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Granville Waratah SFC Newsletter
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FROM THE PREZ

Good bye lawn mower, see you later fishing rods...soccer football season is here! Well sort of...

Sure it was a bright sunny day but last Saturday our grounds were still very soft under foot and playing 17 home games would have churned up the fields much too early in the season. So, most of us will have to wait till this weekend to take those photos and video those precious memories!

Meanwhile only three of our teams managed to play some away games...and I must admit it was a great feeling to finally kick off the season and see the blue and gold kids running around...and who knows...I may have been watching a future Wanderer or Socceroo...or even a Matilda! **I saw mums, dads and family all taking many photos and videos!** These are memories that money just can't buy! I enjoyed watching the under 11's and under 14's – I was very proud of their efforts as many of the kids have never played club soccer before! Special acknowledgements to first time coaches Kumar, Zac, Anand and Daniel!



The good news about last weekend's wash out is that we have an extra week to arrange the administration of the teams and to train the teams in readiness for this Saturday. I take the opportunity again FOR ALL PARENTS to please consider volunteering your time to help the coaches – remember, many hands make light work – offering to bring cut oranges for half time, washing the playing shirt or offering to drive some players to away games, it all helps!

Speaking of helping out, parents must understand and appreciate what needs to be done on a Saturday morning – nets, line marking, benches, witches' hats, bins and goal posts - each team will be on a roster to help with Saturday morning ground set up. When it's your team's turn, please ensure parents from your teams meet their commitment.

Now that the season is underway, I look forward to walking around the grounds when I find the spare time to introduce myself to you all and take on board any and all feedback that we can use to make your club better. Having said that... I will leave you with this, something I read on Facebook yesterday, **"Complaining about a problem without proposing a solution, is called whining"**. Remember we are all volunteers donating our time because our kids are worth it!

FROM THE SECRETARY

As a club under the umbrella of the national soccer body, we have certain obligations we need to meet and one of them is a record that we have proved the age of all members of the club.

We need to complete this task ASAP and so we ask all members **to bring some form of ID** (Passport, birth certificate + photo ID, driver's license) **to your next training session** so we can sight it and mark you off.

If you are sure we have a copy of your ID, then there is no need to bring it in again.



MATCH REPORTS

It is our intention to feature in all newsletters, every match report we receive. Coaches, managers and parents, please organise among you to ensure someone is selected to write a report of the match!

Due to our grounds closure last weekend, only three Granville Waratah teams took to the field but I'm happy to announce we have a match report from each! This 100% record will be hard to match for round two this weekend but it's a worthy goal to aim for. Please remember to caption who is who in any photos your team submits to be included in this newsletter. Email to: secretary@granvillewaratah.com.au

Each week we choose the best report to be the **Featured Match Report**, this week it goes to our **Under 14 Division 3** team with a great read about their huge win. Thanks to **Zac** for sending it in!

The **Under 9 Koalas** win the Photo of the Round. Great work **Anand**!

Under 14 Div. 3 – Featured Match Report

The first half of our game against **Auburn FC** started with both teams feeling their way into the match and testing the other side. It wasn't long before we took charge of the game and took the highway towards Auburn FC's net. Midway through the half Granville scored their first, a goal that was coming after creating numerous chances, with **Ahmad** putting the ball into the back of the net.

Not long after the Granville took the lead, Auburn managed to level the game from the single shot they had in the first half, and that's how things stood as we went into the break, the score 1-1.

After a few words of encouragement from the coach at half-time, we started the second half with the intent to put the game to rest early on. After a well-played move in the midfield from captain **Rudra**, **Ahmad** managed to score his second of the game and again Granville took the lead, this time to stay on the top. A few passes later,



Rudra managed to put the ball in the back of the net to make it 3-1, with little-to-no resistance from the opposition.

The rest of the match we dominated, with lots of tactical and skillful moves leading to the fourth and fifth goals by **Ahmad**, who ended up with Player of the Match for his hat-trick. A few changes to our positioning included pushing **Himanshu** from centre back to an attacking play maker role to great effect as he scored our sixth goal for the game. This was shortly followed by **Rudra's** second of the day and seventh for Granville. The back line, with our great left back of the night **Erol**, ended up exerting full control over the Auburn FC attackers and stopped them from getting anywhere near our net.



Granville kept pushing forward and managed to score our eighth and final goal of the game by **Fatin** who had an outstanding game. Our goalkeeper, **Furqan**, who played for the first time as a goalkeeper had a quiet game but managed to leave a good impression of a great attitude and awesome team spirit by standing between the sticks and have fun while at it.

The entire team contributed towards the win and everyone played the game with great attitude and enjoyment.

Coach Zac

Final Score: 1-8 to Granville Waratah SFC



Under 9 Koalas

Our first game for the season was played away against **Auburn District** and as it turned out, the team was fortunate all the home games were washed out! Due to two of our roster of nine players indicating they couldn't play on the weekend, we had some help from **Nathan** from the Dolphins team who turned up to help out in case he was needed as a reserve. And he was as the Koalas could only field six players against a team who had plenty of reserves as well as their seven.

The team's inexperience showed as we conceded within the first three seconds! The fact we were one player short also didn't help things but the players didn't get too discouraged and gamely battled on. You could literally see the team improving as each minute elapsed.



We deployed **Ramcharan** as our forward and it wasn't long before he was taking advantage of some useful long balls and troubling the opposition 'keeper. I'm not a psychic but I predict lots of goals in **Ram's** future!

Ariv, Srivardhan, and Joshua, all playing their first game of club football, visibly improved as the game went on and should be able to use the experience as a foundation for the rest of the season.

Sameep, who last played for Granville Waratah as an under 6 player, contributed greatly as defender in the first half and goalie in the second. His experience showed as he was cool under pressure and pulled off some great saves.



Such was the improvement as the game went on, the second half was a much more keenly contested event, with the goal count more or less even for most of the half. Auburn ended up out-scoring us in the second half too but only when the team ran out of puff. Playing six against seven will do that to you!

Nathan (pictured right) scored the team's only goal with a great run from half-way that contained many jinks and feints, before scrambling the ball across the line. Not bad for the goalie of the first half, well done **Nathan**!

All-in-all, it was certainly a steep learning curve for our first game of the season. However, the signs are there that the team contains enough talent to be competitive. Bring on the rest of the season!

Coach Anand

Match report by Andy

Final Score: 12-1 to Auburn District



Under 11 Possums

Our match against **Auburn District** had a great start with **Zach** scoring from a pass from **Aneishah** within the first five minutes! Alas, we weren't able to keep it up as we were not able to call upon any reserves and for most of our players it was their first match. The match ended with a 3-1 score line to Auburn.

Against a well-drilled and experienced team, for our first match we weren't half bad. With more training under our belts we can look forward to matching our opponents when we play them again later in the season.

Taaha and **Shrey** thrilled the watching parents with good ball control and passing skills, while **Shivvesh**, **Lojayna**, **Taym**, and **Aryan** did very well for their first match and all contributed to an encouraging first game performance.

Zach displayed great endurance to keep running all game with at least one stand-out tackle that kept possession for Granville, while **Aneishah** showed she's a pacy player who will cause lots of problems for our future opponents!

Saving the best for last, many thanks to **Meya** who volunteered to keep goal and did an outstanding job for her first match. Well done **Meya**!

Thanks to Gerry, Noel, and Andy for your effort and support.

Coach Kumar

Final Score: 3-1 to Auburn District



COTTAM CUP

This Wednesday night, our **All Age Division 5 White** team plays Parramatta City in the Cottam Cup. The Cottam Cup is a knock out competition, in fact it is Australia's oldest continuously played for competition – since 1907! And our club has won it the most with 12 titles. Watch the inspirational story of John William Cottam here:

<http://www.granvillesoccer.com.au/cottam-cup/cottam-cup-history/>

FREE COACHING COURSE ON MONDAY APRIL 15TH

The coaching clinic we had organised but was cancelled due to rain has now been rescheduled for Monday April 15th commencing 6.00pm. Please register using this link:

<https://education-ffa.sportingpulse.com/Entry/?EIDMC=1305312&MenuID=%2f17038%2f0>

The event details can be viewed here:

<https://education-ffa.sportingpulse.com/event.asp?ID=19712>

All Mini-Roos coaches MUST attend please!



TRAINING SCHEDULE

Team	Day and start time	Coach and contact number
U6 Koalas WHT	Wednesday 6.00pm	Hrishikesh 0401 125 775
U6 Wombats WHT	Wednesday 6.00pm	Victor 0449 131 589
U6 Wombats BLK		Ferras 0414 139 716
U7 Koalas BLK	Wednesday 6.00pm	Mohamad 0434 989 746
U7 Koalas WHT	Wednesday 6.00pm	Ganesh 0401 486 675
U7 Possums	Wednesday 6.00pm	Michael 0415 139 229
U7 Wombats	Wednesday 6.00pm	Anthony 0431 572 130
U8 Koalas	Wednesday 6.00pm	Paul 0439 672 911
U8 Wombats	Wednesday 6.00pm	TBC
U9 Dolphins	Wednesday 6.00pm	Andy 0424 540 562
U9 Koalas	Wednesday 6.00pm	Aanand 0401 497 111
U9 Wombats	Wednesday 6.00pm	Mike 0416 614 056
U10 Dolphins	Wednesday 6.00pm	Steve 0400 053 356
U10 Possums	Wednesday 6.00pm	Cetin 0431 599 960
U10 Koalas		Anthony 0412 272 434
U11 Possums	Tuesday & Thursday 6.00pm	Kumar 0416 466 077
U13 / 1	Tuesday & Thursday 6.30pm	Goran 0416 116 460
U14 / 3	Tuesday & Thursday 6.00pm	Zach 0410 544 109
U15 / 2	Tuesday & Thursday 6.00pm	Noel 0411 407 447
U16 / 2	Wednesday & Thursday 6.00pm	Stephen 0415 598 958
AAM / 5 WHT	Tuesday & Thursday 7.30pm	Noel 0411 407 447
AAM / 5 BLK	Tuesday & Thursday 7.30pm	Gerry 0415 869 588