and manage.

7 WOMBATS RED

Coach/s: Matt Graham/Christine Graham

Manager: Melissa Sarmed



What a season we've had. The kids played some great matches and their skills, experience and comradery grew weekly. We had a small team and everyone supported each other. The kids have become a close-knit team and made great friends.

None of this would have been possible without our coach Matt and assistant coach Christine, they had a passion for the game which transposed onto the kids.

Matt taught them skills, teamwork, confidence and to never give up.

A big thank you all the parents who never missed a game and their positive influence and encouragement. I'd also like to thank both Matt and Christine for their commitment and dedication to our team; and a special thank you to Marshall, our little 'pocket rocket' who regularly subbed at our games and enabled us never to forfeit.

The kids learnt the importance of teamwork, supporting each other, game play and skills. We'll done kids were all so proud of you. All in all, it's been a pleasure being part of the U7 Red Wombats team and being their manager; see you all next season :)

7 WOMBATS WHITE

Coach: Rachel Diab

Manager: Bethney Bylsma

Angus, Koby, Marcus, Samuel, Oliver and Rylan 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.

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.

Considering it was the first season for half our team we had a great year, with each game you could see the kids improving.

Hats off to Coach Rachel who somehow managed to wrangle them at each training session, with the threat of push ups!!! Thanks to Rachel each child has improved this year and has fun as well.



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GALA DAY

MINIROOS





AGES 8 to 11

MINIROOS



8 KOOKABURRAS

Coach/s: Jono Cheal/Ryan Richards

Manager: Nicole Mantarro

PLAYERS PLAYER: Ethan Everiss



8 SHARKS

Coach: Everett Milton

Manager: Hannah Withers

PLAYERS PLAYER: James Kyriacou

2017 was an excellent season for the Under 8 Sharks.

This was the first time the players were graded, played on bigger fields, 7 players on the field and different rules to Under 7's.

The team gelled well together at an early stage so we then were able to work on skills like kicking the ball correctly, passing accurately, running with the ball and positional play.

By the end of the season the team was well on their way to mastering each skill.

We finished the season with 12 wins, 4 losses and 2 draws.

We scored 108 goals and conceded 25 goals. Seven times we kept the opposition scoreless and 4 times only one goal scored against us. Our game was based on defence and positional play.



We were able to score in every game.

5 players were invited to train with the Spartans Team and outside of soccer a number represented their schools at Zone events. Very talented and determined side.

As well as a great season, great friendships were formed.

8 ECHIDNAS

Coach: Qas Akhtar

Manager: Sheena Stow-Smith

PLAYERS PLAYER: Liam Talarico

It has been great to see what another year of soccer really means to these kids. This was the first year for grading, and while this made for a nervous start for some, they were soon best mates and it really showed on the field. This has been the hardest working team we have been involved with. They literally gave us everything at training and during matches, they were 100% committed to what they were doing, and to their teammates.

The improvement throughout the season was a great reward for this hard work, and really showed them what they can achieve when they put their mind to it. It also made for some really enjoyable games to watch, and some wonderful results.

We had some first timers, with Liam and Yajit but you would never know.

Liam came out firing with a hat-trick on debut, he was really drawing inspiration from his idol, Messi. He was quickly respected by the team and provided great leadership on the field, with his strength and go-forward attitude.

Yajit was impressive with a great boot and skills that kept goalies on their toes. A fast learner and a great addition to the attacking strength of the team, weaving through the defenders with his quick feet.

Tristen, always with a ball at his feet or chasing to get it. His 'never give up' attitude saved and created many goals for the team. In addition, a super star goalie in the making. Covered every blade of grass on the field.

Rockstar **Rocco**, wasn't letting his team down. With 'flash' like speed to get back in defence and pass accurately to a team mate to start the next move. Rocco was never afraid to put his body on the line to win the ball, a real team player.

Taahaa, would never let you slack off. He always had an inspiring word to encourage his team. Great vision and his defence was like a hitting a brick wall. Not getting past. His passing game improved dramatically through the season. With a defensive kick you can count on,

Jayden was a valued player. Not only could he send the ball soaring, but he looked for space and a teammate to put his team in front. Kept his team smiling, and always played the game in the right spirit.

Callum has a clear passion for the game. He boasted an accurate and powerful left foot strike and controlled cross beyond his years. Always standing his ground and pushing forward. He led by example, a great inspiration for his team mates.

Alexander, knock him down and he gets back up. He never backed down from a tackle and put the team in front with many goals. Showed great skill in controlling the ball on the ground and with his headers. Loves to try out his tricks.

Jake "Mr Reliable"! Loves dropping back and saving goals, but loves pushing forward and scoring just as much. His calmness allows him to stay composed and decide when to tackle, hold or pass. There is no panic in him. His ability to pick out a tight pass was exceptional.

It has been a great season! A great team to be involved with, rewarding for all concerned. Thank you parents for helping out with coaching, reffing, shirts and producing the most motivated bunch of players I've seen.

- Set your soccer goals high and don't stop until you get there. -



8 DOLPHINS

Coach: Gary Evenden

Manager: Kirsty Westman

PLAYERS PLAYER: Tom Westman



8 LIONS

Coach: Danielle Hancock

Manager: Gary Aberley

Players: Stephenie Hancock, Dean Aberley, Oliver Ward, Kyan Peers, Alan Baker, Tomas Muzikant, Aidan Dunne, Alexis Botica, Jordan Wright, Oliver Lacey

PLAYERS PLAYER: Oliver Ward



My first season as a coach was made remarkably easier by having these great bunch of kids, with some playing their 4th year and some playing their very first.

These kids gelled well together, forming a great bond both on the field and off. Training was always a fun filled night with the kids learning and laughing together.

This group of kids have developed so much throughout the season. Learning teamwork, passing, defence and with the introduction of the goalie this year too, an extra position to learn.

Oliver Ward – His first season of soccer and what a little star. He is the everywhere player. A natural striker, who would always drop back into defence when needed.

Alan Baker – A fast runner, and a great goal scorer. He never gave up. He developed his skills of passing and weaving through opponents throughout the season.

Stephenie Hancock – She is gaining confidence with her ability and has kept developing throughout the season. She tries really hard and encourages everyone in the team.

Dean Aberley – A great little soccer player who is a strong defensive player. He likes to play goalie and saved some great goals throughout the season.

Tomas Muzikant – Tomas has gained a lot of confidence in the second half of the season. A great little player who has natural defensive ability.

Kyan Peers – The talking pocket rocket. He encourages his team mates both on and off the field. In his first ever season he has developed a lot of skills. He doesn't hold back on opponents.

Aidan Dunne – Aidan is gaining more confidence in the later part of the season. He is a friend to all.

Lexie Botica – Lexie is a great player who never back off in a tackle. She may have won the award for the most injuries in the season but she didn't let it stop her from bouncing back into the game.

Jordan Wright – Jordan loves to defend. He has a big kick that he loves to use to clear the goal box.

Oliver Lacey – Oliver joined our team late in the season but was welcomed warmly by the kids. He is developing skills and getting more involved.

Thank you to Gary Aberley our manager who always kept us on time and at the correct ground and was always happy to step in when I wasn't able to make it.

Thanks also go to Megan, Alex and Ben for stepping up to Game lead when needed. A Great bunch of kids and an equally great group of parents. Thank you for getting your kids to training and games and for being supportive Parklea parents, always there for set up and pack up and canteen duties.

Well done Lions you guys did me proud this year.

Danielle Hancock

8 MAGPIES

Coach: Jason Gralton

Manager: Donna Gough

PLAYERS PLAYER: Damanpreet Singh



9 KOOKABURRAS

Coach: Michael Juillerat

Manager: Julie Palacios

PLAYERS PLAYER: Marcus Palacios

The 9 Kookaburras have had another great year. We lost 3 players but gained 3 new committed and dedicated players, Marlei, Matt and Allan who all fitted in straight away.

The skill and development that all these kids showed throughout the year is a real credit to themselves and I'm super impressed with each and every one of them.

Their commitment and passion to attend training and game day was fantastic and each and every one of them played the game as a team and in the true spirit of the game.

Our team consisted of 8 players;

Marlei Quito - Marlei joined the team this year and cemented her spot as a right back. Marlei would never pull out of a tackle no matter the size of the player and worked very well with Marcus down the right side. Marlei "The Rock" was always giving 110% every single time. Congratulations Marlei on a great year.

William Tracey - Will is Mr consistent who will either play centre forward or centre back and reads the game very well. His ball skill and ability to beat players shows he can mix it with the best. Another great year Will, congratulations.

Thomas Juillerat - Tom moved from left wing to goalkeeper and from day one owned this and showed he has the determination to succeed as a great goalkeeper. He would regularly talk to his players to assist them when we were defending and pulled off some great saves to help us win some games. Great work Tom.

Oscar Sweeney - Oscar who is our quiet achiever would turn up every week to produce his best and enjoy playing soccer. No matter what position Oscar played he showed a lot of skill to beat players and create opportunities for his team mates. Awesome work Oscar.

Marcus Palacios - Marcus loves scoring goals and easily adapted into the right wing position. Marcus would regularly receive the ball from Marlei and then take on 1-2 players and either have a shot or pass to his team mates regularly creating goal scoring opportunities. Marcus also showed a lot of talent and skill with his ball control. Great work Marcus.

Matthew Buttigieg - Matt who joined us this year grew into a very skilled and determined player. If he wasn't defending at the back, he was beating players with his ball skills and looking to score wherever possible. Matt would play in any position when asked and performed extremely well every single time. Awesome work Matty.

Alan Dizaye - Alan was another player who joined our team this year and quickly moved into the left back position. Alan became more confident in himself as the season went on his ability to read the play and produce some great tackles improved dramatically. Alan really enjoyed playing with the team this year and gave his all. Great work Alan.

Alfred Alie - Alfred loved to be wherever the ball would be. His ball skills were incredible this year and would consistently beat 2-3 players and create several opportunities for his team mates. Alfred's determination and commitment to playing soccer is a real credit to him. Congratulations Alfred.

Also, I would like to thank all the parents who attended the games, brought the kids to training and helped out with club duties eg canteen and BBQ and also being a game leader, especially David, who nearly did them all for us, thanks mate.

Last but not least, an enormous thank you must go to my manager Julie who took on the role this year and did an outstanding job. Julie was always sending messages, organising activities and ensuring the team ran smoothly each week and is still doing an amazing job through summer soccer. Thank you so much Julie.

Yours in sport

Michael Juillerat



9 ECHIDNAS

Coach: Ben Fuller

Manager: Kristy Goodwin

PLAYERS PLAYER: Jashabjot Gill



9 WHALES

Coach: Justin Neylan

Manager: Justin Neylan

PLAYERS PLAYER: Nikita Ellis



2017 was an outstanding season for the boys. The Parklea player scouts had been working feverishly hard during the off season to recruit the Whales and that hard work paid off in bringing together a great bunch of kids to wear the mighty blue and maroon.

Word on the street spread early in the year that something special was brewing down at MP that Danny Weidler set up camp for weeks waiting for the big scoop. There was truth to the rumour, which lead to one of our players and Manager being head hunted by an EPL giant before a ball was even kicked. Luckily for the team, a big preseason training held us in good stead for a year of big challenges on the field.

So many wonderful moments for the boys during the year where they demonstrated great skill, teamwork, fight/tenacity during games where our backs to the wall, heaps of 'dabs' post-game and most importantly, sportsmanship.

Be proud boys of the great season you have had.. your parents, brothers/sisters and the club are all very proud of what you were able to achieve this year. Look forward to seeing you next year for a bigger and better year in 2018.

Introducing the Whales of 2017

- Dominic Battikha** Progressed really well during the year at centre back where his game awareness and trusty left boot got us out of trouble on many occasions. Trent Sainsbury's position for the Soccerroos is on shaky grounds next year if Dom game continues to grow.
- Nikita Ellis** After playing outstandingly in a number of positions earlier in the year, Nikita found a home in goals which made a massive difference for the team. Pulling off dozens of freakish saves per game and then having the match awareness to pump the field to our strikers as we went on the counter attack had the fans going bananas. Next Stop Chelsea
- Zach Egan-Lee** Zach worked really hard for the team on the fringes where his line runs and touch created so many opportunities for his centre forwards. Wouldn't look out of place in a sky-blue jersey next year.
- Murat Jasarevic** The Parklea 'Messi' was all over it this year. So great was his talent that he commanded a 5 minute segment at training devoted to doing "more tricks". Always working hard in attack, he scored some cracking goals during the year and also helped out in defence to save some goals.
- Xander Rigoli** Brilliant effort this year for Xander. He was probably the most versatile player in the team where it didn't matter where he played he was always winning the ball and setting up our play. He also developed his 'header' during the season which added another dimension to his game. Just quietly.....the next Tim Cahill.
- Brayden Neylan** New to the club in 2017, Brayden worked really hard on and off the pitch this year where he was rewarded with some stunning goals and also provided some steely defence to save the day. Popovic's requested video tapes and has taken notice of your breakthrough year....on the cusps of the mighty Red and Black
- Damon Shenhi** After answering the mid-season SOS, Damon provided some much-needed creativity and run on the wings. Progressed really well during the year with his ball control which will hold him in good stead for a big 2018. Will no doubt see you at Melbourne Victory in years to come.

Big thanks to the below club legends who were drafted into our squad to help fill our team at short notice. Special thanks to their parents for allowing them to help out.

U/9 Ollie, Jacob, Cooper, Liam, Lachlan, Jack, Marcus, Thomas

U/8 Aiden

U/7 Cohen and Seth

Finally, big thanks to the parents for all your help this season with refereeing, canteen, washing jerseys, packing up and most importantly being wonderful supporters of your kids and the game no matter the result.

9 DOLPHINS

Coach: Shane Lott

Manager: Claude Bedrossiao

PLAYERS PLAYER: Jessica Tapara



9 LIONS

Coach: Sarah Saville
Manager/s: Tricia Finbeiner/Elly Deiri

PLAYERS PLAYER: Aiden Cash



9 GIRLS KOOKABURRA RED

Coach: Kristy Hope

Manager: Cassandra Williams

PLAYERS PLAYER: **Rihanna Harrison**



9 GIRLS KOOKABURRA WHITE

Coach: Scott Corsiatto

Manager: Cal Parker

PLAYERS PLAYER: Sienna Corsiatto

We had 9 wonderful girls in our team all with various degrees of experience in football. Akshiya, Alexis, Ceyda, Ellie, Lacey, Mariela, Natalie, Paige, and Sienna did us all extremely proud. A few of the girls came to Parklea with the intention of playing under 7's, but decided to give the 8's a go. Due to insufficient team numbers, we found ourselves bunched in with the 9's! This did not deter our girls from training hard and putting in their best performance every week! They even managed to win a few games along the way!



Special mention and thanks to Stephanie and Marlei from the 8-mixed team who helped us out along the way when we were short.

The best part is that the girls seem to have had such a great time that some of them have gone onto Summer Soccer and are determined to line up again for Parklea next year! Our coach Scott was incredible the way he brought the girls together and taught them to be a team, and it was pretty easy to see that the girls loved him, and I'm sure he is part of the reason they all want to come back.

I'm sure I can safely say that all the girls had a ball throughout the year, and next year we'll be back to compete again in the 9's, with more goals, more wins, and more determination to be their best!!



Thanks so much for your efforts girls, you were all amazing and a pleasure to cheer you on!

10 KOOKABURRAS

'SMALL SIDED TEAM OF THE YEAR'

Coach: Josie Hope

Manager: Nicole Mantarro

PLAYERS PLAYER: Nathaniel Flatley



10 SHARKS

Coach: Adam Smith
Manager/s: Michael Sluijs/Scott Corsiatto

PLAYERS PLAYER: Cooper Lewis



10 KANGAROOS

Coach: Jordan D'Alessandro

Manager: Darren Small

PLAYERS PLAYER: Lucas Wilson



10 DOLPHINS

Coach: Ricardo Gonvalves

Manager: Jodie Kayler-Thomson

PLAYERS PLAYER: Levi Goncalves



10 KOOKABURRAS GIRLS WHITE

Coach: Shannon Ellis

Manager: Leigh Smith

PLAYERS PLAYER: Daniella Milnac



11 KOOKABURRAS GIRLS BLACK

Coach: Shannon Ellis

Manager: Kimberley Fairall

PLAYERS PLAYER: Kaitlyn Apps



11 KOOKABURRAS GIRLS RED

Coach: Abdo Baker

Manager: Sarah Spencer

PLAYERS PLAYER: Summer Tamaka



11 KANGAROOS

Coach: Paul Battikha

Manager: Betty Flower

PLAYERS PLAYER: Luke Duffy

Our tremendous 2017 Under 11 Kangaroos team comprised of the following players: Isabella Sunders, Jacob Whitbread, Nicholas Vierya, Adrian Prundus, Vihaan Naidu, Kenan Kurtovic, Tigran Kagramanian, Bailey Jones, Luke Duffy, Liam Cash, Lucas Battikha & Matthew Flower.

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 11 Kangaroos 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. It has been our pleasure to see them enjoying playing soccer.

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 Jas Singh for dedicating many hours from his own time to train the Under 11s in his capacity as a PSFC Head Coach. Our gratitude is extended to the parents of the Parklea SFC 11 Kangaroos. 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 11 Kangaroos 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 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 11 Kangaroos were exceptionally fortunate to have Betty fill the role of manager.

Finally, thank you to the amazing boys and girls who made up the 2017 Mighty PSFC 11 Kangaroos. 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



11 WHALES

Coach: Dave Quitto

Manager: Danielle O'Neill

PLAYERS PLAYER: Calvin Kusnadi

Firstly, thank you to my Managers Danielle and Mathew O'Neill and all of the families of the 11 Whales this year your support of the team was greatly appreciated and contributed to the enjoyable year the team has had. I would also like to thank Paul Battikha and Betty Flower (Coach and Manager) of the 11 Kangaroos and the families of the 11 Kangaroo's, along with Jas Singh our Head Coach. The two mixed teams trained as a squad from the outset and were able to call upon players throughout the year as required who filled in seamlessly across both teams. To all of the under 11 players this year I appreciated your commitment and dedication to your 2017 season, it made coaching you all fulfilling.

From day one of 2017 season the aim was to ensure the children improved as footballers not only with their skills but also in the manner the game should be played and their game awareness, I can assure you that Whales certainly achieved this. The forming of the team consisted of a few familiar faces and many new ones and the respect the Whales had for themselves, their teammates and the opposition was a wonderful reflection on the playing group. We started the season slowing building through to a fabulous month of undefeated football in the middle of the season winning 3 of 4 games along with a draw and were competitive every time we stepped onto the park.



Regardless of the result the effort and application to what the team were working on at training was always on show and team never stopped trying to play a quality brand of football.

Your 2017 11 Whales:

Levi Aouchan – found his niche in the middle of the park as an attacking midfielder whose no stop running who would always hassle the opposition as they were attempting to commence their attack, by the years end was adept at ensuring the link up play required by a midfielder was always available.

Philip Bosanac – another with the natural attacking flair equally comfortable as one of attacking three or distributing from the midfield, Philip could find his teammates with a quality pass or take on his opponents and chipped in with more than a few classy goals this year.

Lucas Constantinou – would play anywhere that he was asked and you always knew that you would get the same amount of commitment across the park, a real dominant display against Rooty Hill from left back showed that and we may have a fulltime keeper in years to come?

Sara Ekde – could play another across the pitch however was tremendous at the back as a tenacious defender who was rarely beaten by any of her opponents, her desire to win every contest was seen throughout the entire year and would stop an opposition attack and commence ours.

Aiden Garcia – outstanding across the park forward/back equally however with a motor that allowed him to run all day midfield is where he excelled, however for all of his natural ability Aiden's greatest trait was the encouragement of his team throughout.

Calvin Kusnadi – another who was as good no matter where he played be it up front, as a defender or a midfielder distributing quality passes across the pitch. Blessed with pace and a lovely touch watching Calvin in full flight running at opponents was a great sight.

Luke Mussolum – gravitated towards a wide forward as the year progressed and became an integral part of our attack, was able hold his shape and then the ball ensuring that we maintained possession and our attack and I was so pleased he scored a quality goal as the wound down.

Jacob O'Neill – started the 2017 season wanting to play up front each week, ended the year by wanting to be the first choice right back, quiet the transformation but one which benefited the team. Always strong and rarely beaten by an opponent Jacob was able to start our attack from the back. Part 1 of the 'J' defence

Jacob Organ – Part 2 of the 'J' defence, Jacob on the left hand side of defence was strong each week, a desire to never get beaten was key to Jacob's game and being blessed with a cracking left foot he was able to compliment the left hand side of the pitch wonderfully.

Jesse Robley – The centre of the 'J' defence, Jesse was immense at the centre of back three, he could read the play well and knew where to be to intercept the play and then distribute to the wide backs or our midfield, again another who can move further up the pitch and be as dominant.

Ayva Quitto – chipped in with some really nice goals this year, one who definitely enjoys the attacking areas of the pitch and as the year progressed became more aware as to how to hold the ball up and bring in the players around her to the team's benefit.

Rylin Ward – another who was dominate in the middle of the park, be it up front, in the midfield or at the heart of the defence. I suspect that up front is where he enjoyed it most as when given the opportunity was able to convert and constantly have the ball in the back of the net.

Coaching I think is the easier of the jobs and to Danielle and Matt, I thank you very much all I had to do was turn up and do something I love doing all the admin stuff in the background was completed perfectly and was a big part of why this year was enjoyed by all.

Lastly to the whales, I hope you enjoyed this year as much as I did and I hope to see you all back at Morgan Power in 2018.

David Quitto



BACK TO PARKLEA DAY



JUNIOR FOOTBALL

12 - 16



UNDER 12 BOYS DIVISION 1

Coach: Todd Kendal

Manager: Leanne Kendal

PLAYERS PLAYER: Declan Lewis

After a rocky start to the season, the boys started off slowly getting to know each other and getting used to playing on a full field.

As the season progressed we started playing the football that we should have been doing a lot earlier.

With the slow start to the season, we were always chasing the teams in the top 4 but we were confident that we could get there.

A draw against the team coming second with 4 games to go, we finally found ourselves in 4th spot. But with having to play strong opposition in the last games, it was always going to be hard for us.

Unfortunately, we missed some opportunities to capitalise on some wins and we missed out of placing in the top 4 this year.

The last game of the season, the boys beat the minor premiers and a team that haven't lost a game for the last 3 years. It was a great finish to our soccer season.

Our awesome goal keeper Hayden made many a great save during the season and kept us in the hunt for the finals.



Our backs Aidan, Adrian, Max, Luis and Declan defended well all season and were always reliable. Our midfield Jai, Daan, Issa, Ali and Evan never gave up. Always worked hard and put through some awesome passes to our forwards.

Our forwards Brad, Mitchell and Amohn were always hungry for the ball and a goal and put away some awesome finishes.

I would like to Thank the boys for a great season. They always trained hard and listened. This showed in their improvement throughout the season.

Thank you to the parents for their support and commitment to getting the boys to training and the games.

Thank you to my wife and manager of the team Leanne.



A special mention to Craig Faller. He stepped in as my Assistant coach. He did an awesome job of training the boys when I couldn't make it to training due to work commitments. Without his help this season, the boys wouldn't have progressed and developed as they did. Thanks Craig!

Todd Kendal
(Retired Coach)

UNDER 12 BOYS DIVISION 3

Coach: Alan Sweeney/Mirelle Kean **Manager:** Andrew Branson

PLAYERS PLAYER: Luke Carter

This year the under 12 division 3 side for Parklea SFC was an almost completely new side with less than half of the side having played together in the previous season. We were glad to welcome those who were new comers to those from the 2016 season.

With the addition of several boys from the under 11's we were not sure how the season would go but the boys didn't let that deter them. Both at training and on game day the boys' commitment to each other was outstanding. Often there would be boys at training early helping to setup or having shooting practice; and those who had to be dragged away but parents as they wished to do more to improve their game at the end. Both our coaches Alan and Mireille did a wonderful job of in directing their energy not only into having fun but also into improving their play.



The team learned quickly how to combine (even with pre-season games washed out). Not only the positions and roles for each position but also the strengths and weaknesses of their team mates. While each boy had positions that they excelled at they also played well in positions that they were not so familiar with. Combining the new side along with the first season on the full field was a challenge that the boys enjoyed. With each player learning new skills, as well as those they already brought to the side we would be writing book for each boy; so, in place of that I would just like to share some of the boy's key achievements throughout the season.

Zsolt and his silky-smooth touch was appreciated by all, along with his combination with the mid-field led to many attacking raids.

Bilal was one of our best at distributing the ball from the back (either after an amazing save in goal or his left midfield or left back role).

Max was our go anywhere, do anything player – his passes rarely missed their mark. Din improved through the season, his ability to hold the ball and be in the right place at the right time led to several goals late in the season (just when we needed them).

Daniel was our goalkeeper of choice; he did amazing well in this position saving many goals and reading the play better than most.

Julian was a defensive giant most of the season, either out wide or in the centre; his passing and ability to win the ball were just great.

Henry's defensive work and read of the play were outstanding – his passing often turned defence into attack.

This makes me think of the sides shortest player; **Luke Nolan**, but don't let size fool you his energy on the pitch was unparalleled – this boy had one speed (flat out) and won so many "unwinnable" balls that we all often took it for granted.

From the shortest to the tallest – **Arman** was one of our midfielders who ran well with the ball.

Wahid combined speed, agility, and ball skills into many attacking raids, along with **Christian** these two could evade defenders in traffic and find outlets toward goal.

Blake, Kanzyce and **Luke Carter** often played down the centre of the pitch (from defence to attack) – Blake at the back used his speed and awareness to win the ball by either dropping back or pushing forward, Kanzyce one on one would often turn his defender and release a great outlet pass, with Luke Carter catching defenders out with speed and skill on the counter attack.

The boys from the U12-3 should be very proud of the season that they have had; to finish 5th overall and narrowly missing the finals (yes disappointing at the time) was still a great achievement. Next year we hope to see you all back at Parklea in 2018 for more hard work, more training, and lots more fun.



UNDER 12 BOYS DIVISION 5

Coach: Haydn Graham

Manager: Narelle Crayton

PLAYERS PLAYER: Riley Green



UNDER 13 BOYS DIVISION 1

Coach: Wallace Shamrock

Manager: Kerrie Stallard

PLAYERS PLAYER: Jake Richardson



UNDER 13 BOYS DIVISION 4

Coach: Adam Dereg

Manager: Nestor Pena

PLAYERS PLAYER: Cameron Pride



UNDER 13 GIRLS DIVISION 1

Coach: Jonathon Tam

Manager: Linda Cheal

PLAYERS PLAYER: Jacqueline Sneesby

I was chatting to the parents after our semi-final and the overwhelming summary of season 2017 for the Under 13s girls team was they were so proud of the girls. Proud they had achieved their goals, impressed at how well they play as a team, and looking forward to 2018.

It was an interesting season for the girls – some new players, a core group that knew each other so well, some new teams from Granville, and a real tenacity and skill in our playing style. It must be said that girls football at Parklea is going from strength to strength!

Our season was highly successful – 14 wins, 3 draws and just the 1 loss, achieving our goal of finishing in the top 2 for that all important second chance in the finals. We started the season with a draw and went on to win 8 straight games. We suffered our only loss against our toughest competitor, Quakers Hill, only to return a couple of weeks later to draw with them. We rounded out the regular season with 6 more wins and a draw.

Our finals series was tough, but very inspiring and extremely exciting! We met with Quakers in round 1 and lost a close game. Week 2 was even closer against Glenwood. We were down 2-0 with not much more than 5 minutes remaining in regular time. Two magical goals to level it up had this coach jumping around like a lunatic and at least one mother with tears of joy! Extra time was frantic - we dominated, but we couldn't get past their brilliant defence. This took us to penalties.... so tough. Unfortunately, the toss of the coin of a penalty shoot-out saw us down 4-3.

At the end of it all, we are very proud of this group of girls. We are looking forward to next year where we hope to go one game further, to play on that elusive Blacktown Football Park.

My sincere thanks to our team manager, Linda. To excel at managing the way you have, your initiative and organisation has helped so much. To also look after the mums and dads on the sidelines has ensured you have a job for at least a couple of more years! Thank you, Linda.

To the team – Phoebe, Apana, Rhiannah, Caitlin, Georgia, Olivia, Ashleigh, Lauryn, Jemm, Emma, Gemma, Teneal, Jacqui, and Mollie – well done girls! Through all my screaming and yelling, you really are a great team and so much fun to coach. I'm looking forward to another season and more challenges next year, I hope to see you all there.



UNDER 14 BOYS DIVISION 1

Coach: George Calvar/Andy Kensett
Manager: Christine Hoskins

PLAYERS PLAYER: Josiah Merchant

Boy has this year been a great challenge and an eventful year!

As the manager of these boys it is and has always been fun, such a great bunch always making me feel welcome and treated with respect.

My highlight throughout this year was their first State cup against Colo SFC – ending in a penalty shootout (my first experience of that!) VERY adrenalin pumping – Elliot our Goalie saving 3 out of the 5 just sensational, he was without a doubt our champion that day!!

Throughout the year we had great success and the boys should be super proud ending this year as **MINOR PREMS!!** What an achievement!

George and Andy teamed together as the boy's coaches and worked hard at their development which I know the boys benefited a lot from – well that's why they got to be Minor Prems!



It's been an absolute please and honour to be a part of this team. George and Andy, you should be super proud of what you have achieved with these boys. The boys respect you and admire your coaching methods, I feel they had a lot of fun on the way. Thank you so much for your time, energy and continuous dedication.

We were bridesmaids again, but they take this as a sign that they are quality sportsman and have great sportsmanship. Unfortunately, just weren't lucky enough to make the Grand final – BUT – they ended the year as **MINOR PREMS!!**

UNDER 14 BOYS DIVISION 3

Coach: Peter Longhurst

Manager: Jason McManus

PLAYERS PLAYER: Vito Jibom Jang

What a great year we had. I would like to thank Peter for coaching this year and all the parents and of course the boys for a great year.

With a slow start to the year thanks to the weather. The boys only had one trial and pretty much no preseason training. Round 1 saw us on the wrong end of the score board with a 7-1 defeat. The score line did not indicate the match, fitness was our downfall. With better weather, Pete focused on fitness, we knew the boys had the talent to play the game just the fitness let us down. the following week we played a 1 all draw followed by another heavy loss against the eventual minor premiers and grand final winner.

The next 5 games saw us have 4 wins on the trot and a draw. After that draw, we played the team that beat us in Rd 1 and beat them 4-2. The boys played out of their skins that day and from the moment they turned up, I knew they were going to win that game. School holidays and injuries hit, we played short on a double header weekend and lost both games, thanks to the 14/4s for letting Toby and Lucas play, they chipped in a few times this year.

A lot of mixed results seen us in 3rd position in the last game of the year. We played Tigers, they were one point ahead of us, it was a must win to finish 2nd, we actually ended in a draw. so that made us finish 4th.

In the finals, we played Oakville. Wow, what a fantastic game that was, we scored first early in the first half, played some defensive football and a free kick outside the area saw Oakville level the score. End to end football led to Oakville scoring again to make it 2-1. we dominated play for the rest of the game, with the final kick of the game, Josh scored a screamer off a corner to level the score. The referee blew for the kick off then it was into extra time. 5 minutes each way and no score. Yep, penalties it was. it was so tense, the pressure got to the boys and we unfortunately went down in a shootout.

Once again, I would like to thank the boys and the parents for a most enjoyable year.

Let's do it again next year boys!!!!



UNDER 14 GIRLS DIVISION 3

Coach: Jono Cheal/Mik Carraro

Manager: Kim Jackson

PLAYERS PLAYER: Hailey Cheal



UNDER 14 BOYS DIVISION 4

Coach: Jas Singh/David Hurst

Manager: Phil Palacios

PLAYERS PLAYER: **Toby Laus**

The U/14 4s were coached by Jas Singh and co coached by David Hurst. Thank you to both coaches for your volunteered time. Thanks Jas for staying, you were only meant to stay for a couple of weeks.

Well done to the boys Matt, Jacob (goalie extraordinaire), Shuv, Luke, Mitchell, Raphael, Thomas, Narek, Toby, Jaylen, Lennon, Lucas, Teesh for trying their best at every game. We were always short of players, but the boys always worked together to try and get the best result.



A big thank you goes to Issac Jago and Lachlan from 13/4 who played up for us on several occasions. Well done boys.

Thank you to all the parents and carers who took the boys to all the games and training twice a week. Thanks to the parents who helped with set up and strip of fields and BBQ duty.

Regards Phil Palacios

UNDER 16 BOYS DIVISION 1

Coach: Rhys Whyte/Chris Holden

Manager: Nathan Jess

PLAYERS PLAYER: Declan Gillies



UNDER 16 GIRLS DIVISION 2

'JUNIOR TEAM OF YEAR' & 'BEST FEMALE TEAM'

Coach: Haydn Graham

Manager: Anna Carter

PLAYERS PLAYER: Kylie Moss



UNDER 16 BOYS DIVISION 3

Coach/s: Harley McGregor/Jas Singh
Manager/s: Nikola Mihic/Amani Moussa

PLAYERS PLAYER: Damen Low



JUNIOR PRESENTATION DAY



TRIVIA NIGHT



SENIOR FOOTBALL



UNDER 20 MENS DIVISION 3

Coach: Ned Tepsic

Manager: Wayne Cullen

PLAYERS PLAYER: Zed Grisez



UNDER 20 LADIES DIVISION 2

Coach: Trevor Williams

Manager: Kathy Cooper

PLAYERS PLAYER: Claudia Buccini

Well ladies, what a season 2017 turned out to be!

Wind the clock back to March, and 12 of our U16/1 girls from last year returned for another season of Parklea football. They were joined by 4 new players, Maddison Boph, Sarah Hazell, Julia Lind (unfortunately we lost Julia after a few rounds to injury) and Claudia Buccini, and together we embarked on our first season of senior football. This would be a big step up for most of the girls, many who could still qualify for U16's, and only Claudia having played senior football before. Further, we would be playing older players, and having to run for an extra 10 minutes per half, so to help the transition we decided to enter the Division 2 competition for our first year.



This year with the inclusion of teams from the Granville Association our competition included 9 teams, which was great for the girls as we got to play a variety of teams in a genuine home and away competition. The season started with a hiccup, with trial games and rounds 1 & 2 washed out, and then our first game against St Pats abandoned after 19 minutes due to an injured player. A big win against Greystanes followed, and the girls played some great football throughout the year to end the regular season in third place, only 2 points out of first. The team only lost 1 game this year, a 6-0 loss the Prospect early in the season when we were short of players, and we had some epic tussles in a number of games, particularly against Prospect and Plumpton.

And so, we entered the final series in the elimination round, playing against Pendle Hill, and what a game that turned out to be. 1-1 at full time, 1-1 after extra time and into a penalty shootout! But we held our nerve, we potted 3 of our first 5 shots, and then our goalie Shannon saved Pendle Hill's last shot to put us through.

We faced Plumpton in the next semi, and with both teams having pushed each other in the 2 games so far this was a real 50/50 game. The prize for the winner was a spot in the Grand Final, and it was clear from the kick off that our girls really wanted this one. The first half of this game was probably one of the best halves of football we had played, and we really took the game away from our opponents with 3 first half goals. And whilst our intensity did drop in the second half, we progressed to the final weekend of the competition.

Who would have thought as we gathered together for our first training session way back when that we would finish the year on the last weekend of the competition? This would be a test for our girls, with Prospect having finished the regular season as minor premiers and then winning straight through to the Grand Final. But as we gathered for that last game, excitement and nerves evident in all of us, it was clear the girls were ready. We knew our opponents well, knew where they would attack and what we needed to do.

I'll admit to feeling a little helpless as I watched our girls run out for the final game – nothing a coach can do now but sit back and watch! The first half was a tussle early on, but we countered Prospects initial attacks, Steph put the first one in the back of the net from yet another Sophie Panayi well struck corner, and then Maddi Boph cleaned up after a keeper error to put away a second, we finished the first half up 2-0. In the sheds at half time we talked about having put ourselves in a great position, but we knew Prospect would come out hard, and that we needed to match them. And that's exactly what happened – Prospect attacked hard, and pulled one goal back early in the second half, but we kept turning up in defence, countered their attacks, and then Claudia hit an absolute screamer from outside the 18-yard box into the top of the net, and we were up 3-1. The final goal was one for the coach – another well struck corner from Sophie, with Levinia running in a putting away a header to score one of the goals of the season. 4-1 would be the final score, and Parklea would be crowned Competition Champions.

Having been involved with this team for 2 years it's clear that this is a very special group of players. And despite the frustration of getting people to training and games, I am enormously proud of the girls and their efforts this year. More than just football, the girls have formed a very strong bond as a team, and this was evidenced by every player, and many parents, joining us after the grand final for dinner and drinks (soft drink only for the under 18's!).

These girls enjoy their football, and win or lose they play with a smile on the faces and seem to find humour in most situations – mostly involving me!

A huge thank you and well done to the team – you have done yourselves, your team and your club proud. Thanks also to our supporters, parents and all those who came out and cheered us on this season. Thanks also to our committee, particularly Christos our senior VP for your support and assistance this season, and a personal thank you to Natalie Bucinni and Christos again who helped out with the girls whilst I was away for a few weeks in July.

A **HUGE THANK YOU** to our manager this year, Kath Cooper. The girls Sunday mum, medic, shoulder to cry on, motivator, councillor (particularly for me), event organiser – you name it Kath did it. You're a legend Kath!

Congratulations again girls, enjoy the summer, and I hope to see you all back in the

Trevor Williams
Coach



ALL AGE LADIES DIVISION 1

Coach: Luke Ryan

Manager: Tamika Bourke

PLAYERS PLAYER: Kristina Mott



ALL AGE LADIES DIVISION 2

Coach: Kristy Hope

Manager: Jessica Zoricic

PLAYERS PLAYER: Elizabeth Filipovic



ALL AGE MENS DIVISION 2

Coach: Mel Coburn

Manager: Addison Blake

PLAYERS PLAYER: Addison Blake



ALL AGE MENS DIVISION 3

Coach: Kyle Romero

PLAYERS PLAYER: Daniel Manuel



ALL AGE MENS DIVISION 4

Manager: Peter Whitehurst

PLAYERS PLAYER: Brett Chard



ALL AGE LADIES DIVISION 4

Coach: Meghan Romero

Manager: Belinda Medana

PLAYERS PLAYER: Bronte Ryan



ALL AGE MENS DIVISION 5

Manager: John Balout
PLAYERS PLAYER: Mario Napolitano



ALL AGE MENS DIVISION 6

Manager: Damien Rogers
PLAYERS PLAYER: Frank Kernahan



ALL AGE MENS DIVISION 7

Coach: Daniel Fardouly/John McShane

Manager: Cameron Anderson

PLAYERS PLAYER: Cameron Anderson



ALL AGE MENS DIVISION 8

Manager: John Hartshorn

PLAYERS PLAYER: John Hartshorn

An eventful season with many highs and lows. The season started off poorly with half a new team and unfortunately no goalie. The first half of the season was one to forget with not a single win recorded and some heavy defeats, the team was on life support and looking to pass any day until Captain Max resuscitated it by bringing in two key players in. A resounding win against Prospect (only made possible by Heath sitting out the end of the game with what ended up being a dislocated knee) was the momentum shift that we desperately needed, things started to move forward and the wins kept coming. A close fought win at home against the eventual Grand Final winners Marayong was the highlight with no one except us believing such a result was possible. We were unfortunate not to make the finals as we just lost focus in the last couple of games when it counted most. A great bunch of blokes across the squad and it's safe to say we've become friends from the journey.

Special mention for Granit who refused to let his cerebral palsy hold him back and many both at training and during matches were left scratching their heads after being on the end of one of his trademark nutmegs. Captain Max was the heart of the team, couldn't speak more highly of him and of his contribution. Young Lachy couldn't find someone more passionate. Miller & Chris were deadly up front and Chris's determination and can-do attitude was unrivalled. Luke and "bald" Max especially dedicated to the cause & last but not least Steve who never hesitated to put his hand up and do all the dirty work at the back and in goals, great to see him rewarded with a well earned goal in our final game.

Would like to thank you all for a great season and see you boys next year (when we win this thing)

ALL AGE MENS DIVISION 9

Manager: Don Udugapaththuwa

PLAYERS PLAYER: Matthew Webster



ALL AGE MENS DIVISION 10

Coach: Nick Ardill

Manager: Cathy Ardill

PLAYERS PLAYER: Paul Greentree



OVER 30 LADIES DIVISION 1

Coach: Nathan Holley

Manager: Matt Rawlings

PLAYERS PLAYER: Kristy Horton



2017 was an amazing and tough year at times for Parklea Women's Over 30 Division 1 team with a lot of the ladies not playing with each other before, some new members and some who were completely new to soccer. It was not only a fantastic journey learning about each other but for myself personally being the first time I have been associated with a Soccer Club/Team.

The year could not have been as successful without the guidance of Head Coach Nathan Holley, I know personally I have learnt a lot and like the team collectively grown and improved, so thank you Nathan.

We finished the regular season as Minor Premiers on 43 points with 14 wins, 1 Draw and 3 losses out of the 18 games played, with a wonderful for and against of +56 goals.

Unfortunately, our finals campaign was not as we would have liked going out in straight sets but I am sure that everyone has taken something on a positive note away from the year.

We are fortunate enough to have gained selection to the Champions of Champions, which will be another great opportunity for all member of this team to test themselves. A big thank you to the ladies in the Div 2 Red and White teams who filled in during the year, we very much appreciated your efforts and time.

To the club and committee, we thank you for your support during the season.

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

Regards,
Matt Rawlings

OVER 30 LADIES DIVISION 2 RED

Coach: Stuart Joyner/John Gough

Manager: Dale McShane

PLAYERS PLAYER: Ruth Horton



OVER 30 LADIES DIVISION 2 WHITE

Manager: Elizabeth Ellis

PLAYERS PLAYER: Sue King



OVER 35 MENS DIVISION 5

Manager: Chris Symon

PLAYERS PLAYER: Neil Beesley

After a disappointing Grand Final loss in 2016, Parklea's 35/5s embarked on a 2017 campaign to prove to themselves, and their two, at best three, supporters, that this season they had what it takes to win what is regarded as the toughest 35/5s competition in all of Blacktown.

'NEILS!' rallied the troops before kick-off. No-one remembers what he said that first game, or any of the subsequent games, but by Gawd, it did the trick. A 3 goal win, followed by 4, 6 and 5 goal wins over the following rounds, had the Fivers, as nobody called them, sitting atop the Premiership ladder.

New combination 'Always managin' and Jay 'walking' were proving lethal up front, showing the sort of cooperation and camaraderie that has most of Australia wanting to vote yes. Left winger 'Could be' Mina was an unstoppable force AND an immovable object, 'Aye Captain' crossed sharply on the right flank and newcomer Amir 'for half the game' became a scoring machine, before leaving early.

The goals flowed in Round 5. Four goals in the first 20 minutes, including a goal to late striking bloomer 'Russell Crowe', rattled the previously undefeated Glenwood team, ultimately sinking them 5-0.

Round 6 saw the Fivers finally face The Ponds. Like Glenwood before them, The Ponds were undefeated, and the game was the toughest to date. Without team captain 'NEILS!' to hold the midfield, other people got to touch the ball, which was nice. Steven Gibbs 'to the poor' and 'Drop Dead' Fredy played 90 tough minutes to keep the midfield strong, but it was the newly created defensive unit of 'Groundskeeper Milly', the 'Lumberjack' and in particular Mark 'my words', who pushed his body to extremes and then injury, that kept The Ponds scoreless. Despite a great shot by 'Sorry Miss' Jackson, the Fivers were unable to score that day, and the match ended in stalemate. Nonetheless, every Parklea player and their one supporter knew that the Fivers were fated to face The Ponds on that final game day in September. It was DESTINY (spoiler alert: they don't).

The Fivers ploughed on and continued their undefeated run. In attack, 'What meerkat?' showed equal parts incisive running, crisp shooting and complaining about the poor service from the midfield; Havron 'all over the field' did just that, despite a knee that voted no three seasons ago; and 'Rainbow' Pride delivered assist after assist to the midfield with a left foot touch worthy of Daniel Day Lewis. In defence, the always reliable 'Team decision' was clearing lines and taking names, when he wasn't in Byron.

Most importantly, keeping goals and the Fivers in many a game was 'Yes or no'. His keeping improved out of sight throughout the season, making saves and organising slack defenders. He was particularly critical of ball watchers, a character trait the team never fully understood until the end of season trip.

The Ponds rematch in Round 17 at Morgan Power saw two teams still undefeated. Spirit in the team was high, but so were team numbers. Through parts good luck and good management, all 18 players remained fit and healthy throughout the season, making substitutions the team's biggest headache. Nonetheless, The Ponds struggled against the Fivers' cohesive attack, balanced defence and work ethic, and Parklea held a 2-0 lead early in the second half. Then disaster! While Parklea were cruising to a win, The Ponds converted a penalty and then scored two quick goals to take a sudden and unexpected lead. The Fivers were stunned, and vowed that they would never again lose a game when victory was almost in their grasp (spoiler alert: they do). With laughter in their faces from a triumphant Ponds team, the Fivers pushed back for a goal of their own, and two minutes later Jay 'walking' levelled the scores with a third goal. Now the Fivers were laughing in their opponents' faces, an unnecessary act of juvenile behaviour that felt immensely satisfying.

The Fivers finished the season atop the ladder, with 14 wins and 4 draws. What are the chances that a team could go all season without losing a game? Turns out pretty high, with The Ponds recording the same 14-4-0 record (so, you know, yay for them). But the Pond's penalty for fielding an illegal player in an earlier game granted the Fivers a well-deserved Premiership.

And that concludes the highlights. From there, the Fivers were sadly knocked out of the finals in straight sets (so no need to dwell here). The first semi-final finished in a loss in golden goal against The Ponds in another tough match. The subsequent elimination semi-final had a heart-breaking penalty awarded to Glenwood in the little heard of 54th minute of the second half, which levelled the scores 1-1 and had 'Could be' Mina spewing vitriol about the ridiculous amount of injury time, thus showing that indeed he could be. The coin flip that penalty shootouts essentially are did not work in the Fivers favour, and Glenwood moved on to the Grand Final and defeat at the hands of The Ponds.

Despite the disappointment, the team played quality football and displayed great team spirit, culminating in a smashing post-season long weekend on a Central Coast beach. The great team spirits flowed that weekend (there's cinnamon in whiskey now), with Havron 'all over the field' notably becoming Havron 'more drink' on the Friday night and then Havron 'massive hangover' all day Saturday and mostly into Sunday.

Next year, the team intends to give it all again, hopefully in a higher division. Thanks to 'Always managin' for getting the team organised each week.

Here is the Premiership-winning side in 35/5s for 2017:

Neil 'NEILS!' Beesley – Players' Player

Jay 'walking' Sheffield – Golden Boot

Chris 'Always managin' Symon – Team Manager

Amir 'for half the game' Khorram

Anthony 'Team decision' Wilson

Brett 'Yes or no' Stallard

Brett Havron 'all over the field'

Byron Aye 'Aye Captain'

'Could be' Mina Ciucanu

Dean 'Sorry Miss' Jackson

'Drop dead' Fredy Pasapera

Glenn 'Rainbow' Pride

Mark 'my words' Barbadillo

Peter 'Lumberjack' Lechowski

Qas 'Russell Crowe' Akhtar

Sergey 'What meerkat?' Derevyanko

Steven Gibbs 'to the poor'

Stuart 'Groundskeeper Milly' Miller

OVER 35 MENS DIVISION 6

Coach: Sir Alex 'Les' Thompson

Manager: Anna Panayi

PLAYERS PLAYER: Craig Emery



MEN'S PREMIER LEAGUE

'SENIOR TEAM OF THE YEAR'

Coach: Maurice Krenich
Manager/s: Jodie Holmes/Christos Panayi
Water Technician: George Calvar
PLAYERS PLAYER: Jordan D'Allesandro (20s)
Reion Walker (Reserves)
Harry Gough (First Grade)



SENIOR PRESENTATION NIGHT



**THANKS TO EVERYBODY
FOR ALL YOUR
HELP AND SUPPORT
IN 2017**

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO
SEEING YOU AGAIN
IN 2018!**