

# Granville Waratah Soccer Football Club

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8th November 2020

# **CLUB COMMITTEE FOR 2020**

(Executive committee members in bold)

<b>President</b>	Noel Dona
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Andy Gianniotis</b>
<b>Vice President</b>	<b>Vince Wyatt</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Tony Farrell</b>
Registrar	Andy Gianniotis
Competition Secretary	Zafer Farah
Mini-Roos Coordinator	Vacant
Equipment Officer	Vacant

## **TRUSTEES**

Rick Paye

## **LIFE MEMBERS**

J. Borg	H.F Jacobs	D. Sutherland
Mrs B. Borg	G. Kell	I. Tye
R. Burnett	J. Marsh	L. Walker
N. Dona	R. Paye	V. Wyatt
T. Farrell	A. Saggus	
Mrs M. Fox	D. Shipton	

## **74th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

## **Monday 23rd November 2020**

**At the Clubhouse  
ROBIN THOMAS RESERVE  
COMMENCING 7.00 PM**

*Come make a difference. Come along and have your say in how your club is run to ensure your club is the best it can be for your children.*

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Wow! What a year. We were relocated twice and then the Covid pandemic. For every club in Western Sydney and for most clubs in Australia, that would be unprecedented but given we were founded in 1901, amazingly it is not for our club! You see Granville Waratah were playing soccer football in 1918 and 1919 when the Spanish Flu pandemic crippled the world and wearing face masks was required. And in our early years, we did not have a home ground but rather played on grounds that were available or allocated. Of course no one is still around from over 100 years ago, so for all intents and purposes... Wow, what a year! Let's not do that again in a hurry, however I suspect we will be.

Despite the postponements, weather, Covid restrictions where "sanitize and 1.5 social distance" became the new norms, we have managed to get through a pretty good year. We have had successes on the field but we did have some bumps in the road.

The construction of the Parramatta Light Rail forced us to relocate. Firstly to the swamp, also known as Doyle Ground, and then to the beautiful Belmore Park. We expected this would affect our membership and it did as our player numbers and teams dropped. Even though we have been frustrated by the relocation, we are gained traction in the North Parramatta area as new local members are hearing of our club and our new home. The challenge of course will be when we return to Robin Thomas Reserve.

I can officially announce with certainty however that in 2021 our home ground will again be Belmore Park. And what about 2022? Well time will tell. We are trying not to leave Belmore Park until Robin Thomas is ready which seems like being 2023, so we are still uncertain about 2022 as Parramatta Council are also uncertain themselves at this stage.

Back to 2020...

We had strong performances across all our full field teams and with all but one team making the finals and two teams making the Grand Finals. **On Grand Final day** we had fantastic representation from our members coming down in big numbers to support both our **Under 12 teams** but unfortunately we lost both in heart breaking circumstances. It was painful and gut wrenching but we were still very proud of their efforts. No Grand Champions this season but watch this space in 2021!

This year we had a **Premier League Squad** for the first time in more than 25 years. They provided some very existing and special moments throughout the year. Whilst the seaosn didn't end the way they planned, I very much look forward to seeing the squad back bigger and better next seaosn with a mission to take care of unfinished business.

All these achievements and results are great but our future is in our Miniroos and whilst our numbers were down, the effort and enthusiasm from the Miniroos was fantastic, and this is also being seen in the number of registrations we have for our Summer Skills Program. Thank you all for supporting your club!

Whilst giving out thank you's, I take the opportunity to say... THANK YOU to all our volunteer coaches and managers!! We had some good fun... often sang our Victory Song with Pride... so you should all be VERY proud of yourselves too. Without you, our coaches, or club would struggle...so I look forward to seeing you all again in season 2021 to build on the foundations set this year!

I take the opportunity to also thank **Tony Bacha** and his **Australasian Soccer Academy**. He is working very closely with our club and this partnership will be growing and be very exciting for our club's future – he is running our Simmer Skills Program.

I take the opportunity to thank all our sponsors who have helped us provide extra to our members including the Membership packs and the very popular training shirts. I acknowledge **Parra Care**, and **Raine & Horne Parramatta** and now our newest sponsor the **Vauxhall Inn**. Please contact me now if you want to sponsor us for next season.

Also, please join me in thanking the Club Committee for the big efforts they put in every week to keep the club moving forward...special mention to Andy our Club Secretary and Registrar for putting in the extra hours. Of course we need more Andy's from amongst our members to join the Club Committee to help bring fresh ideas and energies. This is how we will truly grow and be better! Please contact me now or please attend our Annual General Meeting.

Finally, I also take this opportunity to give a special mention to the Patriarch of our club, Vince Wyatt, who has been a part of the **Clubs Executive SINCE 1965!!** Due to his age he is in the vulnerable category, so I specifically asked him to stay away from the club when one of our teams got infected. As frustrating and difficult as it was, he understood and was thankful that we should him the Waratah love and respect!?

**So that is season 2020 and we now look forward to having you all back and do this again in early 2021 because next year we turn 120 years, and its going to be a BIG CELEBRATION!!**

**SPREAD THE WORD .... WE ARE SOCCER! We are THE WARATAH!!**

**NOEL DONA**  
Club President



# SECRETARY AND REGISTRAR REPORT

From no season to nearly a normal season of football, what a ride that was! I will not forget anytime soon the empty feeling that was contemplating a winter of no soccer but then we collectively turned the corner on getting the Covid cases down and were rewarded handsomely with 14 rounds and a finals series. Well done everyone!

Prior to moving from our long-time home ground at Robin Thomas Reserve, the club's membership numbers were steadily increasing: we had 191 members in 2016 and we cracked 300 by reaching 306 last year. This year we still managed to reach 274 members which is a great result considering the circumstances, but the best result was in the coaches stats, we retained most of our coaches from last year which bodes well for the future.

Membership Statistics	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Returning coaches	14	3	2	5	3
New coaches	7	8	6	5	6
Returning players	109	111	99	92	90
New players	144	184	154	125	92
<b>Total:</b>	<b>274</b>	<b>306</b>	<b>261</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>191</b>

The area the club isn't doing so well in is the club committee. In our heydays of the 70s and 80s, the committee had 10 people just on the executive alone and lots of our members were integrated into the smooth running of the club. Now, just three people carry the lion's share of the work and for two of them, their children have grown and moved on and they do the work as their bit for the community. There's lots that the club could do better but there's only so much work that three volunteers can manage. Please have a think about joining the club committee and help your club get better and grow.

We are still trying to form all-girl teams so they can compete with their peers and in the the last few years our female participation has been steady with about a dozen girls spread throughout our miniroos teams. Last year we saw a big increase to 26 girls but this year only saw 12 and not enough the same age to form a full team. We are very keen to form all-girl teams in the next few years but they won't magically appear out of thin air, we need to recruit more female players and also coaches to coach the teams. Will 2021 be the year we form our first all-girl team? Let's make it happen!

Regarding the club's weekly e-newsletter "Free Kick", I hope most of you were receiving and reading it as it was a labour of love for me each week since our first game of the season. We started off well with reports from every team but by the end only a few teams were regularly sending in reports. This is a shame as these reports become part of the history of the club. In 40 years time, it will be thrilling for your kids to scroll through pages of their history, their highs and lows, goals and saves. Let's have more reports next year!

**Andy Gianniotis**  
Club Secretary & Registrar



# PERPETUAL AWARDS 2020

The 2020 Perpetual Award winners are the following:

Team	Award	Criteria	Winner
U6 Possums	K & B Perpetual	Best and Fairest	Agni Vivekanandhan
U6 Possums	H. Bremmell Shield	Most Improved	Jonathan Peacock-Kamara
U6 Wombats	K & B Perpetual	Best and Fairest	Aditya Patil
U6 Wombats	H. Bremmell Shield	Most Improved	Rohan Kumar
U7 Possums	Mary Fox Shield	Most Outstanding	Vihaan Patel
U7 Possums	L. Walker Shield	Most Improved	Hreyansh Mate
U7 Koalas	Mary Fox Shield	Most Outstanding	Omar Hosari
U7 Koalas	L. Walker Shield	Most Improved	Shrey Turakhia
U8 Koalas	T. Mangion Shield	Most Outstanding	Jude Aouad
U8 Koalas	D. Shipton Shield	Most Improved	Ninor Menashi
U8 Possums	T. Mangion Shield	Most Outstanding	Sayan Ghimire
U8 Possums	D. Shipton Shield	Most Improved	Tristan De Jesus
U9 Koalas	R. Burnett Shield	Best and Fairest	Kaushik Chelladurai
U9 Koalas	Frank Jacob Shield	Most Improved	Aarya Soundale
U9 Wombats	R. Burnett Shield	Best and Fairest	Sai Kumar
U9 Wombats	Frank Jacob Shield	Most Improved	Varshith Jayavarapu
U10 Dolphins	I. Tye Shield	Best and Fairest	Ajiri Obiebi
U10 Dolphins	J & B Borg Shield	Most Improved	Joshua Qureshi
U10 Koalas	I. Tye Shield	Best and Fairest	Lucas Leiva
U10 Koalas	Borg Trophy	Most Improved	George Simonyans
U10 Wombats	I. Tye Shield	Best and Fairest	Shlok Pagar
U10 Wombats	J & B Borg Shield	Most Improved	Mohammed Alqarni
U11 Koalas	Paul Black Trophy	Most Consistent	Leo Talmont
U11 Koalas	Tony Farrell Shield	Most Improved	Krish Pandit
U12 Div. 3	B. R. Guy Trophy	Best and Fairest	Seif Amar Nezar
U12 Div. 3	G. Kell Shield	Most Improved	Ethan De Jesus
U12 Div. 4	B. R. Guy Trophy	Best and Fairest	Lagilelei Joe Maleko
U12 Div. 4	G. Kell Shield	Most Improved	Dion Kitsos
U14 Div. 3	Vince Wyatt Trophy	Most Consistent	Gene Kneipp
U14 Div. 3	Colin Kehoe Shield	Most Improved	Dev Shah



# **PLAYERS OF THE YEAR**

The **Bill Henderson Player of the Year** award is in honor of a great man & a true gentleman, who played for our club as a junior between 1944 and 1947 and then went on to become an Australian Socceroo in 1953 and an Australian Olyroo in 1956.

So how do we decide the winner? Is it the clubs best and most talented player? Not necessarily. Is it the player who tries the hardest? Not necessarily. Is it the clubs 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.

After much discussion within the committee, we 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**

Each coach was asked to nominate a player or players who they believe meet these characteristics. The discussion was very healthy and vigorous and after many minutes of deliberation, we had a winner of **THE HIGHEST HONOR WITHIN OUR CLUB**.

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

**Lagilelei “Meya” Joe Maleko**

**From**

**Under 12 Div. 4**

**AND**

**Seif Amar Nezar**

**From**

**Under 12 Div. 3**

**CONGRATULATIONS!!**

Whilst the club Player of the Year award acknowledges a special player amongst our full field teams, the **Young Player of the Year** award acknowledges a special player from our Mini-Roos teams.

The winner of the **Young Player of the Year** award goes to:

**Ajiri Obiebi**

**From**

**Under 10 Dolphins**

**CONGRATULATIONS!!**

## **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
Under 12 Div. 3	39	3				5				47
Under 12 Div. 4	27					5				32
Under 14 Div.3	29			3						32
All Age Men Div. 4	26				4			-13	-3	14
Prem Reserves	24			3				-12		15
Prem Firsts	17							-19	-3	-5

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 their fair play.

**And the winner of the Team of the Year Award  
is... *Under 12 Div. 3***

**CONGRATUATIONS!!**

# JUDICIARY RECORD 2020

Our Judiciary record for the year is summarised as follows:

Team	Yellow Cards (cautions)	Red Cards (send offs)
12/Div.3	0	0
12/Div.4	0	0
14/3	0	0
AAM4	13	1
Prem 1sts	19	1
Prem Res.	12	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>2</b>



## Historical Record

Year	Yellow Cards (cautions)	Red Cards (send offs)
2019	27	5
2018	15	8
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!



## 2021 REGISTRATIONS

**First 2 Saturdays in February**

**6th and 13th of February 2021**

**11.00am - 1.00pm**



**Or REGISTER ON LINE!  
Starting late January 2021**

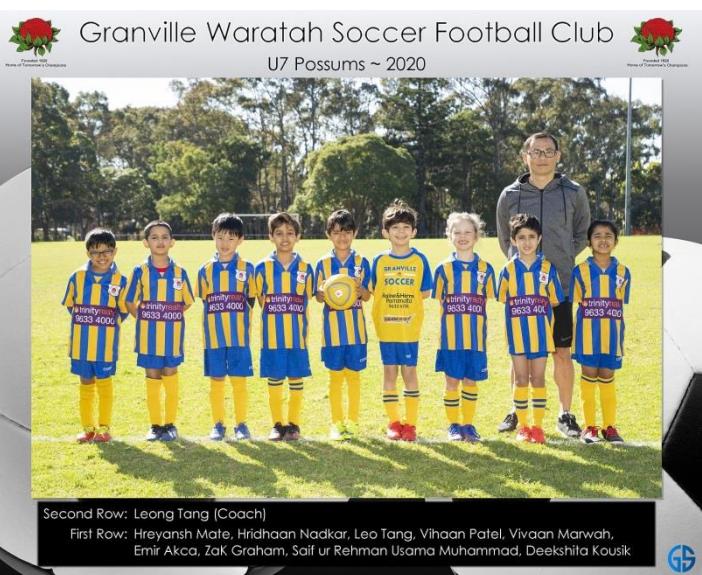
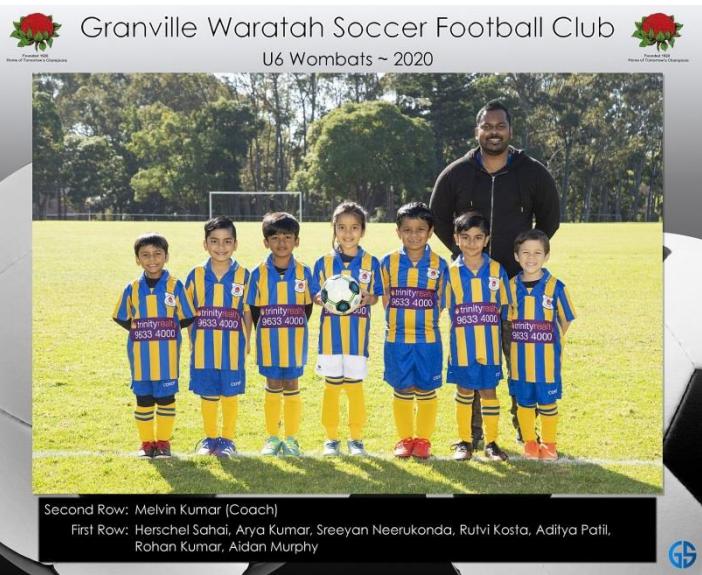
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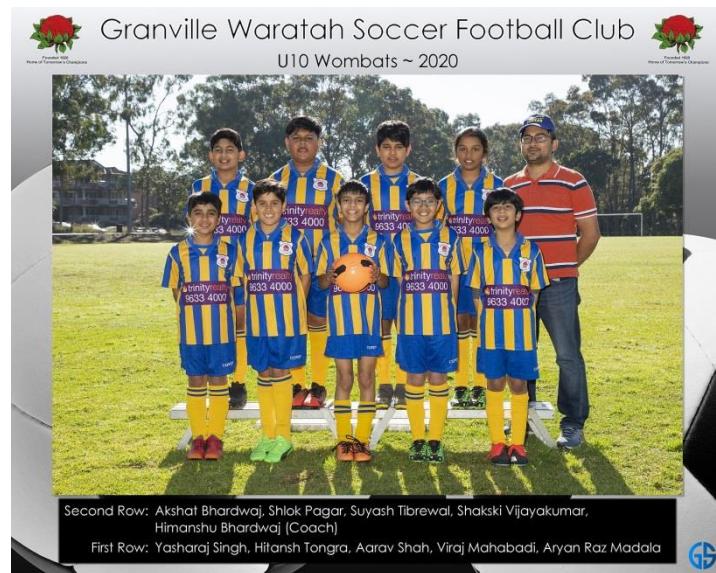
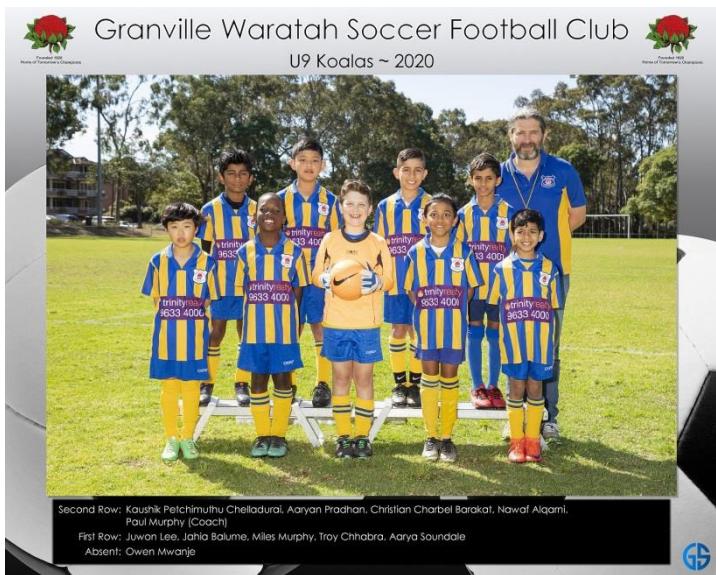
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***SEE YOU ALL NEXT YEAR!!***

# GRANVILLE WARATAH TEAMS 2020







## THE 2020 SEASON IN PICTURES







