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YOUR CLUB NEEDS YOU!

61st ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Monday, 5 November 2007
At the club house
ROBIN THOMAS RESERVE
Harris Street Parramatta
COMMENCING 7.30 PM

We have positions to fill in the Executive Committee.

Have a say in how your club is run, make your club better for your children.

President's Report

In 2005 we had 2 teams that made the grand final and 1 Grand Champion, that team was the under 11's. This year we had 4 teams to make the Grand Finals and only 1



Grand Champion, and it comes as no surprise to me that it is the same team that won in 2005 - CONGRATULATIONS to the under 13's!!!

Congratulations of course must go to the other 3 teams, the under 12's, 16's and under 17's. The under 12's felt the pain of losing in a penalty shoot out, the under 16's went down 1 nil (and the frustration of not being awarded a penalty in the final minute of the game) and the under 17's simply got beaten by a better team who had not lost all year. All 3 teams can be proud of their efforts to make the grand finals, especially the under 17's who were playing grand final games from round 15.

And of course a heart felt thank you to all the teams, players, coaches, managers and parents for supporting the mighty Granville Waratah Soccer Club. Your time and energy that you give to your children and donate to the club is much appreciated.

I know I say this every year, but 2007 I found to be very rewarding and enjoyable. Again I coached 2 teams – my daughters under 7's and the mighty under 17's...I am obsessed with soccer and all the emotions it brings. BUT WHY? Because it is so much like life – the wins, the defeats, the challenges, the frustrations, the efforts required. As a coach I am very mindful of the responsibility I have in not just teaching young boys how to be better soccer players, but teaching young boys how to become better young men. Teaching young testosterone charged boys that we simply have to accept a “bad” referee decision is not easy, but as I too often have to explain to abusive parents, let alone abusive teenagers “if professional referees can get it wrong to deny Australia at the World Cup in Germany, then we can expect a referee to get it wrong at a suburban park in Western Sydney on a Saturday afternoon – welcome to sport, welcome to life!” My under 17's lost their grand final 4 nil – their worst defeat all year. The score did not reflect the game and that was the most disappointing aspect. However my boys conducted themselves with much self respect and dignity. They put aside their egos and accepted they were indeed beaten by a better team and rightfully congratulated the opposition. They also vowed to come back to beat them next year!!! I was also proud of the way they conducted themselves at Hooters that same night, as we celebrated a great season!



The club looks to be heading in the right direction. I have been president for 7 years and this is the first time we have had under 6's, 7's and 8's. It is the Committees's objective to have teams in every age group...but we will need your help so please spread the word about the **mighty 'tahs**

Off the field and behind the scenes, I must thank the tireless efforts of the club's Executive Committee who keep the club in existence. Special mention firstly to Secretary **Hector Guajardo**, who also took on the job as club Registrar. Thank you to **Rick Paye** and his **wife Ann** who provide heaps of energy and spirit in helping to manage the canteen and to the honourable patriarch of the club, **Vince Wyatt** our Treasurer, who is always down at the ground earlier than anyone else Saturday morning – as he has been for just over 40 years - setting up the fields and lending a hand. And I can't forget our webmaster Tony Farrell, for looking after our website.

Finally, tell your friends and tell you families to come and play the world game with the mighty Blue and Gold of the Granville Waratah. Next year will come quick and I look forward to seeing you then!

NOEL DONA

Secretary's Report

This year our club was represented by 11 teams 3 Rooball, 6 juniors and 2 seniors - most teams had very good seasons with a lot new players joining our club.

Rooball teams all had lots of players start with us this year. I hope they all had enjoyable season. They were exciting to watch and also to referee. A big thanks to Vickash, Noel & Tony for all their time work & patience that is needed to coach the younger teams. I am sure all players benefited from their coaching this year.

Our junior teams faired very well this year with 6 teams 11's 12's 13's 15's 16's & 17's. under 11's & 15's were new teams. With alot of new players, both sides started the season slow and unsure but as the finished the season very strong, their last few games were exiting & competitive

Robbie & Wais coached the under 11. They had a real mixed team from ages ranging from 9 – 11, and played very well considering none of their players had any playing experience before the season.

Under 15's also had a lot of new players and a new coach, started the season inexperienced and fresh, but unfortunately due to only a few players being committed at training and at games, the team didn't fair that well. Many thanks to all those committed players, especially Roy, Charbel and coach Daniel - thanks for your efforts this year, hopefully we will pick up some new players for your team next year and have a better season.



Under 12's second year in a row into a grand final, thanks to great coaching, by Rick. Played very well all season considering they went up a division and made the grand final again, unfortunately they lost in a penalty shoot out. Congratulations to all the players fFor a great season and hopefully we will see you all next year to win the grand final.

Under 13's challenged the division 2 competition this year also made the grand final and won!!!! in a very tight and competitive game which was only decided in the last few minutes. This team is also a very good team with lots of potential still to come, and hopefully all players will come back with commitment next year to play division one.! Congratulations boys on a season well played.

Under 16's and under 17's both these teams played in division one this year coming up from division two - was always going to be a challenge and they met it by reaching the grand final which is no minor feat. Both very competitive and skillful teams were very enjoyable to watch this season. Their commitment to training and games was very commendable for boys at this age. With high school, HSC, and work commitments these players managed to still come down and have a great season with our club. I hope they all enjoyed their season as much as I enjoyed watching some of their games. Thanks to both coaches Danny and Noel, their skill in understanding of the game really showed on the field.

This year a new registration system was introduced to the club, now putting the club online with the association and other Clubs, making registration for the future a lot easier and more efficient. We are now able to register, photograph players and do all registrations from our club which makes it easier for all. This year the club was very committed to working with

the Association, which showed when all our games were allocated at the same ground on grand final day. Thanks to Noel, club President for all his work with the association, also many thanks to Tony Farrell for his time & expertise on the new computer system. Tony has put in a lot of work setting up and maintaining our web page, he has done a great job.

Unfortunately this year a lot of players have not paid their fees and this is a major issue which next year will not be tolerated. Until back payments have been made, players that have not paid their fees will not be eligible to play for our club or any other club. With our new registration system all players non financial will not be able to play for other clubs until all fees are paid. We do not want to take this course of action as we only want to see players playing the game , but it is unfair on players who do pay their fees.



This season we lost some games due to wet weather even though we played some catch up games not all matches were able To be played, hopefully next season will have more luck with the weather and play a full season.

Many thanks to Ann & Rick for running the canteen, a job on its own keeping the canteen running,(those sausage sizzles Yummm). Also many thanks to Vince for all his work he is always there early Saturday morning marking and setting up the fields for our home games. Also many thanks to all parents that helped the club this year, any help is most welcome, hopefully next year we will receive some more support from parents as it all beneficial for the children as well as the club to have parents involved.

Congratulations to all our players and coaches for a great season . Cheers

PERPETUAL TROPHY WINNERS

The club's Perpetual Trophies were awarded as follows:

U/6	K & B Perpetual	Best & Fairest	Sarjad Sarwari & Praanish Solanki
	H. Bremmell Shield	Most Improved	Jaden Flavell
U/7	Mary Fox Shield	Most Outstanding	Hussein Rahhal
U/8	T Mangion Shield	Most Outstanding	Neda Rawi
U/11	Paul Black Trophy	Most Consistent	Jesse Owad
U/12	B.R. Guy Trophy	Best & Fairest	Cuan Ellis
U/13	Sutherland Shield	Most Improved	Salman Hassani
U/15	Beau Worthington Trophy	Most Consistent	Roy Mattan
U/16	Noel Dona Trophy	Most Valuable Player	Dzevad Smajic
U/17	D & L Painters	Most Consistent	Khaled Allybokus

JUDICIAL

The club record for season 2007 is summarised as follows:

TEAM	CAUTIONS (yellow)	SEND OFFS (red)
11/4		
12/4	1	
13/2	2	
15/3	1	
16/1	7	2
17/1	8	1
AA5	7	
AA6	7	
TOTAL	33	3



The above result is an increase from previous years. Still, a pretty good effort, but with Zero tolerance we must all be more careful to be GOOD SPORTS! All players are to be congratulated on this effort.

MEETINGS

Representatives from all teams attended General Meetings held throughout the year – representatives from all teams need to regularly attend these meeting to continue the success of your club and team.

Hector Guajardo

Registrar's Report

Registrations for 2007

Year	Teams	Players
2007	11	176
2006	11	180
2005	11	178
2004	11	156
2003	9	139



Hector Guajardo

Where we finished in 2007

Minor Premiers	Semi Finalists	Finalists	Grand Finalists	GRAND CHAMPIONS
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2007	1	0	0	3	1
2006	3	0	0	1	3
2005	0	1	0	0	1
2004	1	0	3	0	1
2003	1	0	0	4	2
2002	0	3	0	1	3



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. Frank spent decades in the clubs committee and donated much of his time in the clubs operation.

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 season competition.
 3 points for minor premiers
 5 points if undefeated
 3 points for making semi finals*
 5 points for Grand finalists*
 7 points for Grand Champions*
 2 points deducted for every yellow card
 5 points deducted for every red card



Team	Comp. Points	Minor Prem.	Undef.	Semi Final	Grand Finalist	Grand Champ	Yellow	Red	Total
U/11's	10								10
U/12's	35				5		2		38
U/13's	35	3				7	4		41
U/15's	10						2		8
U/16's	30				5		14	10	11
U/17's	25				5		16	5	9
Sr 5's	13						14		-1
Sr 6's	13						14		-1

'Congratulations u/13's!'

THE OLDEST CLUB IN THE ASSOCIATION?

GRANVILLE KEWPIES - versus - GRANVILLE WARATAH

THE TRUTH EXPOSED!!!!

It is an undisputed historical fact that our Granville Soccer Association – the GDSFA – is the oldest in Australia. Founded in 1902. Many clubs have since come and gone, but which club is the oldest? Granville Kewpies can accurately define and trace its club history to its inception, being in 1919. They called themselves Kewpies as a tribute to the diggers who returned from France with little Kewpie dolls. They can also claim to being a continuous club operating every year since that time.

But who were they playing?

Unfortunately our club cannot (yet) boast such claims. We know we can claim that our club was playing in the 1930's and 2 years ago we were shown a medal presented to an "A Craig" in 1929 by the Waratah club – we assume it is our Granville Waratah club as the medal was together with some Kewpie medals too. We can claim to know that our club has been holding AGM's since 1946. So logically we can assume that our club had taken a break during WWII.

Recently however a journalist from the Advertiser did an interview with Mr Bill Henderson who played for our club in the 1940's - he also played for Australia. He advised the journalist that he was playing for the Granville Waratah Club in 1944 and has a rare colour team photograph on the wall to prove it. So what does this mean? Did our club actually take a break during WWII, or like the Kewpies, have we been operating every year since inception? Before next season, I (Noel Dona) plan to meet with Bill Henderson hoping he can shed some light on some very important historical facts.



So just how old is our club then? Granville Kewpies had to be playing someone. Even their own club history (see <http://www.granvillekewpie.com/about/About/History/> , paragraph 7) as written by the Granville Historical Society in 1992 recognizes our early existence.

Well earlier this year Hector and I spent a few days at the State Library reading the old local newspapers – the Cumberland Argus. We can confirm that on 11 May 1920 there is reference to Granville Waratah playing a game at Parramatta Park. But Hector may have hit the Jackpot when he found reference to a Harris Park Waratah playing a game in 1912!!!!

Watch out Kewpies, we will keep digging for information over the off season so that we can rightfully claim to be the oldest and continuously playing club in the oldest Association in Australia!

Stay tuned!

Semi Final – 11th August 2007

12/4 v Merrylands SFC**1 – 1 (won on penalty shoot out)**

A good, exciting game today, played in the right spirit between two highly competitive teams. Although I felt we had the better of play, our only goal came from (ironically enough) a well taken penalty by Darryl in the first half, which was cancelled by a second half equaliser from Merrylands. We created a number of chances, but a combination of near misses and good saves kept us from scoring more - Merrylands also created a few but some good solid work from our goalkeeper, Darren, and some desperate defence saved the day for us.

An extra 16 minutes of extra time couldn't find a winner, so it was down to a penalty shootout - Andrew, Samim & Hamid all scoring great goals, whilst a combination of saves from stand in keeper Darryl, and misses from Merrylands, gave us a 3 - 1 penalty result, and meant we stay alive for another week.

Well done to all players today who put in a great effort, and stood up well to the pressure of a sudden death match and then the dreaded penalty shootout - this can only help as we hope to go all the way this year. In a game where it was hard to find just one stand out player, the man of the match went to Cuan, who put in a great effort after being ill and missing training through the week

13/2 v Guildford County Black 0 - 4**16/1 v Parramatta City 2 - 0****17/1 v Lidcombe Waratah 4 -3**

This game had the potential to be a disaster but when Samuel slotted home a runaway goal with less than a minute to go in the second half of extra time...the dream was still alive and we could all feel relieved we won playing a very ordinary game. The game was punctuated with some great moments like the perhaps the goal of the season (though Khaled's half way beauty was pretty good) that Theo scored after some great team lead up work. Cem "The Sea Gull" Kol put away a mix up in front of the box and Mohamed "the tiger" Elkawam's left flank attack were memorable. But we got sloppy and gave them a sniff early in the second half to make life for ourselves difficult. But we are better for the experience, so bring on Pendle Hill.

Finals – 19th August 2007**12/4 v Castle Hill RSL 3 - 1**

We didn't start today's game with the same intensity as last week, today it took us some time to get fully focused and concentrating. Although a little bit off our game early, we matched Castle Hill until they got the first goal, which might have been the wake up call we needed. From there we started to play better soccer, and grabbed an equaliser by Yassin, and went into half time at 1 - 1.

In the second half we were much the stronger team, creating many chances and not giving too much away, and were much improved on our first half effort. Yassin scored his second goal to put us in front, before sustained pressure led to a third goal, well taken by Andrew.

Well done by all players today, they worked well as a team and played better, and were stronger, as the game went on. This is the sort of effort we need if we are to win next week's grand final. Good luck, but don't rely on luck!

13/2 v Merrylands SFC 1 - 0

16/1 v PCYC Parramatta FC 2 - 1

17/1 v Pendle Hill 2 - 1

This perhaps is the most exciting and tenacious game I have ever coached. The boys lifted to beat a team we had not beaten this year. We scored ...they scored ...but we scored again and held off a frantic final 15 minutes of relentless attack. We both had crossbar shots but man of the match was The Indian Iceman in the goals who saved the day with some breathtaking gems!!! He did it last week and he delivered again today. The defence held strong to repel attacks and Sobhi and Khaled (with new found aerial skills, controlled the middle. THIS WAS A FANATSIC TEAM EFFORT that I was very very proud of...the stuff of champions!!!!

Grand Final – 26th August 2007

12/4 v Dundas 1 – 1 (Lost on penalty shoot out)

13/2 v Guildford 1 - 0

16/1 v Guildford County 0 - 1

17/1 v Wenty Waratah Black 0 - 4

The saddest thing about this game was the result – we simply did not play that bad...and even Wenty acknowledged that. 6 shots to 1 in the first half is where we lost it. They had one shot and made it. We tried to the very end and never gave up...we can be proud of our efforts and how we conducted ourselves in defeat.

END OF SEASON TEAM REPORTS

U/6's

We had a great start to the season with all kids ready to show parents that they are future Socceroos. The under 6's participated in the Granville district competition with the emphasis on fun and skill development. It was exciting to watch the young talents who at the start of the season did not know each other and towards the end of the season played as a complete team unit and for that I congratulate all the players.

All the boy's were very determined, enthusiastic and tried really hard. I would like to thank all the players for their persistence, strength and teamwork during the whole season.

Towards the end of the season each player showcased all that they had learnt at training and tactfully applied it to the game in a skilled and admirable way. Well done boys for remaining positive and giving everything you had till the end.

Jamine and Nicola shared goalkeeping duties and were very good at stopping opposition teams from scoring. Sajad (the star) was brilliant through out the year with some impressive goals. In defence Praanish lead the backline well with able support from Alec and Darren . Dylan, Adrijan and Yassin made valuable contribution in midfield while Jamry and Jamine provided some forward thrust.

Under 6 - Team 2007: Alec Liu; Adrijan Ilic; Dylan Boga; Darren Fernandes; Jaden Flavell; Praanish Solanki; Sajad Sarwari; Yassin Mohamed; Jomary Alarcon, Nikola Tasic; Jermaine Mckain

Finally a big thank you to our wonderful families for their valuable support, loud cheers and words of encouragement though out the year.

We look forward for the next season. Cheers

Vikash

U/7's

The best thing about coaching this team is seeing how young boys are developing the skills in soccer. Three players returned to me this season and I could certainly see how Hussein and Trinity – the only girl in the club – have improved. Together with all the new players, this team played and improved with every game. In fact it was in the last game of the year we learnt just how fantastic Joshua was in goals, standing tall like a giant Redwood to defend his goals!

The veteran Hussein was a team leader and a real bulldog. Rahmy was a raging bull knocking down everything in sight. Joshua a soldier in defence and scored perhaps the best goal of the year with a canon shot against Castle Hill. Naveen ran around like a cattle dog. Joseph enjoyed his first year and will be keen to strut his stuff next year either in goals or on the field. Lenon was playing above his age and will be better for the experience. The brothers Thomas and Daniel came to the team after a few games but showed a lot of enthusiasm and loved to get onto the field. Little Ali was such a pleasure to coach as he has such a big smile for soccer. Finally Trinity, played in goals and certainly did not take a backward step when on the field – she knows how to mix it up with the boys.

A big thank you to Zena and my wife Teresa for looking after the team when I was on other coaching duties...I know you enjoyed the experience and the fun...and of course thanks for all the love and support from all the other parents. We have the makings of a great team so I am looking forward to next year when it will be bigger and better!

Noel

U/8's

Our U8 team, as it was for most of the year, was formed rapidly for round three - after splitting from what became the U7's. We struggled with numbers at times - keeping nine on the field from only nine in the team was always going to be hard, but we never struggled never with enthusiasm or determination. That round three game set the scene for the first half of the season - with only 7 players we met a highly graded Kellyville team pretty sure of themselves after a couple of big wins. Most of the game was in front of our goal - but our defense was absolutely determined - as it always would be. Nathan in goal was fantastic and only one got through. When we next met a Kellyville team they already knew about our great Goalie. Nathan was also a great striker - scoring several goals during the season.

Our defense worked hard in the first half of the season often against teams used to big wins and we normally sent them away having worked very hard to get a win. Dylan was a standout in the way he would give his all when the opposition tried to break away down the wing, making great runs to cut them off. For the quick break away down the centre they had to deal with our stopper Adrian -

nearly always in just the right spot and picking his run well - before shouldering his way onto the ball and clearing it.

Many boys played the sweeper/fullback position through the season - they all did it with real determination - Dylan, Taufiq, Hamzah Ahmed and Tiger all made great contributions in this position.

Tiger was a late addition to the team. He hadn't played much before but quickly got the hang of the game. A determined defender and effective in the centre.

It was Taufiq who showed the team how to make use of all those passing lessons in the game - when in our game against the Lidcombe Falcons he made a well-timed and highly effective pass to Neda. Suddenly the whole team saw how well this passing stuff worked and wanted to do it.

Neda made his mark as our outstanding striker - a natural at the game. I felt that if we could get a second boy up with him and we started passing the ball then we would start winning - and so it happened. After being badly beaten by Greystanes A (we had only 6 players on the day, two of them sick) the boys were pretty determined when we faced Greystanes B the next week. It was an evenly poised game. Our defense held firm as Nathan, Neda and Gursajan took runs at their goal. Finally Neda got away and crossed the ball in front of the goal to Gursajan who finished it off with style. We had ten happy boys when the final whistle blew and the boys realized they had their first win since round one. They went on to win all three remaining games.

We didn't see quite enough of Gursajan through the season, but when we did - he made a big impact - determined to get the ball and able to dribble well whilst running very fast. We also didn't see quite enough of Hamza Butt - a great dribbler in traffic and always determined to get the ball, nor Hamzah Ahmed, one of the most enthusiastic boys on the team. But managing to get to every game was Aidan, who really wants to be perfect at the game, but sometimes gets upset when he realizes he is not. When he played well he made quite an impact - just enjoy the game Aidan and you will do great.

In the last game our team was clearly stronger - but it was good to see the boys positioning themselves well without much instruction needed and positioning to receive passes. After the 6-nil win we had ten really happy boys. 5 Wins, 5 Losses, 4 Draws, lots of good fun.

Tony

U/12s Division 4

2007 Season report: 12/4s

Players: Agiba Andrea, Elias Azizi, Cuan Ellis, Dilawar Haidarie, Yassin Kamali, Mahmoud Kameh, Samim Ibrahim Khel, Tamim Ibrahim Khel, Ali Pousichi, Marsel Rasic, Hamid Rasoli, Andrew Taha, Darren Watson, Darryl Watson, Dillon Watson, Alladin Zahabe

Goals scored: 62 - Darryl 16, Mahmoud 14, Andrew 13, Yassin 6, Hamid 5, Samim 4, Cuan 2, Dilawar 1, Dillon 1.

2007 Best & Fairest: Cuan Ellis

2007 was a successful year, although in the end we ended up one goal short of claiming back to back grand championships - losing the grand final to a penalty shootout, after being locked at 1 - 1 at the end of extra time.

The boys can all be proud of their efforts this season, moving up a division and proving to be one of the top teams, providing plenty of highlights along the way.

It certainly wasn't an easy year, as well as the loss of games and training due to wet weather that everyone suffered, we also had a period where we had insufficient lights for training, we lost our captain (Darryl) for a time mid season due to a broken arm, and our top goal scorer at the time, Mahmoud, went overseas mid way through the year. After qualifying for the finals in 3rd place, we won our semi final after a penalty shootout, then the final 3 - 1 after going 1- 0 down. Again in the grand final we faced a penalty shootout, but this time the luck wasn't on our side.

Throughout all this the spirit and commitment remained good, and the boys worked hard all year and deserved their success - I'm sure that the experience gained this year will benefit us next year, when we will again move up a division and prove to be a better team.

Thanks to all the family and friends who lent their support every week, and mostly thanks to al the team for their efforts and the way they represented their club throughout the year.

Rick

U/13s Division 2

A great season by the boys this year they were committed to playing and winning the competition and it paid off with winning the inor premiership by numerous points and winning the grand final in a nail biter that was played right to the final whistle. The boys had a good season this year in division two, most players were very committed to training and their games and it certainly paid off throughout the season. We had some close wins, some games that we should have won by more but with great fighting spirit the team always managed to stay in front. Coaching boys this age is certainly getting more challenging as they mature and begin to find their own ways. It's hard sometimes to keep them focused on the job but they know they have to do it when it's needed. Some outstanding players this year on the field as well as at training. This year we had a team captain Obaid, took this role as a challenge and certainly did the job well. All players benefited from last years experience in division two, and made the most of it to win the competition this year. Next year division one, more commitment and effort will be needed to be competitive.

Thanks to all players I had an enjoyable season coaching and I look forward to the challenges of division 1.

Many thanks to all parents for their help this year

HECTOR.....

U/17s Division 1

When we won last years grand final in division 2, our goal was to play the winner of division 1 – Wenty Waratah Black in the under 17's division 1 grand final. So in that regard we achieved our goal. But of course making the grand final wasn't good enough...we then had to win it.

Unfortunately, we did not....but it was not for a lack of trying. I am very proud of the effort for the game and indeed the whole year!

We started the season very slow. Trying to get a team was proving difficult as 2 key players moved to reps and 3 others were unsure and moved elsewhere. We started with 3 straight losses...we won game 4 but lost game 5. Then I got my 3 key players back ...and we did not lose again until the grand final! The mid season rain disruption meant we could not afford to lose any game. The boys were frustrated with the lack of success but we never gave up. Too many draws – 4 – meant we had to win every game towards the end of the season to make the semi's –we did. Making the subtle change of taking Yaw out of fullback and into midfield made a huge difference and we were the form team coming onto the finals. The round 17 draw against Wenty Black showed to them they had real competition!..We should have won that game ...but like the grand final...we still have to score to win.

The season had some great moments, a clever half way shot from Khaled was exciting, some bursts of brilliance when the team connected to score and control a number of great goals - too many to mention now – showed the boys were maturing as soccer players!

As 17 year old young men, despite a few moments where their own sportsmanship was questionable, they can hold there heads high with confidence knowing that next year when we go to Hooters on Grand Final day...it will be as Grand Champions of under 18 div 1!

See you all next year!!!

Noel



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***First 2 Saturdays after school starts
in late January 2008***

10.00am- 1.00pm

Robin Thomas Reserve Club House

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

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SEE YOU ALL NEXT YEAR!!...

....it will come quick