

FREE KICK



**Granville Waratah SFC Newsletter
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FROM THE PREZ

As I wrote in an earlier edition, in this Covid-affected year we will not be having a Presentation Day for the Miniroos, instead all the Miniroos Coaches will be given the medals to give to all their players immediately after their final game next Saturday the 26th of September, so please make sure you attend the final match!

As for all of our seven full field teams, some still have some work to do to make the finals but I am quietly confident they all will. At this stage there is still no resolution on if we can hold a Presentation Day or not. We expect guidance from Football NSW soon. Whatever the outcome, I very much look forward to announcing and hopefully congratulating our teams the deeper they go into the finals as they head for a Grand Championship. With every finals win the club can celebrate as a community. And the deeper our teams go into the finals, the bigger their trophies they will receive!

Grand Final Day is Saturday 17 October 2020. Lock it on the diary!

Typically for Presentation Day every finals player will receive a trophy and every MiniRoo will receive a special customised medal. There are three types of MiniRoo Medals: a different one for each of the age groups; under 6 & 7's, under 8 & 9's and under 10 & 11's. I am certain you will be impressed.

In addition to trophies and MiniRoos Medals, the coaches will select a player from each team of each age group for the following Perpetual Awards:

<u>Age</u>	<u>Award Name</u>	<u>Awarded For</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Award Name</u>	<u>Awarded For</u>
U6	K & B Perpetual	Best and Fairest	U10	Borg Trophy	Most Improved
U6	H Bremmell Shield	Most Improved	U11	Paul Black Trophy	Most Consistent
U7	Mary Fox Shield	Most Outstanding	U11	Tony Farrell Shield	Most Improved
U7	L Walker Shield	Most Improved	U12	B R Guy Trophy	Best & Fairest
U8	T. Mangion Shield	Most Outstanding	U12	G. Kell Shield	Most Improved
U8	D Shipton Shield	Most Improved	U14	Vince Wyatt Trophy	Most Consistent
U9	R Burnett Shield	Best and Fairest	U14	Colin Kehoe Shield	Most Improved
U9	Frank Jacob Shield	Most Improved	U16	Noel Dona Trophy	Most Valuable
U10	I. Tye Shield	Best and Fairest	U16	Ken Vairy Shield	Most Improved

This year, the Miniroo Coaches will also be giving out and awarding their Perpetual Trophies to their team after next weeks final game!

The Club also has three more very special Trophies to award:

- The Bill Henderson Player of the Year
- The Young Player of the Year
- The Team of the Year

These will be awarded at the Presentation Day ... whenever that will be.

All of these awards are very special and the winners are forever entrenched into the 119 year history of our club!

Noel Dona,
Club President.

Pre-Christmas Summer Soccer Clinic

The club is looking to implement an 8 week, one day a week, 90 minute soccer program commencing late October and finishing just before Christmas. This would be an invitation for all our current Miniroo members – players and coaches – and any new players who want to prepare for next season.

The feedback from the coaches is very positive and we believe it would be an excellent way for our players to continue the energy and learning so that they are continuing to improve in readiness for next year. It will be a very good skills-based clinic.

The cost is \$100, and we are an Active Kids provider so you can use one of your two yearly vouchers with us meaning it will be free!

Please keep a look out for details and once we have confirmed the ground with council, we will then advertise it officially.



RESULTS FROM ROUND 11

Age Group Div.	Home Team	Home Score	Away Score	Away Team
08 Koalas	Lidcombe Waratah	1	1	Granville Waratah SFC
08 Possums	Granville Waratah SFC	3	0	Merrylands SFC
08 Wombats	Granville Waratah SFC	0 (f)	3	Greystanes FC
09 Koalas	Holroyd Rangers	2	1	Granville Waratah SFC
09 Wombats	Pendle Hill Tigers	0	8	Granville Waratah SFC
10 Dolphins	Granville Waratah SFC	2	3	Holroyd Rangers
10 Koalas	Pendle Hill Tigers	0	11	Granville Waratah SFC
10 Wombats	Granville Waratah SFC	3	2	Newington Gunners
11 Koalas	Greystanes FC	7	1	Granville Waratah SFC
12 Div. 3	Granville Waratah SFC	4	0	Wenty Waratah
12 Div. 4	Wenty Waratah	1	1	Newington Gunners
14 Div. 3	Merrylands SFC	2	3	Granville Waratah SFC
AAM Div. 4	Merrylands SFC	1	1	Holroyd Rangers
Premier League Res.	Holroyd Rangers	2	2	Granville Waratah SFC
Premier League 1sts	Holroyd Rangers	2	0	Granville Waratah SFC

MATCH REPORTS

We publish 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.

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 the **Under 10 Wombats** team win for a great report of their first win of the season.



Under 10 Wombats – Featured Match Report

The team was up against **Newington Gunners** on the weekend and this was a good test for the team. Both teams looked evenly match in terms of skill and so we saw a good contest unfold.

Newington started the scoring with their goal coming in the first 15 minutes but the team managed to draw level after a great goal by **Shlok**.

We entered the break with no further goals recorded and then started the second half after a five minute break.

The second half was a very entertaining display of end-to-end football, with both teams giving their all to get the win.

Granville scored first via a great strike from **Bala** to send the team's excitement levels through the roof! I could be wrong but I believe this was the first time the team had been leading a game all season. I had only just started to watch the match having been busy earlier and I couldn't tear my eyes away from the action!

With only 10 minutes to go, heartbreak. Newington scored to draw level and it looked like the team's first win of the season was slipping through their fingers. But did team give up? Hell no!

Aarav in particular played like a demon but the whole team stepped up a gear from this point on. They had tasted the winning feeling and didn't like it taken away! They hustled, they hassled, they tackled, and they ran like the wind. And with about five minutes to go, **Aarav** capped off his great work with a goal to put his team back in the lead. The team was leading again and didn't they like it!

The players kept up their wonderful intensity until the final whistle blew and the cheers were deafening! The team had done it and the first win for the season was secured. What a match and what a great result!



The team of **Aarav, Akshat, Aryan, Bala, Hitansh, Sakshi, Shlok, Suyash, Viraj,** and **Yash** formed a great bond today because of a fantastic team effort and this is what juniors sport is all about. Well done team and well done parents for expressing your excitement during and after the game, it really helps to heighten the enjoyment of a great performance.

Coach Himanshu

Report by Andy

Final Score: 3 – 2 to Granville Waratah SFC

Under 6 Wombats

Wow what a game we enjoyed against **Rydalmere FC WHT!!** First win after many draws! A nice milestone for the team. Such a dominant game with strong possession and plenty of goals and celebrations.

Aditya played with great thought for his age and was great at moving up the field and back to defence supporting the team. Aditya has the makings of a great center mid.

Aiden impressed everyone with his great positive energy and celebrations, he stopped a goal by sliding in front of the goal and clearing the ball that would have easily gone in. What a great never-give-up attitude. I noticed your kicks have gotten extra strong! Wow.

Arya played a good game with his usual fearless tackling and with some encouragement had a great time.

Herschel scored a great goal in the game and with his usual energy made it hard for the opposition to regain possession. Herschel was on the ball always and always concentrates on the flow of the game, well done for another great game.

Rohan had a magical game and scored a hattrick, with his speed he broke through the defenses with great speed and great dribbling skills to score 2 early goals and came back in the second half with a third.

Sreeyan had a great energetic game and had great ideas on where he wanted to play on the field. Sreeyan made some good possession stealing tackles.

Well done everyone. I was very proud of our team for their brilliant performance, the three cheers was particularly special today and well deserved after such a big effort at the game, at each training session and the positivity game after game.

Coach Melvin

Coach's
Player of the
Match: **Rohan**



Under 8 Possums

This week we hosted **Merrylands SFC** on a gloriously warm and sunny Belmore Park. Rain cancelled our training session during the week which made me feel a little underprepared, however we are far enough into the season that players are able to click into action and know what is expected of them.

I decided for the four remaining games of the season I would give a few players the opportunity to play striker, partly to provide a chance for them to potentially experience the joy of scoring a goal and partly for them to try a different position than usual to see how they'd go. For this match it was our fearless fullback **Bijad** who got to play upfront and I was intrigued at how he might adapt his ability to read the game and intercept the ball with his powerful kick in defense and apply this in attack.



Defending a Merrylands corner kick

Merrylands kicked off and both teams took a little bit of time to reacquaint themselves with each other and to get into the match. Our boys began to spread out nicely and string a few good passes together to build some momentum. **Sineth** was working hard to chase down the ball and take possession off the opposition and distribute it to the likes of **Tristan**, **Zoran**, **Sayan** and **Yaseen** in support. Merrylands defense was holding strong though and we were unable to penetrate close enough to get a shot on goal. As the game went on it became obvious that the best player for Merrylands was in the fullback position halting our progress and was even making dangerous runs up the field to threaten our own goal.

A couple of minutes before the halftime break **Sayan** was able to break the deadlock with some good skill down the right-hand side and an accurate finish. **Sineth** followed suit shortly after with a close-range boot to the ball which managed to just squeeze under the keeper's arm and cross the line.

2-nil up at the halfway point and I was very happy with how the team were playing. The shots on goal were few, but the passing between players and positioning around the field was looking great, we just had to keep it up for the second half.

Our players continued to impress as **Zoran** made an brilliant run down the right-hand side before attempting to cross the ball into the box. **Ashutosh** stunned the parents on the



Merrylands looking to progress the ball

sideline by beating two Merrylands players, dribbling the ball along the right-hand

touchline before kicking it upfield to **Liam** and putting us on the attack. **Mehaan** came to the rescue in defense on several occasions, timing his interceptions perfectly to clear the ball out of trouble, along with **Adnan** who was putting in another rock-solid performance at right fullback.

There seemed to be a little less cohesion between players in the second half as some of them were caught out of position on occasions. **Bijad** was trying hard in his new role as striker, but his natural instinct to defend meant he was often drifting back to cover Merrylands attack instead of moving forward into space and waiting for his teammates to supply him with the ball.

Merrylands managed to secure several corner kicks in a row, testing our concentration and focus in defense. Thankfully our team has worked on knowing what to do and where to stand to mark up and protect the near and far post for this set play, which did the job each time.

Sineth was able to score a third goal for the team after sustained pressure from Granville in attack. He always puts in a consistent performance each week by never giving up on the ball and often being rewarded with a chance to score goals or set up his teammates. It is for this reason that **Sineth** was awarded our Player of the Match.



Sineth was Player of the Match

Congratulations U8 Possums, the goals didn't flow in this game, but I witnessed some of the best passing and support play that you have done all year, showing your growth and maturity as players. Well done!

Coach Anthony

Coach's Player of the Match: **Sineth**

Final Score: 3 – 0 to Granville Waratah SFC

Under 10 Dolphins

We were up against **Merrylands SFC** FC on the weekend and this was a good opportunity for the team to get their season back on track as we beat them 1-0 in our season opener way back in July. Would we win or would we find yet another way to lose a match... you know where this is going don't you, smiley face.

We were three goals down before the team started to play some good football and so, yes, we found another way to lose! This was a case of the team starting off at a training session level of intensity before shifting into game mode out of pure frustration and probably a little anger at the score-line.

The first two goals Merrylands scored were good team goals by them but preventable by us as we were guilty of having no shape at the crucial moments.

The third goal was a bit of a farce when we got it all wrong and allowed the simplest of shots to roll into our net. Maybe it was this goal that kicked the team into gear but it was after this point that the tide started to turn.



Suddenly players were putting the effort in to support each other and we were starting to click. The fact that soccer is a team sport was exemplified by the two goals we scored. In both instances we played direct football with long kicks putting us immediately in their half for our attackers to latch onto, ending with **Elijah** and **Nathan** combining to score well-taken goals.

If we could have played another half of football I'm sure we would have pulled off the win but time ran out and we had to settle for a 3-2 loss. It's just such a pity that we didn't play with the intensity that we had at



the end of the game, at the start of it.

I told the team as such to drive the lesson home but it was a good learning experience and I will be reminding the team of this game in many weeks to come.

On the following Wednesday night we played a full field trial match against our club's under 12 division 4 team and this was also great experience.

Our combined team of U10 Dolphins and U11 Koalas did a great job of restricting the 12s to only three goals and we managed to score one ourselves with **Josh** finding the net after a great hustle in the opposition box from the team.



We play Holroyd Rangers on Saturday and this will be a great test for us. Come along to Belmore Park at 9am to see a match for the ages!

Coach Andy

Final Score: 2 – 3 to Merrylands SFC



Under 11 Koalas

Our match against **Greystanes FC** saw borrowed players arriving late and the coach going to the wrong ground at the wrong time, so only turning up just before half time... it wasn't going to be a good first half.

We were down six goals and things were not looking good.

Then I arrived to stabilise the ship, deliver a tidy half time pep talk and gave the boys a mission to play hard, work harder, not give up and not allow any second half goal.

Greystanes realised it was a different team with a strong attitude in the second half determined to show them that the mighty blue and gold know how to play.

The second half was exciting back and forth football with some real muscle and hustle.

I was very proud of the team who did exactly what I asked of them, and even though we gave up a late goal, listening to Greystanes celebrate like a grand final really demonstrated to us that it was a great second half and that they knew we really made them work very hard earn it.

I was proud of my team and games like this is why I love to coach... even though we did not win.

I want to thank the under 9's who helped out, your effort made the difference!

Coach Noel

Final Score: 0 – 7 to Greystanes FC



Under 12 Div. 3

Things Are Heating Up - The boys were settling into the second week of new formation and positions, today against **Wenty Waratah**. The first half was a little slower to revise, but still consisted of some tight, intelligent play.

Tahaa, **Seif**, and **Ian** were fast and skilled up front. Seif put in the one and only goal for both sides during a hard fought first half. The two sides were competitive and tenacious throughout. **Kyran**, and **Angus**, and **Fahad** non-stop digging deep on the defensive front.

The second half ratcheted up, and the Granville gears were running even smoother and more efficient.

Ali S and **Akeem** were strong, and on the attack. Seif put in two more goals.

Saharsh was a demon in denying the opposition any forward progress. **Ethan** and **Sarth** likewise hard at work re-correcting any attempts by Wenty.

Ali, **Nithin**, and **Adee** delivered solid, quality support near and far.

And we closed off the game with a final goal from **Ian**, speeding by many a Wenty player. **Fahad** took out Coach's Player of the Match this day, confident and reliable in goals.

Coach Steve

Coach's Player of the Match: **Fahad**

Report by **From the Sidelines**

Final Score: 4 – 0 to Granville Waratah SFC



Waratahs on the run



New game plays, same team spirit



Fahad, Player of the Match, true-hearted in goals

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 **Stephen Kamara**.

Stephen first joined the club five seasons ago. He approached us just wanting to volunteer as a coach and help develop the local children – we said YES THANK YOU! He had immediate success winning a Grand Final in his first year. He currently coaches the under 12's and they have qualified for the finals again. We wanted to know more about him. This week he takes the 10 questions challenge.

1. Favourite football player?

Ronaldo CR7

2. Favourite breakfast cereal?

Weet Bix

3. Favourite type of pizza?

Pepperoni

4. Favourite pasta dish?

Fettuccini

5. Your favourite Cartoon character?

The Phantom!

6. Your favourite animal?

African Lion

7. Favourite song?

Michael Bolton'n Talk about love

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

Beyonce

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

Jerusalem 33 AD

10. If you had only 24 hours to live, what would you do?

Beyonce live and Jay Z in New York



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