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YOUR CLUB NEEDS YOU!

64th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, 9 November 2010

**At the Club House
ROBIN THOMAS RESERVE
Harris Street Parramatta
COMMENCING 7.30 PM**

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

President's Report

The past season has been another great year that started for our club even before the first official kickoff of round 1 April. We were again honoured to host a major announcement of "One Goal " a joint worldwide initiative aiming to provide every child of the world, especially in Africa, with at least primary school education.

Late last year Robin Thomas Reserve played host to the media, a number of local, state and federal politicians , including Minister of Sport Kate Ellis, but most importantly we had Socceroo, Vince Grella kicking a ball around with some of our players. It proved to be another big coup for the club...I hope that continues in the future!



After a slow recruiting drive the numbers come in a hurry in late march just before round 1. What was the most pleasing aspect of this season was the number of mini soccer teams (or SSG) players we had, whilst not all of the players finished the year, it was great to see a record number players. These juniors are the future of our club and so I personally welcome you all back next season.

This season's results were the best we have had in a number of years. Whilst we "only" won 2 grand championships, 7 of our 8 competitive teams made it through to the semi finals with only 1 team not progressing. Over the next 2 weeks, our teams would have their seasons ended in either a penalty shoot out, golden goal or Grand Championship! In my 12 years at the club I have never experienced such a wild ride of emotions – from the depth of miserable soul numbing agony to the glory of victorious jubilation.



Grand Final Day - Watching my under 10's lose in golden goal after such a valiant effort was cruel and painful! It really did hurt!!! Then one hour later, on the same field, I shared the joy of watching the under 13's win in a last minute golden goal classic. But wait... the day was not yet over... and then 3 hours later I watched my under 17's demoralise and punish their opponents in a 6 nil white wash! I celebrated and my misery was not so bad.



This is why I love sport and especially soccer, and especially coaching it! For me, these experiences are valuable lessons in teaching our children and myself on how to become better people. I truly believe that. Sport and results like this teaches you humility, respectfulness, team work, to be appreciative, good sportsmanship, makes you stronger, smarter...and the list goes on.

For the 2 Grand Champions, I say Congratulations!! You deserve it. The irony is, is that these 2 teams almost never happened. The under 13's is a brand new team that came together this year for the first time – that's a great effort! For my under 17's, they had no coach at the start of the season and only because my last years under 21's folded, that I decided to coach them only 2 weeks before the start of the season. And I am very glad I did!

I also would like to congratulate the Over 35's. They were a deserved minor premiers only letting ion a handful of goals all year, but then lost not 1, but 2 penalty shoots to be denied a grand final game. Now that is cruel!

To all the coaches and managers, especially the first timers, I personally thank you, for your extra time and efforts you dedicate to your players and the club. I ask the parents to ensure you personally thank your child's coach ...again.

To all the players...THANK YOU...It was a great year...you should all be VERY proud of yourselves! I know I am. I hope and want to see you next year!!!



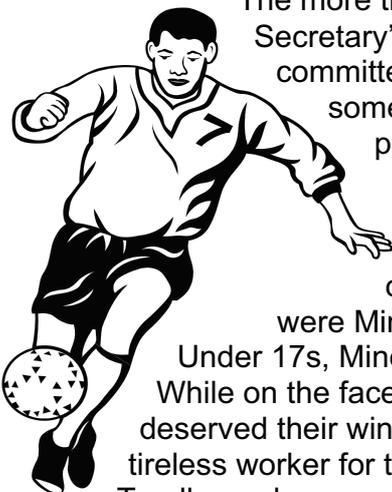
Finally thank you to the Club Committee, firstly for the big efforts you all put in every week in helping to run the club smoothly...and secondly, for nominating me for an Association Acknowledgement Award at the end of season Annual dinner . I was surprised, humbled and speechless – 3 words that don't usually go in the same sentence when referring to me – but I was and I say a Very Big Thank You !

So please tells your friends and family and join us all again for another great experience in 2011.

Go the Tahs!!

NOEL DONA

Secretary's Report



The more things change, the more they stay the same - here I am again in the Secretary's chair. This is a job that is made much easier by the rest of the committee, so I must thank them for the work they do throughout the year, some of which is visible, but most of which goes unnoticed. These are the people that keep our club running so well. Special thanks to Tony, who not only has the onerous job of registrar, but does a million and one other things for the club, including keeping our web site updated. Congratulations to all the teams on another successful year, with 7 of our teams reaching the semi-finals - in particular the 35/4s who were Minor premiers, the Under 13s who were Grand champions, and the Under 17s, Minor premiers and Grand champions.

While on the face of it the under 17s won easily, in reality they all worked hard and deserved their win, none more so than their coach, club President Noel Dona, who is a tireless worker for the club and, amongst many other things, coaches two teams.

To all our players and supporters, thanks & well done for this year, and I hope to see you all back at the club next year.

Rick Paye

JUDICIARY RECORD

The club's record for season 2010 is summarized as follows:

TEAM	CAUTIONS (yellow)	SEND OFFS (red)
U/10	0	0
U/12	3	0
U/13	1	1
U/15	0	0
U/17	8	2
AA2	21	6
AA6	13	0
35/4	4	2
TOTAL	50	11



Remember that our club is a proud supporter of Zero Tolerance and we aim to set the standard for other clubs to follow!

MEETINGS

The club held 10 General Committee meetings this year, whilst there were also 5 Association General meetings held. Attendance for Committee members follows:

	CLUB	ASSOCIATION
N. Dona	10	5
R. Paye	10	3
T. Farrell	10	
V. Solonki	8	1
V. Wyatt	7	
C. Kehoe	2	
K. Allybokus	1	

PERPETUAL TROPHY WINNERS

The club's perpetual trophies were awarded as follows:

U/6	K & B Perpetual	Best & Fairest	Michael Wehbe
U/6	H. Bremmell Shield	Most Improved	Isaac Allami
U/7 Black	Mary Fox Shield	Most Outstanding	Michael Mtanios
U/7 Orange	Mary Fox Shield	Most Outstanding	Ojesh Shrestha
U/8	T. Mangion Shield	Most Outstanding	Shasank Shimoga
U/10	J & B Borg Shield	Most Improved	Maroa Attayee
U/12	B R Guy Trophy	Best & Fairest	John Allami
U/13	Sutherland Shield	Most Improved	Barry Saleh
U/15	Beau Worthington Trophy	Most Consistent	David Colquhoun & Dillon Watson
U/17	D & L Painters	Most Consistent	Julian Hurtado



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Registrar's Report

As club registrar it was my role to collect the paper work and money, check the ID's, put all the details into the computer system and send it off to the association so we can get the ID cards so we could play.

This year we had 165 registered players in 12 teams. Not all of these registered players were actually playing at the end of the season (some had left the area, others just decided not to continue playing). I suspect about 152 were playing at the end of the season. The number of girls was steady at 5.

One significant characteristic of our community is that it experiences a lot of change and this is reflected in our club, causing the large turnover in players and even in teams: We lost most of what would have been an U15 team this year, but added a new U13 team. Similarly we lost last years U21/1 and Senior/4 teams, but picked up the Senior/2 team and an extra SSG team – keeping the numbers steady. The table below shows the teams and number of registered players, and how many of these were new to the club.

Team	Players	New to Club
U6 (SSG)	8	8
U7/Black (SSG)	5	5
U7/Orange (SSG)	8	1
SSG/Departed	7*	1
U8 (Rooball)	12	3
U10/4	17	4
U12/5	13	3 [#]
U13/3	16	12 [#]
U15/2	13	3
U17/2	15	8
Senior/2	15	10
Senior/6	19	7
O35/4	17	1
Total	165	66 (40%)



* There were about 7 SSG players who did not continue playing to the end of the season this year for various reasons.

Two of the 5 players new to this year's U12/5 team had returned from 2008 and not played elsewhere in 2009. Likewise one of the U13/3 team. So they are not considered new to the club.

The figure of 40% new to the club is actually a bit lower than the last couple of years.

We had a particularly good season this year – with 7 of the 8 completion teams making the semi-finals and 6 were still alive after semi-final day. We again grabbed two of the big trophies. This is probably one of the best results in the association – I noted that one large club with 43 teams also had 2 grand-champion teams, making our 2 from 12 look pretty good.

The table below shows the number of teams and players and their results back to 2002.

Club Teams and Results History

Year	Teams	Players	Rooball/ SSG	Minor Premiers	Semi- Finalist	Finalist	Grand Finalists	Grand Champs
2010	12	165	4	2	1	3	1	2
2009	12	165	3	0	2*	N/A*	0	2
2008	10	132	3	0	3	1	1	0
2007	11	165	3	1	0	0	3	1
2006	11	180	2	3	0	0	1	3
2005	11	178	1	0	1	0	0	1
2004	11	156	?	1	0	3	0	1
2003	9	139	?	1	0	0	4	2
2002	11	?	?	0	3	0	1	3

*Round robin rather than traditional final series.

Tony Farrell – Registrar

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**Do you have
a hand injury?**

**Do you want plastic
or cosmetic surgery?**

Do you need reconstructive surgery?





PLAYER OF THE YEAR



The **Bill Henderson Player of the Year Award** – in honor of a great man, a true gentleman, who played for our club as a junior between 1944-47 and then went on to become a Soccerroo in 1954 and an Olyroo in 1956.

So how to decide the winner?

Is it the club's best and most talented player? Not necessarily.

Is it the player who tries the hardest? Not necessarily.

Is it the club's 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 almost 1 hour 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;

“Julian Hurtado”

From under 17's division 2

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*
- 3 points for making 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	Finalist	Grand Finalist	Grand Champ	Yellow	Red	Total
U10/4	44					5		0	0	49
U12/5	36				3			6	0	33
U13/3	33						7	2	5	33
U15/2	39				3			0	0	39
U17/2	48	3					7	16	10	32
Sr 2's	31			3				42	30	-38
Sr 6's	0							26		-26
35/4	40	3			3			8	10	28

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Whilst we do not have the exact number of penalties for us to determine the exact margin of victory ...it was victory by a country mile to ...

u/10 div 4's
'Congratulations!!!'



NEW LIFE MEMBER

Earlier in the magazine you would have seen noticed the list of our clubs Life Members. As club President it is my great pleasure to announce that at last year's club AGM, we honoured a current serving member of the club's committee as a new life member, recognizing his services to the club – serving on the club's committee continuously for over a decade!

Please congratulate club secretary Rick Paye as a well deserved LIFE MEMBER of his beloved Granville Waratah Soccer football Club.

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End Of Season Reports

Under 6

A lot of hard work, but also a lot of fun, and ultimately a hugely rewarding experience. That's what Noel promised would be in store for me after I had recklessly raised my hand and volunteered to act as coordinator for the Under 6s. He was keen to stress the importance of 'coordination' over 'coaching' – particularly when I told him that I had absolutely no idea of how to coach a football team!

"That doesn't matter," he said, "just try to teach them some basics – if you get them running in the right direction, that's a start, and as long as they have fun, that's the main thing." I kind of believed him...

So, with a couple of hastily-acquired and skim-read coaching manuals behind me, I set about trying to get the Under 6 kids to join in with some training routines, cunningly disguised as slightly peculiar games, with the emphasis firmly on enjoying ourselves and having a good time at our Tuesday night training sessions.

Fortunately, they humoured me and played along. Some of the games – particularly Space Invaders – became firm favourites, with the boys asking to play them each week. Others – especially Red Light Green Light – were tolerated for a few weeks before being greeted with groans, but bless the boys' hearts, they did them anyway and I think, maybe, they helped a little.



Translating the fun and the lessons from Tuesday nights to the Saturday morning games proved a little trickier. With a number of the other clubs in our group fielding teams featuring very skilful players, and goals (in the 'For' column, at least) proving hard to come by, particularly after we lost a couple of our key players early in the season, with Akif Thayyil sadly having to move back to India, Alex Farrell stepping up to the Under 7s and Jaylen Fernandes being unable to play, the boys had to pick up some defensive skills pretty quickly.

While the parents and I tried to stress the non-competitive nature of the games and to emphasise that the results didn't matter, after a few games where a little too much time was spent retrieving the ball from the back of our net, heads were starting to drop a little and it was getting hard to keep the spirits high. They kept coming back though, and never gave up, and I was immensely proud of the way they played in every game. It was always hard to choose a 'Man Of The Match' at the end of each game, but the smiles on the boys' faces when the trophy came out of the kit bag made it all worthwhile.

While we started with a squad of 11 players, by the last few games of the season we were down to a central squad of 5 for most games, with others joining us when they were available, and each of the boys had started to define themselves clearly.

Of the core Saturday morning squad, Michael Wehbe was the boy with the golden boots, showing a keen instinct for scoring goals and running hard from end to end. Hallam Baker and Isaac Allami put their hands up for defensive duties and worked tirelessly to try to halt the opposition's attack. Jonny Franich got stuck in in midfield and also became our kick-in specialist. Rashid Kabba didn't join us until late in the season, but certainly made his mark with his terrific speed and some great finishing.



Yusuf Maldini and Sinan Badar joined us for our home games, and both showed great pace and some good skills, and while Sehaj Garg was unable to play in many matches, he was a popular member of the Tuesday night group.

I hope that all of the boys will be back next year, whether they're having another season in the Under 6s or moving up to the Under 7s. While there were times when the going was tough – particularly when getting up at the crack of dawn on some of those cold, wet and windy Saturday mornings - I'm so glad that I had the chance to work with the team and I hope that they enjoyed the experience as much as I did.

I'd also like to thank the parents for their support and assistance, in particular, my wife, Beck, who was with me every step of the way; Rhonda Wehbe, for her support (especially the effusive vocal support on Saturday mornings!) and shirt-washing expertise; Andy Maldini, who stepped up to referee on a number of occasions; and Sam Badar, who co-coached at the start of the season and helped me through those nerve-wracking first few weeks.

And of course, a huge thanks to Noel, Tony and Rick and everyone else at the club for your help and encouragement – I couldn't have done it without you!

Marcus Baker - Coach

Under 7 Orange

This team worked hard at training and on Saturdays. They won a few, lost a few, drew a few...but always had a great time no matter the result! It was a great introduction to soccer. I hope to see the team back next year.

Under 7 Black

The under 7 team had lots of changes throughout the year. There were a lot of people who came for a while and went and some stayed. The team really tried their best to play fair, have fun and win. They loved to celebrate the goals and they loved to try and support each other what they had learned at training with the training coach.

On match days they were always punctual and very passionate about playing hard but respectful of the referee. Sometimes when we lost there were some tears, however they loved improving. Following some stability, it will allow a consistency of performance, in the end they won 3 games had 3 draws and tried exceptionally hard in the remaining games.

Philip Mtanios – Saturday Coach

Under 8

Well the season has come to an end and what a season it has been. The boys have played great soccer, improving immensely over the season. Towards the end of the season the players began to improve their ball skills and team play, they started to pass the ball and play as a team.

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 player'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. Well done players for remaining positive and giving everything you had till the end. Our team was made up of half under 8's and half under 7's – very few had experience. It took the time to find their feet but I was very proud of the way the team got better each week.



Vedang, Aaron and Jack shared goalkeeping duties and were very good at stopping opposition teams from scoring. In defence Vishnu and Darren lead the backline well with able support from Bernard and Robin. Arron, Araz, Aditya and Yousuf made valuable contribution in midfield. Navyasree was our only girl in our team who tried hard. Shashank, Jack and Darren were our main scoring threat and always worked hard.

Thank you also to Hector who helped with the coaching on numerous occasions. An extra hand is always appreciated

It would be great to see this team come together again next year – all the children bonded and formed good friendships. Hopefully they will all be back to represent Granville

Waratah. This year was about getting the players ready for next season. I am truly looking forward to that challenge and getting a lot of wins next season.

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 Solanki - Coach

Under 10 Division 4.

This team does not need a trophy...this is a champion team! I have coached for over a decade and perhaps this one team brought me the most joy and definitely the most pain. Losing our grand final hurt, but we can all hold our head high with pride we only loss to one team all year, a team undefeated. But they knew the grand final could have easily have been ours!

My team has its star players, but make no mistake...it is a team effort that everyone played a part of. My goalkeeper Nikshep "the Tiger" played wonderfully all year. My amazing back 3 of Leroy, Taha and Milad, were a rock wall that very few could get through.

They occasionally had help from Omid, Deep and Ibrahim who were dependable and strong. In the backs or midfield. Sajad and Deano held the middle and caused havoc to our opponents, especially when linking up with Hussounie as striker – who put his body on the line in the final, and broke his arm. I was disappointed for him because he missed his first grand final.

When Ali played out left and stopped playing everywhere else, he played very well and scored goals – especially the beauty in the grand final. Helping in the mid field was Praanish and Youssef showing they were solid and can mix it with the best.

On the bench I would have great team efforts from Simba, Maroa and Ali M' who would always come on a give me a burst of 10-15 minutes. As the season got longer, their bursts got much better. I was especially impressed with Maroa who never stopped working hard to improve...and she did!

The 3 games of the finals were just fantastic soccer. The highlight was a cracking goal by Taha who scored a magical goal when he made one of his customary long 60 meter runs down the right hand side, beating 5 or 6 players and then took a 20 metre shot on the edge of the box high over the keeper and in to the back of the left hand side netting WOW!!!...this was the stuff of the A-League. I was a very proud coach and happy for him and the team at that moment!

This team has some unfinished business and next year we will be back to complete the job!!

Finally, a big thank you to all the parents, especially Donna and Zena. Your help is gold!

Noel Dona - Coach



Under 12 Division 5

Our 12/5 was based on last year's Grand Champion 11/6 team, with Nathan, Neda, Bahes, Hamzah, Aidan, Yama, Tawanda, and Adrian all returning. Joining us this year were Dergam, Tiger (Tawab), John, Girvan and Ebuka. Tony and Danny again sharing the coaching duties. Last year the team was young for its age group, this year it was even younger – just 3 twelve year olds and Dergam and John only 10. So in theory we were starting the year at a disadvantage. But the boys were confident and the new players brought a good set of skills to the team.

The team opened proceedings with a solid 6-1 win against Baulkham Hills. The one down point being that we scored all 7 goals – an issue that would reoccur a few times. The boys quickly showed themselves as capable of mounting well-coordinated attacks. They were unlucky to go down to Pendo and then Wenty in rounds 2 and 3, both great games to watch, which had stretched both teams. Tiger joined the team for round 5, let Bahes remind him how to score and then put in three great goals. I think it was at about this game that Ebuka, who had been playing on the wing, was sent back to play fullback. This was almost meant as a mild punishment, as he hadn't been holding position well – but we quickly discovered he was a fantastic fullback – fast and brave and able to pick the right time to make his move. Ebuka found he loved the position – so there he stayed for the season. This allowed us to play the mighty Hamzah in the defensive mid, where he could quickly turn the play.

Round 6 gave us a 10 goal haul against Kewpies. But the really impressive part was the many different ways the goals were coming – from corners, from crosses, from headers and from rebounds. It was particularly great to watch the attacks mounted across the width of the field – the forwards and wings moving forward with the ball. Both Dergam and John played the wings great in this way – setting up many shots at goal.



The last of the three games we lost was the wet round 8 game against Ermington. An own-goal early got the boys a bit upset and Ermington got in a second. But they settled down in the second half and whilst neither team scored, our boys had the better half.

The two games on the Queens birthday weekend gave us a 13 goal haul. In the first of these, John had a great day. Absolutely determined to get the ball at any opportunity, he must have headed the ball about 10 times in the game. He scored his first goal for the season and quickly grabbed a second. John had played league last year, but had clearly taken to real football.

We then came back to playing competition leaders Pendo and Wenty – grabbing 1-all draws against both in a couple of enjoyable games that stretched the boys more than the big wins of the preceding weeks had.

By now we had our team pretty well set up. Nathan doing great work in goal – as last year, but finding some of the games rather boring. Adrian and Tawanda as the deep-fullbacks, with the fast Ebuka allowed to roam a lot further. In the defensive mid we had stabilizing influence of captain Yama, supported by Hamza or sometimes Dergam. Centre mid was

Neda, playing the position very well this year – supported by John, Gavin, Dergam or Aidan on the wings. Up front was the great penetrator Bahes and Tiger, with his at times magical right foot.

An 11 goal haul against Norwest was probably not the best learning experience. But it was great to see our goalie Nathan could also deliver them when put up front. Castle Hill RSL put up much stronger resistance the next week – needing the win to have a chance at a top-four spot, but we came away with a five-nil win. Then it was the return match against Kewpie's, where expectations of a win were a little too high against a rejuvenated Kewpie team. Whilst we dominated the game, we couldn't seem to score. Bahes finally settled the matter with a few minutes left by means of an amazing kick from the right-most front corner of the penalty box, which just lopped into the top of the goal. You don't see many like that!



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Next the return match against Ermington – a 3-all draw. Gavin in particular put in a great effort and was unlucky to be called offside when just about to finish off a beautifully setup move. Round 18 was against North Rocks – similarly to Kewpies, they were much stronger then when we first met. But our boys pulled out the good stuff! Scoring opened when Bahes chipped the ball in from the edge of the penalty area to a perfectly positioned Neda who just had to touch it into the goal. And a little later Tiger dropped a corner straight into the back of the net. With Ebeuka injured, Tawanda put in a great the defence.

The team finished the main season fourth, in a very tight completion – only one win behind the minor premiers. We had scored 67 goals and only having had 13 scored against us. We had not lost a match in the second half of the season, but had not yet beaten any the top three teams.

The semi-final was against Pendo. Pendo opened the scoring with a lucky chip well over Nathan's head. But as the game moved on our boys were a little stronger. At the rear, the defenders were working well together and Nathan's goal keeping was a delight to watch. Up front, several times Bahes would attempt a cross from the right – either it was going to work or a corner was coming our way. It was the later and Tiger's kick was headed by Neda into the goal. A little while later, a second goal wrapped it up.

The final was against Wenty. A number of the boys were down with colds, Adrian didn't make it onto the field, whilst Dergam had to come off sick part way through. But we opened the scoring, once again off a corner from Tiger – this time it was John who got a chest to it to knock it in. But a little while later Wenty showed us the same trick and it was 1-1. It was a tight and exciting game. Aidan was having a great day, but we couldn't convert his efforts. It went to golden goal and then to penalty shootout. Still it was hard to separate the two teams. It took 8 kicks for Wenty to go through 5-4.

Tony Farrell - Coach

Under 13 Division 3

We started of the year not knowing if we were able to achieve a full team for the first match. Registrations were slow and it took



some time to work out whom was going to play in particular positions, and also for the team to start to play together as a team. Initially we suffered 3 losses in succession. It was against Winston Hills that we gained our first win of the season in round 3 - the score 3-2.

The Team finished on 33 points after round 18 and in second place. We had scored 49 goals and conceded 25 in total. Wining a total of 10 matches and drawing 3. The team improved each week with the last loss accruing back in the eighth round.

Our semi finals match against Winston Hills proved tough with the team going down to Winston Hills 1-2 with the pressure getting to some of the players during the match in the first half.

Our finals match with Holroyd Rangers had the Waratahs in excellent form with Barry Scoring a total of 6 goals to Holroyd's 1 goal and a well deserved win on the day.

Grand Final Match against Winston Hills at Merrylands Park was a exhilarating game with the final score of 4.3 to Granville with the deciding goal scored in the final minutes of golden goal extra time.

Well done to all players.

Our Forwards – Barry, Mortaza, Mezhda, Jake, Mohammad, Tiger

Midfield - Abdul, Saleh, Immanueli, Baris

Defense – Divij, Nabeel, Hamid, Hani, Ahmed

Goalie – James

Colin Kehoe – Coach

U/15 Division 2

Starring (in alphabetical order):

Moqsid Almi, David Colquhoun, Cuan Ellis, Javad Hassanzadeh (Rizzo), Mahmoud Kameh, Pablo Lara, Billy Osborne, Mohammad Qanber-Ali, Hamid Rasoli, Panah Rawi, Darren Watson, Darryl Watson, Dillon Watson
Co-starring: Rick Paye (“Coach”), with special guest star Ernest Luthard as ‘the Manager’

Played 17 – won 12, lost 5 and 2 byes

Goals for: 63 – Moqsid 19, Mahmoud 9, Darryl 9, Hamid 7, Cuan 6, David 4, Billy 3, Mohammad 3, Pablo 2, Dillon 1
Goals against: 21

In the end the season came down to a referee's bad decision during golden goal extra time of the final.

A grand final appearance would have been a fitting reward for the effort put in throughout the year, but the soccer Gods weren't smiling on us this time round, and our season ended a week earlier than we would have liked.



We played some good soccer this year, particularly in the second round of the competition, where we dropped just the one game, and really came together well as a team. The new boys, David, Mohammad and Rizzo fitted in well, with David forming a great partnership with Billy at the back, Mohammad adding to the skill in our midfield (the best in the comp!) and Rizzo filling in in a number of positions.

Although we give away a lot of size to most of our opposition, there are no teams tougher than this, and certainly none more skillful. We wanted to entertain this year, which we did, but in the gospel according to Bachman Turner Overdrive (boys –you might have to goggle that) – you ain't seen nothing yet. Next year we'll be better still, and we'll be hungrier, looking for revenge. The boys have every reason to be disappointed, but only at the result, not in their effort. They really put in, especially when it mattered most, and this is what they should be proud of.

Thanks to the family and friends that always turned up and gave such great support, and to the one of a kind Ernest, who makes everyone's job that much easier, and of course to the players, the real stars of the show.

See you all next year folks.

Rick Paye - Coach

U/17 Division 2



What do I say about a team that scores 187 goals for the season and lets in only 14. I guess you don't need to say much - the numbers speak for themselves!! YES THEY DO!!!

Yes we should have been in division 1, and Lord knows I tried to get us in, but we stayed in division 2 and I can still honestly say we improved. By mid season the boys began to understand how to play their positions to allow patient quality soccer. It wasn't always like that. Early on I would often be upset despite winning 10 nil...but seeing the team mature was very rewarding to me .

It wasn't the perfect season though, we did lose one game from over confidence and lack of discipline. This was the kick in the pants we needed at that time, which helped us for the rest of the season.

I must say I really did enjoy winning this Grand final. We were simply in a class of our own and that's how we played. Whilst seeing our goal keeper and captain Julian score a (headed) goal in the grand final was special, the best moment of the season was saved for the last minute in the grand final when Nicolas scored his first for the match and the team's last for the season...which was then followed by the team's very funny and very entertaining matador bullfighter post goal celebration! The Ole after every bull run was pure gold and worthy of Sports Tonight's Play of the Day!

Congratulations again and well done to the entire team, bring on under 18's DIVISION 1!!!!

Noel Dona - Coach

ASSOCIATION ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AWARD



As mentioned earlier in my Presidents Report, I received an Award from the Association for services to my club and the Association. Please read below the information provided by club secretary Rick Paye in support of my nomination and award.

I only include this so that you may enjoy the same laughter I had when reading it.

Noel Dona

This person joined his club in 1999, taking on the coaching of a combined under 11/under 12 team as under 12s.

In 2000 he was elected as President of the club, a position that he has held since - not, as most people think, because no-one else wants to do it, but because of his passion for both the sport and his club, proving to be a hard working, well respected representative of not just the club and the association, but the community. Also – no-one else wanted to do the job.

In 2000, the team that he was coaching was split into 2 – under 12s and under 13s. In one of the best decisions of his coaching career he chose to coach the older team, which struggled to field a full team at the best of times, losing more players every year until the team was forced to fold. The younger team however went on to win 3 successive grand finals from 2001 – 2003.

The folding of his team was not due to any lack of effort or dedication on his part, as he worked harder to get the best possible out of this team, unfortunately his efforts were in vain, but proved to be a good thing for another team. He took on the role of coaching the under 14s – who he has since successfully guided through both sport and life – although this has included a training session watching the Socceroos on the big screen at Parramatta Workers and an end of season visit to Hooters.

His hard work and perseverance paid off when his team, now under 16s, won a great and well deserved grand final in 2006. In the same year, he commenced coaching a second team, under 6s, and today is still coaching this team, now as a highly successful under 10s. This year he has also picked up the reins of yet another team, under 17s, which is also proving to be highly successful, despite the fact that he has hidden them away in a lower division, hoping they would go unnoticed and pick up a trophy.

In 2002 he was responsible for redesigning the existing playing strip and securing sponsorship to buy new shirts for the entire club – this proved to be so popular that in 2009 he did the same thing – back to the original strip. Carrying on from this success he instigated the 'suit and tie' dress code for the association presentation, which, despite some initial misgivings, proved to be a big hit. Rumour has it that he is trying to introduce an even more formal dress code – and that's just for coaches and managers.

He himself can often be seen at training in suit and tie, but that's only because he has come straight from work to the ground, and indeed will often be going straight back to work after training – further proof of his dedication and work ethic.

Through his contacts and his hard work he has raised the profile of his club, resulting in, amongst many other things, a training session with the Soccerroos, a visit to our home ground from soccerroos stars and FFA officials for a major announcement, which gained national coverage, and a visit by an American soccer team for exhibition matches.

He is an architect and strong supporter of the zero tolerance policy, and a keenly sought after member on judiciary and appeal panels. His opinions on a wide range of matters are often sought and always given, although also given when not sought. It remains a widespread hope amongst many that one day he'll turn up to a meeting with laryngitis so that everyone can get home at a reasonable time.

He is always keen to referee games at his ground, happily controlling those games that others are reluctant to do – so much so that he has been known to show disappointment when he turns up for a 3 o'clock game with whistle, stop watch and cards in his hand, only to find someone else controlling the game.

He is always easy to spot at away games, he's the one that will be turning up riding a back with two or three kit bags slung around his shoulders, whilst his long suffering wife, and a young American brought in especially for this purpose, drive his players around

Like most people here he gives up a lot of time for the game, often to the detriment of his family, and has brought a level of credibility, discipline and respect to his club, and the association.

Although his involvement in the club canteen is limited to eating hot dogs, he does everything else at the ground - he is a successful coach and mentor, a willing and more than capable referee, a fundraiser, fieldmarker, expert net put-upperer and ground official. He even picks up the rubbish after all the day's games have finished.

He is an ambassador for the game, and well known to most people here, who either know him or have heard of him, and although it's probably his wife who is more deserving of an award, Granville Waratah wish to nominate this person for Club person of the year. With a bit of arm twisting he may even be persuaded to say a few words.



2011 Registration



First 2 Saturdays after the school holidays.

5 & 12 February 2011

10.00am- 1.00pm

Robin Thomas Reserve Club House

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SEE YOU ALL NEXT YEAR!!...

