

# FREE KICK



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## FROM THE PREZ

We live in a digital and electronic age that we should embrace, but sometimes the good old fashioned things are still very good...and often the best. Please allow me to explain.

Our children would struggle to understand the concept that we grew up with, of taking a photograph with a camera (as opposed to with a phone), then taking the roll of film out of the back of the camera and waiting a few days to get the film processed at a specialty photo processing shop – sometimes we even took the film to our local chemist to get the film processed – remember that?! Heck do our children even know what film is?!

Then we would share the photographs around with family and friends the old fashioned way – by hand. Now of course it is all done by, text, Facebook, Messenger, Snapchat, Instagram, WhatsApp, Viber, Air drop and a million other social media apps.

Gone are the days when it was common to go to the family closet and open up the family photograph album to see some old cherished memories.



Now it as all changed! Now we live in a selfie world where photographs are scattered across cyber space. I lament at how many wonderful memories are being lost and how our children, their children and generations thereafter will not have the opportunity to handle old photographs and share the memories of today. I lament that in age of Instagram and Snapchat, memories are viewed once and then forgotten about as we move on to the next selfie image. When I grew up we cherished film and photographs because there was a cost involved and so they were not so readily disposed of. Today taking a snap and sharing it is free.

So why I am sharing this? Because this Saturday it is Team Photograph Day. I believe it is very important, like your school class photographs, to keep them and cherish them and not just take it for granted. These are your history that future generations can discover.

In recent years I have by default become the club and Association's historian as I have delved deep to discover and write our histories. We are fortunate enough to have Australia's FIRST Olyroo play for our club – Bill Henderson. He is the goal keeper in this 1946 team photograph and he played goal keeper in the

Melbourne Olympic team in 1956. He once told me to keep all photographs and to keep everything, they are all precious memories.

When he gave me his team photograph I was thrilled with excitement. So imagine just how thrilled I was to find this very old photograph in the archives of Parramatta City Library. It is the oldest photograph I can find after our Association was formed in 1900. This photograph is of the Granville Magpie team from 1902!



Now imagine someone looking at your 2019 team photograph in the year 2100. So to afford your future family generations the opportunity to discover their history, please make sure you attend the team photograph day and order your team photograph.

## FROM THE SECRETARY

**Photography Day** – Please see below and take note of the time your team is scheduled for their photo shoot. The times have been designed around the time your team is playing but it’s not perfect, there is a small gap for some teams playing away. There is not much room to accommodate teams that arrive late, so *please* ensure you are on time! The photos will be taken at Robin Thomas Reserve, in the space we mark off next to the carpark, behind the canteen.

Team	Arrive Time	Photo Time	Comment	Game Time
14 Div. 3	8:20	8:30	Before home game	8:55
06 Wombats WHT	8:30	8:40	Before home game	9:00
07 Possums	8:40	8:50	Before away game	9:20
10 Koalas	8:50	9:00	Before away game	9:30
06 Koalas BLK	9:00	9:10	Before home game	9:50
09 Dolphins	9:10	9:20	Before home game	9:50
10 Possums	9:20	9:30	Before home game	10:00
15 Combined	9:30	9:40	Before home game	10:10
09 Wombats	9:40	9:50	Before home game	10:40
06 Koalas WHT	9:50	10:00	Before home game	10:40
08 Koalas	10:00	10:10	After home game	9:00
10 Dolphins	10:10	10:20	After home game	9:00
07 Koalas WHT	10:20	10:30	Before away game	11:10
13 Combined	10:30	10:40	Before away game	11:40
07 Wombats	10:40	10:50	Before home game	11:30
08 Wombats	10:50	11:00	Before home game	11:30
16 Div. 2	11:00	11:15	Before home game	11:35
07 Koalas BLK	11:15	11:30	After away game	9:00
06 Wombats BLK	11:30	11:45	After away game	9:00
09 Koalas	12:00	12:10	After away game	11:00
11 Possums	12:15	12:20	After away game	11:00

## RESULTS FROM ROUND 12

A mixed bag of results this week but some great results were recorded, the **Under 8 Koalas** picked up a long-awaited win and the **Under 9 Dolphins** continued their undefeated streak. Another streak continued with the club winning more games than were lost for the fifth week in a row. Great work Granville Waratah SFC!

Age Group / Div.	Home Team	Home Score	Away Score	Away Team
08 Koalas	Dundas United	1	2	Granville Waratah SFC
08 Wombats	Granville Waratah SFC	Bye		
09 Dolphins	Rydalmere FC	1	5	Granville Waratah SFC
09 Koalas	Granville Waratah SFC	1	2	Auburn District
09 Wombats	Pendle Hill	10	0	Granville Waratah SFC
10 Dolphins	Rydalmere FC	2	1	Granville Waratah SFC
10 Koalas	Granville Waratah SFC	4	1	Dundas United
10 Possums	Lidcombe Waratah	Washed	Out	Granville Waratah SFC
11 Possums	Granville Waratah SFC	3	3	Toongabbie Demons
13 Combined	Auburn District	Washed	Out	Granville Waratah SFC
14 Div. 3	Toongabbie Demons	1	2	Granville Waratah SFC
15 Combined	Guildford McCredie	Team	Stood down	Granville Waratah SFC
16 Div. 2	Toongabbie Demons	1	1	Granville Waratah SFC
AAM Div. 5 WHT	Granville Waratah SFC	5	0	Toongabbie Demons
AAM Div. 5 BLK	Holroyd Rangers	7	1	Granville Waratah SFC

## 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!

**Please try to remember to caption who is who in any photos your team submits to be included in this newsletter.** Email reports and photos to: [secretary@granvillewaratah.com.au](mailto:secretary@granvillewaratah.com.au)

All previous newsletters are available from the club website via this link:

<http://granvillewaratah.com/wp/newsletters/>

**Please Note:** The final score will only be shown for U8s and up. For 6s and 7s we don't want to encourage parents to focus on the score but how much fun and enjoyment their kids are having.

Each week we choose the best report to be the **Featured Match Report**, this week it goes to the **Under 8 Koalas** for a great account of their best win of the season. Thanks to **Coach Paul** for sending it in.

The **Under 9 Dolphins** win the Photos of the Round for great action shots of the players. Thanks to **Sammi** for sending them in.

## Under 8 Koalas

It's been a long time coming but with a little bit of help from **Francis** and **Minu** - some ringers from the U8 Wombats who had a bye - the U8 Koalas finally chalked up a win in our match against **Dundas United** after so many losses in a row. This was a genuine team effort. Everyone lifted their game and stuck to plans and, finally, things went our way.

Curtis Oval at Dundas Valley is a lovely ground and we were privileged to play there after the rain during the week that rained many other matches out. We were also privileged to watch the fog lift as the sun rose, which was nice.

We also played later than we normally do – 10am instead of 9am or 8:30. And just to prove that the gods were smiling on us for once, Dundas forgot their jerseys so we had an extra 15 minutes or so to warm up before kick-off.

Before the game I told all our Koalas how proud I was of them and how good I knew they were. I invited them to show me on the field. This was a different approach. We're deep thinkers in the Koalas – you can see it as we decide what to do with the ball. So I was hoping that a little bit of confidence before the game would help us on the field.



And it did. We went one goal down early from some pretty ordinary and indecisive defending and one of the Dundas players got a foot on the ball in a crowded goal mouth and our new Goalie **Miles** could only get a hand on it before it passed him into the net. **Miles'** hand on the ball took some fast reflexes so it was a good try anyway. But that didn't ruin our spirits. We kept pushing for a goal and even though it didn't come in the first half, we started to press against the Dundas defences.

Coming into half-time one goal down didn't reflect the real state of the game. I was happy as coach. Again, I told the boys how good I knew they were and that I was impressed by the play so far. There were only a few little adjustments required. Our defenders **Vivaan**, **Ejaz** and **Keith** were marking the Dundas forwards like glue. **Kalden** had complete control of the back half of the field and when the ball passed him, **Jahia** patrolling the penalty box line like a Roman soldier kept the goal mouth nice and clear for **Miles**. The balls that did go towards **Miles** he was able to save and own. The only low point in the game was that **Miles'** big boot seemed to be evading him that morning. Not to worry.

Our forwards **Owen**, **Troy**, **Minu**, **Kaushik**, **Gabby** and **Francis** were hustling well and starting to work together nicely. We were calling to each other and passes were starting to stick and Dundas were starting to struggle against us. And we were fast when it mattered.

So we went on for the second half and **Kaushik** and **Minu** consistently started to break through the Dundas defences. Soon enough, **Minu** (as he's familiar doing on field with the Wombats) found the back of the net through a crowd of Dundas defenders and soon after that, **Kaushik** pulled the ball back in front of a crowded goal and did the same. We were 2-1 up.

My enduring memory of the game will be just before the final whistle, **Kaushik** again weaved through the Dundas defenders on the left hand side of the field and **Minu** was close to him. **Kaushik** found space and ran up the line. **Minu** ran towards the goal. From their



starting point together, both boys' runs formed two perfectly straight sides of a triangle. When **Kaushik's** cross came from left field to **Minu** waiting at the goal mouth it was perfectly weighted and **Minu** surely would have scored again but for an absolute miracle by a Dundas player sprinting back to get a foot on it and spoil the shot.



*Miles in goals, **Jahia** clearing the ball, **Kalden** staying vigilant, and **Owen** and **Gabby** running back to help*

Special mentions in this game go to **Gabby** who was once again in everything, helping in the forwards, supporting his team mates (when a forward's being challenged, **Gabby** will be there in seconds to help) fighting for and winning the ball, **Kalden** for an exhaustive effort as the roaming and sweeping defender who nailed every single one of his clearing kicks and **Vivaan** and **Keith** together for their excellent pressure on the Dundas forwards, refusing to let them relax.

Congratulations guys. You all deserved the win. You all did your jobs and did them really, really well. Your coach and your parents are proud of you.

**Coach Paul**



## Under 7 Koalas WHT

The U6 & U7 Gala Day at Eric Primrose Reserve in Rydalmere brought great anticipation from our players with the exciting prospect of playing two games in one day.

Our first match was against our own club, **Granville Waratah Under 7 Koalas BLK**, so our boys flipped their shirts inside out to create an impromptu away jersey in order to distinguish the two teams.

At the outset there wasn't much between the two teams until **Liam** made one of his typical barnstorming runs from halfway with great determination to see the ball outrun the opposition to cross the line for a goal. For the remainder of the first period we struggled to get out of our own half with the ball repeatedly finding its way over our goal line, either from a shot on goal from the opposing team, or a get-out-of-trouble defensive boot from one of our guys.

After enjoying much of the field position, it was only a matter of time before the Koala BLKs managed to get one in the back of the net. The 1-1 score line at half time was a fair indication of how the game was going with both teams evenly matched and both teams struggling to find good cohesion and teamwork.

The second half was far more open and free flowing, with some good passing from **Arav**, **Sineth** and **Ashutosh** and some great defensive work from **Tristan** and our stand-in fullback **Aryan**, who was filling in for **Varish**. **Aryan** showed his versatility by playing at the back and demonstrated his strong and powerful boot that I knew he had, but rarely seen in a match so far.

Both teams traded goals alternately, with **Arav** positioning well to finish off a move from **Sineth** and **Adriel** scoring from a break away down the middle of the field. The match concluded with a befitting 3-3 draw between 2 teams that were similar in name and similar in how they played the game.

**Aryan** won our Player of the Match trophy for stepping up and doing a role for the team out of his normal position and doing it well.

After a brief rest between games our second match was against the familiar **Toongabbie Demons**. We were a bit slow off the mark in this game and before we knew it we were already a goal down after some good passing



*Ashutosh on the ball with Adriel and Sineth watching*



*Sushanth and Aryan were the Players of the Match*

combinations from the Demons. **Sushanth** replied with a well-planned and sneaky attack, intercepting the ball from a Toongabbie goal kick to score a goal that surprised him as much as the opposition. The excitement was short-lived however as Toongabbie dominated the rest of the half and went on to score another 2 goals without reply this time.

After some much needed encouragement at the break our team kicked into gear and ramped up their enthusiasm for the second half **Sineth** had finally found his mojo and was beginning to look dangerous on the ball, dribbling past multiple players, combining with teammates and shooting at the target. It was a big turnaround from our boys after the lacklustre first half with a massive 4 goals added to our total, 3 from **Sineth** and a second to **Sushanth**, much to the excitement of his dad who was watching behind the goals and may or may not have missed seeing his son's goal in the first half :).

It was a thrilling end to the game, to see our team come from behind made me so happy for them to experience how they can turn things around with a bit of energy, belief and teamwork. **Sushanth** received the Player of Match for this game, for showing great initiative and belief in himself and his team. Well done **Sushanth**.

Well done team!

**Coach Anthony**



## Under 9 Dolphins

We were up against **Rydalmere FC** on the weekend and looking to extend our fine undefeated streak to eight games straight. We won our previous encounter against them 5-0 earlier in the season and so we were looking to either match or improve on that result.

We were without the services of **Siddhant**, who is scoring nice volleyed goals for his SAP team, which meant we lined up with **Joseph** (first half) and **Ishan** (second half) in goals, **Ethan** and **Harsh** in defence, and **Troy**, **Lucas**, **Nathan**, **Anuj**, **Ajiri**, and **Jamaar** in midfield and attack.

The match was not as gripping as previous weeks as the result was never really in doubt. Granville shot to a two goal lead within the first 10 minutes with goals from **Troy** and **Jamaar**, and we looked comfortable on the ball and in control of the game.

**Troy** in particular was having arguably his best game of the season as he popped up with his second goal before the break to make it three goals to zip, well done **Troy**!



*Lucas brings the ball out of defence with his team mates in support*



*Ishan with one of the team's 14 shots at goal*

The entire half-time break was filled in trying to find a volunteer to be goalkeeper which is a recurring problem for the team. I think a roster solution is the best way out of this which we will be implementing in the weeks to come.

The second half was much like the first with Granville players peppering the Rydalmere goal – in fact we recorded the highest number of shots for a single game with 14 in total. **Jamaar** completed his hat trick with two well-taken goals, ably assisted by **Anuj** who picked up a record three assists for the match which won him the coveted Assist of the Match trophy. **Jamaar** was the obvious pick for Attacker of the Match, while **Ethan** and **Harsh** both shared the Defender of the Match award, but really, well done team, you all played as one.



*Lucas and a Rydalmere player scrap for the ball*

All in all, and with no disrespect intended to Rydalmere, the game was a good training session for our match of the season against Regents Park this coming weekend. We're at home and we kick-off at 9:50am. The team would love your support as we try to beat the best team in our age group. Go Granville Waratah SFC!

**Coach Andy**

**Final Score: 1 – 5 to Granville Waratah SFC**



## Under 9 Wombats

It was a tough day at the office for the Wombats against a lively **Pendle Hill** side. Unfortunately we only had five turn up to play which made it extremely hard to compete.

There was a lot of defending to be done and every one of the five put in 100% effort throughout the game.

**Cassie** started in Midfield/Forward but actually ended up all over the field with so much running. She did her best to counter attack any chance she got. She was helped by **Rutva** in midfield who also helped with counter attacks with plenty of energy.

Truthfully though the game was spent a lot of time defending considering the numbers and both **Mali** and **Tanmay** did their best to stop wave after wave of attacks. Plenty of timely tackles and blocks which stopped opportunities for the opposition.

**Naitik** was a busy goalkeeper in the first half and swapped with **Mali** for the second half. He played great outfield and caused some problems for the opposition defence. Likewise **Mali** showed she can adjust position and made some good saves.

The result wasn't good but what was impressive was the character showed by each player. None of them gave up and all tried their best right until the final whistle. Parents should be proud.

### Coach Mike

Report by **Tom** (fill-in coach)

**Final Score: 10 – 0 to Pendle Hill SC**



*No holding back*



*Cassie breaks up an attack with Mali alert in goal*



*Mali takes a goal kick*



*Naitik looks for a team mate*

## Under 11 Possums

Once again we had some proud moments to cherish in our match against **Toongabbie Demons** as the team battled hard to secure a fine 3-3 draw.

**Miya**, who in goals was a sight to behold with her throws from the goal box, suffered an injury late in the game but bravely continued on and was an inspiration to the rest of the team as a result. Well done **Miya!**



*Aneishah dribbles with the ball down the sideline*

**Zachary**, our team's Messi, scored Granville's first goal, as is now the team's tradition.

**Shivvesh** tried to score the second and the ball did go into the back of the net but it hit an opponent player and rebounded in and so the goal was chalked down as Toongabbie own goal. But he did get his just reward for a fine display by helping to make the third goal in the last minutes of the game which was ultimately the equalizing goal against a good Toongabbie side.

The second half was harder for Granville Waratah due to change of sides as winds and slope of field favoured Toongabbie.

Despite this, **Ali** made some great passes which helped the team effort. We saw good defence by **Ali, Aneishah, Heidi, Taym, Guled, Nilay, Prabnoor, Francis, Shivvesh,** and **Zach**.

**Nilay** is a great player with very good skills but couldn't continue due to injury and the team certainly suffered as a result. We hope you shrug off your injury soon **Nilay!**



Overall, it was a great team effort but we still need to work on our running, long kicks and ball control.

Players of the Match: **Ali, Shivvesh, Zach, Aneishah, Heidi, and Miya.**

**Coach Kumar**

**Final Score: a 3 – 3 draw**



## TEN QUESTIONS

For every issue of Free Kick we select a member of the club and ask him or her 10 questions so that we can get to know this person!

This week we have selected our Club Secretary and Registrar **Andy Gianniotis**.

Andy is now in his fourth year at the club and coaches the Under 9 Dolphins. In his first year he put his hand up to coach his son's Under 6 team. In his second he became the club registrar, taking over from current club vice president and life member Tony Farrell who had his hands full running the club as secretary. This year he took over from Tony to become the club secretary.

You will all know Andy as he's the one who registered and welcomed you to the club! We wouldn't know what to do without his dedication and wanted to know more about him so this week he takes the 10 questions challenge.

1. Favourite football player?

*Mark Noble (current West Ham United captain)*

2. Favourite breakfast cereal?

*Weet-Bix*

3. Wrap me up – Kebab or Burrito?

*Burrito!*

4. Indian Cuisine – Butter chicken or Rogan Josh?

*Butter chicken (the authentic kind, not the fast food version!)*

5. Your favourite Cartoon character?

*Inspector Gadget*

6. Your favourite animal?

*Meerkat*

7. Favourite all time movie?

*The Matrix*

8. If you could have dinner with anyone in history, who would it be with?

*Karl Marx, Charles Darwin, and Jack London*

9. If you had a time machine, when and where would you go?

*Ancient Greece to meet my ancestors!*

10. If you could get free tickets to any sporting event in the world, what would it be for?

*The A-League Grand Final, as long as the Western Sydney Wanderers are playing!*

