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## 72nd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**Monday, 29th October 2018**  
**At the Club House**  
**ROBIN THOMAS RESERVE**  
**Harris Street Parramatta**  
**COMMENCING 7.00 PM**

*Come make a difference. Have a say in how your club is run,  
to ensure your club is better for your children.*

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# President's Report



This is my eighteenth year as Club President and I must say I still very much enjoy writing this report at the end of every season. Every season throws up new challenges, new personal rewards and new experiences.

For example this year 4 things happened that have never happened before.

Firstly, whilst refereeing the very first game of the year, I was forced to red card and send off 2 players for fighting. Not that this is unique, but it is when both players are from the same team! Yes it happened in our All Age 6 team. A missed goal had 2 forwards from our club fighting about passing the ball in front of goal. They were winning 3-1 at the time and the final score was 3-3. I had to send them both off!

Secondly, 4 weeks later the same team were playing Greystanes when with 9 minutes to go I sent their goal keeper to the sin bin for 10 minutes for calling me a cheat. FIFA introduced the sin bin rule this year and I must say I enjoyed taking full advantage of it. The goal keeper got the message...they were losing anyway 1-6 at the time!

Thirdly, I got sued for \$876.00 by a driver of a car that had her side mirror broken when a soccer ball that was kicked onto Harris Street during my under 14's game. I don't remember which team kicked it out but I know the driver was very upset with me because I was the coach and club President. The claim from her insurer was dropped when I asked her to prove it was me or my team player.



Lastly, we have had a very dry season this year with only 1 wet weekend...but on that one weekend I got a shock whilst watching an under 6 game, when I turned around to see a mother following her son around the field with an umbrella!! Yes an umbrella!! Whilst laughing I ran onto the field to say, "sorry you can't be on the field during the game". And her reply was beautiful, "but my son will get wet". "Yes that's what happens when it rains mum!!" I wish I had videoed the scene, it would have been a viral hit!

But there is one experience I will never get tired of no matter how many times it is repeated...and that's winning a Grand Championship.

I know it is not the be all and end all, but winning a Grand Championship is such a wonderful achievement, that I feel so good for all the coaches, players and families involved. It makes being in this volunteer role all the worth it!



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This season we had 4 of our 6 competitive teams make the finals – only 1 of those made the grand finals... and they were crowned Grand Champions. Congratulations to Goran, Paul and their Under 12's Division 2 team on winning a tense Grand Final 1-0!!

Despite winning the minor Premiership, the All Age Division 6 team unfortunately suffered 2 tough consecutive losses to be knocked out of the race in the final. Injuries didn't help them.

The under 15's Division 3 had a very slow start to the year but with a few new recruits and a belief they can beat anyone, they stormed into the finals brimming with confidence. They destroyed their opposition in the semi final but let the game slip in the final after leading 1-0 at half time.

It was also disappointment for my Youth 1 under 18's who had an indifferent year but had absolutely the worst luck in their semi final hitting the woodwork 7 times!!! The dominant team certainly did not win that game.

What is also very pleasing to the Committee this season is the explosion of Miniroos player numbers! We weren't expecting to have that many under 6 and 7 teams but I guess as the Parramatta population boom continues, we can expect these numbers to continue to grow. This is a good problem to have, but it also creates another challenge ...to find coaches for these extra teams.

Good teams have good coaches!!

This season we had some very good coaches and I take the opportunity now to say...THANK YOU!! We had some good fun...and sang our Victory Song with Pride...you should all be VERY proud of yourselves too! I know I am. I hope and want to see you all next year building on what you achieved this year.

Finally thank you to the Club Committee, firstly for the big efforts you all put in every week in helping to run the club smoothly...**SPECIAL MENTION TO TONY FARRELL >>>** He is a legend!...but we need more legends like Tony for the club to prosper as we grow.

So please tells your friends and family and join us all again for another great experience in 2019.  
**WE ARE SOCCER! We are THE WARATAH!!**

**NOEL DONA**

## Secretary's Report

We have had a pretty good year this year. For the first time since I joined the committee 10 years ago, I missed the February registration days as I was in Chile for work reasons and had to leave registrations to Andy and the rest of the crew, who had it together when I got back. Whilst I had very poor mobile phone service, I still managed to take some inquiry calls, and was very glad in retrospect that I was in the right spot to take a call from Tania, who has proved a great addition to the club and our set of coaches.



In fact, it was probably our best collection of coaches in a long time and they put up your hands early, so our teams were looking pretty good by the time round one arrived in April. The great thing about having a good set of coaches is watching the kids improve through the season. I very much enjoy watching this from the middle of the field on Saturday mornings. Some highlights for me: Our U8/Green were almost all new players often playing teams that clearly had 1 or 2 years behind them, but by the end of the season they were looking like a well sorted squad. Our U11/1 team were badly misgraded I'm afraid and as a result, lost every game, but wow they ended up a very well-organized team and by the end of the season, opposition teams had to work pretty hard to get the win. They will do great in a lower division next year.

The club continues to grow and we expect trend to continue for a number of years...so we will be needing more volunteer coaches!. We had 248 registered players at the end of the season. 131 new to the club, 9 who returned this year after not playing last year and 127 new to the association, so only 4 of the 131 had been playing elsewhere in GDFSA.

The U12 grand-final was a fantastic end to the season, not just that they won it, but how they did it. They played great football from the kick-off, clearly working as a team, talking to each other, spreading out well and moving the ball about with style. It took some really great defence and goal-keeping from Guildford McCredie to keep the ball out of the goal. On the sideline we were thinking it would go to extra time and maybe penalty shootouts, but finally the ball went in with about five minutes to go. Those five minutes felt so long as McCredie didn't give up – they had their best attacks in those closing minutes and got two corners, but our 12s proved they could also defend and kept them out. They were looking like a first division team – which is what they will be next year.



The big disappointment this year was that our submission on the Parramatta Light Rail Environmental Impact Statement was essentially ignored. We thought we had put together some pretty good arguments, but they brushed it all away and, barring political changes, will be taking a strip off our field, and three of the fig trees. We will survive this, but it will be tough for a while and there will be a lot of changes.

But with the light rail plans firmed up, planning for our new amenities building is finally underway – your committee has been working with council on the design of the building. The current plan is that this will be done between the 2019 and 2020 seasons. So next year might be our last with the rather poor facilities we currently suffer...**but we are still unhappy with the master plan council has recently approved as our park submission was ignored. After seeing what clubs like Rydalmere and Guildford had built for them, we are still fighting for a better result....so watch this space!**



Finally – it is really important that we add a few more members to our committee. Not only to add some new blood, but because more hands make light work, we need to spread the workload around some more. Please, if you would like to see changes or improvements, think seriously about putting up your hand at the AGM.

**TONY FARRELL**

## JUDICIARY RECORD 2018

Our Judiciary record for the year is summarised as follows:

Team	Yellow Cards (cautions)	Red Cards (send offs)
12/2	0	0
13/3	0	1
14/1	4	0
15/3	1	0
18/1	5	3
AA6	5	4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>8</b>

### Historical Record

Year	Yellow Cards (cautions)	Red Cards (send offs)
2017	13	4
2016	35	4
2015	34	2
2014	62	13
2013	2	0



Remember that our club is a proud supporter of Zero Tolerance and we aim to set the standard for other clubs to follow!



# TEAM OF THE YEAR



In season 2002 the Executive Committee introduced this new Award in honour of a life member of the club, the late Mr Frank Jacob. This Award has each team within the club in competition against the other. The Award is based on a points system recognising a team's achievement and most important of all, their fair play.

The points system is as follows;

- 1 point for every point earned from the regular competition.
- 3 points for minor premiers
- 5 points if undefeated
- 3 points for making semi finals\*
- 4 points for making finals\*
- 5 points for Grand finalists\*
- 7 points for Grand Champions\*
- 1 points deducted for every yellow card\*\*
- 3 points deducted for every red card\*\*



\*Bonus points

\*\*Deductions set at 60% of accumulated totals for teams 18's and over.

Team	Comp. Points	Minor Prem.	Undef.	Semi Final	Finalist	Grand Finalist	Grand Champ	Yellow	Red	Total
U10	28									28
U11	0									0
U12/2	42						7			49
U13/3	23								3	20
U14/1	3							4		-1
U15/3	35				4			1		38
U18/1	22			3				3	6	16
AA6	43	3			4			3	8	39

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## And the winner of the Team of the Year Award is...

# UNDER 12's Div 2 'CONGRATULATIONS!!'



# PERPETUAL AWARD WINNERS 2018

U6/Emus	K & B Perpetual	Best and Fairest	Rajvir Sahota
U6/Emus	H Bremmell Shield	Most Improved	Armaandeeep Singh
U6/Cockatoos	K & B Perpetual	Best and Fairest	Ayushman Sharma
U6/Cockatoos	H Bremmell Shield	Most Improved	Jyanshu Maratha
U6//Koalas	K & B Perpetual	Best and Fairest	Sineth Thantirige
U6//Koalas	H Bremmell Shield	Most Improved	Arav Saralaya
U6/Dingos	K & B Perpetual	Best and Fairest	Nabhya Kothari
U6/Dingos	H Bremmell Shield	Most Improved	Aditya Dalwadi
U6/Red	K & B Perpetual	Best and Fairest	Dontae Viran
U6/Red	H Bremmell Shield	Most Improved	Shreyas Ranjit
U7/Blue	Mary Fox Shield	Most Outstanding	Zayan Buhora
U7/Blue	L Walker Shield	Most Improved	Troy Chhabra
U7/Green	Mary Fox Shield	Most Outstanding	Miles Murphy
U7/Green	L Walker Shield	Most Improved	Rohan Joshi
U8/Green	T. Mangion Shield	Most Outstanding	Anuj Upadhyay
U8/Green	D Sipton Shield	Most Improved	Cassie Liang
U8/Red	T. Mangion Shield	Most Outstanding	Siddhant Madi
U8/Red	D Sipton Shield	Most Improved	Jamaar Chambers
U9/Green	R Burnett Shield	Best and Fairest	Leo Talmont
U9/Green	Frank Jacob Shield	Most Improved	Dhairya Modi
U9/Blue	R Burnett Shield	Best and Fairest	Sarth Heblikar
U9/Blue	Frank Jacob Shield	Most Improved	Dhruv Andral
U10/2	I. Tye Shield	Best and Fairest	Peter Coote
U10/2	Borg Trophy	Most Improved	Nithin Gajangi
U11/1	Paul Black Trophy	Most Consistent	Vihaan Vasisth
U11/1	Tony Farrell Shield	Most Improved	Kamran Fanifarid
U12/2	B R Guy Shield	Best & Fairest	Reyaj Shrestha
U12/2	G Kell Shield	Most Improved	Manraj Kahlon
U13/3	Mark Jankovic Shield	Most Consistent	Kenan Efe
U13/3	Sutherland Shield	Most Improved	Erol Miralles
U14/1	Vince Wyatt Trophy	Most Consistent	Nicholas Schraw
U14/1	Colin Kehoe Shield	Most Improved	Rishabh Roy
U15/3	Beau Worthington Trophy	Most Consistent	Atilla Yalcinkaya
U15/3	J. Marsh Shield	Most Improved	Jeyanath Ramesh
Youth 18/1	Brian Jenkinson Trophy	Most Consistent	Hasib Ghairat
Youth 18/1	Athol Saggus Shield	Most Improved	Mbachi Mwanza



# PLAYER OF THE YEAR



The **Bill Henderson Player of the Year Award** – in honor of a great man, a true gentleman, who played for our club as a junior between 1944-47 and then went on to become our first Soccerroo in 1953 and an Olyroo in 1956.

So how to decide the winner?

Is it the club's best and most talented player? Not necessarily.

Is it the player who tries the hardest? Not necessarily.

Is it the club's fairest player? Not necessarily, though the committee decided that a player who has received a red card, whilst it does not disqualify that player from winning the award, it would make it extremely difficult.

The Club's Committee originally determined the award is designed to recognize 3 very important characteristics we look for in all our players. Three characteristics that Bill Henderson himself has endorsed. The winner must consistently display;

1. **Sportsmanship**
2. **Effort and commitment - to game day, training, team and club**
3. **Leadership - by word and actions**

At the end of every season we invite every coach to nominate a player or players who they believe meet these characteristics and who would be a worthy winner. The deliberations are typically very robust as this award is **THE HIGHEST HONOR WITHIN OUR CLUB.**

The winner of the  
**Bill Henderson Player of the Year Award**  
goes to...

**“Aavash Pant”**

From under 12's Division 2

**‘CONGRATULATIONS!!’**



# YOUNG PLAYER OF THE YEAR!



The winner of the  
**Young Player of the Year Award**  
goes to...

**“Aneishah Texeira”**

From the Under 11's Division 1

**‘CONGRATULATIONS!!’**



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## End of Season Reports

### Under 6 Koalas

The under 6 koalas had such a wonderful year; Full of happiness and absolutely no fear; We had so much fun so where do we begin? Let's kick off with **Liam** who always has a cheeky grin; **Arav** has cool warm up moves and we all give him the thumbs up; **Zoran** has awesome goals and plays with passion like the World Cup; Then there's **Alex** who helps the coach set up at training;

The koalas want to play soccer even when it's raining; **Omar** is really happy playing on the field and is willing to play as a team; **Sineth** has amazing team spirit, dedication and runs like a machine; **Dhruv** is always willing to support others with lots of compassion and dedication; **Alhan** has been the most improved player who has built his confidence and motivation; **Sushanth** has been outstanding with his efforts to always try his best with his kicks; And the koalas always surprise us with their extremely amusing dance moves and tricks!

Congratulations koalas for being the greatest team!!!!!! Wohoooooooooooo!!!! Be positive, keep smiling and live your dream!!!!!!! Thank you to all the support from the parents and grandparents too, the Koalas are a group of young inspirational superheroes because of you!



All the best.

**Coach Tania xx**

## Under 6 Emus

It's not about the goals scored or saved but it's about the Team work Team Emu had that we are celebrating. As a first time coach I would say from the first day until the end of season every session had been an exciting and full of energy and hats off to the kids who are part of Team Emu who had showed a wonderful improvement and team work throughout the season. A special note of thanks to all the parents for the awesome support and encouragement both on and off field without which it would not be possible.

**Team Emu: Rajvir, Armaandeeep, Austinjit, Varish, Heiaan, Adriel, Shray.**



From the moment the ball is kicked **Rajvir** has the control of the ball and gives his best to push it through the nets. A very good striker with a great commitment and enthusiasm for the game. Had been very consistent and has a natural talent but sometimes tries to be a bit naughty on the field and in practice sessions and just wants to kick balls which I understand is his natural instinct.



**Armaandeeep** loves to play forward with Rajvir and showed great improvement in each session and game. Very excited when a goal is scored specially by himself and loves to celebrate it. Sometimes gets a little hungry on field which I can make out when he is chewing his T- Shirt Collar or nails. Armaandeeep also defends very well and gives everything to stop the ball.



**Austinjit**, our sprint runner is smart and hungry for the ball. Always charged and in superhero mode. He is full of energy on the field and supports his team players with good team work. A very good mid fielder who has improved his game very well. At times gets a little bit confused with instructions but picks up quickly when explained.



**Varish** the Wall, stops the ball and takes it away from the opponent (even if they are 4 against him alone). Very good defender who holds on to the ball and supports his team with excellent Team work. With Varish in team, gives the team confidence that the opponents will have tough time reaching the nets and scoring goals.



**Heiaan** has skills but sometimes has to be reminded to hustle. Showed very good commitment by being the first person on the field for practice sessions even before the coach and reminds me that I am late because he is early. Appreciate the effort of parents also for showing the commitment. Upcoming midfielder.



**Adriel** has always been the best defender Team Emu had. Very swift and tackles the ball efficiently and makes sure the goal is saved which makes him the ideal scrapper. That gave the other team members more confidence to play in opponent's area. Given a chance would also score goals. Never wants to take rest and will be more than happy to play the entire game. At times tries to take advantage of being Coach's son but understands after being explained that soccer is a team game.



**Shray** a strong midfielder, he attacks the ball with great strength and moves the ball forward to the goal. Ready to dribble the ball or tackle the player. He may look small but he can sneak in pretty quickly.

**Coach Anish**



## Under 6 Dingos

GOOOOOOAAAAALLLLL!!!

What a year it has been for the mighty Under 6 Dingos! Of all the teams in the competition the Dingos epitomize what is amazing about our game. Most of the players were new to the sport. Many of us were a little smaller than most of the other teams players. We were also the only Under 6s team that could proudly boast a very brave female player! However, not once did any of this stop this little team of champions giving their mightiest efforts at training and on game days. Thank you Dingos for being such brave and happy little warriors!



The Dingos would like to thank the Wombats, Cockatoos and Koalas for a great season. All my players brought something special to the team.

**Farhan** would train and play with the biggest smile I have ever seen. He was always happy and kind to everyone and that brought lots of happiness to the team. Never lose that spirit Farhan! A special thank you to his sister **Sophie** who would join in on training nights.

**Yash** is a talented player who had really matured as the season progressed. Yash showed a lot of love for the game and was always first to be ready to start a training drill. Thank you Yash for a great season!

**Moksha** would put so much pressure on himself to excel and excel he did. Moksha always put in a huge effort at training and on game day. Moksha enjoyed all our training drills. Great work Moksha!

**Kian** came to us late in the season and although he was a little hesitant at first I know he grew to love the game and enjoy training nights too. Good work Kian.

**Savya** was a very important player for us. He was always very keen to play and train and his happiness and enjoyment of the game was very rewarding for me to see. I may not have heard Savya speak very much at training but he was always present and joining in with a smile on his face. Thank you Savya!

**Rose** can be very proud of her achievements. Rose loves the game and has made great friendships along the way. Rose would always overcome her anxiety and join in which makes her the bravest player I know. Great work Rose! On her day, Rose can out dribble the entire the team! Watch out boys!

**Aditya** had improved so much this season. He was a great learner and especially when it came to dribbling and understanding when to give space to another player. Excellent work Aditya. Your passion for the game was infectious.

**Nabhya** earned the title of our little star dribbler. Nabhya may be one of the smallest players in the competition but that has never stopped him from putting in a lions effort every week. Nabhya loves the game and has a natural talent with the ball. Nabhya also bravely represented the Dingos in the Under 6s All Star game and showed what we can do. Great work Nabhya!

Finally, a special mention to little **Nicholas** who joined in every training session. At only 3 and half he was without a doubt the smallest player on the field on training nights but his love of the game and his fearless approach to mix it up with the big kids has been a joy for all of us to watch. As the coach, it has been an honor and a privilege to watch these kids grow both as players and to grow as little people. Soccer has given a lot to me personally and it was my pleasure to give something back to our amazing community.



**Coach Michael**

## Under 6 Cockatoos

GWSFC provided me with the opportunity to coach group of kids who were in need for a coach, President Noel gave me the confidence and his best support when i was bit confused about taking over the team. I would first like to give thanks the great GWSFC and Noel for this fantastic learning opportunity. As I had never coached any team previously I was provided with training and best kit available to start my new journey and it turned out to be a pleasant one.

I had 10 kids to start with but was reduced to 9 in first few weeks. **Aditya, Arjun, Jayanshu, Ayushman, Shrey, Aradhya, Ishaan, Reyansh** and **Hreyansh** were my players. Every kid had different skill set and strength but most important thing which i tried to teach them is to enjoy the game for this first season and develop basic skills to develop their game.



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**Aditya** was very strong with his running and strength, he developed basic dribbling and ball controlling skills over the season. He enjoyed learning new skills and developed strong liking towards the game.

**Arjun** started off very well and controlling the ball was his main skill which we developed further. He played as forward and developed many other skills , Totally committed player towards the team.

**Jayanshu** was main striker of the team, he was also the most improved player of my team, he started of with basic skills but developed into very strong player with his commitment to the training.

**Ayushman** was our team's main asset and was my first choice striker, I chose him as Team captain in first few weeks. A very mature player with his skills and temperament knew how to control the game. I chose him as Best and Fairest player of my team.

**Shrey** was another player who gained confidence as the season progressed and become a very strong player. He developed some excellent skills and was always eager to give his best.

**Aradhya** was the most committed player of the team he was very enthusiastic and was always willing to learn new skills. Aradhya played as defender and was good with saving goals.

Ishaan was teams first choice defender, with his skills he managed to save so many goals while learning new skills during training. He is a very strong player and a great team player.

**Rayansh** was always the reliable player for the team when team needed him most. He was very eager to learn new skills and always played with confidence, excellent team player who gave full commitment to team.

**Hreyansh** was our surprise package, being the youngest player he always brought lot of energy to the team combination. great team player with good soccer skills who always tried to give his best for the team.

As the season progressed our team kept on getting better. we started very poorly but got our team combinations right and started winning games. our best show was when we beat the undefeated and very strong Koalas team. all the kids were very excited with that result and we really become a team with goal after that. even though we had few lows and few highs we always stuck together as a team and tried to enjoy the game.



As I said earlier coaching this enthusiastic, energetic and beautiful kids was really pleasant experience and I again want to thank the club, President Noel, and all the Parents for giving me this opportunity to learn and help develop your kids.

Thank you again

**Coach Ganesh**

## **Under 6 Red**

The soccer season has come to and what a season 2018 was. Coming back to coach for my second season, it was more of a great experience and I knew what has work was required for the season ahead.

**Dontae, Shreyas, Yash** and **Dhruv** were returning for their second season but we also had a couple of new faces in **Sim, Vardhan, Shaun** and **Ella**.

Firstly, I would like to thank the parents for all their support throughout the season and for being part of the Granville Waratah family.

It was great feeling to finish of the season with more wins than loses this season but the most important thing for me is all the effort and the fun the team had throughout the year.

Sim, Ella, Dhruv, Shreyas, Shaun, Vardhan, Yash and Dontae are great group of kids who have progressed and improved immensely throughout the season.

We started the season off with a tremendous 5-1 victory over Lidcombe Waratah. It was pretty big achievement for the first game of the season as Lidcombe was the dominant team last season. It was a great way to start and laid the platform for the whole season.

As the season progressed, the team's attitude and discipline to training skills improved and they were like a well drilled army. Their progression had showed on game day with their "never give up" mentality.

**Dhruv** picked up from where he left last year being and had a great season. Being the youngest in the team, he was punching above his weight but he did not disappoint. One thing I always asked Dhruv after his games was if he ate his breakfast as he kept on falling down and losing his balance. He is Speedy Gonzales with his quick feet but at times couldn't control his speed.

**Dontae** knew he was in for a tough season from the get go. Not only was I his dad but I was also his coach. But he lived up to the hype and expectation I expected from him. He had a break out season once again always leading from the front and performing for his team when they needed him most. He has a thunderous right boot and scored from all over the park. His defence was solid as a brick wall which made him a great all-rounder.

**Yash** was always prepared for battles and always in superhero mode. With his signature superhero poses he had a great season. Always committed and never letting his team mates down. He is progressing well so keep up the good fight and never back down.



**Sheryas** had a great season second time and his progression and improvement throughout the season was outstanding. Always helping his team mates when in need whether it would be on game days or at training.

**Sim** was a little rocket who loved to talk. She was never lost of words and always had something to say. She has shown continuous improvement on the field and that's all you can ask of your players. Great to see that she did not take a backward against the boys and she had a great debut season.

**Shaun** is chirpy young lad and had an enjoyable season. He always had a smile on his face regardless how tough I was on him and showed continuous improvement throughout the year. He is a great team player and never let his team mates down.

In his first year, **Vardhan** had a great season. He was keen as bee to learn the trade and was always full of excitement. Doesn't matter how many times he fell down, he dusted himself off and got back again. He showed great progression throughout the season and keep it up.

**Ella** had great season as a new comer to the squad. She was terrific in attack and defence running rings around the opposition. She was a great team player and showed continuous improvement throughout the season. She was not intimidated by the boys and showed them who was boss.

It's been a pleasure coaching a great bunch of kids and hope to see them all back next year.

**Coach Daniel**



## Under 7 Blue & Under 7 Green

2018 was another fantastic year with these kids. I coached many of them in the Under 6s in 2017 and their improvement has been a great source of pride. We also have a very nice community of parents and that has made this season one to remember. Training was a fun occasion for the kids as well as many of the parents. Long term friendships have been formed. Football can be such a great sport sometimes.

We split the U7 players into two teams: Coach Ziad took care of the blue (slightly better) team and I took care of the mighty green team. But we trained together. By the end of the seasons, when the teams played against each other at training, they were pretty evenly matched which was a great surprise.

The kids (and us parents) can be very proud that they grew up as footballers this year. They were little kids when they started but they've grown up into more mature, clever players who are starting to work together **effectively** with their team mates. I have high hopes for seeing further development from them next year. Each player grew in his or her own way and each way was important for the player.

### Blue Team

**Ejaz** is passionate about soccer, he showed a lot of improvement (yet again) if he gets continuous training he will be good player.

**Karthik** loves playing with his friends and has improved a lot as a player. He's still a little bit slow but he has improved a lot with putting in an effort. Training regularly will continue to help him.

**Troy** really let his passion for the game come out this year. He had an excellent season. He plays well in a team and when focussing he does very well.

**Gab** is a dynamo – very quick and agile, great speed and not afraid to get the ball. A great asset for the team, also had a very good season.

**Rizul** is always smiling and having fun. Has the makings of a very good player if he can push himself.

**Zayan** possesses flabbergasting talent. He is fast and committed. He started the year as a solo-focussed player but became an excellent team player, crossing from the sidelines and allowing others to score. Zayan also motivated the other players and his presence on the field for the Green and Blue Team lifted everyone. I expect he will be junior player of the year at some point. He is motivated for the game and his team, scored 58 goals in the season for both Blue and Green! Congratulations Zayan.



## Green Team

**Miles** appointed himself to be a defender this year and did an excellent job, also in midfield. He showed courage and precision with his kicks most of the time and he is getting better. He returned a few clean sheets this year where the other team didn't score against us, and he did it without goalkeeping.

**Rohan** turned a corner during the season to suddenly grow from a gangly clumsy runner to a very good striker with excellent vision of field positions. He started to show excellent concentration from mid season and became a huge, reliable asset for us.

**Rana** is one of the smartest players on the team and a pleasure to coach. Hard working, humble and team focussed. She was one of the early adopters of new ideas and helped to inspired other players, particularly Rohan.

**Vivaan** is a big kid with a massive heart. When he hustles, great things happen. A gentle young man, he seems to be worried about hurting or scaring others with his physical size but will realise how much of an advantage it gives him in seasons to come. Mid season, almost every time Viv touched the ball while hustling, that play would result in a goal for us.

**Parsa** is an excellent dribbler, and possesses great natural talent. He is very good at dribbling around other players and has an excellent long kick too. This will be vital for his later teams as he becomes more precise. A good team player, keep your eye on Parsa – he will do great things as a footballer.

**Krish** couldn't play many games but he always smiling and having fun at training.

**Rayan** was thwarted a bit by his shyness. He loves the game and if he can let that out a bit, he'll do well



Our record of wins and losses was pretty even for both the blue and green teams. Coach Ziad and I and the players didn't pay much attention to scorelines and that wasn't our focus. What was important was that both teams started to work together, we played hard but fair (even when our opponents didn't) and we did our best. Well done everyone; you've been a pleasure to coach and I hope you had fun!

See you next year

## Coach Paul

### Under 8 Green



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This season for Under 8 Green has been fabulous season. While we started the season with more than 90% of the team players playing the team soccer for the first time in their life, we ended our season with many wins throughout the season. Every single player improved in their soccer skills and gained throughout the season. We have some player turnover throughout the season but at the end we managed to play some good games during the season.

We started our season with inexperienced side but managed to win 5 games and 2 draws and 11 losses. Even in losing we managed to narrow the goal difference between the opponents. But at the end each and every team members improved

personally and as a team which is a great achievement for a team with mostly first timers. The team:

**Anuj** who played on striker position has been our main goal scorer. He was strong in attacking role and has been able to score almost 90% of our team's 28 goals. He has been outstanding in getting balls from mid field and getting into opponents net.

**Araav** has shown great skills with running with balls as striker and mid fielder and pairing with Anuj at the striking position was able to create so many opportunities for the team. He contributed in assisting goals with his running speed and stamina.

**Abhimanyu** has been the most versatile player of our team. He has improved a lot during the season. Abhimanyu has played mostly on mid field and defender position and he also played on goalkeeping position for the later part of the season. He has strong ball kicking and energy is infectious.

**Akhil** displayed his enthusiasm to learn throughout the season. He has played mainly on defence and mid field. He showed some solid defence skills and strong ball kicking skills. Akhil has come a long way from not able to hit the ball properly to so many goal-saving tackles.

**Brian** started little later during the season but he showed great skills and enthusiasm. He has been a consistent mid fielder and good attacker. His attacking mid fielding capacity has assisted our strikers in getting the balls to opposition half.

**Cassie** has been the most consistent player throughout the season and only girl member of our team. She has improved a lot on her ball handling skills and played important part on our mid fielder position. Despite being hurt during the matches, she was up on her toes every time. She has been an outstanding team player. **Darsh** was one of the experienced player in our team and did great job playing in any position he was given. He did not come to all the games but he managed to create a lot of assist in getting the balls to the strikers. **Ishan** who played first season on team soccer has shown great improvement in his ball handling skills. He has been the main defender and played as mid fielder throughout the season and has saved so many balls getting into the goalkeeper. Pairing with Anuj at the attacking position have assisted numerous times to converting into goals. Ishan was the second highest goal scorer of the team. **Kush** showed some great skills as mid fielder and defender. He has solid ball kicking and defending skills. He was a good team player and played well on any field position he was given. His ability to tackle the ball from opponent and passing it to our striker has been outstanding. **Rhithik** was our official goalkeeper throughout the season and he showed his enthusiasm to learn and did an excellent job saving many goals. He has improved a lot on his ball kicking skills and ball defending skills. He played many times in defender position and was a team player. **Rutva** did excellent job playing in defence and sometime mid field position. He has come a long way from the start of the season. His improvement and his new found confidence in kicking and passing the ball is a great achievement for our team. I am confident he will be a great asset in future team. **Ryan** only played for few weeks of the season but showed eagerness to learn new skills and was a good team player.

**Shrawan** who started late in the season has shown willingness to learn. He played in defence and mid field and produced some good passes and goal-saving tackles. His energy in training and matches has made him a great team player. I am very positive he will be a strong player in coming seasons. I'd like to thank our **Coach Hari** for his effort hard work and dedication for the team throughout the season. I'd like to mention our unofficial Team Manager **Om** (Anuj's brother) for his commitment and willingness to help.

Lastly, I'd like to thank all the parents for their time and effort and commitment throughout the season. Without your help guys it would not have been possible for our **little Waratahs** to come into the training and matches. Hopefully you guys will keep this spirit up for the next many more seasons to come. Finally a great shout out to **Coach Andy** and all the officials of our Granville Waratah!!!!!!! See you next season.



**Coach Indra.**

## Under 8 Red

What a great season! Competing against the best of the association's eastern cluster saw our team win 11 games of the 18, with only 4 draws and 3 losses.

We tried out various players but our mainstay in goal was **Aryan**, who was a rock between the sticks. The goalkeeper role isn't the most glamorous position and so a special thanks to **Aryan** and also to **Shaurya** and **Nathan** who also helped out in goal.

Defending in soccer is also not a very glamorous role and so many thanks to **Ethan**, **Harsh** and **Nidheesh** who took on the task of preventing the ball going into our net and did an excellent job with a total of 12 goal-saving tackles between them.

The team was blessed with 2 tenacious midfield ball scrappers in **Troy** and **Veydant** who regularly won the ball back when we had lost possession, helping the team turn defence into attack.

Also helping out as an attacking midfielder was **Xavier**, who used his speed and long throw-ins to great effect, and **Shaurya** who ended up playing a very effective defensive midfield role helping to keep the ball in the opposition half.



Our exciting attack force of **Jamaar, Nathan, Lucas, and Siddhant** were so effective in putting the ball in the back of the net, we failed to score in only one game. Our top scorer for the season was **Siddhant** with an astounding 23 goals, with **Jamaar** and **Nathan** both contributing 9 goals each. Special mention to **Lucas** who only joined midway through the season but still scored and assisted, and did very well to integrate so quickly into the team.

The team was also blessed with a player in Faheem who was able to play anywhere on the field and has an impressively big kick. He not only scored 4 goals and contributed 3 assists, he also recorded the highest number of blocks and tackles during the season (47).

Of the six teams in our division we scored the most goals (55) and had the 2nd best goal difference (+26). Our main competitors in Auburn District and Regents Park both acknowledged that our games against them were their hardest and most fiercely fought, but also the best and most enjoyable matches. We played the games in a great spirit which flowed from a very healthy team spirit. I thoroughly enjoyed coaching the players and hope they all come back against next year!

A big thanks to assistant coach **Amit** who helped with training and took all the stats for the year, and to team manager **Alaena** for being the roster organiser and for all the help on whatsapp. You both rock!  
Hope to see you all in 2019!



**Coach Andy.**

## Under 9 Blue

Well after another great year with the boys we really have come a long way again this year. Playing in a harder division it took some time to find our feet but once we did we played awesome. We had a few new faces in the team but the core has been with me for years now. The team contributed so much this year not just during the game but at training with all the boys improving and gaining great confidence.

Our captain **Adee** had another great year leading by example even though he was getting hacked by all opposition every week, he was tough enough to keep going. Our defence led by **Sarth** and backed up by **Deon** and **Saharsh** combined to make a formidable defensive line with **Noah, Rayan** completing the defensive structure.

Our most improved **Dhruv** gained lots of confidence as the year went on with **Angus** as always committed 100% every game he had another great year. **Hrrishi** had his first year as keeper he produced many great saves and gave us heaps of confidence with his huge restarts. **Sai** and **Tanay** tried hard all year and were committed for every game.

Another new player to our team was **Shivam** who also had a great year his improvement was also great he took his time trying to find his feet but by the end of year had a few man of the match performances. **Krish** also was a new player to the team but he also was a great asset to the team with his speed and great crosses into the box.



I'd like to thank all the parents for their commitment during the whole season at training and the games, they were there every week rain hail or shine, Great effort supporting your kids and me.

We have the potential to be a great team with the players commitment and hard work paying off, we will be going up to the top division next year and I'm looking forward to another great season.

Thanks

**Coach Steve**

## Under 9 Green

This season all the team players have discovered so many new talents such as: learning the positions on the field and working with team mates to play as unit. The team all had so much fun throughout the season, from the start of the season to the last game. We need to thank the team players for their enthusiasm, motivation and amazing sportsmanship. We have seen a team mate be extremely excited about being Goalie, and he missed the ball during one play, which meant that the other team got a goal; the goalie was so upset about this. The team mates ran to him instead of starting the new play, the team grabbed the player and told him he had performed well and there was nothing to be upset about.

The team stopped the game to comfort their friend and team mate. We lost the game that day, but it was a success for us.

**Jack:** Was the huge improver in defense, those long kicks got the team out of trouble on numerous occasions. Also couldn't finish season due to injury. **Ulises:** Has found his calling, with super-fast reflexes. **Leo:** Fullback/ Midfielder, doesn't miss a beat, he will keep up with the game and has incredible passing skills ,also anchored our defense this year. **Elijah:** Mastered passing and scoring being an amazing midfielder and striker. **Frank:** Our goal-scoring machine was also a star, scoring many goals all year with opposition teams marking him very hard especially when we played them again.

**Zabian:** Our pocket rocket scores goals, like nobody's business. **Elie:** Fitted straight in and played with fight and passion. **Dhairya:** For a first timer he done great as Goalie and has made so much progress with his swift passing skills. **Josh:** A fair and skilled player who challenges for the soccer ball. **Vedant:** Great central player with good vision of the game. **Savannah:** Very good attitude and skills and plays with a lot of heart. **Aarohon:** Played Very good defense and improved his skills. **Dhyan:** The quite achiever who showed a lot of skills. **Dean:** Improved very quick & played well.



Thanks coaches, Louie, Anthony & Managers Vita, Diana for the hard work and commitment to the team. Thank you to all the parents for your support and encouragement throughout the season.

**Coach Cetin**

## Under 10

Report not available



## Under 11

What a fantastic season it was... we'll done U11's!

It was fantastic to welcome a bunch of new players to the team, some of which had never played team football before. And it was the majority of those players who stuck it out through the highs & lows... all the way to the end of the season.



New friendships were formed & me lessons learnt. Not just about the sport, but other lessons; team-work, fair-play, respect, commitment, dedication, movement, working under pressure, etc.

Players will remember the coach saying: 'the result is not important, it's about enjoying the game!' And that they did, well done.

The commitment & dedication shown by the players was commendable. It was exemplary of what it takes to 'never give up!' And this they did, with great pride.

A big shout-out goes to the parents whom encouraged & supported the team throughout the season (also for the fruit & taking turns in washing the jerseys!). It was very encouraging how parents supported our children's desire to be part of the team until the very end... a BIG thank you from the coach & the club! It's the kind of support we always look forward to & highly appreciate.

Who can forget what a great time we had at our 'Parents vs. Team' night? Remember who won? Yes... the U11's won, beating the parents team, showing them how it's done!!!

Also, it was always a pleasure to see most of the team at training each week, showing commitment & dedication to the sport.

You've made the coach, parents & the club very proud of your achievement... well done!

Winning a game or even a grand final is great, but there's much more value in running the race until the very end, and this is what you did, U11's... you were AWESOME!

Congratulations U11's... you showed you have what it takes to persist & continue all the way to the end, in spite of the score line each week. You've shown that 'no matter what', you still kept going, excellent!

We look forward to the next season, where you will apply all the new skills & lessons you've learnt this year. See you in 2019!



### **Coach Gerry**

## **Under 12 Division 2**



The challenge this year was to maintain a good spirit within the team and ensure the team continues to play well and grow as a team and repeat a good solid season, and go one better than last year's performance. After a great season Granville Waratah under 12's finished 2<sup>nd</sup> on the table, which was impressive.

The season finished well after only losing 4 games for the season. I was so proud of the team. Come the final series, we were determined to get to the grand final. As a coach I was quite confident we would reach the grand final. First week of major finals went extremely well, after defeating 1<sup>st</sup> placed Auburn 3-1 in extra time. The victory gave us direct path to the grand final and a week off. Our opponent for the grand final was Guildford McCredie.

Well grand final day has arrived. The team got a taste of final fever with a pep talk from their coach and club president within the change rooms. After that it was the famous walk out onto the field for the team photos and acknowledge their opponent, prior to kick off. The atmosphere was electric with a big turn out by family and friends supporting our boys with the cheering and the blue and gold colours support from the sideline.

Our team was in the opponent's half for most of the first half. Our boys were playing great football and maintained their positions and moved the ball around the field. We created quite a few chances but McCredie defence in particular the keeper were



solid and ensured we could not score. We had two chances where we were denied by the post. We created at least half a dozen chances and could have easily been up 2 or 3 goals, but at half time it was nil all.

After some confident boost talk at half time the message was maintain the play our game and the goal will come. McCredie started the 2<sup>nd</sup> half applying some pressure on our defence. Our team was up for the challenge. We started to get into our groove again and started to press our opponent. Again we created chances and denied by the woodwork twice.

We pressed on and with some couple substitution we finally managed to break our opponents down. Our captain Aavash received a great ball from the midfield before he did a great run down the sideline and with a tight angle decided to go for the shot. Aavash slotted away the crucial goal. The whole team and supporters were overjoyed after a great goal.

McCredie after conceding the goal started to press our boys. With less than 10 minutes to go our opponents fought hard to get the equaliser. The last 5 minutes of the match felt like 30 minutes. McCredie gave everything to get a goal. McCredie gained 3 corners in a row where one of the shots was saved of the line from our defenders. However finally the whistle was blown and we were crowned the 2018 champions. Celebrations began and the famous victory song was sung nice and loud!

During the trophy presentation each player received a medallion while the referees chose Rejay as the man of the match, where he keeps the match ball. Captain Aavash stepped up to receive the grand champion trophy and celebrated with his team mates.

Throughout the season, up front the goal scorers for the team were **Ali** and **Dev** while the mid field also contributed in scoring and assisting like **Ricky, Tyson, Reyaj, Gene** and the leading goal scorer and captain **Aavash**. Defenders also did an outstanding effort throughout the season with the likes of **Aaron, Dean, Wisam, Tushar, Soumil, Cade** and **Adnan**. The team went through a number of goal keepers throughout the season, with **Manraj, Gourneel** and **Reyaj** all doing quite well between the sticks. However **Manraj** did quite well towards the end of the season and in the final series as goalkeeper.

As a coach I was very proud of the team and hopefully they will be back together come season 2019. I have coached majority of these boys for the past 6 years and was overwhelmed to see how far they have come as a team and good mates. I would like to thank all the players and in particular the parents for assisting throughout the season.

Special thanks for Paul for assisting during the season in particular taking care of the team while I was away on leave.

Well done Waratah's. **2018 Grand Champions!!!**

**HOW SWEET IT IS!!!**

**Coach Goran.**

### **Under 13 Division 3**

Report Not available



## Under 14 Division 1

Division 1 is a totally different level of talent. At the start of the season I said to the team we are about 2 quality players short of making the finals. After a few rounds that became obvious. Winning only 1 game all year is a real sobering and humbling experience. We were mostly competitive, scored some good goals and played some very good soccer in long patches but too often we let ourselves down by not playing for the full 60 minutes. Drop your guard for one second in division 1 and you will get punished....and we did. This was very frustrating because we were very competitive and kept the better teams honest.

The very pleasing thing for me is that we did actually improve as players and as a team throughout the year and despite our results the boys never accepted losing as the norm...that would have been very easy to do. Instead we kept our heads up and kept pushing to be better than we were the week before. For this the boys should be proud...because I was proud of this attitude!

Despite often leaking in too many goals, I was generally very pleased with my defenders. **Nicholas** and **Shree** always give the pace, skill and confidence in the back that the rest of the team can feed off. **Sam** is the muscle we need and won't be pushed around. **Braha** played for the team by playing in the full back role as he was very good at shutting down defenders. These four in combination are as good as any in the competition!

The midfield changed around a bit as we looked for winning combinations. **Mohamed** had some very good games and when he worked together with his teammates, we were unstoppable. **Kamail** stood up and accepted the midfield challenge playing some great soccer football, especially when he played together with his teammates. **Deniz** has good soccer IQ and when he, Mohamed and Kamal worked together, they were a machine. We will need to see more of that next year.



**Moey** on the left and **Rohan** on the right had some very good games out wide on the flanks and when used properly by their midfield teammates, they were causing some serious problems for the opposition. Himanshu and Rodney showed a good attitude and control when given their opportunities, both enjoying pushing forward.

**Shane** and **Henry** were troubled with injuries throughout the season and missed a number of games but gave big efforts when on the field. We had troubles cashing in on our scoring opportunities but when **Waisy** joined the team he was quick up front and scored consistently. I look forward to seeing him develop next season as he understands positioning better.

Finally I want to give a special mention to **Rishabh**. We had serious goal keeper troubles all year until Rishabh volunteered and decided to make it his own. He is still learning but I enjoyed seeing his courage and commitment to wanting to improve.

Thank you to Zac from the All Age 6's who helped out mid season. See you all next year when we WILL sing our Victory Song more often!

**Coach Noel**

## Under 15 Division 3



We finished third on the ladder but we started very slow and I wasn't sure how the season would play out. We started the season with 5 players I really didn't know where we were going with half a team. I never came across this situation in 4 years of coaching, I guess that was a challenge for me I'm glad that I stayed on at one stage even though I thought off letting it go, instead I kept the desire to hold on and push through the awkward circumstances.

Our first game was with only 7 players it was hurting me to see my team being beat every week by not having the full side of players. Our team and players who started the competition, they were **Brooklyn, Namah, Atilla, Jeyanath, Rodriguez, Khushi** and **Sanyam** - this is how we started the 2018 season. Coming back from a year of absence after winning the final in a division 2 side I always like the underdogs, it gives me the duty and the passion to teach players who really want to learn and excel and I truly bring the best out of them, from being nobody's in the competition to Champions of themselves. Some call it luck or faith or as I call it 99% of determination and that 1% of inspiration, that's all you need to succeed in all aspects of life.

As I say no pain no gain, we were progressing through the season the original goal keeper came back **Atharva** wow what a turn around that made for the team it released Brooklyn from that duty. If you have seen a ball kicked by Brooklyn it would have the speed of a cruise missile he kicked that hard sometimes I would find the balls flat after training there was no ball safe from him at all. That made Atilla move from defense into midfield it open a can of worms in the competition for us. We had **Rumaan** who played as a defender the season before he reregistered back to the team that strengthen our back line even more, then **Ali** came into the team a forward that lack game experience but made up by self belief and the determination to learn and succeed in his position. I guess word of mouth or players watching our games on weekends and wanting to join us as we were becoming a great side to play for.



Then one night as we were training another player wanted to join **Sarwagya** came on board who brought **Agrim** to our team who took over the left wing and a great partnership happened, the goals started to come and the team was shaping up, it was great that finally we were getting some of the players into our team every training session. We were getting players who were approaching me.

One night I had a player who came and trained with us and decided to join our team his name was **Bol** told me coach I can control the midfield which he did to the best of his ability, that released Atilla to the forward position now half way through the season it was great to see him in his real position he started to tear into the teams showing his ability to finish goals and assisting any players who was in the opportunity to score and every mum and dad who followed us from weekend to weekend started to chant his name Atilla, I guess it was a positive connection with his fans, they knew soon as he got into the 18 yard box something was going to happen, sure enough it did.



At one stage of the season we had 21 registered players, the problem was that players were injured, players who could not come to games or training, it was not easy to control every weekend it was a challenge to me, this is why I've lost most of my hair you see. My goal was to bring these players together as a team and I believe that I have accomplished and achieved that in one game. We beat Lidcombe Waratahs who was coming 3<sup>rd</sup> on the table by 6 goals in one game we went from last to 5<sup>th</sup> position, if that's not a Champion team and players what is.

I would like to thank Lex who took care of us rain shine or hail whatever the situation, also would like to thank every player who I mention in this report or not who played in the team it was a great privilege to coach you all. And also thank a very close friend who helped and assisted our team in training this season that was Cetin, I would like to thank Granville Waratah club President Noel and Secretary Tony for having the time and patience in giving me this opportunity to coach and bring the best out of 15/3.

**Coach Ibrahim.**

## Youth Under 18's Division 1

With practically all of the team returning from last year, we started the season on a mission to complete unfinished business...but I guess we finished this season much the same way...again. With all of the team doing their HSC, it was always going to be a difficult year however this was truly a year where we reflect, look back and say, it was the year that could have been.

We started the season with a full team and a strong bench. Just as we were getting into our groove, the season derailed after round 5 when we played round 1 of the State Cup



against Coniston FC. The team was involved in an ugly incident that we didn't start but wanted to finish. As their coach, I was left gutted and deflated after the incident. Three red cards were issued but it could have been more.

Three players got lengthy suspensions but the team got a guillotine punishment - one more red card and the team would be removed from the competition! Looking back, this was actually good medicine for the team. It allowed them all to realise the errors of their ways and put things into perspective. In fact I believe it helped them mature.

After the Coniston FC incident and learning of our guillotine punishment, we had a lengthy team talk and to avoid the risk of being kicked out, 3 more players decided to leave the team. Soon after that 2 more players left the team. The end result was that we played almost half a season with 9 or 10 players. The team toiled hard and we actually played some good football, only to be defeated by fatigue. It was very frustrating as the team knew we were better than all the teams we had lost to but for playing short of players and fatigue. After round 15, we resigned ourselves to the fact that the season was over, mathematically it was practically impossible for us to make the finals. Well that's what we thought! How wrong we were!

Notwithstanding that **we were coming last after round 16**, with 2 players coming back into team from suspension and recruiting 2 more players, we ended up winning the last 3 games of the season, including an amazing come from behind victory against Wenty that allowed us to celebrate a crazy 90<sup>th</sup> minute penalty. However we still needed teams in front of us to keep losing. After winning our round 18 match and joyfully singing our victory song, we sat and waited for the other results to come through. And when we learned Merrylands lost 1-0, it was unbelievable...we were in the semi finals!!! After the season we had...We couldn't believe it! Oh it felt like a Grand Final Victory!!

After having all the amazing luck to get us into the finals, Lady Luck deserted us the following week against Auburn District. The team was pumped and ready to play. In fact we played some beautiful football but hitting the woodwork 7 times is brutal. We couldn't find the back of the net. The Auburn coach new they had dodged a bullet and the dominant team had lost, commenting to me after the game that the best team by far had lost. He was even apologetic. Wow the misery of defeat still hurts, but this is soccer, being philosophical, the elation of making the finals the following week still put smiles on our faces!

I would like to thank the team for the amazing journey this year and insist we all come back next year to complete our unfinished business...and continue to sing our Victory Song!!!!

**Coach Noel**

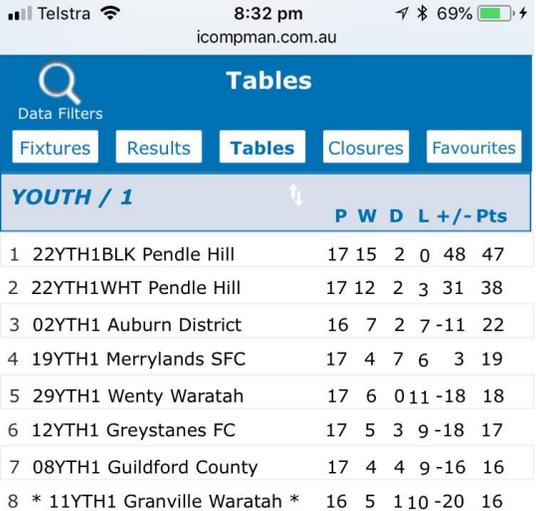
## All Age Seniors 6

On occasion, the start of the season can be a nervous time, hoping for a full team committed enough to support the club for the entire season. And on this occasion, it wasn't any different. This season began with a few expressions of interest in the first few days, giving early indications that it may not eventuate & not having enough numbers to even have a team, let alone have a 'committed' team.

However, it was quickly evident that it wasn't going to be a concern at all, but rather turning into a 'more-than-enough' numbers to make a very full team of a total of 21 players (even having to have to turn players away). So, needless to say... that was a relief & a very good start to the season!

Meanwhile, although it was the beginning of what was a promising start, the level of commitment still laid in the balance. It wasn't until the first few training sessions that this was also no longer a concern. The team had some members more than showing their loyalty & passionate commitment to the team, showing their dedication & making their mark by supporting the team & club wholeheartedly.

Repeatedly, the core team members showed up for training week after week, doing their best to keep up & pushing themselves to the limit again & again. Yes... even giving their all during each beep-test!



The screenshot shows a mobile application interface for a league table. At the top, the status bar shows 'Telstra', signal strength, Wi-Fi, time '8:32 pm', and battery '69%'. Below the status bar is the URL 'icompman.com.au'. The app has a blue header with a search icon and the title 'Tables'. Underneath are tabs for 'Data Filters', 'Fixtures', 'Results', 'Tables' (selected), 'Closures', and 'Favourites'. The main content area is titled 'YOUTH / 1' and shows a table with columns for rank, team name, and statistics (P, W, D, L, +/-, Pts).

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1	22YTH1BLK Pendle Hill	17	15	2	0	48	47
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3	02YTH1 Auburn District	16	7	2	7	-11	22
4	19YTH1 Merrylands SFC	17	4	7	6	3	19
5	29YTH1 Wenty Waratah	17	6	0	11	-18	18
6	12YTH1 Greystanes FC	17	5	3	9	-18	17
7	08YTH1 Guildford County	17	4	4	9	-16	16
8	* 11YTH1 Granville Waratah *	16	5	1	10	-20	16

As is often the case, each team can go through changes & it was no different here. So, following some early team decisions on which direction the team was going & which players would remain on the team, it was the the team needed to boost its morale & launch it to the next level. The team quickly found its flow & members gelled with obvious long-term friendships formed. Then, in spite of unfortunate incidents with injuries & suspensions, the team held itself together gracefully & successfully.

So perhaps at this point we can proudly say: WE WON! Yes... we came first! We won the premiership & are league champions for 2018! This came around due to the support offered by each team member, which was paramount to the success of the team.

Congratulations... to all the team members whom tenaciously dedicated themselves to making it such a successful season. Full credit goes to all the team members who tirelessly worked hard to achieve the end result.



Well done & we look forward to another bumper season in 2019!

Coach Gerry

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## **2019 REGISTRATIONS**

*Online registrations commence mid January 2019*

***Every Wednesday night in February 2019***

***6.00pm - 9.00pm***

***Robin Thomas Reserve Club House***

***Start recruiting...Tell your friends to join the Mighty Blue and Gold  
Granville Waratah Soccer Football Club***

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## WELL DONE TANIA!!!



Papparazzi from the GDSFA Annual Gala Dinner 13 September 2018.  
Granville Waratah won the Best Social Media Award and Coach Tania was nominated for the Club Person of the Year!

