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YOUR CLUB NEEDS YOU!

67th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Monday, 11 November 2013

At the Club House

ROBIN THOMAS RESERVE

Harris Street Parramatta

COMMENCING 7.30 PM

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

President's Report

The beautiful thing about being involved with this great club of ours, are the **challenges, experiences and rewards** that differ every year. Season 2013 was no different...

Challenges

Despite being 300 meters from the heart of Parramatta CBD, Sydney's second city, our player numbers have dropped to the lowest ever. Although our numbers remain strong for all our players aged between 5 and 11, our teenage and adult player numbers have dropped off significantly. This is a difficult challenge to find the answer for as the Harris Park area has a very transient community that move in and then relocate after a few years. This also makes it very difficult for a core group of players to stay together to form a (Grand Championship) winning team – thus making the achievement for our club even more special when we have a team crowned Grand Championship! For this reason our teams are usually in divisions 2, 3 or 4. As a result, there is a trend for very good players that live in the area to play for other clubs that offer division 1 teams.



To help find an answer to this challenge we need more parents to want to volunteer their time and energies to making their club better by offering fresh ideas and an extra hand doing what needs to be done in the clubs operations and management. Yes it involves some time but the efforts are very rewarding! BELIEVE ME!!

Growing up as a child I lived on the other side of the train tracks and played for Granville Kewpies. My parents were migrants. Dad was always working (hard) to feed the family and mum was looking after me and my other 5 brothers and sisters. As a result my parents had little time to spare and because of this I can only ever recall them watching me play soccer once in 5 years. Our local demographics have not changed much for our area in 35 years. I can appreciate that even if some parents have time to spare, it is difficult for non English speaking parents to understand our Aussie way of life and the importance of sharing their children's special moments with them. I know coaching my son and daughter years ago was very special. So special I still love being involved in coaching and this club year's after my children have stopped playing as I know my efforts have a positive outcome on the lives and the development of the children I coach and look after. I now ask all our parents to PLEASE help with solving our clubs challenges by offering rather than waiting to be asked to help...again.

Experiences

In July I was invited to bring my under 13's team to meet the A League All Stars before their game against Manchester United at a function hosted by Parramatta Lord Mayor John Chedid (who used to be a player for our club as a child) at the Parkroyal Parramatta. My players got to meet Ante Covic, Michael Beauchamp, Thomas Broich, Brett Emerton and Coach Ange Postecoglou. Meeting Coach Ange was very special as he gave one piece of advice to my team that will change their lives forever! (Read the under 13's end of season team report).





Rewards

The first Grand Championship team I coached was the mighty under 16 division 2 team of 2007 (I think it was 2007?) My under 13's division 3 team assistant coach was Cem Kol. I coached him back in 2007 when we won the competition and for a total of 5 years.

Watching your players grow and develop into young men and now being able to share memories of past glories has been fun, but especially rewarding has been having him agree to being my assistant coach and share the journey of winning a Grand Championship in his first attempt as a coach! He now truly understands why we do it. Whether it is the glories of victory, the misery of defeat and all the thrills, suspense and drama in between, he has had a taste and he can't wait for season 2014 – BACK TO BACK!!!

For me, this year's road to victory has been especially rewarding having Cem helping me out.!

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 want to see you next year!!!

I also want to thank Diane who volunteered to be our part time canteen manager this past season. Without her and her mother the canteen would not have opened at all.

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. Especially to Registrar Tony Farrell, you are a champion!

So please tells your friends and family and join us all again for another great experience in 2014. **WE ARE SOCCER! We are THE WARATAH!!!**

NOEL DONA



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Secretary's Report

It has been my pleasure to be serving on the club committee this year and look forward to a bigger and better year next year. We have much to do and we need YOU, in a community effort to make our club the best it can be next year. Start by telling everyone about us! Next year, you will notice the difference.!

I have also enjoyed coaching the under 6 team and have seen a great amount of enthusiasm and friendliness amongst the players, coaches and parents. Any feedback or suggestions about the soccer club, please do not hesitate to email me to secretary@granvillewaratah.com.au.

Become a Facebooker... and don't forget to **like** our Facebook page [facebook.com/granvillewaratahsoccerclub](https://www.facebook.com/granvillewaratahsoccerclub) which is where we will be sharing all future club updates, photos and fun stuff.

Andrew Small - Secretary



PERPETUAL AWARDS WINNERS



The club's 2013 Perpetual Award trophies winners were awarded as follows:

Under 6A	K & B Perpetual H. Bremmell Shield	Best & Fairest Most Improved	Yash Sharma Gene Kneipp
Under 6B	K & B Perpetual H. Bremmell Shield	Best & Fairest Most Improved	Daniel Bayani Ali Baqeri
Under 7	Mary Fox Shield	Most Outstanding	Rayaj Shrestha
Under 8	T. Mangion Shield	Most Outstanding	Mohammad Abdul Hussein
Under 9	Frank Jacob Shield	Most Improved	Nikil Siriwardena
Under 11	Paul Black Trophy	Most Consistent	Jarrod Li
Under 13	Sutherland Shield	Most Improved	Milad Saeedi
Under 15	Beau Worthington Trophy	Most Consistent	Bill Redhead

JUDICIARY RECORD

Our Judiciary record for the year is summarised as follows:

Team	Yellow Cards (cautions)	Red Cards (send offs)
13/3	2	
TOTAL	2	0
Year		
2013	2	
2012	25	3
2011	29	7
2010	50	11
2009	24	10



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

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 91 registered players in 8 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.) We have unfortunately had a big drop in player numbers since 2011, when we had 190 players in 14 teams. It was also the first year in the club's known history that we have not have an Adult team.

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 teams. Another characteristic is the varied background of our community, which I see in the details on the birth certificates I collect for ID purposes. In our 91 players, we probably have players from about 30 different backgrounds.

Team	Players	Returning to Club#	New to Club
U6/A	7	3	4
U6/B	7	0	7
U7	8	0	8
U8	12	8	4
U9	11	5	6
U11/4	13	6	7
U13/3	16	9	7
U15/3	17	3	14
Total	91	34	57 (62%)

Includes players who returned to the club but whilst they didn't play last year, they have not played anywhere else since leaving us. So they are not considered new to the club.



The U15 team was a new team, the few returning players not having played with us last year, as we didn't have a team for them. A number of last years U6 players were only 5 and played again in the U6 this year.

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
2013	8	91	6	0	0	0	0	1
2012	9	100	6	0	0	1	2	0
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

*Round Robin rather than traditional final series.

Tony Farrell - Registrar



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...

“Rohith Gajangi”

From under 13's division 3

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	25							2		25
U13/3	38						7	4		41
U15/3	0									0

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AND THE WINNER IS...



u/13's div 3

Congratulations!!!

End of Season Reports

Under 6 A

Not available

Under 6 B

Not available.

Under 7

The best thing about coaching this team is seeing how much the boys have developed and improved over the season.

The season started slow for our team with the coach away on leave for the first 3 weeks and losing every single match for the first 7 games. However by mid-season the boys started to improve and the games became more interesting in particular after their first victory.

After their first victory and special treat at McDonalds, the successful win had given the boys more confidence and seeing improvements in their game as each game went on. The second half of the season saw the boys win and draw more games and also enjoying the game more.

In one of the games the boys had a huge success where our star player **Reyaj** scored 5 goals while **Dev** and **Adnan** also scored great individual goals. Towards the end of the season we also saw **Daria** and **Ash** score goals while at the same time players like **Ricky**, **Soumil** and **Adnan** defended well keeping us in the game. Other players like **Satvik**, **Dean** and **Ash** showed great improvements considering none of these boys have played soccer before.

I was very proud of the boys and hopefully they will be together come season 2014. I would like thank all the boys and the parents for assisting throughout the season. Thank you.

Coach Goran

Under 8

Not available

Under 9



The U9 team, was a grand team to work with. All, the 11 members "old and new": Hamudy, Ehab, Arna, Sam, Isaac, Dominique, Omar, adithya, Arya, Nikil, Amritanshu. Trainings were fun and so were the games. All the kids came to every game with the spirit of fair play, and a good attitude to being competitive. Throughout the season they did well, like "Omar, Nikil, Hamudy, Sam, Dominique", just to mention a few. We have the basis to build on for this team to do well next year.

This team was under the coaching of **Gustavo Mendoza** and **Jameel Waleed**.



Under 11

After turmoil in 2012, 2013 arrived with promise, in the form of staunch Waratah supporter and parent Sachin Rastogi agreeing to lend his valuable skills to a paired coaching arrangement. Having lost our 2012 star striker Matt to the bright lights of U13, the team came together with spirit and determination to play a memorable season.

With just 4 players in the correct age division, it came down to a weekly 'never say die' session against older and more experienced teams across the draw. Jumping up 3 divisions and playing against older boys stretched the team to the limit on many Saturdays. However, they held every team but two accountable with wins and draws against the rest.



One memorable game against Kellyville stands to mind. As visitors against a top team, it was all uphill; but the boys scored early and then held off wave after wave of attackers, for a nail biting finish few parents from either team will forget. Even better, they were later mentioned in Kellyville team notes as 'most sporting visitors'

This was a season notable for the genuine camaraderie between players; and the support and goodwill of parents. Many times, players were drafted into unfamiliar positions and performed with distinction. Despite nagging injuries proving to be a problem for key players, the team carried on and supported their team mates.

Special thanks should go to all parents; and the Granville Waratah Club for making a great season possible. We look forward to an even better 2014.

Paul Kneipp

Under 13 Division 3



I have been coaching since 1997, and I have won (and lost) many Grand Finals in that time, but winning this Grand Championship with this team was the most satisfying as a coach! Personally the most rewarding! Why? Because all of my other Grand Champions were very talented and winning was frankly, easy, even their respective Grand Final games.

With this team, I told them early in the season that their last year's team was more talented, but this year's team had the best attitude...and because of this we would win the Championship! I felt they did not believe that at the time of that team meeting, but I truly believed we would and my job was to make sure they believed it too!

Towards the end of the season the team met A league coach Ange Postecoglou. I asked him what one thing do you need to win a grand championship? Without hesitation he answered "Attitude! You need a very good attitude!!" This was just the advice the boys needed to hear as it reinforced what I had been saying all year. NOW THE BOYS WERE READY TO WIN

THE GRAND CHAMPIONSHIP...they now believed in themselves with confidence as they knew they had the best attitude in the competition.

All year Cem and I pushed the team hard, very hard! And most of the time the soaked it up without complaint and pushed themselves and each other...that was the most impressive part of coaching the team.



So the year started with a good 1-1 game against Greystanes followed soon after by a couple of 4 goal losses. We used those losses to learn from and by mid season we finally hit our straps. We now had the best defense in the competition. In the last 12 games including the finals we only let in 7 goals (including 2 soft ones against the teams coming last). Whilst our defense was awesome our ability to score goals, and lots of them, was proving to be our Achilles heel. As a coach I learnt the lesson of humility and respect when I pushed players forward and weakened our back in an effort to score more goals. I only succeeded in allowing the team coming last to score against us. I/we would not make that mistake again.

In the final few weeks of the season it seemed like every game was a final and it was the perfect preparation as we had to fight tooth and nail to win every game by being pushed to the wire and many of the games coming from behind, including the memorable 2 goals in the last 2 minutes against Pendle Hill!

Winning the Grand Championship was very special and I am very proud of this team and they all played an important part in the season and especially the Grand Final game. Captain Leroy in goals was as cool as always and determined to keep a clean sheet again. The fullbacks of Milad, Rohith and Jaden acted like a brick wall and their wall would not be breached. Man of the match, Musawar was on a mission and inspired and demanded the team lift. To get to Leroy, Greystanes, were unable to get past Musawar and Rohith especially. The mid field of Rayanne, Johnny, Amir, Mbatchi and Mateen dominated and were rarely dominated. GREYSTANES DID NOT KNOW WHAT HIT THEM! Deano up front was dangerous and kept them busy applying pressure all day. When the bench of Sami, Sai and Nicholas got their chance they raised their own personal bar playing the best they had all year.

Mbatchi's goal was a gem, just as we trained during the week and Johnny's freaky goal was just the nail in the coffin late in the game we deserved to celebrate with!!!

But the team effort did not stop with the players - their families and friends did their job too. I asked for growing spectator support and they answered the call. THANK YOU!! For the Grand final we got over 130 boisterous fans, acting like a 12TH man, and the players responded and lifted! GRANVILLE WARATAH WOULD NOT BE DENIED!



Coach Noel Dona

U/15 Division 3

The U15/3 squad was a new squad this year, with most players either not having played club level soccer before or having last played it a couple of years ago in lower divisions. It was always a tough ask for them to play 3rd division. As a result, the year was a bit of a struggle, with various more experienced players dropping out of the squad, largely replaced by less experienced players. But in-spite of the poor results, they played the game with good spirt, not getting one card during the year, rare at U15. They were congratulated several times by opposition coaches and refs for their attitude. We saw dramatic improvements in the skill levels of the less experienced players.

Whilst we had a great keeper in the squad in Nathan, he couldn't make all the games. Whilst various others gave it a go, Hashem filled in the most and it was great to seem him move from a tentative keeper to someone with the skills to make great saves. Hashem also played hard in defence and at times the midfield. Milad proved to be an impressive central defender, working with the determined thinking defender Adrian and Uzair. Uzair was probably the least experienced of the squad when he joined and had a tough learning curve, but it was great to see his improvement through the year. Defensive mid was probably where we had a bit more experience with Ahmad and Ben, but we didn't get them, particularly Ben, for enough games to really see them shine.



The twins Medhi and Reza were a mid season addition. With good ball skills, but little time on the big field, they had some learning to do. Medhi's balls skills could get him past three or four defenders, and as the season came to a close, the passing side of his was starting to work and he got the center-mid job. Reza made his mark as a determined defensive mid, with speed and endurance.

Up front we were anchored by Bill, fast and skill-full, our real problem was getting him sufficient support. Dhruv, who joined us later in the season, showed some great flare that more games will have turned into the support the Bill needed. Zac was solid midfielder who worked hard on the field, but again, we needed him for more of the games.

The team has plenty of potential, and time will turn them into winners.

Coach Tony Farrell

SEE YOU ALL NEXT YEAR!!...



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