



Richmond Ex-Servicemen
Soccer Club

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Yearbook 2021



U7 Lions 2021



Back: Ben Gabriel, Steve Meredith, Rod Wallace, Paul Boyd, Danny Sondermeyer, Lauren Kwast
Front: Kerri Darling, Jo Boyd, Morgan Darling, Tracey Boyd, Nikita Sondermeyer, Denise Sondermeyer, Dea Gambrell
Absent: Mardi Mantell

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

We have endured a lot in the last 2 years, bushfires, floods, plus covid waves 1 and currently 2!



As this book goes to press, we anticipate a return to.... well, anything really... I guess we will just have to wait and see what is in store for our sport upon this highly anticipated event.

If you have been reading these reports every year, you kind of know what's ahead, many a thanks, congrats & memories to pass out as I notch up another season.

Thank you's – to my committee 2021, who remained mainly the same as 2020, (due to a covid ruling which gave us the option to skip the AGM & carry it over to this year) losing only Lauren Kwast, who I would like to thank for her several years of service. The committee have worked extra hard in keeping the club going through what I think is our toughest times in over 40 years. They were as bitterly disappointed as you all with the abrupt end to the season & have also had to bear the burden of responsibility for making many decisions on how to move forward to navigate through every hurdle that pops up and still come out the other end as a thriving club. Their extra efforts also ensured we enjoyed yet another successful Pink Day.

We are still awaiting further advice as to who came out on top of their divisions. We've been advised that NFA are stripping the Comp teams back to where they stood after playing 1 round. I believe this means our U13's teams, both boys & girls were looking quite successful. Mind you I am sure all the teams were giving it their best shot – pun intended!

As many know, we have a big female contingent across the club of which I always like to mention & 2021 bought a big year of firsts – our first Under 7 girls' team - aka sparkly unicorns! complete with female coach and manager. Wow! do these young ladies love to play, they must be the most enthusiastic team in the club & they don't really mind who the opposition is! Just get out of their way! We also fielded an Under 11 and Under 13 girls for the first time. This gave us all up Under 7,11,12,13,16, and 2 x All age Ladies, 7 out of 24 teams, something to be proud of.

With the ups, also comes the downs, 2021 has also been a time of grief for our soccer family. Firstly, the loss of Ray Gabriel in March. Ray was a life member, 20-year service recipient, committee member for 17 years (7 as Vice President), coach &/or manager of many a team, with or without his sons in them. Most notably managing one of the most successful female teams in the club's history from U14s to All Age, being comp winners for four years in a row and representing NFA in the Champion of Champions for as many. Ray's wife Sharon and son Robert are both life members & Robert is also the current coach of the U6 Sharks.

We then had the sad passing of Steve Klippert in July & I think it is safe to say that Steve was one of the most popular club members we had. Over the years Steve was a coach, player, parent & was known to ref if needed. Steve was an avid supporter of all his children and could be found to be at many a game on the weekend lending his support. Wearing his beloved Panthers cap, Steve was always up for a chat with anyone, loved the game and to talk about it too, Steve never failed to enquire about your well being and was a genuinely great bloke... very sadly missed.

As if this wasn't hard enough, only a week later, we endured the passing of Jayne Pembroke, another life member, 20-year service recipient, committee member, coach, manager, player (17 years for the All Age Ladies). Jayne was another true character who also loved a chat, loved the game & loved the club. Jayne's children & grandchildren all played here too at one time or another. A fierce supporter of her family, Jayne was the current manager of her Grandson Lochie's U14's team and will be sorely missed.

Our grief still wasn't over – as a month later and we were then saying our goodbyes to Barry Gabriel. Barry had served on the committee for several stints, as registrar in the 80s, groundsman, and back again for another 3 years from 2013-2017 as a general committee member. Barry enjoyed being at the park, watching his sons & grandkids play over many years. Barry loved to sit under the awning, with a sausage roll in hand, also chatting to any & many enjoying the days play, yet another character we will miss about the place.

The passing of these special people from our close-knit soccer family has left a massive hole. We will have to face the fact that upon return it won't be the same again for any of us, as a collective these characters have touched many, many hearts but we have to be thankful they have been an integral part of our club, RIP Ray, Steve, Jayne and Barry. Our heartfelt condolences go out to your families.

Yet again I find myself thanking all of you for all of your patience shown through these extraordinary times. At this stage we have no idea what things will look like upon return, but I do know one thing, we just want to get people back onto the park playing this good old game that we all love. Let's hope it is sooner rather than later!



Hang in there everyone, it will all turn out in the end and can't wait to see all of you back at Icely Park!

PAUL BOYD

President - Richmond Ex-Servicemen's Soccer Club

PERPETUAL AWARDS 2020

Bob Moore Sub-Junior Encouragement award (U6-U8)

Team: U6 Sharks
Coach: Robert Gabriel

Kel Hales Junior Encouragement Award (U9-U14)

Team: U10 girls
Coach: Tracey Boyd

Pierre Kersivian Team Achievement Award

Team: U12 Div 5
Coach: Sean Alderson **Manager:** Louisa Berry

Jack Carter Goal Average

Team: U15's Div 2 with +86
Coach: Paul Boyd **Manager:** Brad Worland

Paul Boyd Coach & Manager Award

Coach: David Taylor U13's Div 4 & AAM Div 9
Manager: Natalie Cotter U12g's Div 2

Junior Goalkeeper of the Year

Name: Aidan Worland U15's Div 2

Club Person of the Year

Name: Deanne Gambrell

Senior Goalkeeper of the Year

Name: Andrea Malvagna IM Div 2

SERVICE AWARDS 2020

10 Years

Matt Chenery AAM Div 9
Darcy Toohill U15's Div 2
Anthony McLane AAM Div 8
Nicole Gabriel Manager

15 Years

Alexandra Williams AAW Div 4
Bailey Chapman AAM Div 9

30 Years

Tracey Boyd - Admin, Coach,
Committee, Manager

CLUB ACHIEVEMENTS 2020

Competition Winners

Team: U15's Div 2 - Undefeated
Coach: Paul Boyd **Manager:** Brad Worland

Competition Runners Up

Team: AAW Div 4
Coach: Paul Boyd **Manager:** Jacqueline Toohill

Team: U12's Div 5 - Undefeated
Coach: Sean Alderson **Manager:** Louisa Berry

Team: AAM Div 8
Coach: Ben Gabriel **Manager:** Anthony McLane

Nepean Cup

State Cup

Championship Tournament Finalists

Unfortunately all of these competitions were abandoned due to Covid restrictions earlier in the season





COACH: Andrew Henley **L-R:** Hannah Henley, Alexia Hibbard, Kyan Lack, Breanna Cauchi
ABSENT: Dustin Hughes

WHAT A YEAR FOR THE MIGHTY U6 WOLVES.

It was our first year playing and coaching together. What an adventure this was. We had lots of laughs and a few tears, but it was so great to watch 5 little soccer players start playing and making friends with each other.

Andrew- Coach





COACH: Robert Gabriel **MANAGER:** Kylie Gabriel **L-R:** Lachlan Lawless, Kai Harvey, Remanie Cameron, Alexis Horne, William Goldsmith **ABSENT:** Antonio Galea, Noah Madrajat

What a season we had!

Rob and I would love to say what a pleasure it was to coach and manage this little Sharks Team!

ANTONIO, NOAH, ALEXIS, REMANIE as our returning Sharks as well as our new Sharks, **LACHLAN, KAI** and **WILLIAM**.

With a year that cut our season short due to Covid, our little Sharks gave 110% every week and even at training.

As our season drew to an early close, we lost William, the whole team wishing him a speedy recovery.

We want to thank the Parents, Grandparents, Carers and extended families that came to cheer on our little Sharks each week!

Rob and I hope to see everyone back next year so we can watch our little team tackle that big green soccer field in the future.

ROB AND KYLIE



U6 TIGERS



COACH: Adam Gibbs **MANAGER:** Katherine Gibbs (absent)
L-R: Zachary Gibbs, Arlo Bond, Tahjay Ufi-Slater, Quinn Harris, Ellie Salt

Our Tigers all started their first year of soccer in 2021, and while we didn't get to see out the season, the enthusiasm, and happy faces from the children while they played were great to see.

The team started by learning the fundamentals of the game, with our players incorporating passing and dribbling successfully on game days. As the season went on our players grew more confident and enjoyed getting out on game day for some fun.

I wanted to thank our players

ARLO, ZAC, ELLIE, QUINN AND JJ

for a tremendous season. Thank you to the parents for their support, particularly the parents who assisted in game leading when I had scheduling conflicts. Managing 2 teams close in age is a challenge so thank you to those parents for stepping in for me.

Whilst disappointing to not be able to see out the year, it was pleasing to see the skills of the kids develop and grow over the year. I look forward to seeing everyone back hopefully next season.



Thanks, Adam

GAME DAYS





VALE

RAY GABRIEL

WE SAID GOODBYE TO ONE OF OUR OWN
IN MARCH.
ALTHOUGH RAY HAD NOT BEEN
AROUND ICELY
AS MUCH AS HE ONCE WAS OF LATE,
HE HAD FOR MANY YEARS
BEEN AN INTEGRAL PART
OF OUR CLUBS OPERATION.



A COMMITTEE MEMBER FOR SOME 17 YEARS,
RAY WAS ALSO A LIFE MEMBER AND
20 YEAR SERVICE RECIPIENT.
COACHING OR MANAGING
MANY A TEAM AND WAS ONCE A
CLUB REFEREE ALSO.
HE IS REMEMBERED FONDLY BY ALL
THAT KNEW HIM AT THE CLUB AND
THE MANY YEARS HE VOLUNTEERED HAVE HELPED
TO MAKE IT THE CLUB WE LOVE TODAY.



REST EASY BARRY GABRIEL

OUR CLUB WAS HIT YET AGAIN IN AUGUST,
WITH ANOTHER LOSS,
THAT OF BARRY GABRIEL.

BARRY WAS ONCE A REGULAR FACE
AT ICELY PARK,
WATCHING HIS KIDS AND
GRANDKIDS PLAY ALL WEEKEND UNTIL THE
LAST COUPLE OF YEARS
WHEN HIS DETERIORATING
HEALTH MADE THIS LESS FREQUENT.



BARRY SERVED ON OUR COMMITTEE ON
VARIOUS OCCASSIONS THROUGHOUT
THE YEARS.

HE COULD USUALLY BE FOUND UNDER THE
AWNING, SURROUNDED BY AN ARRAY
OF PEOPLE HAVING A GOOD OLD CHIN WAG!

HE WAS ALWAYS UP FOR A CHAT AND LOVED
THE SOCIAL ASPECT OF OUR GREAT CLUB,
OFTEN STAYING ALL DAY
TO WATCH GAMES
AND EXCHANGE FREINDLY BANTER WITH ALL.



BARRY, YOUR FRIENDLY FACE WILL BE GREATLY MISSED.

U7 LIONS



COACH: Tracy Alderson **MANAGER:** Bronwyn Hillebrand

L-R: Rose Houchin, Liana Alderson, Christina Wilson, Keira Alderson, Amelia Hillebrand, Amelia Roach, Katielee Hillebrand **ABSENT:** Ava Hughes

The **U7 Lions** are an amazing and fun group of girls who simply love to play soccer.

Unofficially known as the



U7 PINK SPARKLY UNICORNS

when these girls stepped onto the field all the pink disappeared and it was blue and gold all the way!

With 2 sets of twins to keep all of our parents on their toes, there was never a dull moment.

So to Amelia H, Amelia R, Ava, Christina, Katielee, Keira, Liana and Rose, great effort girls...you are all pink sparkly superstars!



Tracy and Bronwyn

U7 PANTHERS



MANAGER: Chloe Binks **COACH:** Timothy Newland

L-R: Benjamin Newland, Thomas Agius, Lucas Farrugia, Jayden Vella, Nicholas Agius, Ryan Cauchi

Our Panthers had an absolute blast on the soccer field this season.

For some it was their first time playing, for others they were old hands, returning from last year, for all though, the smiles and enthusiasm witnessed during games made it evident that their love for the game was growing with every weekend they took to the park!

BENJAMIN, THOMAS, LUCAS, JAYDEN NICHOLAS and RYAN

should all be so very proud of themselves for the efforts they have put in this year.

The skill and power displayed was so intense that there were often shoes flying through the air, being flung from the feet of players, unable to contain their excitement that the biggest kick might get the ball into the goal down the oppositions end of the field!



Hope to see you all back next season boys!

U8 BLUE



COACH: Adam Gibbs **MANAGER:** Katherine Gibbs (absent)

BACK: Blake Van-Opynen, Oliver Donnelly, Kye Stephens, Lucas Copeland **FRONT:** Miles James, Sophie Lawless, Cooper Fletcher, Michael Gibbs, Luke Lahood **ABSENT:** Ella Lewis

The under **8 Blues** made a blistering start to their inaugural season on a bigger pitch. They transitioned from a small mini roo's field with 4 a side, to a larger pitch which included much more running, whilst at the same time learning about formations and the introduction of a goalkeeper with a great attitude and strong success.

The season started well with the team scoring some good goals and showing a good attitude and organisation in defence. Our success started at training with our players showing good understanding and willingness to learn new skills and improve their comprehension of the nuances of football. The effort from all our players was exemplary, however I wanted to make special note of **OLIVER, BLAKE** and **KYE**, who were tireless in their efforts running all over the pitch, passing and defending in every game. Congratulations also to our seasons top goal scorer **MICHAEL**, who netted 26 goals in 10 games! Our goalkeeper **COOPER** who took the position well and pulled off some big saves for us. Special mention also to our girls **SOPHIE** and **ELLA** who on plenty of occasions showed the boys how it's done. A shout out as well to **MYLES, LUCAS** and **LUKE** for their tireless efforts all season too.

Thank you to the parents for their support of the team each week by cheering us on from the sidelines on weekends, and for bringing their children to training on chilly nights also. While it was unfortunate we were unable to see out the season due to Covid, the team can be proud of their efforts and improvements to their games. Hopefully, we will be able to carry on what we started next season.



Congratulations Under 8 Blue!

U9 BLUE



MANAGER: Danny Sondermeyer **COACH:** Denise Sondermeyer
BACK: Jayden Cameron, Charles Wilcox, Cooper Roach, Harrison Sondermeyer, Jennifer Wilson
FRONT: Xavier Arundale, Jax Sultana, Mariah Saliba, Joshua Robinson, Esther Bond

MARIAH - Vice Captain - Our own personal cheerleader has had a fantastic year, Budgie was unstoppable and determined to not let anyone get it her way. And scored a few goals!

CHARLIE - WOW! What another great year, always keen to get back on the field developing excellent ball skills. Even scored some great goals.

ESTHER - This year we welcomed another player. Esther put in an amazing effort for her first year, constantly bringing a big smile, taking to the field with confidence. **Well done Esther.**

JAYDEN - Our all rounder puts himself in the mix, terrorising opposition keepers. Jayden scored some absolute screamers this year, what an awesome season!

JAX - Team leader Great effort this year! Continued to further develop his control over the ball, helping his teammates smash out some goals, also our top goal scorer. Always giving 110% on and off the field.

JENNIFER - Another player welcomed, Jennifer was a little shy at first but with the encouragement of her teammates she quickly found her feet. **Fantastic effort!**

XAVIER -Winger- Our little pocket rocket who loves showing off his fantastic ball skills during the games, he can cover any position on the field, either setting up or scoring the goals. **Well done Champ!**

COOPER - Defender-rock solid with his huge clearance kicks helping to keep the ball at the other end of the field, Cooper can read the game well and has a big future in this sport. **Proud of you!**

JOSH - Right wing- Joshy is a great team player who had an awesome year with his running and passing. **A determined effort all season.**

HARRISON - Another player in the team with a big kick saving many goals and scoring some great ones too. He can read the game well, holding the backline with his defensive partner Cooper. **Go Hardcore !!**

WELL DONE DINOGOS, BRING ON NEXT YEAR!!!



Thanks Denise, Mariah and Jax for managing and organising us, Chris for being marshal and parents and friends for all your assistance. It is has been enjoyable with a lot of fun and laughs.

GAME DAYS







COACH: Rod Wallace **MANAGER:** Toni Wright

BACK: Mitchell Cook, Jonathon Philips, Hayden Dobbin, Tyler Wright, Lucas Ornatowski, Nate Wallace

FRONT: Lukas Hillebrand, Jude Lowe, Jake Humphrey, Noah Kinnell, Matthew Innes

FRONT: Riley Smith, Logan Harris

What a fun time to return to coaching this age group.

The young boys in this team showed great skill but also managed to have a heap of fun. The team was formed from a couple of different teams, they came together this year and bonded well, enjoying the hard work at training as well as the fun times scoring goals.

I LOOK FORWARD TO COACHING THIS BUNCH OF POTENTIAL SOCCEROOS IN 2022

Always need to mention our manager and this year Toni managed the team, it's a role that takes a lot of time to make sure all parents know what is happening and when, as well as organising team sheets correctly to allow the boys to take the field. Thank you Toni!

Rod

I want to thank Rod also for coaching the boys this year we have had some good games and a lot of laughs and improvements.

His patience with the boys, as it was the first year they all played together as a team was appreciated by all and it also allowed us to get to know the boys and their parents.

I hope to see you all back again next year.

Toni



U11G Div 1



COACH: Tracey Boyd **MANAGER:** Matthew Stoten

BACK: Allie Kwast, Olea Whitehurst, Zahli Meron, Amelia Mahboub, Phoebe Berry

FRONT: Allyrah Stoten, Chiara Arundale, Madelyne Taylor, Olivia Davis, Tayla Worland, Caprii Gatt, Lilly Worland

So the U10 girls from 2020 enjoyed their football that much that they all decided to return as the U11 girls in 2021! We picked up a couple of new additions to our Merry band and we were ecstatic to be able to start the season with a full squad, aka we had those elusive things called 'subs'!

With the team not used to this new commodity, the girls decided to express their opinions (every game) on why each one particularly didn't need to be a sub! Needless to say, the coach won these battles & everyone learnt to be a sub!

This year we were graded & landed ourselves in division 1! This was always going to be a tough ask but the girls took it all in their stride to their credit & turned up every week to face the music regardless the outcome – which did give the coach a few more un-needed grey hairs!

What has been most pleasing is the improvement every player has shown & the enjoyment that the girls had in playing their sport even in the face of adversity.

One more facet or asset I would like to acknowledge is the fabulous bunch of parents we have who are nothing but supportive & positive, trust me, it makes a big difference & I am truly thankful for this, a big shout for them and the extended families that attend our games.

Another big shout out to Matt, our trusty manager, cracking the whip and getting us organised – esp the coach lol! Also Dave (Maddy's dad) for helping at training and filling in as coach when needed (I'm sure he has a few extra greys as well!)

Once again, I am looking forward to the girls returning & making the move to the big field in 2022! Wow! The mind boggles!

Under 11 Girls 2021, whoops sorry, the female football playing, chitter chattering cherubs were:

ALLYRAH: Our brick wall – and I mean this in the nicest possible way! Allyrah reads the play like a pro – Awesome Allyrah!

CHIARA: was able to run the ball with a little more confidence this year & went close to scoring a couple of times – Love your work Chiara!

OLEA: 100%er every game! Always happy to play and in any position, involves herself in the play constantly! Excellent Olea!

MADDY: Mad continues to improve and gives everything a good go, we love her numerous runs up the field! Fabulous Mad!

ALLIE: Has found her spot in the defence (& loves it!), constantly improving her game and giving her all! Great work Allie!

ZAHLI: One of our new additions, Zahs hit the field running & can play in any position needed. Another 100%er & has made a great addition to our team! Great Job Zahli!

LILLY: Lilly can play any position you put her in, and has improved in leaps & bounds, is closing in on that elusive first goal... Keep it up Lil, I know you can!!

OLIVIA: Our second new addition, once Olivia found her feet there was no stopping her & she quickly became a great asset to our team – keep it up Olivia, great stuff!

TAYLA: Tayla has exploded out of the blocks this year and improved in both defence and attack to become a force to reckon with – don't be messin' with our Tayla! Terrific!

CAPRII: Always a bundle of energy, Caprii is always ready to give whatever she is doing on the field a hard crack, another big improver. Absolute effort Caprii!!

PHOEBE: Phoebe can be mrs go-go-gadget in the goals, and then 100 mile an hour up the field, scorer of our only goal due to her tenacious nature – Get out of the way! here comes Phoebe!!

AMELIA: Brave is the word we use for our goalie! Amelia has had an uphill task at times this year, but wow! She has come to the party and keeps getting up and going again, ever improving – Brilliant Amelia!!



U11 Div 3



COACH: Neil Cox **MANAGER:** Matthew Stoten

BACK: Henry Crofton, Luke Foufas, Joseph Saliba, Brodie Stoten, Rowan Hargrave

FRONT: Isaac Sorrenson-Cox, Emmanuel Abela, Jakob Brown, Adam Bartolo, Ethan Kinnell

ABSENT:: Ace Sciberras

2021

The year started out with merging the 2 under 11 teams together. It took a couple of games to work out new combinations but the boys all come together well.

I was really proud of how hard all the boys trained this year, each week they turned up and listened and put in 100%! What else could you ask for?

A huge thanks goes out to Matt Stoten for helping me Co-Coach this year, it has been a pleasure working with you.

Thanks to all the parents for your support this year, I know it was tough.

Hopefully all the boys come back next year, and we get the opportunity to have a complete season.

Thanks, Neil



U12G DIV 1



COACH: Marcelo Yuletian **MANAGER:** Jennifer Hopper

BACK: Jenna Carr, Ruby-Jane Baker, Caitlin Hopper, Matilda Berry, Mikayla Sweet, Anastazia Susnjara
MIDDLE: Nikita Sweet, Sophia Spiteri, Olivia Saliba, Willow Stephens, Anika Chadevski, Jezebel Yuletian, Hannah Salt **FRONT:** Carys Thompson

WILLOW – sweet, delicate yet a lot of power when she plays on the field. A very reliable goalkeeper.

RUBY – I call this young lady “The Chief” she marks the field in a way that her presence is felt by almost every opponent.

ANIKA – an incredible defender with precision and focus always.

OLIVIA – multi skilled, she provides the team with security when defending and creation when playing forward.

CAITLIN – settled her position as left half, she runs the line like a plane and will surprise you with her shot.

MATILDA – strong, endless effort and tough as a horse.

JEZEBEL – she is our top scorer, always with the goal between her eyes. Very passionate.

MIKAYLA – solid defender and tireless player. As goalkeeper our team is in great hands.

SOPHIA – always flying from side to side looking for the goal.

ANASTAZIA – another warrior who is not afraid of anything, she will power through a brick wall

HANNAH – she takes the ball with her left leg, it’s magic watching this kid.

CARYS – sweet young lady, but transforms when on the field. Watch out when she’s going for a tackle.

NIKITA – our youngest player although she doesn’t show it during the match.

Passion and effort will take her far.

JENNA – she is ready to tackle you and whoever is in front of her. She gives the team a lot of power.



PINK DAY



LET'S TRAP CANCER OFFSIDE!





#PINK7
RAISING MONEY FOR
THE MCGRATH FOUNDATION
AND
CANCER COUNCIL AUSTRALIA



U12 Div 3



COACH: Stewart Kenny **MANAGER:** Douron Miedema

BACK: Rusty Woodbury, Jacob Andrews, Nikola Susnjara, Darcy Kenny, Xander Cumming, Silas Miedema

FRONT: Max Bennett, Aidan Melnychenko, Lukas Cook, Maximo Larrea Punzo, James Kulakovski, Bailey Woodbury, Mitchell Nash

After being talked out of coaching retirement by Paul, I took on a group of boys with huge potential.

After our first game (a loss of 11-0) I wondered what I'd got myself into. To the boys credit they embraced the way in which I wanted to play. With a lot of hard work at training the boys started to play some exciting football with some really good wins.

They were the only team in the competition to have a draw with the clear front runners of the comp. At the time the competition was cancelled the team had come from last to third and had some really good momentum heading into the finals, an achievement the boys should be proud of, I know I'm proud of them.



Douron and I would like to thank all the parents, grandparents and carers for bringing the boys to training and the games and for supporting us. Covid permitting I hope to see you all again next season.

Thanks, Stewart

U13G DIV 1



MANAGER: Bronwyn Hillebrand **COACH:** Neil Cox

BACK: Bree Rawlings, Brigette Hillebrand, Heidi Linney, Angelina Leschev, Abby Cotter, Hayley Croser

FRONT: Emily Houchin, Matilda Whitby, Violet Crofton, Alex Ravens, Jasmine Sorrenson-Cox, Lara Dowie, Lily Crofton

THE AWESOME UNDER 13 GIRLS

I was asked to coach this new bunch of girls this year. Some I had met before through summer soccer and some I had not. Was struggling to get the numbers for a full team but eventually got there and better still was the first year that Nepean was running a Girls 13 competition.

Let's just say how lucky I was to have such a great bunch of girls and man they could play soccer we were undefeated for the first 9 games.

As of when the competition was stopped the girls were currently coming outright first place.

Was super proud of all the girls with their attitude, work ethic, their ability to listen and work as a team this made my job so easy. Each week I was seeing huge improvements and the girls were starting to get some good combinations together.

A huge shout out to Bronwyn for her great work as manager the help was greatly appreciated. Thanks to all parents for their great support of their kids and the team.

Hope to see all the girls come back next year and we can continue where we left off this year.



Neil

U13 Div 4



COACH: Sean Alderson **MANAGER:** Louisa Berry

BACK: Jamie Zammit, Dominic Zammit, Darcy Buckingham, Luke Alderson, Harrison Cowley, Hunter Sultana

FRONT: Jacob Carroll, Lincoln Gibbs, Leo Berry, Isaac Carroll, Channon Arundale

We had another great year where we ended up undefeated and in first place when the season concluded early.

To the Parents, Grandparents, Carers, Sisters, Brothers and friends, thank you for all your support.

To all the boys in the team, you entertained every week and always provided the best sportsmanship.

Each week we developed as a team and showed how good we were. No matter the results, it was always good to hear from the opposing Coach how good the team was.

To all the U11's that helped us out from time to time, we thank you. Thank you also to our team members who played for the U14's some weekends.

To Tracey, Paul and the Committee, a big thank you for all your hard work during difficult times.

Whilst the year will be remembered for all the good times, we were devastated by the passing of a great guy, Channon's Dad, Steve. A true Soccer Dad with his arms always full and his heart in every game, Steve will be greatly missed by both players and all our families alike.



Sean and Louisa

U14 Div 3



COACH: David Taylor **MANAGER:** Jayne Pembroke

BACK: Mitchell Percival, Nelson McKinley, Ian Lord, Josh Puglisi, Ryan Murdoch

FRONT: Brody Sims, Jamie Taylor, Connor Battese, Lachlan Wilson, Bradley Dickey **ABSENT:** Oliver Britt

To begin with, I would like to again pass on condolences to the family (including Richmond Soccer Club) for the loss of Jayne Pembroke. Jayne was a true lover of the game and has been a constant presence as team manager for the last few years. I will miss Jayne's company, game insights and jokes on the sideline.

Despite an ongoing struggle with registered player numbers, the team continued to develop well this year and were really starting to click when the season was abruptly ended. Thanks also to the under 13's for stepping in, to help where possible.

Along the way we played some great football, a testament to the way the team applied themselves in training this year.

**ALL OF YOU DEVELOPED THIS YEAR AS PLAYERS AND I HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL
BACK NEXT SEASON!**

David Taylor



GAME DAYS





U15 Div 1



COACH: Rod Wallace **MANAGER:** Toni Wright

BACK: Ryley Wright, Lachlan McIntosh, Ryley Nuttall, Thomas Bruce, William Gosbell, Ethan Wallace, Jack Houchin

FRONT: Max Leabeater, Jai Carrott, Harley Thomas, Bryce Rielly, Noah Sorrenson-Cox, Jonah Brown, Cody Kirkland

WELL WHAT A YEAR!

The year started with our annual trial game against Newbury Bulls from the Blacktown competition. The game was played with Great Spirit and finished in a 1-1 result.

The competition started to plan, winning our first 4 games, great start to the season which put us in a good position. Unfortunately we let a few of the bottom teams off with a few draws and a loss. This put us back in the middle of the pack where we stayed for the rest of the season.

Let's hope we start 2022 as we did in 2021. Look forward to seeing who returns in 2022.

Always need to mention our manager and this year Toni managed the team, it's a role that takes a lot of time to make sure all parents know what is happening and when, as well as organising team sheets correctly to allow the boys to take the field.

Rod

I would like to also thank Rod for signing up as Coach for another year, and all his time and effort he has puts in with the boys.

I have seen the boys grow a lot of this year compared to last year as individuals and as a team and its due to the hard training and fitness that Rod gives the boys every Tuesday and Thursday nights. Coaching and managing this group of boys again for another year has been very eventful and a joy to be, not just a mum on the sideline, but a manager too. I hope to see you all back again next year.

Toni



U15 Div 3



MANAGER: Amber Gallagher **COACH:** Darrin Croser

BACK: Nelson Mantell, Linkin Cowled, Daniel Spice, Lachlan Gallagher, Hendrix Donnelly, David Tadic

MIDDLE: Nathan Croser, Kayde Barton, Jacob Elms, Calum Winston, Charlie Jones, William Taylor, Trent Pandelis

FRONT: Lachlan De La Hunty

We retained our core team from the previous year and with some assistance from Rod, U15 Div 1 coach, got the boys match fit to try to reach their agreed goal of making it to the finals and we were well on our way when Covid stopped everyone short.

These boys were a very cohesive team and just kept improving as the season went on. A lot of players improved their skills and fitness throughout the season and as their coach and manager, Darrin and I are so proud of what the boys achieved this year and how much they grew, individually and as a team. They worked so hard together and were so supportive of each other the whole season.

WE'RE LOOKING FORWARD TO NEXT SEASON AND CAN'T WAIT TO SEE WHAT THE RETURNING BOYS WILL DO NEXT YEAR!



U16G DIV 1



MANAGER: Dea Gambrill **COACH:** Stewart McIntosh **ASST COACH:** David Mottram

BACK: Alexandra McIntosh, Ella Hamilton, Paige Nash, India Culey, Madison Pualilo, Ailey Hamilton

MIDDLE: Iesha Spiteri, Ebony Woodbury-Hore, Olivia Jones, Chloe Mottram, Charlie Stutsel, Emily Benfield, Mikayla Spiteri, Summah Hasselmann

FRONT: Jessica Bristow-Henley, Claire Potts, Mahalia Edward-Hall

2021 WHAT A YEAR

, we started day 1 of registrations with 18 players, Day 1! We welcomed back all our 2020 crew minus 1, some old faces and some new faces.

Due to the large numbers we also welcomed David into our coaching crew. We started the year with some fitness sessions with our favourite trainer Nicola and got stuck into training as a squad. Trying to get our numbers up we recruited a few more players and had enough to form 2 teams (just).

Our first setback came when they named both teams in div 1, that meant there was no helping each other, or stacking the 2nd team to come up and help the first. Then the week of the comp came and devastation hit, injuries like we have never seen before, enough that left both teams playing short for at least the first 6 weeks of the season. So, we sat down shuffled some players around and made 1 large squad to start our season.

The one thing I have to point out about this team is how proud we are of their support for each other. You think of teenage girls and get an image of the bickering and clique groups. Having the hard start to the season we did brought out the support for each other and let a few of the girls stand up and show some leadership qualities that their parents can be proud of.

Some soccer was played, some wins, more losses but the support never wavered. Unfortunately, with the season being cut abruptly short we won't get to see the girls all come together to come from behind and take out the championship tournament, because let's be real that's where all story tales finish right?

Know that we miss you all and can't wait to see you back on the pitch ready to see what season 2022 brings us.

Dea xx





MANAGER: Brad Worland **COACH:** Paul Boyd

BACK: Jacob Worland, Riley Cotter, Kieran Sanford, Noah Yildirim, Ehtan Bombardiere, Jack Izzard
FRONT: Riley Copeland, Zane Madrajat, Blain Shepherd, Aidan Worland, William Potts, Randall Thompson, Cooper Worrell **ABSENT:** Jai Robinson, Darcy Toohill

2021..... WHAT CAN I SAY?

We all started the season with a little sparkle in our eye that this was going to be a great season. It started so well, we had all but one of our boys return and gained two more.

We were excited to see the beaming faces of **ETHAN, JACK, DARCY, RILEY 1** and **RILEY 2, RANDALL, JACOB, AIDAN, COOPER, ZANE, JAI, NOAH** and **BLAIN** return and welcomed **KIERAN** and **WILLIAM**. The season had a slow start as they were put in Division 1.

Once the boys got their timing right and the all the boys found their groove, the magic started to happen.

Unfortunately, as all teams can attest, covid hit again and cut our season short. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents, on behalf of the boys, for everything that they do day in and day out. Without you we could not have a team. I would like to thank our soccer family for all the good times, the laughs, volunteering and hope to see you all again next year.

To the club, thank you for your tireless work, you are worth your weight in gold.

Thankyou to Paul and Brad for your infinite wisdom, advice, coaching and managing skills. All the boys are lucky to have you, in 10 years I am sure they will look back on this time and still remember the life lessons that were taught in the many discussions held on the field and the bench.

Finally, to the boys. No matter what has been thrown at you, you have all still turned up, usually with a cheeky comment, a smile and a handshake. Some have dealt with personal challenges, others have juggled work and soccer, but you are all a great group of boys who I am proud to see grow into men.

Bring on 2022 (fingers crossed covid interruption free)

Naomi Worland, Managers Assistant





FLY HIGH STEVE KLIPPERT



THE SUDDEN PASSING IN JULY
OF ONE OF THE MOST
BELOVED CHARACTERS
AND
ICELY PARK STALWARTS
ROCKED OUR CLUB TO THE CORE!



AN AVID PANTHERS SUPPORTER, A FRIEND,
A GENTLEMAN, A SOCCER AFICIONADO,
A FORMER PLAYER AND COACH,
BUT MOST IMPORTANTLY
FAMILY MAN AND DAD,
WHO WILL BE GREATLY MISSED



PS....DID YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO DO WITH THE
PANTHERS WINNING THE PREMIERSHIP???

SOAR WITH THE ANGELS

JAYNE PEMBROKE



OUR CLUB WAS STILL MOURNING WHEN, JUST A WEEK AFTER STEVE, JAYNE PEMBROKE LOST HER BATTLE WITH MYELOMA. ANOTHER ICELY PARK LEGEND, LOST TOO SOON.



A LIFE MEMBER AND 20 YEAR SERVICE RECIPIENT, OVER THE YEARS JAYNE HAD AMASSED A PLETHORA OF FRIENDS WITHIN THE CLUB.

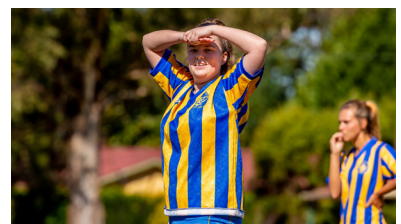
SHE HAD PLAYED EVERY ROLE IMAGINABLE - PLAYER, COACH, MANAGER, COMMITTEE MEMBER, COMMENTATOR, REFEREE ASSESSOR (UNOFFICIALLY OF COURSE), AND LOVEABLE LARRIKIN!



HER LOVE OF THE GAME AND THIS CLUB WAS ONLY SURPASSED BY HER LOVE FOR HER FRIENDS AND FAMILY, A GREAT LOSS FOR SURE.

GAME DAYS







COACH: Paul Boyd **MANAGER:** Jacqueline Turnbull (absent)

BACK: Brianna Zammit, Alexandra Williams, Amanda McMahon, Aimee Dibley, Grace Toohill, Teagan De La Hunty, Amber Buckley

FRONT: Chloe Arundale, Amelia Ashley, Maddison Carter, Tabeal Hohora-West, Cara Brown, Nadia Arundale, Del Cauchi **ABSENT:** Jordan Loughlin-Smith

We started the year with a few who had not played together, and it was a bit hit and miss at the start but as the year went on the ladies found their strengths and we started to win more games.

Then, as we know, the season was cut short. So, we can look at this as if it was a trial season and will come back next year and continue to improve and have fun.

Jacqueline - Manager



Just to add to my managers thoughts, I would like to say thank you to the girls for turning up each week and mostly playing their hardest, after all we were promoted up a division to 3's from last season.

Also a big thank you to my Manager, Jacqueline who had the job of wrangling the girls each week, a job well done.

Paul - Coach



COACH: Steve Meredith (absent)

BACK: Jessica Wilson, Dea Gambrill, Morgan Darling (Manager), Alicia Gallagher, Brianna Cini, Kristen Bowd

FRONT: Jessica Martin, Chloe Horne, Amber Dykers, Amanda Horne, Charmaine Bugeja

ABSENT: Ashley Barter, Kaylee McKenzie, Samantha Lauren, Nikita Sondermeyer, Victoria Dickford

There is usually at least one team that requires the services of our wonderful paramedics throughout a season, and when Amber returned from her adventure in the USA to rejoin our team, one could be forgiven for thinking that the writing was on the wall.....

We had a few familiar faces returning to the squad this year to join up with our stalwarts, we also had a few fresh faces who hadn't played the game in it's full outdoor form before. It remained though an entertaining team, fun to be around and striving to have a great time while etching out a few wins and a draw here and there.

At the time the season was called, the team was in a respectable 4th place on the ladder.

With their official coach working every second weekend, I'd like to thank the whole team for their willingness to accept sideline subs control and guidance from "the one who usually takes the photos". I did often wonder though, if their acceptance was because it was the lesser of two evils.....

Hoping we can get through what seems to have become "life" right now and see you all next season!



Kerri, Steve and Morgan.



BACK: Shane West (Manager), Ben Underwood, Ben Gabriel (Coach), Adam Houchin, Matthew Woodbury, Steve Parisi

MIDDLE: John Cauchi, Richard Kalkhoven, Robert Walden

FRONT: Matthew Ireland, Andrea Malvagna, Danny Sondermeyer

ABSENT: Isaac Buccini, Mark Cefai, Billy Mannix, Steve Meredith, Scott Morgan, Jason Van Den Broek

WHAT A CRAZY MIXED UP YEAR!!

We hit our straps early thanks to some fantastic off-season purchases....

Well purchases was a stretch.

We managed to convince some of the U21's who covered for us last year to stick around long enough to give us the young legs we desperately needed. That, coupled with the insane defensive style from the welcome return of Johnny Cauchi, meant that the team was looking good. And the results shone through!

A couple of mid-season wobbles against the front runners still had us in a good position at the mid-season turn. My favourite jibe was to remind the opposition players that they were just run down by someone old enough to be their grandfather. Not that we encourage sledging and all!

A real shame that the season was cut short, but we will be at it again next year.

Vale Steve Klippert; a teammate, friend, and gentleman of the club.

We will miss you mate!



AAM Div 9



COACH: Bailey Chapman **MANAGER:** Denise Sondermeyer (absent)

BACK: Jake Carter, Andrew Vellio, Mitchell Murphy, Max Pride, Ryan Winter, Dallas Butler, Tim Walker

FRONT: Aamir Brohi, Jarrod Eaton, Dave Taylor (Coach), Aydin Karakurt, Jack Sondermeyer, Thomas Dipper, Matthew Chenery, Travis Hargrave **ABSENT:** Michael Bone

Even though the 2021 season was cut short, the AAM Division 9 team still enjoyed the games that were played.

The 12 matches that were played gave the guys enough time to improve as a team and strengthen bonds on and off the field. The team managed to obtain 5 wins from 12 matches, which was the same number of wins in all full season the previous year, as well as 3 draws and 4 losses, where all were tight games for the full 90 minutes. It was great to see a lot of new faces added to the team this season, where they all brought different attributes to help steer our team to many great performances.

Up front, David, Jake and Michael (Bones) demonstrated their attacking brilliance every match, scoring a combined 23 goals in 12 games. Travis and Max are a couple of the aforementioned new additions to the team, who provided young legs, speed and energy in a variety of positions on the field. Jarrod who is another new addition to the team, along with Ryan, created a very solid combination in the middle, controlling every game while scoring and setting up goals throughout the season. Andrew had another strong season on the left side and improved his attacking game while also showing off his massive left boot. Aamir (Brohi), a new addition to the team, along with Jack were both really solid at the back and created a good combination together. They were always safe at the back with good game awareness and always knew where to be at the right time. Tom and Mitch also enjoyed a great season, both working hard for the team and never letting anyone down. It was good to see Tom not scoring an own goal this season, but he will like his chances for next season. Dallas and Tim showed why they are our team's 'energizer bunnies'. Both bringing a lot of energy to the side and sprinting every step they take on the field. Matt is our 'Mr Versatile' who is always one of our best on ground in any position on the field. It doesn't matter where Matt plays, he always puts in 100% effort every week. And finally, our trusty keeper. Aydin has been our most improved player over the last couple of seasons. He saves us a million times a game and without him, our 5 wins this season might've been 0.



Thank you to all players and others who contributed to the AAM Division 9 team. Hopefully everyone can come back next year for a full season and a grand final victory.

CLUB SERVICE AWARDS 2021



10 YEARS: Jack Izzaard (U16/1) , Daniel Spice (U15/3), Jai Robinson (U16/1), Aidan Worland (U16/1)



10 YEARS: Riley Cotter (U16/1) , Ethan Bombardiere (U16/1), Jacob Worland (U16/1), Zane Madrajat (U16/1)



10 YEARS: Andrew Vellio (AAM/8, Chloe Horne (AAW/5)

15 YEARS: Steve Meredith (AAM/7) and Committee



35 YEARS: Robert Gabriel Player, Coach, Committee, Life Member



45 YEARS: Paul Boyd President, Player, Coach, Manager, Committee, Life Member

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