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65th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, 8 November 2011

At the Club House

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COMMENCING 7.30 PM

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President's Report

This is my tenth year as Club President and I must say I still very much enjoy writing this report every year. Every year throws up new challenges, new experiences and new personal rewards.

This year is only the second year on my watch that our club has not won those hard earned Grand Championships. Of course that is disappointing, but our club has had a successful year in so many other areas. What is very important is that I know we are still on the right track of being a club that is focused developing the community's young boys and girls into better people, that is, our members' time at our club makes them richer and better for the experience(s).



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A goal of our committee is to have a least one team representing every age group from under 6 to under 21's. Despite the annual turnaround in player numbers, this year we saw an increase in player numbers with just only 3 age groups (10's, 13' and 21's) not being represented. I am especially impressed with the interest and representation in our SSG mini soccer teams. The world game certainly is getting bigger and more popular. I would like to think next year we will grow enough to reach the 200 member target.

This season, whilst we had 5 of our 8 competitive team make the finals, on grand final day, it was only my under 18's division 1 left standing to fly the Waratah flag. Last season I watched my under 10's division 4 lose in golden goal and I thought the miserable soul numbing agony of that defeat could not get any worse – I was sadly wrong!

Grand Final Day – In what was a cracking game against Greystanes FC, losing in golden goal was the worst feeling ever. I actually feel to my knees as the pain for my team and our efforts was unbearable.

Last season I wrote, after being crowned under 17's division 2 Grand Champions,

“Bring on the under 18 division1!!”. We wanted it badly! No disrespect to Greystanes, but most spectators watching our Grand final believed we were the better side. We dominated, we had more chances we were simply the better team but Greystanes scrambled when they had to and just did enough to beat us. The pain is that we had a goal disallowed from no fault of our own! As we scored a well worked team goal, a ball strayed onto the field from 2 young boys innocently playing behind the goals. The stray ball had no effect on or interference in our goal being scored but the over zealous referee caused controversy in disallowing it. WHAT A CALL!!! Later Greystanes score a goal from as freakish corner head. That was a kick in the guts but my team NEVER QUIT! With just minutes remaining in regular time we pushed everyone forward for a corner, including our keeper, and after what seemed an eternity scrambling in the goal mouth, we scored the equaliser that gave me the biggest adrenalin rush of my life! WOW!!!! The only thing to stop our momentum now was the full time whistle and a number of my senior players dropping with severe cramps.





Unfortunately 5 players fell with cramps within 15 minutes. This obviously weakened my courageous team and in extra time, Greystanes found the defensive weakness and managed to find a seam in the otherwise solid defence. Game over. :>(

We can all be tremendously proud of the performance and especially the way my team handled the controversy and the defeat – many other clubs and teams would not have behaved so well!

From this game alone I know our club is having a positive effect on our player's lives, and for this alone, I want to thank everyone involved.

To all the coaches and managers, especially the first timers, I personally thank you, for your extra time and efforts you donate and 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!!!

Also a BIG THANK YOU Philip Mtanios for sponsoring the "Goals For Life" T-shirts this season. They look great and makes our club stand out with distinction!

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...

So please tells your friends and family and join us all again for another great experience in 2012. **WE ARE SOCCER! We are THE WARATAH!!!**

NOEL DONA

Secretary's Report

Another year has come and gone, and although there were no Granville Waratah Grand Champions this year, it was another successful, and enjoyable, year.

Well done to all teams this season, not just to the AA8 and over 35s who were semi finalists, the Under 14s and Under 17s, who were finalists, and the Under 18s, who were Grand finalists, but to all players and teams, both competitive and non competitive, who make up the Granville Waratah family, and contributed to the fortunes of the club.

As well as all the players, thanks must go to the hardworking committee, the coaches & managers of the various teams, and of course our supporters. Special mention this year to Noel Dona, club president and coach of two teams, who this year was deservedly awarded life membership of the club.



Hope to see you all back next year.

Rick Paye

JUDICIARY RECORD

Our Judiciary record for the year is summarised as follows:

| Team | Yellow Cards (cautions) | Red Cards (send offs) |
|--------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| 11/3 | 1 | |
| 12/4 | 1 | |
| 14/2 | 2 | |
| 15/4 | 3 | |
| 16/1 | 3 | 1 |
| 17/2 | 9 | 3 |
| 18/1 | 6 | 1 |
| AA8 | <u>8</u> | <u>2</u> |
| TOTAL | 29 | 7 |



Year

| | | |
|------|---------------|---------------|
| 2011 | 29 | 7 |
| 2010 | 50 | 11 |
| 2009 | 24 | 10 |
| 2008 | Not Available | Not Available |
| 2007 | 33 | 3 |

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

PERPETUAL AWARDS

The club's 2011 Perpetual Award trophies winners were awarded as follows:

| | | | |
|---------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|
| Under 6 (Orange) | K & B Perpetual H. Bremmell Shield | Best & Fairest Most Improved | Mohammad Abdul Hussein Kaleah Wood & Raed Abufadda |
| Under 6 (Black) | K & B Perpetual H. Bremmell Shield | Best & Fairest Most Improved | Jallal Al -Ali Woyez Almi |
| Under 7 | Mary Fox Shield | Most Outstanding | Denis Sehovic |
| Under 8 | T. Mangion Shield | Most Outstanding | Jaskirat Singh |
| Under 9 | Frank Jacob Shield | Most Improved | Adam Alachraft |
| Under 11 | Paul Black Trophy | Most Consistent | Leroy D'Souza |
| Under 12 | B R Guy Trophy | Best & Fairest | Nathan Syah |
| Under 14 | Vince Wyatt Trophy | Most Consistent | Saleh Sayar |
| Under 15 | Beau Worthington Trophy | Most Consistent | Abdullah Mossawi |
| Under 16 | Noel Dona Trophy | Most Valuable Player | Cuan Ellis |
| Under 17 | D & L Painters | Most Consistent | Sunny Amin |
| Under 18 | Brian Jenkinson Trophy | Most Consistent | Prince Ofori |



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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 we need to play.

This year we had 189 registered players in 14 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). These are actually the biggest numbers of both players and teams for quite some time. An even bigger increase was in the number of girls playing, up from 5 to 10.

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. Player turnover has often been around 50%, but a very successful season last year saw a lot of players making a point of returning. Two entirely new competition teams were formed (the 15/4's and 17/2s). There was one extra SSG team, but we dropped one senior team.

| Team | Players | Returning to Club [#] | New to Club |
|-------------------|---------|--------------------------------|-------------|
| U6/Black (SSG) | 8 | 0 | 7 |
| U6/Orange (SSG) | 8 | 0 | 6 |
| U7/Orange (SSG) | 10 | 0 | 7 |
| U8 (SSG/ Rooball) | 13 | 0 | 5 |
| U9 (SSG/ Rooball) | 12 | 0 | 5 |
| U11/3 | 17 | 1 | 5 |
| U12/4 | 13 | 0 | 6 |
| U14/2 | 14 | 0 | 5 |
| U15/5 | 16 | 0 | 14 |
| U16/1 | 15 | 1 | 6 |
| U17/2 | 16 | 3 | 9 |
| U18/1 | 16 | 0 | 7 |
| Senior/8 | 17 | 2 | 9 |
| O35/3 | 14 | 0 | 1 |
| Total | 189 | 7 | 92 (47%) |

Player who returned to the club – they didn't play last year and but have not played anywhere else since leaving us. So they are not considered new to the club.

Given the increased number of players this year, the 53% returning players is actually a high number, almost 60% of last years players returned this year.

Of our nine competition teams, two were brand new teams. Six of last year's teams had been graded into higher divisions after last year's successes, making it much harder work this year. The remaining team, the Senior/8 team, was graded lower. In terms of making the finals, the results were pretty good, with 6 teams making the semis. But by Grand Final day, only the 18/1's were left.

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 |
|-------------|-----------|------------|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------|--------------------|-----------------|
| 2011 | 14 | 190 | 5 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| 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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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 1953 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;

“Cuan Ellis”

From under 16's division 1

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 |
|--------|--------------|-------------|--------|------------|----------|----------------|-------------|--------|-----|-------|
| U11/3 | 16 | | | | | | | 2 | | 14 |
| U12/4 | 21 | | | | | | | 2 | | 19 |
| U14/2 | 35 | | | | 3 | | | 4 | | 34 |
| U15/4 | 7 | | | | | | | 6 | | 1 |
| U16/1 | 11 | | | | | | | 6 | 5 | 0 |
| U17/2 | 30 | | | | 3 | | | 18 | 15 | 0 |
| U18/1 | 42 | | | | | 5 | | 12 | 5 | 30 |
| Sr 8's | 29 | | | 3 | | | | 12 | 10 | 10 |
| 35/3 | 32 | | | 3 | | | | 16 | | 19 |

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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/14 div 2's
'Congratulations!!!'



NEW LIFE MEMBER

Earlier in the magazine you would have seen noticed the list of our clubs Life Members. 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 President **NOEL DONA** as a well deserved **LIFE MEMBER** of his beloved Granville Waratah Soccer Football Club.

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End Of Season Reports

Under 6 Orange

Firstly it is with regret the short season is now over, many of the kids were disappointed that they couldn't play with their new friends.

We all had fun!! That's what sport is about fun and the kids spending quality time with their parents and vice versa. Seeing the joy on their faces, smelling the fresh air, interacting with nature and making new friends. Little did they know that it was in good health as well.

The season started with a bang, new faces, new friends, a new ball which was always kicked out and the players still playing the game off the field. I think the kids forgot about the goals and were more interested in the ball as if it was a lolly. While i tried to control the game being a referee, i think it was also hard for me to get the ball off them seeing the joy on their faces.

As the season drags on, the rain didn't help, stopping games and shortened the season but every game the kids played despite the freezing temperatures made up for the loss of games. There were times when they came across players and coaches who took the game so seriously that the kids didn't care because all they wanted was to have fun and enjoy the experience. There were other times when they came across teams that couldn't control a ball let alone score but our humble boys and girls allowed them to score just to see them smiling and having fun, shhhhhh!! They didn't want me to tell anyone.



In the end, the kids weren't disappointed and were happy with joy to see their parents on the sidelines chanting for them knowing that the people they idolise and admired most were spending quality time with them and sharing their fun.

Coach Bill Hussein

Under 6 Black

Not Available.

Under 7

What an interesting year for Granville Waratahs under 7s. The year started out with two teams of young hopefuls, the black and orange team. Both teams showed great enthusiasm during Wednesday training sessions and then the season began.



After the week two, we lost Hallam Baker. He played last year and his Dad was assisting in coaching. Now down to 9 players and after much consideration between coaches Phil Byrne and Michael Dagostino, a merger was implemented. Saturday morning games saw some dynamic and inspiring footwork by Denis Sehvoic and Dominique Hurtado stopped many players with excellent defence. Isaac Allami made some great breaks.

Then tragedy strikes, Ruby Byrne a passionate player broke her ankle half way through the season. We continued through a few rainout games and then we were back. Mazdiak Kapadia and Sinnar Babar provided many opportunities to the team through solid passing.

The season ended with the strong brother combination, Francis and Xavier Dagostino shooting an amazing long range goal. 2011 was a fun year where the players learnt a range of new skills and build a solid team.

Coach Michael D'Agostino

Under 8

The Granville Waratahs under 8's, the Wild bunch, with a roster containing

Andrey, Brittany. Caner – “Jenna”, Campbell, Elijah, Jasikirat - “Radar”, Nicholas, Ojesh, Pratyush, Raymond, Stefan, Tarun – “Tommy” and Zac

Had a pretty solid season. Our group managed to field a full strength unit for most training sessions. Equally most games saw a full strength team appear.



The only game where the full team did not appear was the game held at Princess Park against Auburn Districts B. Those of us with GPS units found the gizmo totally confused with the result we started at half strength and just kept adding players as folks found their way to the ground.

Which is a great credit to the commitment and support shown by the parents ensuring their member of the “Wild Bunch” was there, on time and ready to rock despite the best effort from GPS gizmos to derail things.

Our overall ratio of games won to those lost was mixed reflecting when the guys were on song they truly were awesome to watch. From bunching up in the middle thereby halting opposition attacks then launching slashing counter attacks along the sides seeking goals they certainly to look out for this year.

So many guys stood out at one stage or another that selecting only one seems hardly fair. From the way “Jenna” would get knocked down to only rise again. Zac, who never played before, kept the goals keeping us competitive. Andrey whose ball skills allowed us to move forward. Ojesh whose stability and constant effort in the middle made the counter strikes possible. Nicholas whose ball skills revealed a striker. Then Radar who time and again would either assist or make those goals.

Both Steve and I have agonised over which player should be selected as our “Most Valuable” for this year. It does seem unfair that only one can be selected when so many stand out.

Our “Most Valuable” player for this year is Jasikirat - “Radar”

Before signing off both Steve and I would like to thank all the parents for the commitment and patience shown this year. It did take some time for us to get things organised; there is much learned this year which can be applied next year.

I would also like to highlight the contribution made by Elijah’s father. Eddie Johnson. Time and again Eddie showed great patience in teaching the “Wild Bunch” skill sets.

Leighton Schraw - Coach

Under 9

A promising Team of future champions!

When I volunteered to become the coach of the Under 9 team, I was not really sure if I had made the right decision. First, until then, I had no previous coaching experience. Second, I was not familiar with the players, and their parents, sometimes forgetting the player’s names. However, my passion for the game of soccer (a common characteristic with all Nigerians) was the main asset.



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Indeed, everything that could go wrong occurred on the day of our first match. First, I lost my way to the venue and before I had arrived, our parents had approached our opposing team to borrow their training uniform. It was not surprising

that my team lost terribly. For the entire team, the fallout after the loss was quite unpleasant.

Indeed, that unpleasant episode provided us (players, coach & parents) a great opportunity to build a strong and formidable soccer team. Our team went through unbeaten five matches. Our confidence grew by leaps and bounds as our opponents crumbled both at home and away matches. Yousuf and Daren were complementing each other in the attack and banging in the goals. Again, Bernard, Michael M. and Jack held the wings, proving a lethal support to our frontline.

Initially, most of the players didn't understand Moses quite well, but when they did, Moses blended into the team, tirelessly running around the field. Robin, Amarachi and Mike provided the team the best midfield and defence, a support that is the envy of any coach, serving as our Rock of Gibraltar. What about the Man-boy manning our goal post, Adam? He was blessed with the saving hands that stopped all the goal-bound balls. Adam's timing, agility and precision are awesome.

Indeed, our Team was more than a soccer team. All the parents were amazing, providing support and making huge sacrifices for the team. I wish to single out Mrs. Buttenshaw, Mrs. Fernandes, Mr Kneipp and Mr. Mtanios for their exceptional support. I cannot recollect any training session or matches that any of them missed.

I must admit that, even when I had made unpopular decisions, I had enjoyed the support of the parents. As a soccer coach, it is motivational to coach a team, comprised of parents who also are as competitive as their children. We know how we sulk when we lose a match.

Come the year 2012, the Waratah Under 10 is going to be great! I hope to enjoy the same support from parents. As a team, we will strive to ensure that our kids have fun, ensuring that they also developing both soccer skills and team-spirit. See you next year.

Coach Stephen Emeka Oguguom

Under 11 Division 3.

This season did not reach the glories of last year, but it was not from lack of trying. Unfortunately losing a few senior players proved too much of a loss in this higher division.

We played very hard every game, however it was very frustrating to coach knowing if we had a couple of those players from last year we would have won a lot more than we loss. So this year was a bit of a rebuilding year.



Some special players did stand out like Leroy who was always excellent in defence and especially good whenever he played goalie.

In the back, both Alexander and Milad were solid and Alexander along with Vinit get my Most Improved Award. The midfield of Dean and Sajad played well together and when Dergam went overseas for 6 weeks, his loss was difficult to fill. Omid and Danial toiled hard every week, as did Maroa, Stephanie, Ali M. and Youssef when they showed up. Up front, Hussouni and Ali kept the opposition guessing.

I also want to give a special mention to Rayan who was often in goals making some wonderful and brave saves.

The team scored some great goals and played some inspirational games, especially when they did not have a full team!

I was especially happy for the team when we ended the season with a flurry of wins, as we deserved to be a little higher up the ladder.

I take this opportunity to thank the parents for their continuing support who did not give up on the team and helped me along the season. We will be better for this experience and I look forward to next year!

Coach Noel Dona

Under 12 Division 4

The 12/4 team was based on last year's 12/5 team. Returning were John, Yama, Adrian, Aidan, Nathan Neda and Ebuka, Joining them were Hanosh, Joseph, Andrew, Shyam, Jaskmalpreet (Kamal) and Berke. Coaching were Tony and Danny. We had a mixed year and didn't make the finals. Whilst we saw some great individual and team performances including wins against competition leaders, we seemed to struggle to get the full team on the field, rarely managing to field 11 players.

John, as our prime striker, once again had a great year – opening the season by showing us a touch of brilliance in a trial match as he flipped the ball back over the head of a defender, and then ran around her to pick the ball up before she realized what had happen. The regular call from the opposition benches throughout the season was “stay on number 2”.

Working with John up front were long term Waratahs Aidan and Neda. Aidan probably had his best season in 7 years with the Waratahs and Neda continued to put in a strong performance in the centre mid.

Kamal and Hanosh were regularly on the wings. Enthusiastic new comers to the full field game, they worked hard through the season and finished the season as big improvers. Notable was the way Hanosh went from hesitant to take on the ball to determined and brave as the season ended.

Regulars in the defensive mid were Andrew and Joseph. It seemed at times that Andrew was a bit too shy, but when he was focused on getting the ball off an opponent, he was quite the opposite – determined and fearless. Joseph was a hard worker with plenty of natural ability. It was clear he was going to start impacting the scoreboard and when his first goal went in, his smile must have been visible from space.



Captain Yama, Adrian and Shyam worked the fullback positions. Adrian had moved up a step this year, able to win balls rather than just get rid of them. Shyam proved a skillful defender and both worked well Yama's steady sweeping role.

We worked the mighty Ebuka so hard this year. His speed and strength on ball was so just so imposing, regardless of where he played. He was capable of filling in for Yama as a steady, thinking centre fullback or playing the imaginative striker. He penetrated many times down the right of the box, but was struggling to make the cross work properly – so it was great to see him rewarded in the final game when an attempt at a cross went straight into the net.

Once again, Nathan was a goalie well above what is expected of his age. A great team player and incredibly brave, so many times he grabbed the ball that should have gone in. After six years as a Waratah, we were very sad to farewell Nathan after the second last weekend, as his family left for Melbourne.

Coach Tony Farrell

Under 14 Division 2

We started the year off with some of the players returning from last year. New players included Bahes, Christopher, Endy, Kwaku, Leonardo and Martin.

9th April - Our first game against Baulkham Hills proved tough. With a few new players in the team it took a while to work out who suited each position. First half saw Baulkham Hills score 3 goals in quick succession. Second half saw Granville pick up the pace and attack the ball. Goals were scored by Barry, Martin, Nabeel, Kwaku and Saleh with a result of 5-4 victory.

16th April - Pendle Hill the next week at their home ground with terrible weather conditions, cold and wet with saturated grounds. The team struggled with the conditions, Barry had many attempts at goal with non hitting the mark, Kwaku with the only goal today. Granville defeated 1-3 .

7th May - Lidcombe at their home ground and our opponents were just too good on the day, scoring 4 goals in the first half. Granville manage to step up the pace in the second half and stop Lidcombe scoring, Martin landing a goal, the only successful attempt of many. Lidcombe the winning team 4-1.

14th May - Holroyd Rangers at home ground, Barry heads the ball into the goal from a corner, followed by the same from Nabeel making it 2-0 at half time. Second half Holroyd score 2 quick goals to even the score. Bahes scores soon after to put Granville in the lead and then with 10 minutes to go Martin Scores a goal to make the final score 4-2.

21st May - Winston Hills at their home ground and they scores 5 minutes in with Barry retaliating with a quick goal to equal. We score first this time and they follow with another goal to leave the result as 2-2. Kwaku great in defense today.

28th May - Auburn FC at our home ground the standard of play today was very ordinary. Barry scored 2 goals, we had many opportunities but non hit the mark, Auburn scored to make the score 2-1. In the dying moments James dives to save the ball and ensure the team a win.



4th June – Baulkham Hills at their home ground we are 1-0 down at half time. Our team pick up the pace with Barry scoring a goal from a magnificent pass from Endy. Immanueli scores a goal from a throw in from Saleh to put the team in front at 2-1. James saves a penalty with a dramatic dive to ensure the team beat the table leaders for the second time.

11th June - Pendle Hill at home ground with play fairly even between both teams. Defense too good from both sides. Bad luck strikes us with an own goal and a lose to Pendle Hill for the second time. 1-0

25th June - Lidcombe at home ground with a single goal from Saleh to ensure a victory today. 1-0

2nd July - Holroyd at their home ground, Granville played well today with goals from Bahes, Nabeel and Barry with a final score of 7-0.

16th July – Auburn FC at their home ground Barry Scores 3 goals today with a final score of 4-2

17th July – North Rocks at our home ground on the Sunday. It was a tough match with Barry scoring a goal in the first half and our defence ensuring the score remained at 1-0. Divij played well today.

30th July – Pendle Hill at their home ground with 2 Goals from Saleh and 1 from Barry, finally we defeat Pendle Hill with a win of 3-1

6th August – North Rocks at our home ground results in a win of 1-0

7th August – North Rocks at their home ground results in score of 2-2.

13th August – Lidcombe at their home ground. Immanueli Kicks a penalty goal in the first half with Barry and Martin scoring in the second half to make the final score 3-1

The team finishes in second place with a total of 35 points.

Endy and Christopher were out for the rest of the matches with injuries. Kwaku and Baris were also carrying injuries, so heading into the finals was always going to be a challenge for the team,

Our semi final match against Baulkham Hills was tough with Barry scoring in the first half but Baulkham Hills proved to good in the end with the final score of 2-1 to Baulkham Hills.

Our finals match was equally as challenging with Barry successful with a header to put Granville in the lead at half time. North Rocks managed to score twice in the second half and secure a victory on the day with the final score 2-1.

Coach Colin Kehoe & Manager Sandra Goldsmith

U/15 Division 4

I would like to say that I am proud on how my team went this year. The team started the season with a full team then having people pull out and only having 7 players when the season started, so we had to forfeit first a few games early on.

After we started getting a few players and didn't have a keeper which let us down a bit. After half way through the season we started getting more players and then we started giving the other teams a challenge but not having a proper keeper we still managed to do okay. The second half of the season



we found a keeper which changed the whole table around but it was too late.

The second half of the season, having the players and a keeper we gave all the teams a run for their money. After the first round of games the other teams thought we were going to get smashed, but little did they know we would give a run for their money, we fought hard.

People had doubt in the under 15 team and thought that we were going to lose all our games but we proved them all wrong. Almost beating the team that was coming first and losing by controversial referee calls and drawing against the team that was coming second was an awesome result.

Let me also add that this under 15 teams only had one 15 year old in the team as all my other players were 12 - 14 years old. So I congratulate all my players for getting this far and not coming last, and playing years above their age group is a great effort. If this team plays in their own age group I'm sure they would achieve a great result.

Also from nothing to something they all proved that if you all work together as a team you will become a stronger team. From my players playing the first time with each other and half way through the season they came this far I am so proud of their effort. :)

Coach Filiz Urkanci

U/16 Division 1

This season started out well, with 20 people turning up to try out for a spot in the team, but ended on the last Saturday of the regular season, with the minimum number of players required for a game, going out with a loss and a laugh.

Throughout the season we were competitive with the rest of the teams, but just couldn't close out the games. The season tally of 10 goals scored tells the story – we matched and sometimes dominated teams but couldn't find the back of the net.

Throughout the year we played attractive soccer for a return of one win and a couple of draws, but in only one game, against the state champions who scored about 70 million against us, were we totally outclassed.

The boys trained hard, and played hard, but also (mostly) enjoyed their soccer and accepted the bad luck and the results with good grace. Proof of their commitment to the team was the fact that most of them travelled by bus and/or train to get to not only training, but also to the games.

On one occasion, two players (who will remain nameless) even caught a taxi to the wilds of Baulkham Hills to make it to a game on time, but this was only necessary because they slept in until lunchtime!

Thanks for your effort throughout the year boys, also thanks to Alex who managed the team (obviously a very intelligent man because he supports the mighty Rabbits!), hope to see you all back next year

Coach Rick Paye

U/17 Division 2

This year's team was made up of old & new players to our club. We started the season with 18 players and had to trim the team down to 16, we started the season with a major loss in our first game but the players picked up as the season went on.

We lost a couple of players early in the season who decided it wasn't their game. As the season moved on we found ourselves at the lower half of the comp. Reaching the halfway of the season the team really came together and put some great games together, the team realized that they could still make the finals and really knuckled down to have a shot at the title.



The players put together some really memorable games this year scored some brilliant goals, individually as well as some well constructed team efforts. Our defence improved greatly over the season which allowed a shot at the top, we found ourselves playing for second place in the finals series but a loss saw us finish fourth.

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With a chance to play in the finals we were pretty happy we won the semi final against Wenty in a good match that allowed us to reach the final but that was as far as we went this season. The team lost a few players for the final and went in game under didn't play to our best game, lost our focus and went down in a game that was not true to the way we played the season.

This year's team was made up of players 16&17 year old, players some experienced and some new to the game and our club. We had a great season to start with a new team and reach the final one game away from the grand final. Congratulations to all players for a wonderful effort this season.

Coach Hector Guajardo

U/18 Division 1

As we huddled as a team after having just being beaten in the grand final by a golden goal, I said to me boys, I have never been more proud of a team that I have coached – and I meant it! This team of young men did themselves and our club very proud. Last year's division 2 Grand Championship was fun and too easy. This year's division1 journey and experience was much more satisfying and gratifying for the entire team, despite just falling short.



From the very first game when we made a statement by beating the division 1 grand champions, to the final whistle, we had no reason to lower our heads but rather to keep them high! The irony of our grand final defeat is that the goal scorer Prince Ofori is the only player in the team not to have won a grand final.

Across the park we were strong, Prince held the defence strong and together. Our midfield, the best in the comp, moved the ball around the park and used our flanks better than every other team. Up front was often pure magic and our team goals – like the one disallowed in

the Grand Final – were beautiful to watch. Finally Julian in goals was a worthy and respected captain.

Despite our Grand Final loss, the dinner at Hooters after the game was a nice way to celebrate the season and reminisce.

The magic and diversity in this team is reflected in the fact we have 14 players coming from 12 different national backgrounds. It been my pleasure to coach them and be part of their magic.

We have unfinished business and next year....**WE WILL BE BACK... WATCH THIS SPACE!!!**

Coach Noel Dona



ASSOCIATION ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AWARD

Every Year the Association asks for nominations for the Association's Club Person of the Year Award. **This year we nominated our Registrar Tony Farrell.** He is a champion and we wanted to acknowledge his efforts amongst his peers. The Associations annual dinner was held at the Grand Ballroom at Rosehill Gardens on Saturday 17 September 2011. Whilst he did not win the prestigious award, members of the all the clubs now know that Tony is a champion too!



Please read below what we wrote as part of his nomination:



“Starting as manager of an under 6 roo ball team, this person joined his club 7 years ago and joined the clubs committee the following year. Identified by his clubs committee for having exemplary computer and analytical talents, he volunteered, or perhaps peer pressured into becoming the club's registrar - a position he continues to proudly hold to this day.

He mastered Compman early and saw in its the smooth introduction. He introduced and streamlined administration processes for registrations, re-registrations and payment of fees, introducing a credit card facility to his club that increased revenues by 150% as delinquent players and some parents had no excuses for not paying with their plastic. He is his clubs website administrator and maintains the club's web site with almost real time updates, especially during wet weather!

His greatest achievements have been his Midas touch in having success in securing both government and corporate grants.

Every year his club workload has increased and his does it with minimum fuss and maximum result. Despite all the work he does, the frustrations involved, the crap he has to put up with, he still hasn't been heard to swear or even raise his voice in extreme anger - and in our association that takes some doing.

His crowning glory came when after 4 years of trying, he coached his twin sons to a glorious grand final. Everybody at his club were especially happy for him and his family. He deserved the moment!

This year in particular he volunteered to increase his club duties and workload just to get all the jobs done that need to get done for a Saturday of club soccer. After years of watching the science, skill and craft of his clubs master “net putter upperer”, he has progressed through the ranks so that now he is no. 2 at putting up nets - some might say no. 1, as the previous no. 1 (club president Noel Dona) is often relegated to setting up for SSG fields.

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GDSFA CLUB OF THE YEAR AWARD

We are proud to announce that from 35 clubs in the association, **Granville Waratah came 8th in the Association highest award – CLUB OF THE YEAR.**

The award is based on points earned from each team from their respective competitions and then clubs being disqualified for too many yellow cards, red cards and violent incidents.

Well done to the Granville Waratah family!

Lets go for championship status next season!

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2012 REGISTRATIONS



First 2 Saturdays after the school holidays.

4 & 11 February 2012

10.00am- 1.00pm

Robin Thomas Reserve Club House

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

Always check our website for all the latest news and updates.

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SEE YOU ALL NEXT YEAR!!...

