

Granville Waratah Soccer Football Club Club Magazine - Season 2014

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YOUR CLUB NEEDS YOU!

68th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Monday, 13th October 2014

At the Club House

ROBIN THOMAS RESERVE

Harris Street Parramatta

COMMENCING 7.30 PM

*Come make a difference. Have a say in how your club is run,
to ensure sure your club is better for your children.*

President's Report

Whilst I know it is not the be all and end all, but winning a Grand Championship is such a wonderful achievement, and I feel so good for all the coaches, players and families involved. It makes being in this volunteer role all the worth it!

This season we have 5 of our 8 competitive teams make the finals - 2 of those make the grand finals and 1 Grand Champion. Congratulations to the Under 12's Division 5. The All Age Division 6 team unfortunately suffered a heart breaking lost in a gripping grand final in the final minute of the game.

What is also very pleasing to the Committee is that we are nearing our annual goal of having a team represented in every age group. This year we had 4 All Age teams, the most we have had in decades, and a team in every mini roo competition (6-11 year olds). The clubs member numbers swelled this year and with so much property development in the Parramatta CBD, our future is looking strong.

Parramatta Council has finally recognised the geographical importance of our club and have now decided to **build for us a new club house and amenities block**. We have been consulted at every turn on the design requirements to deliver to us the best possible outcome. Demolition is expected in February and construction is due for completion around July 2015. We will be inconvenienced for a few months but it will be worth it!



In June this year I travelled with some friends to Brazil for the World Cup. It was an amazing experience and I have shared some wonderful memories with some of you. But the one memory I love to share was after the game against Netherlands – it was when I felt the most patriotic and proud!

I was sitting next to an elderly Brazilian man who was enjoying the ebbs and flows of the game. At the end of the game, despite losing, he turned to me and said in a deep Portuguese Brazilian ascent, **“Australian, today your team brought much honour to your country, be proud!”** And I was!! What made me feel even prouder was that I learnt much of Brazil felt the same way!

I have told this story to a number of teams...especially the under 12's. And they should be proud, as they brought much honour to our club on Grand Final day!

Equally, the sword is double edged. We have had some incidents this year where players have brought much dishonour to themselves and our club. These are totally unacceptable and have been dealt with quickly.

To all the players...THANK YOU...It was a great year...you should all be VERY proud of yourselves too! I know I am. I hope and want to see you all 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...**SPECIAL MENTION TO TONY FARRELL >>>** He is a legend!

So please tells your friends and family and join us all again for another great experience in 2015.
WE ARE SOCCER! We are THE WARATAH!!

NOEL DONA
President

Secretary's Report

I continue to enjoy my time as a Member of Granville Waratah Soccer Football club and over the past 2 years have been fortunate to meet some great people and volunteers whilst continuing to learn so much by being associated with the club. I have also developed some great friendships whilst also obtaining great feedback for the future of our Club.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all the teams for putting in a great effort in their season, and also those that volunteered to help set up the fields on their rostered weekends. Thank you for representing our Club in a great and proud manner on and off the field.

To the Co-ordinators, Coaches and Managers of all sides including senior and junior sides, well done, enjoy the praises you have received, you deserve it. I feel that if everyone works together, then GWSFC will continue to go from strength to strength.

To our Canteen Ladies, thank you for a tremendous job you have done this season, this was a very big task to take on and you all handled yourself very well, congratulations you all deserve a pat on the back. I hope for the sake of soccer you continue to do this job as you can only get better and come up with new ideas in ways of raising money for the Association.



Thank you to all the parents and friends who have come to watch and support the players GWSFC – It makes a big difference to the players by having that extra support for their team.

To the rest of the Executive Committee, thank you for a job well done – each week coming in at 8am putting up the goal posts, marking the fields, cleaning and making sure the fields are in great condition for players and visitors alike.

Our registration numbers this season were good and it was again a great pleasure to look out onto the fields of a Saturday to see everyone enjoying themselves whether they were players, coaches/managers, referees, spectators or parents. However, it does not stop there and it will always be my aim to build and strengthen the community of this club.

I felt that a lot of positives came out this season and I hope that there continues to be a lot more in seasons to come. I always encourage your feedback so please feel free to contact me anytime – My email and phone numbers are on our website.

Andrew Small
Secretary

JUDICIARY RECORD 2014

Our Judiciary record for the year is summarised as follows:

Team	Yellow Cards (cautions)	Red Cards (send offs)
12/5	0	0
14/2	2	0
16/3	12	2
21/2	17	7
AA6	18	3
AA7	10	1
AA9	2	0
AA10	1	0
TOTAL	62	13



Historical Record

Year

2013	2	0
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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!

PERPETUAL AWARDS

The club's 2014 Perpetual Award trophies winners were awarded as follows:

Under 6	K & B Perpetual	Best & Fairest	Nithin Gajangi
	H. Bremmell Shield	Most Improved	Banjamin Aguilera
Under 7/A	Mary Fox Shield	Most Outstanding	Christian Stojkovski
Under 7/B	Mary Fox Shield	Most Outstanding	Ali Baqeri
Under 8	T. Mangion Shield	Most Outstanding	Aavash Pant
Under 9	Frank Jacob Shield	Most Improved	Derek Doffour
Under 10	Borg Trophy	Most Improved	Raynesh Shrestha
Under 11	Paul Black Trophy	Most Consistent	Krish Patel
Under 12	B R Guy Trophy	Best & Fairest	Mateen Ebrahim
Under 14	Vince Wyatt Trophy	Most Consistent	Rohith Gajangi
Under 16	Noel Dona Trophy	Most Valuable Player	Bahes Almi
Under 21	D & L Painters	Most Consistent	Tommy Hedayat

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 201 registered players in 15 teams, though 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). This was a dramatic improvement after a couple of lean years, and it felt like quite a different club this year with multiple Adult teams and our first all age Grand finalists since I joined the club in 2005. I got to referee the U10s and U11s a fair bit and enjoyed seeing the way both teams developed into strong teams who worked well together, playing fair but tough football, and that was a common thread I could see through the young teams.

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 201 players, we probably have players from at least 30 different backgrounds. The breakdown of new and returning players is shown below

Team	Players	Returning to Club [#]	New to Club
U6	6	2	4
U7/A	7	2	5
U7 /B	7	4	3
U8	13	9	4
U9	10	8	2
U10	12	9	3
U11/5	13	4	9
U12/5	15	6	9
U14/2	16	9	7
U16/3	13	7	6
U21/2	19	5	14
AAM/6	18	8	10
AAM/7	14	2	12

AAM/9	15	0	15
AAM/10	23	1	22
Total	201	76	125 (62%)

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

The number of players new to the club is a little higher this year than the normal 50%, but is actually amazingly low given the big expansion in teams and players this year, with our U11, U21 and all 4 AAM teams being new teams. Part of that is due to some teams having had very higher return rates, I believe we got about 70% of last year's players back. Also, whilst the U21/2 and AAM/6 teams were not playing last year, some of the players in those teams last played with us.

Registration for next year will start on-line from mid-January, and at the club house (or it temporarily replacement) through Saturdays in February. *One important point for next year; register as early as possible so we can be sure you have a team! We were very lucky that there was a spot in the competition to put the U11s – late registrations can cause problems. Please register by mid February 2015!*

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

Club Teams and Results History

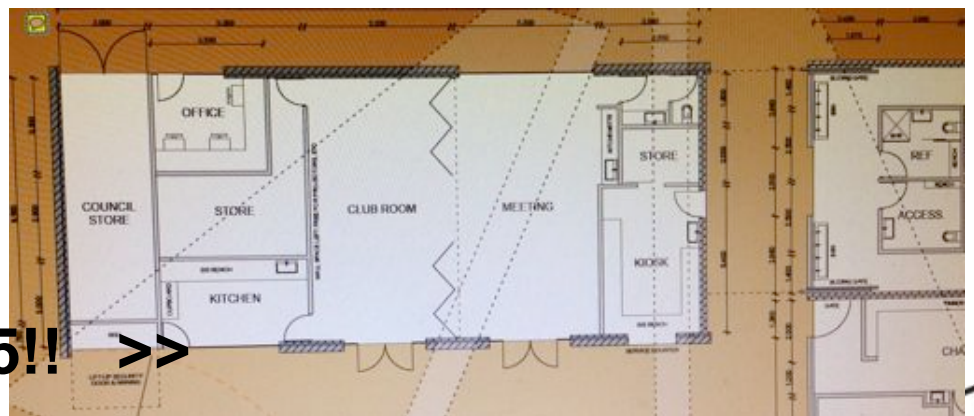
Year	Teams	Players	Mini-Roos/ Rooball/ SSF	Minor Premiers	Semi- Finalist	Finalist	Grand Finalists	Grand Champions
2014	15	201	6	0	5	N/A [#]	1	1
2013	8	91	6	0	0	0	0	1
2012	9	100	6		0	0	2	0
2011	14	190	5	0	3	2	1	0
2010	12	165	4	2	1	3	1	2
2009	12	165	3	0	2*	N/A*	0	2
2008	10	132	3	0	3	1	1	0
2007	11	165	3	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
2002	11	?	?	0	3	0	1	3

*Round Robin rather than traditional final series.

Due to wet weather, the traditional format was not played

Tony Farrell – Registrar

**WE ARE
GETTING A
NEW
CLUBHOUSE
in 2015!! >>**



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;

“Cem Kol”

From All Age Division 6

‘CONGRATULATIONS!!’

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This season our club is **INTRODUCING A NEW AWARD**.

The FFA changed the structure of football in Australia to have the Mini-Roos competitions played up to the age of under 11's. Whilst the Club Player of the Year Award acknowledges a special player amongst our competitive teams, this year, to acknowledge a special Mini-Roo player, our club has introduced a new annual award...the...



YOUNG PLAYER OF THE YEAR

The winners of the Young Player of the Year Award goes to;

“Ali Baqeri”

From the Under 7 B's

AND

**“Mohamed
Abboud”**

From the Under 10's

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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
U9Brown	26									26
U10/6	20									20
U11/6	34			3						37
U12/5	33						7			40
U14/2	40				3			4		39
U16/3	23							24	20	-21
U21/2	36				3			34	35	-30
AA6	34					5		36	15	-12
AA7	29				3			20	5	7
AA9	21							4		17
AA10	16							2		18

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And the winner of the **Team of the Year Award** goes to ...



'CONGRATULATIONS!!'

End of Season Reports

Under 6



The under 6 soccer team had an outstanding season, remaining undefeated. All players scored at least one goal, working as a team at all times.

Thomas, our youngest player did a great job defending and stopping the ball coming too close to our goal. Ali and Benjamin became well rounded players who showed great improvement through the year.

Ashwin and Nithin came with experience as this is their second year and it shows. They are both exceptional players and can work the ball. They are both terrific strikers.

It was a real pleasure coaching these great kids and I hope to see them all again next year.

Coach Oscar

Under 7

This year we had 5 new players to the under 7s and decided to split the teams to have 2 good teams.

Under 7a

They played really well this year with Christian and Yash (return players) leading the way. They lost about just 3 games all season and all the players all developed well. Liam (one of the new players) showed real promise for the pocket rocket that he is, and we look forward to watch him playing his second season. The team are looking forward to progressing to Under 8s next year where we will once again combine the teams to have a great strength team.



Under 7b

The team remain undefeated all year however had a great draw with Auburn FC who are a very good. It was the toughest game and when we played them we were down 2 good players but the boys kept fighting for a win but was not to be. The standout player was Ali who partnered with his cousin Daniel were absolutely awesome to watch up front. Meanwhile Kai and Andrew were brilliant in defence allowing only just 11 goals against us all season – as they say, defence can win games for you and in many cases these 2 did. Imran(new player) also showed real promise and developed well by the end of the season. He also scored about 4 goals during the season. Auburn District, another great team who we beat 2 nil congratulated us and said we had a great team.

Coach Andrew Small

Under 8

The best thing about coaching this team is seeing almost all of the same players return from last season with introduction of some new players and how much the boys and girls have developed and improved over the season.

The season started with the first two games as losses, however the team really improved by winning the next 4 games in a row. The team did quite well overall with 8 wins and 3 draws throughout the season. It took time for the team to adjust playing on a bigger field with more players on the field including a goal keeper.

As the season got on everyone in the team started to improve and everyone really tried to take on the basic concept of football with playing their positions and trying to stop and pass the ball to their fellow team mates.



Up front the main goal scorers for the team were **Reyaj** and **Aavash** while players like **Dev, Dean, Gene** and **Tyson** also managed to score throughout the season. Defenders also did an outstanding effort throughout the season with the likes of **Dhairya, Ricky, Soumil** and **Aavash**. The team went through a number of goal keepers throughout the season, with **Adnan, Dev, Soumil** and **Tyson** all doing quite well between the sticks. Also special mention to **Aneisha, Katie** and **Heneel** for doing their part and contributing to the team, throughout the season.

I was very proud of the team and hopefully they will be back together come season 2015. I would like to thank all the boys and girls and in particular the parents for assisting throughout the season. Thank you.

Coach Goran

Under 9

The 2014 season of the Granville Waratahs Under 9's ended with much joy and success. Our player of the season, Derek Darfur, had never played in an official soccer team before. He brought to the team a skill set and sportsmanship that was contagious to his fellow team mates. Before too long, the team gelled and lifted displaying an enthusiasm that resulted with a year ending 11 game non losing streak, comprising of draws and mostly wins.



Under the wonderful guidance of a very proud Coach Bill Hussein, the whole team never gave up and became better, confident and stronger every week. Improvements were seen in every player in the team. All should be specially mentioned by name for their fantastic efforts and commitments. These great players are; Mohamed (Hammoudi), Jaylen, Woyez, Leah, Imran, Elyas, Max, Anhad, and our Fantastic!! goal keeper, Akash.

The 2014 Under 9's were, by far the best team in the competition. A very big congratulation is deserving to all of them. A special thank you must go out to all the parents for their contributions and support in participating and helping their kids adding fun to their life.

Let's hope we all return in 2015 for an even greater season!!!

Tamer

Under 10

At the start of the year I was not planning on coaching this team, but the idea of not coaching my daughter in her first year of soccer was difficult to accept. So right from the first training session I realised I am truly enjoying coaching this team. Our success was a true team effort. With support from the parents and with rules to train and play by, I enjoyed teaching first time and experienced players to understand and improve. There is no doubt the team got much better, and by the end of the year, all the parents and players enjoyed team passing to score very good goals and very good defence. It was a pleasure to hear the opposition coaches comment on how much the team improved the second time we played them, with the Ermington (the best team in the competition) coach saying in our last game of the year that he simply could not believe how good we were and that our final game was the best game of the year – we lead for most of the game only losing 5-4 in the last 2 minutes. He said no other team had pushed them like that!



Of course the team is propelled by Mohamed who scored too many goals to count and is a star player. We got better as a team when he understood how to use his team mates. He was supported by Omar who enjoyed scoring goals too. I personally enjoyed seeing both Raynesh and Sandeep score their first ever goals.

The soldiers in defence were Amalie, Ritshi and Sam. With these 3 determined not to get beaten, we always felt confident we could defend well. Ritshi took control, Amalie was fearless and Sam was a bulldozer. Arnav in goals was a revelation. When he realised he was great in goals, he only got better and saved as many as Mohamed scored. Helping bridge the defence and forward attack was Ehab, Alistair and Mateen who developed their skills throughout the season and showed some strong moments.

I take the opportunity to personally thank Julian who coached the team during my World Cup absence...and I look forward to coaching this team to more success again next year!!

Coach Noel Dona. Under 11

This team did not exist until 5 days before the start of the season and only had half a training session before their first game. Despite this rushed preparation, they won! And then continued winning for most of the season.

The team has a number of stars and had a number of starring moments throughout the season. Full credit to the team that came together as brothers and played with a fantastic attitude. Full field Next year... BRING IT ON!!!



Under 12 Division 5



I feel proud and honored to be the coach of Granville Waratah SFC, U/12 team who has lifted Grand Final Champions trophy for 2014 GDFSFA soccer season.

Many junior teams are lucky enough to have more than one coach and U/12 Granville Waratah SFC team was one of them. From the start of the season the team had the best coaching delivered by the dedicated coaches who trained the team in cold, rain and on soggy grounds. Further, U/12 team had the advantage of having 15 team players which helped the coaches in rotating and substituting players during the games.

Since the very beginning of the season my team had one motto: Winning is important but not always an accurate measurement of team performance. So everyone has to give in the best of their ability and work as a team. As a result

- Strikers, created chances and opportunity to score
- Midfielders, ran back and forth to ensure ball possession and precision passing
- Defenders, blocked the attack and covered the gaps/holes
- And not the least our goalie did marvelous job in making the goal impermeable.

With all the hard work throughout the season, winning and losing games Granville Waratah U/12 team secured the second top position in GDFSFA rankings. This was our best chance to outshine other club teams and win the Grand Final championships.

To all the team players who had worked hard and to earn this ranking, it was the time for me to motivate the team physically and mentally and to prepare them for the grand final championship. With weather holding, my team took on mighty Ermington United on Sat 6th Sep at Lidcombe oval and shocked them with goals in the opening minute of first and second half. With the crowd cheering and drums beating in the favour of Granville Waratah, Ermington United could not recover but did manage to secure one goal.

As a dedicated team, each player gave-in 200%, played the best of his ability, and gave-in everything from start until finish.

We beat the top team 2-1, who only lost one game during the whole season to become the champion of champions. This was our moment of truth, to feel proud and be part of the Granville Waratah SFC.



I thank my fellow assistance coach, parents, team players and Club management committee in achieving this mile stone and bringing honour to historical Granville Waratah SFC.

Coach Sachin Rastogi

Under 14 Division 2

After holding up the Grand Champions trophy last season, we had high hopes of performing another championship season. The season got off to a rocky start when half of last year's team did not return. We lost a lot of good talented players and the new players needed to learn the successful system, culture and attitude of last year's team.



Once we got into our rhythm the results started to flow. Defensively we were strong – 3 of the 4 soldiers in the back being of Milad and Rohith with Musawar in front of them, did not change from last year. The addition of Teghveer made them stronger. The challenge was to find strength in the mid field and to service the return of Ali to the striker position. Ali played with vigor and always tested the defences, when he used his teammates, we were lethal, when he didn't, we weren't. In the midfield we had Mbachi, Deano and Amir, and on the flanks we had Harry Ibrahim, Nisar, Deep, Omid, Gaurav and Kent.

Throughout the year, every player had games where they played their best. What we needed was to have all the players playing their best on the same day. That day was in the final against Lidcombe Waratah. The challenge was very difficult with Amir overseas, Harry out with fever and Ibrahim still out with his broken arm. Whilst Lidcombe did not really have a shot on goal the entire game, all they needed was just one flukey head from a corner to progress to the grand final. Abtin in goals hardly touched the ball all game but we were not able to score – and that's the bottom line. Amir's absence was obvious and we did not have our usual control in the middle.

We now have some unfinished business as we really wanted a crack at Merrylands for the Grand Final. That will have to wait till next season! But I can't Wait!

A big thank you to Cem who assisted me all year and coached the team in my WORLD CUP absence.

Coach Noel Dona

Under 16 Division 3

Not available.

Under 21 Division 2

Not available.





2015 REGISTRATIONS

First 2 Saturdays after the school holidays.

7 & 14 February 2015

11.00am - 1.00pm

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