

# Richmond Ex-Servicemen's Soccer Club Inc



Founded 1968

Incorporated 2007

## Annual Report

# 2015

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## 2015 Management Committee

President – Paul Boyd  
 Vice President – Ben Gabriel  
 Treasurer – Jo Boyd  
 Equipment Officer – Cameron McKenzie  
 Publicity – Rebecca Wilson  
 Groundsman - Leigh Wilson  
 Fundraiser – Deanne Gambrell  
 SSF Co-Ordinator – Deanne Gambrell  
 Womens Co-ordinator – Jayne Pembroke  
 Canteen Manager - Paul Boyd  
 General Committee – Vacant  
 Website Editor – Cyril Wood  
 Public Officer - Paul Boyd  
 MPIO - Paul Boyd  
 Administrator – Tracey Boyd

\*Please note – The Administration position encompasses the previous committee positions of Secretary, Registrar and Competition Secretary and is a paid position. This initiative was started in 2012 due to lack of Committee volunteers, and has proven quite successful in the running of the club to date

## Club Ideals 2015

Ideals the club has endeavoured to adopt 2015 -

- Promote high standards of positive behaviour, tolerance and sportsmanship, from all members, not only towards others outside the club but within the club.
- Promote development of fundamental skills for all age groups and acceptance of all abilities.
- Promote player and coach development in providing coach education opportunities esp Mini Roos area
- Promote and increase female player involvement within the club
- Promote family involvement and a social atmosphere within the club
- Promote increased Committee involvement from members
- Promote and increase effective communication between committee and all members to create a more harmonious playing experience for all
- Maintain a high standard of training and playing equipment and field maintenance
- Promote and develop respect for all officials and administrators of the game - whatever level

### Club Membership

- Committee: 9 members + 1 Administrator
- Life Members: 33 (7 Deceased)26 members
- Coaches: 31 members
- Managers: 29 members
- Players: 349

Age Group	U6	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14G	U15	U16G	U17	AAW	AAM	O35
# Teams	4	3	3	3	3	2	2	1	2	1	1	1	3	1	1
# Players	25	19	29	29	35	22	28	14	27	14	14	14	45	17	17

## Richmond ExSSC Teams with coach and managers listing 2015

TEAMS	COACH	MANAGER
U6 Monkeys	Zac Kwast	Ami Wood
U6 Cougars	Steve Walters	Toni Walters
U6 Panthers	Amanda Franklin	Jade Buchert
U6 Bears	Jeff Coupe	Rachel Ginex
U7 Tigers	Jayne Pembroke	Mylee Hale
U7 Foxes	Peter Kennedy	Laura Pedersen
U7 Sharks	Ray Berry	Sandy Mackenzie
	Gordon MacKenzie	
8 Yellow	Adam Wheeler	Kate McMillan
	Stephen Mitchell	
8 Blue	Lee Chamberlain	Natalie Beddow
8 Red	Glen Kilby	Sharon Vella
9 Yellow	Steve Erixon	Kathy Spice

lively pre-goal mouth re-turf, 14G1 and new light pole



9 Blue	Shane Waters	Sarah Johnson
9 Red	Peter Luthy	Jenny Mitchell
10 Blue	Paul Boyd	Brad Worland
10 Yellow	Joe Portelli	Olivia Portelli
	John Farrugia	
10 Girls Red	Deanne Gambrill	Rebecca Woodbury
U11/3	Steve Rourke	Cassie McDermott
U11/4	David Fitzsimons	Cath Plenty
U12Girls2	Chris Dunk	Sonia Moss
U12/3	Peter Farrugia	Cameron McKenzie
U13/2	Ben Gabriel	Nicole Gabriel
U14Girls 1	Paul Boyd	Amanda Horne
U14Girls 2	Tracey Cornwall	Emma Nadya
U15/2	Michelle Ridge	Renee Borg
U16Girls2	Peter Luthy	Sonia Moss
U17/1	Charlie Mifsud	John Webber
AAW2	Paul Sweeney	Tracey Cornwall
AAW3	Steve King	Scott Brown
AAW5	Tracey Boyd	Jayne Pembroke
AAM13	Ryan Winter	Lynne Beck
O35/3	Ben Gabriel	Robert Gabriel



We would like to thank all of these coach and managers for giving up their own time to nurture these teams



### **SUCCESS ON THE PITCH**

#### **2015 LEAGUE WINNERS - 2 JUNIOR and 2 SENIOR**

**Under 12 division 3** - Congratulations to this team who came through their league competition undefeated, with 11 wins and 3 draws an excellent result.

**Under 16 Girls division 2** - another great result, this team jumped from 14G2 in 2014 to 16G2 this season. Also undefeated in 18 league games, their CST semi final and final. Awesome results considering they were plagued with some serious injuries and only 3 of them turning 16 in 2015

**All Age Ladies division 3** - This team is actually our Under 18 girls team, however with no 18Girls comp they found themselves introduced to All Age Ladies. With much trepidation they launched into this league with fantastic results for 11 wins 1 draw and 2 loses, making them 6 points clear of the next team, they surprised even themselves. They were voided a chance to represent NFA in the 18Girls category however they took a shot at representing in the Under 21's, unfortunately going down in the semi finals with only 8 players available on the day.

**Over 35 division 3** - with only their second year into this age group, they managed to bring home the goods, with 11 wins 1 draw and 2 losses. Congratulations to them for a fantastic season.

#### **CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES TOURNAMENT**      **4 competitors - 4 winners 100% result**

2015 saw NFA implement the Championship Series Tournament with promotion and relegation. Unfortunately this proved to be one the most controversial implementations for our club members. The majority of complaints fielded by us this year was in regards to this finals format.

Despite this 4 of our teams saw success.

**Under 13 boys div 2** - they participated in the finals last year as well and went down to Pitt Town. This year they turned that around with an epic battle against Blue Mountains, winning 2 -1 in extra time.

**Under 14 Girls div 2** - also participated last year in the longest penalty shoot out, coming out winners, repeated their efforts again winning in a penalty shoot out against SMBC. This one being a little shorter! Thank goodness as no one's heart was up to the suspense again.

**Under 16 Girls div 2** - Come out with a convincing 5 -1 win against Emu Plains.

**All Age Ladies 2** - also experiencing a little de ja vu playing their nemesis Hazelbrook who they were beaten by last year in the same game, turning this year into a win 1- nil.



All Competition teams are to be congratulated for their efforts, Richmond ExSSC teams ran middle of the road with a couple of 3rd place getters. Excellent results win, lose or draw in 2015, we commend every teams efforts.

### **REFEREE COVERAGE 2015**

Referee coverage was still very high for teams playing at Icelly Park. Once again Saturdays nearly reached 100% with some referees rolled out for our U11 games. Sunday's were still a bit scratchy at the beginning of the season, however improved greatly from there. Matchref being an excellent tool for seeking referee coverage, also allowing us to notify teams travelling to other parks of coverage.

Richmond ExSSC members joining the ranks of the NRG, and the list is growing.....

Charlie Mifsud - U17/1's coach and past committee member and player

Hayden Bayne - AA13's current player

Chris Martin - 14g2 trainer (former member of NDRSA)

Morgan Darling - U14 Girls 1 goal keeper

Troy Lightowler - U15/2's current player

and Corey Ridge is well on his way to completing full membership 15/2's current player

Ben Sherratt - former player. The last 3 mentioned attended the NRG's Hawkesbury stage of the course making attendance much easier.



### **THE DARK SIDE** - Red and Yellow card report and team sheet error reports

Red cards - 2 2 x Senior 1 x serious foul play AAW3 1x receives 2nd yellow O35/3 decreased by half from 2014  
Yellow Cards - 34 Team disbursement : Jnr - 6 3 x 13/2 3 x 15/2 Snr - 27 U16G2 x 1 17/1 x 14 AA13 x 2 O35/3 x 9 AAW2 x 1  
23 were for guilty of unsporting behaviour and have increased by 10 from 2014.

### **TEAM SHEET ERROR REPORTS**

2015 saw \$135 in Team sheet errors which was a \$40 decrease on 2014  
Only 2 teams with no Team Sheet Error Reports,(15/2 and 17/1) with the number decreased from 2014 when there were 5 teams.  
\$300 worth of fines for 3 forfeits, a \$100 decrease on 2014

### **ONLINE REGISTRATIONS**

As usual online registrations pose a stressful time until all teams are full and bulk registration is complete. Administration handles all of this, with committee members lending a hand on face to face registration dates. The whole experience was made a little trickier with MFC crashing at least twice in high traffic times, which lead to a panic by parents who thought their children would miss out on spots in teams, the committee rallied and took particulars of all those who were affected, saving the day with no one missing out on team placements. To add further work was our implementation of compulsory Working With Children's Checks for all committee, coaches and managers, not allowing for any exemptions. The majority of those in this category were compliant however there is still a small percentage at this late date still being chased to get there applications finalised.

Online payments proved once again to be very popular and direct debits also slightly increased. All age games fees were added back into the full online payment for ease and less confusion. 3 face to face registrations were held with one at the Richmond Club and one evening and one Saturday at Icelly Park canteen. We feel face to face registrations dates are pertinent and in keeping with the Richmond ideal of effective communication between committee and members, adding personal contact which can get lost with online registrations only.

We had 16 deregistration in 2015, they were for varying reasons, mostly work commitments and mostly from All Age categories.

### **COACH DEVELOPMENT**

Icelly Park played host to a Mini Roos Grassroots coaching course this year 18/3/15 as NFA decided to condense these courses into key areas instead of attending at each club separately. We had approx 50 participants mainly from Hawkesbury clubs with a good representation from Richmond coaches and we will continue to encourage all coaches to become appropriately certified where possible.

### **Team summation**

Mini Roos: We had 18 teams this year who played a home and away basis. increase of 1 team on 2014

Junior Competition Teams : 7 teams in this category, one team was made up of 2 age groups 14/15 due to insufficient player numbers in both age groups.

Senior Competition Teams: 6 in all, decreasing by 1 on last year.

All Age men : decreased by 2 on last year

All Age Ladies: increased by one on last year.

O35 Men - in only their second year, bettered last year's results by winning their division.

Growth Of Female Teams: we reached our aim of growth in this area once again. In 2015 we fielded U10, U12, U13(14G2), U14, U16 and 3 x AAW (one of which were all U18 and were forced into AAW as there was no U18 competition for them, surprising us all by winning their division 3!) This is an increase of one more female team on 2014.

### **EQUIPMENT**

Playing and training balls were topped up once again to existing numbers.

We applied to Cigno to their free ball offer to try out. We found 2 of the 3 sample balls good, however we did not make an order.

We also applied to AIA Vitality Mini Roos for their mini roos club co-ordinator packs available for delivery fees only to all Mini Roos teams U6 - U11. We ordered 17 packs, one per team. Each pack included 16 cones, 5 bibs and a coaches badge. The coaches patches were not really utilised, as they needed to be sown onto shirts, so most coaches declined them. However the bibs and cones certainly made it easier for teams having this equipment in each kit.

Club lanyards were purchased for easy ID purposes and to have all uniform for coach, manager and committee ID's on game days.

Club Shirts were purchased for all coaches, managers and committee, for dual reasons, 1 to have a wearable uniform for all and 2 to give something back to all coach and managers as they give their valuable time to our valuable players. These were also embroidered for easy ID.

### **FACILITY EQUIPMENT**

A new slushy machine was purchased for the canteen, as the old one was unfixable.

A sandwich maker also purchased for the canteen to provide toasted sandwiches.

New fold down tables were purchased mainly for new awning however came in very handy for presentation purposes.

A new coffee machine was in the works, however did not come to fruition, may be looked at next year.

### **PARK MAINTAINENCE AND IMPROVEMENTS**

Icelly Parks goal mouths were re-turfed by Hawkesbury Sports council in the off-season.

Weed spraying took place at the appropriate times

Icelly usually drains perfectly, however 2015 saw for the first time in memory, water standing in the middle of the park after heavy rain. This was of great concern and Sports Council were notified immediately. Although drainage was checked, there was no outstanding explanations as to what made this occur. Some other smaller maintenance issues are also being looked at. Damage to a new down pipe was also fixed.



## **AWESOME AWNING**

It has been in our 2-5 year plans for quite some time, to have an awning extended out over the front of the canteen area, to provide some much needed shelter. 2015 finally saw this project come to fruition! The ball started to roll in 2014 with the help of a dedicated committee member at the time who provided the extra help we had been seeking. After much committee discussion we believed this project could be completed with this assistance. Plans were drawn up, quotes were sought, as was approval and permission from the Hawkesbury Sports Council, who also came to the party with monetary aid. Cameron McKenzie of his own business Outback Earthworks, donated his labour to dig the trenches for the concrete pour. He also sought quotes from concreters - Bligh Park Concreting, and his brother John from Correct Constructions (for awning). So we all came together in a frenzy to get it organised and complete before the beginning of the season. The awning has been a great success and fabulous asset to our beautiful park. Just look at the transition pictured below.



So a massive thank you needs to be extended to all those above mentioned who were involved in the process to get our canteen looking like this. Richmond ExSSC are ecstatic with the outcome. All members have benefitted greatly from the shelter either from rain or storm or shine. Its been utilised at registrations, BBQ's and presentations, and even a meeting or 2. Anne from Hawkesbury Sports Council was awesome in helping us along with the project and we thank her especially for her gracious support.



**Policies** - 2015 saw the introduction of our committee member and family discount policy, this was to provide more of an incentive to help on the committee, and to try and keep playing soccer at Richmond more viable for families. Our constitution is still a "work in progress" to get it updated and in line with the governing bodies requirements, as too will other policies that need to be implemented and documented. We also decided as a committee that there would take on a "no exemption" in regards to WWCC, which was written into our registration T&C's for all coach, manager and committee members.

**NOT SO SAVOURY** - 2015 unfortunately saw 2 different clubs lodge official complaints against Richmond ExSSC, at which we were saddened and dismayed by the end of this new process, of which we found ourselves embroiled. Both incidents were extensively investigated by admin and the MPIO (also President) who was an eye-witness to one of the complaints. Both incidents were also extensively discussed at committee level, all this action took place so as to be able to deliver an clear and informed conclusion to the grievances we found ourselves answerable to. The first led to an appearance at the newly formed General Purpose Tribunal. Both clubs clearly found no satisfaction in the outcomes of this tribunal and which has probably caused more tension than necessary. This exercise also came at the cost of \$200 for an appearance, whether you are deemed guilty or innocent, and notwithstanding any lack of conclusive evidence. Richmond ExSSC found the whole process very questionable to say the least and were left frustrated and exhausted in the aftermath, wondering if there may be a better process to adopt.

**INJURIES**- serious injuries were on the decrease in 2015, with only 3 insurance applications submitted. 2 being from U16 Girls.

**CLUB MEMBER INVOLVEMENT** - Club member involvement is always encouraged. We are always looking to recruit members to help on the committee, and are happy with any amount of help offered no matter how big or small. We have 3 volunteers that help us out in various ways. The first are husband and wife - Margaret and Gerald Ireland, who have a daughter serving on the committee and 2 grandchildren playing at Richmond. They are always free to lend a hand at our big events such as sub- junior and junior presentations and also our pink fundraiser day. They are priceless in their efforts and their energy knows no bounds and we are the lucky recipients of their valuable time. No thank you's are big enough and we totally appreciate all their help. The other is Ethel Sherratt, who has previously served on our committee and as a team manager when her sons were playing. Ethel is our year book editor and our Photo Day organiser, seriously we would not know where to start without her endless willingness to help out with these enormous tasks. Any job Ethel takes on, is always completed thoroughly. Ethel also helps with a few smaller jobs as well such as enhancing inferior logo's, helping with Summer Comp team sheets and field configurations, which are also just as valuable as the bigger tasks. Another person, where thank you is just not enough.

Our Face Book page has proven to be a great tool for quick distribution of important information to our members. With the vast majority utilising it appropriately, we had only 2 inappropriate comments from ill informed members which were quickly quashed.

Our Website has been revamped now and our website editor does a great job of adding and deleting all necessary info needed, we also changed our web provider over the last year.

**CLUB PHOTOS** - as mentioned before Ethel Sherratt took on the responsibility of this mammoth task. This year we tried a different tact, and tried to take photo's at home games, so only a couple of teams travelled back from other parks, but were offered a choice. This also meant that photo's were taken over a space of about 3 weekends. After Ethel chased all players down, there weren't many that didn't get theirs taken. This year we offered novelty items which proved to be quite popular. The hot/cold thermos looked great.

**YEAR BOOKS** - Ethel also organised and edited the year books which have become a popular keepsake for all. Once again thanks to the coach/managers who finally all managed to add their team spiels, they came out brilliantly. Another great job completed

**SOCIAL EVENTS** - sadly we had none organised this year, hopefully this will change in 2016.

**PRESENTATIONS** - **SUB-JUNIOR** includes U6/7/8 teams. We seem to have found success with this format of holding the sub- junior presentation separately from the Junior. Little people find it very hard to sit still for any length of time. The main aim is relativity, on their last playing day, they receive their trophy, a slurpy, sausage sizzle, get their face painted and have a jump on the jumping castle. This year with

help from the Richmond Fire Brigade, we also had a fire engine for them to climb all over. The only hitch that came was that with the wet weather wash-out there is usually no comp soccer, the washed out games were moved to that weekend, so we had committee members headed to all places (incl Wentworth Falls - of course!) which stretched us to the limit! Beaming faces, painted in all colours, was well worth it.



Sub -Jnr encouragement      Team Sponsors      U8 Yellow      U6 Bears      cooking bbq and decorating

JUNIOR - Held Sat 12th Sept at Icely Pk. A somewhat larger event, which is why it is so much easier with the sub juniors already finished. Age groups for U9- U16G. Alas, not all of them can keep still for others either, unfortunately. All teams had good patronage which is great to see. Teams seemed to be happy with their trophies, we had an exhausting but good day.



SENIOR - After the fizzle of last year's presentation which was held at The School Of Arts, we tried an even more casual approach. We decided to use The Clarendon Tavern which has a huge outdoor area, half of which is covered and has its own bar. Finger food by the way of pizza, mini pies, sausage and spring rolls, and we put on a live band. Needless to say the night was an absolute hit. Quite a good patronage from most teams, who had a ball singing and dancing to the raw 90's rock. Hopefully the new owners of the Tavern will continue to hire out this ideal area, and we will definitely look at going back there again next year. Steins for the boys and pilsner glasses for the girls - all good



#### **ANNUAL CLUB AWARDS**

**Bob Moore Sub - Junior (U6/7/8) Encouragement Award :** U8 Red - Glen Kilby (c) Sharon Vella (m)

**Kelvin Hales Jnr Encouragement Award (U9- U14) :** 12 Girls 2- Chris Dunk (c) Sonia Moss (m)

**Pierre Kersivian Team Achievement Award :** U16 girls 2 - (c) Peter Luthy (m) Sonia Moss Went from 14Girls to 16 Girls and won comp 2 years in a row. Comp winners and CST Final winners 2015

**Jack Carter Goal Average :** Under 16 Girls Div 2 (+72) Peter Luthy (c) Sonia Moss (m)

**Paul Boyd Coach and Manager Award :** 16G2 - both coach & manage 2 teams Peter Luthy (c) 16G2 & U9 Red Sonia Moss (m) 16G2 & 12G2

**Norm Fletcher Male Goalkeeper :** 17/1 Aaron Falzon

**Female goalkeeper :** AAW3 - Brittany Gogan

**Club Person :** Jo Boyd

**10 Year Awards :** Corey Ridge - 15/2's Bailey Chapman 17/1 - player Brianna Rumsby - 14G2 - player Sue Finn AAW5 - player

**15 Year Award :** Sandy Stalenberg -current player/past committee/past coach

**25 Year Award:** Tracey Boyd- current player/current coach/past manager/past committee/current administrator

This takes our 10 year service recipients to the 110 mark. 16 of those proceeded to the 15 year mark, 12 of them to the 20 year mark, 6 going onto the 25 year mark and 1 has reached nearly 40 years!!(no need to guess) Congratulations to all those who have made these milestones and helped create our proud history of loyalty. We applaud you all!

**CANTEEN REPORT :** In 2015, we employed 2 girls to work, both on Saturday and one on Sunday. We feel that the enforcement of committee or members to man the Canteen and BBQ takes away from maximising their soccer experience. We find its always the same parents volunteering constantly, therefore paying the canteen workers benefits all members greatly, whilst creating employment for either members or the wider community, these young (over 16) workers also learn employment skills. Their wages are drawn from Games Fees.

The player-of -the-match slurpy program for juniors we implemented last year continues to prove very popular.

As part of our healthier choices in the canteen promotion which was initiated this year, we introduced our Riverview produce Fruit bowl, where we purchased fruit weekly from our friends at Riverview produce to be on offer at the canteen. It started slowly but certainly gained momentum as the season went along as customers enjoyed this alternative. Our "cup of watermelon or grapes" were a real hit. Homemade pumpkin soup was also on offer as an alternative, with a bread roll- optional, also became quite popular esp in the cooler months. Towards the end of the season, we added cheese toasties to the menu, ham also optional. Our homemade slice/cookies/cupcakes and occasionally freshly baked muffins are all made without artificial colours or flavours and no preservatives, making them a better choice than most sweeter products, and are constantly popular. With the installation of our concrete and awning extensions, we put tables and chairs out so customers were able to sit and enjoy a cuppa, however it was very well utilised quite often with committee enjoying their cuppas after morning set up!

**FINANCIAL REPORT** - 2015 saw us running at a loss from 2014, however still holding a strong financial position. Circumstances that have contributed to these figures were the awning costs over \$5000, an higher than usual amount of stock on shelves, and our major sponsor (Richmond Club) has not been forthcoming with any amount of sponsorship from our clubgrants application submitted in February, which in the past we have received annually by now. Please see separate financial report for further details.

**COMMUNITY SUPPORT** - This year we started our business board, encouraging members to put up their business cards to help support their business and help those in need of that trade, more support is needed for this gesture. we once again supplied the medallions (cost \$140) for Londonderry schools knock out soccer tournament, and allowed them to borrow nets for another soccer day they held. Richmond ExSSC also sponsored a Greyhound race for \$200 to help support a family in Londonderry who lost a dad and husband in a tragic accident that occurred earlier this year. We have lots of families from Londonderry now playing at our club. The AAW2 team entered the Viking Challenge Tournament 6-a-side competition in Port Macquarie, for which we supplied training shirts for them to wear, 10 in all.



**PINK LADIES DAY** - Richmond ExSSC also decided on a whim to raise money for the McGrath Foundation, by wearing their pink socks (pull on your socks day). This is where it started, however this idea blew into an entire pink day! We added breast cancer research and awareness to our fundraising as well. The socks were a huge hit, and with permission from NFA, we ended up with all the girls teams in pink socks and the 15 boys jumped on board as well! A total of 9 teams equalling 137 pairs of socks purchased. Sunday 14th June saw the 3 all age ladies teams play at an Icelly Park turned pink, with a few small stalls, bbq and lolly and cake bar. A few dedicated volunteers and the end result was a \$500 donation to both charities & 2 all age ladies, having mammograms. We look forward to next year when our aim is to get more teams on board with pink socks and make the whole weekend pink! We also had team photo's being taken that weekend! Keeping all very busy!

**SPONSORSHIP PACKAGES** - This year we nussed out some sponsorship packages which included the availability of different garments. This task proved to be extremely arduous for all & a huge learning curb to say the least. The sourcing of garments alone was mammoth, prices and quality differed constantly. The entire venture was not made any easier with the supplier making numerous mistakes with orders. We are pleased to say that finally all the teams received their gear and the teams looked fantastic in them.

**DONUT KING** - sponsored all our junior teams with player of the match certificates - a huge thank you to the Richmond Market place store.

**WSW GAME DAYS EXPERIENCE** - We have had some teams win invitations to the Western Sydney Wanderers for a game day experience. Although not all teams had the same experience due to some horrendous weather, all had fun and got to see some A-League or FFA action. It was the Under 10 White lions who were invited to play a half time Mini Roos game at Pirtek stadium on the 3rd Dec 2014. WSW v BNR, however uncharacteristic unruly weather prevailed and the boys unfortunately did not get to take the park due to safety reasons. They did get to see the Wanderers play from under their ponchos and had a photo opportunity with one of the players. Sunday 8th Feb 2015 saw 2 U9 teams combine and were offered a chance from FNSW AIA Vitality mini roos to put on a display of Small sided football at Pepper Stadium at the Wanderers versed Wellington. The last opportunity was an FFA Cup game again at Pepper stadium Penrith, where our under 6 Monkeys and Under 7 Tigers combined to be the player mascots and lead the players out onto the ground pre-match. Our Under 10 Blue team put on a half time match and in a separate offer the 10Girls were asked to do a half time march past on the field around the stadium (with a little help from some of those 6's & 7's). All the organising and stress was well worth the absolute beaming faces of the kids who thought they were super special, with these important jobs at hand. We would like to thank NFA, FNSW, and the WSW for affording the children these opportunities.



**OTHER INITIATIVES** - this year Richmond ExSSC encouraged some of our teenagers to become game leaders for the U6's, mainly to relieve some pressure from the coaches who were generally doing that as well as trying to coach and also sometimes manage. This worked really well, thanks to Brianna Rumsby(14G1), Corey Ridge and Troy Lightowler(both 15/2's). Corey and Troy both went on to help out refereeing with the U8/9 & 10's and also both went on to complete their refereeing course, when the NRG made it available in the Hawkesbury. So we see this as a great success all the way around, something we hope we can continue in 2016. Also thanks to Liam Ryan for helping us with refereeing the U8/9's at the beginning of the season.



**ANZAC 100 YEARS** - in keeping with an old tradition Richmond ExSSC some committee members laid a wreath on behalf of our club at the combined Hawkesbury service, held at McQuade Park which was excellent.

**DEFIBULATOR PURCHASE** - In conjunction with the Rotary Club of Windsor and their generosity in subsidising with their Hawkesbury Heartstart Campaign, Richmond ExSSC are in the processes of purchasing a defibrillator for Icelly Pk with their help. As soon as the paperwork is finalised by Dr Ravi, and Windsor Rotary and our club have completed the payments it will go ahead. Richmond ExSSC are pleased to be a part of this campaign which may save a life. A small known fact is that we did actually have a fatality at Icelly Pk quite some years ago, involving a soccer player with heart failure, and this is one too many, hopefully this purchase will mean that this statistic will not rise.

**10 GIRLS AT FOOTBALL NSW** - The 10Girls had the opportunity to represent Richmond ExSSC at FNSW on 26th September in the Westfield W-League Female Football Festival Gala Day. They did themselves proud, however were found a little out of their league when the majority of the other sides were not general club sides, but they all had fun and learned some new skills as well. They also met and had photo's with the w-league Sydney FC and WSW teams, which was the highlight of their day! Big thank you to Dea Gambrell and Sinead Killeen for the organisation to get the girls over there.



14G at GOAL KEEPER ACADEMY - Abby Stutsel one of our 14G, was offered a 10 week scholarship to the International Goalkeepers Academy at Blacktown International Sportspark, run by Jim Fraser the former Australian World Cup Goalkeeper. What a great opportunity for Abby, to be able to develop her base goalkeeping skills.

BYES FOR MINI ROOS - this year, admin organised quite a few mini roos games, when they had a bye. The bye and NFLD listings that NFA sent out, were rather helpful. Richmond teams played some friendlies against our good friends from Henry Lawson, Cranebrook, SMSC and Glossodia, all helping to fill these gaps and keeping everyone on the park. Thank you to all these clubs that we were able to make arrangements with. Other clubs were approached however, not all teams were willing to play.

Admin meetings & workshops - attended a club development workshop on 25/5/15 for creating great club culture & participation strategies held at Penrith City Council. Feedback - was ok, however Richmond already had a few of the ideas in place, and found some strategies to be a bit unrealistic. Attended a WWCC seminar also at Penrith City Council 11/11/14, to help with the introduction of the new WWCC. Attended an injury workshop for strapping ankles at Penrith with another committee member. Attended all council of club meetings held at NFA office and all committee meetings held by Richmond ExSSC. Admin also reworked the coaches and managers booklets which contain all pertinent info to assist our coaches and managers at games. This was an extensive job as quite a lot of changes have taken place, a copy of this can also be downloaded from our website, just in case the need arises.

Hosting NDP - Icelly Park was the venue that quite a few NDP's have taken place. We hosted some Holiday clinics in April and earlier in that year. We were to also play host to a Monday night 10 week course, however due to low numbers it was moved back to Penrith. We were happy to help out where we could with hosting.

PRE-SEASON MATCHES - this year saw us host Penrith Rovers, Penrith RSL, Mountie's and Rooty Hill (a couple of teams). We also travelled to Bligh Park, Colo and Band Club who hosted our teams.



**MORE SUCCESS AT CLUB LEVEL :ANNUAL NFA AWARDS:** 2014 awards night was held on 31/10/14 saw Richmond ExSSC the winners of both the major awards from NFA. The Sid Horley Junior Club Championship Trophy and the Bill Morris Club Championship Trophy. NFA awards were held 13/11/15 too late for the publication of this report. Congratulations to all of our members and their participation and efforts that all led to us being successful in winning these trophies. A fantastic effort to say the least!

**SUMMER COMP-** 2015 saw us decide to take on a summer competition at Icelly Park. We started with an EOI which came back with an overwhelming response of participation, which is what we based our decision on to go ahead. Boy what a learning curve!!! When it came time to register, after all the background applications had been organised, less than half the people who expressed their interest decided to play, which left us begging for teams and sharing age groups just to get up and running. Some big efforts from a few people though who really worked hard to get teams together. We have managed 5 different age groups and a handful of U6/7's. Giving us 24 teams in all. Mostly everyone is playing in the spirit summer comp was intended, emphasising social, fitness and keeping up soccer skills or learning new ones whatever the case may be. Feedback has been mostly positive, with the mixed comp attracting quite a few new players. Thank you to all the players, team organisers and committee that have been involved in making this initiative work, and for your patience whilst doing so.



**A SAD NOTE** - unfortunately a couple of very sad notes this year, we lost a life member Kevin Gogos to his brave cancer battle. Kevin had 25 years service with the club and had filled various committee positions, played as a child and adult, coached and also refereed matches as the need arose. Kevin was nearly a permanent fixture every weekend at Icelly park for a number of years, and would never shirk away from an in depth conversation on the rules and regulations of the then NDSFA. Kevin gave up many voluntary hours and was an excellent goal keeper. Much advice was generously offered by him to goal keepers over the years, who benefitted from his knowledge.

In another unfortunate incident, Tayla Stahl one of our All Age Ladies was hit by a car in Sydney mid season, and spent quite a few months in hospital, enduring quite a few vital operations. Whist Tayla is well on the way to recovery, it is still ongoing. We wish her all the best and hope her recovery can be completed in the near future, so she can continue not only her sporting life but life in general with normality.

**MOVING FORWARD** - 2016 will be the 49th playing year for Richmond ExSSC, being established in 1968, which makes 2017 our 50th playing year and 2018 our 50th established year. Over the years the maths has been confused, however we are on the right track now. We have a proud history and need to keep it going for our members and the local community. We work with a very small committee and a few other volunteers, which desperately needs to be expanded to achieve our ideals and keep this proud club running. Our aim to deliver a more structured approach is an ongoing "work in progress", as we endeavour to bring our policies in line with the governing bodies to meet our members needs. We need to keep in good stead with the future and use our club ideals to deliver the best soccer experience we can possibly offer.

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AGM - our AGM was held Monday 20/10/15 at the Richmond Club in the board room at 7:30pm. Once again, thank you to Owen and Linda Whalen, who chair and always support the meeting. Another poor showing, with more jobs going than people to fill them. A re-shuffle of port folios and off we go again. We welcome 2 new general committee members in Steve Meredith and Kerri Darling.

### FINAL COMP TEAM STANDINGS 2015

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	Forf.	Byes	GF	GA	GD	p_adj.	PTS
<b>**** All Age Men / Div 13 ****</b>												
1	St Clair United SC White (White)	14	12	0	2	0	0	66	25	41	0	36
2	St Marys Soccer Club - SMAM13	14	9	1	4	0	0	57	34	23	0	28
3	St Marys Band Club SC - SBAM13	14	8	1	5	0	0	43	26	17	0	25
4	Glossodia FC - GLAM13	14	7	2	5	0	0	60	47	13	0	23
5	Blaxland FC - BXAM13	14	6	2	6	0	0	40	31	9	3	23
6	St Clair United SC Black (Black)	14	7	0	7	0	0	41	43	-2	-3	18
7	<b>Richmond Ex-Serv SC - RIAM13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>-14</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>11</b>
8	Henry Lawson FC - HLAM13	14	0	0	14	0	0	7	94	-87	0	0
<b>**** All Age Women / Div 2 ****</b>												
1	Glenmore Park FC - GPAW02	14	9	2	3	0	0	27	18	9	0	29
2	Wilberforce United SC - WUAW02	14	8	4	2	0	0	22	8	14	0	28
3	<b>Richmond Ex-Serv SC - RIAW02</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>25</b>
4	Hazelbrook FC - HZAW02	14	5	4	5	0	0	23	21	2	0	19
5	Emu Plains FC - EMAW02	14	5	3	4	2	0	31	26	5	0	18
6	Colo Soccer FC - COAW02	14	5	3	6	0	0	30	29	1	0	18
7	Blue Mountains FC - BMAW02	14	5	3	6	0	0	21	23	-2	0	18
8	St Marys Soccer Club - SMAW02	14	0	1	13	0	0	8	46	-38	0	1
<b>**** All Age Women / Div 3 ****</b>												
1	<b>Richmond Ex-Serv SC - RIAW03</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>34</b>
2	Springwood United FC - SPAW03	14	9	1	4	0	0	32	24	8	0	28
3	Penrith FC - PFAW03	14	8	2	4	0	0	34	21	13	-3	23
4	Cranebrook United SC - CRAW03	14	7	2	5	0	0	32	31	1	0	23
5	St Marys Soccer Club - SMAW03	14	4	3	7	0	0	14	23	-9	3	18
6	Glenmore Park FC - GPAW03	14	5	1	7	1	0	35	43	-8	0	16
7	St Clair United SC - SUAW03	14	4	2	6	2	0	23	31	-8	0	14
8	Blaxland FC - BXA03	14	2	0	12	0	0	14	45	-31	0	6
<b>**** All Age Women / Div 5 ****</b>												
1	Springwood United FC - SPAW05	14	10	2	2	0	0	34	11	23	0	32
2	St Marys Band Club SC Black (Black)	14	9	2	3	0	0	29	14	15	0	29
3	Lowland Wanderers SC - LOAW05	14	8	1	5	0	0	41	23	18	0	25
4	St Marys Band Club SC White (White)	14	6	4	4	0	0	18	16	2	0	22
5	<b>Richmond Ex-Serv SC - RIAW05</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>-3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>18</b>
6	St Marys Soccer Club Black (Black)	14	3	3	8	0	0	13	37	-24	0	12
7	Penrith Rovers FC - PRAW05	14	3	1	10	0	0	22	36	-14	0	10
8	St Marys Soccer Club White (White)	14	2	4	8	0	0	9	26	-17	0	10
<b>**** O35 Men / Div 3 ****</b>												
1	<b>Richmond Ex-Serv SC - RI3503</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>32</b>
2	Blue Mountains FC - BM3503	14	10	1	3	0	0	45	11	34	0	31
3	Blaxland FC - BX3503	14	8	3	3	0	0	33	19	14	0	27
4	St Marys Soccer Club - SM3503	14	8	2	4	0	0	46	25	21	0	26
5	St Marys Band Club SC - SB3503	14	8	2	4	0	0	31	26	5	0	26
6	St Clair United SC - SU3503	14	4	0	9	1	0	30	41	-11	0	12
7	Hazelbrook FC - HZ3503	14	1	1	12	0	0	10	48	-38	0	4
8	Springwood United FC - SP3503	14	1	1	12	0	0	7	66	-59	0	4
<b>**** U12 Girls / Div 2 ****</b>												

1	Wentworth Falls FC - WW12G2	14	11	3	0	0	0	53	7	46	0	36
2	Lowland Wanderers SC - LO12G2	14	8	4	2	0	0	29	7	22	0	28
3	Colo Soccer FC - CO12G2	14	8	4	2	0	0	24	7	17	0	28
4	St Clair United SC - SU12G2	14	6	2	6	0	0	26	18	8	0	20
5	Hazelbrook FC - HZ12G2	14	4	7	1	2	0	19	15	4	0	19
6	<b>Richmond Ex-Serv SC - RI12G2</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>-1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10</b>
7	Springwood United FC - SP12G2	14	2	3	9	0	0	7	39	-32	0	9
8	St Marys Convent SC - SC12G2	14	1	1	11	1	0	4	68	-64	0	4
<b>***** U12 Mixed / Div 3 *****</b>												
1	<b>Richmond Ex-Serv SC - RI1203</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>36</b>
2	Blaxland FC - BX1203	14	10	1	3	0	0	63	9	54	0	31
3	Henry Lawson FC - HL1203	14	10	1	3	0	0	69	28	41	0	31
4	Blue Mountains FC - BM1203	14	7	4	3	0	0	30	19	11	0	25
5	St Pauls Grammar School - SG1203	14	4	4	6	0	0	31	49	-18	0	16
6	Springwood United FC - SP1203	14	3	2	9	0	0	30	51	-21	0	11
7	Penrith FC - PF1203	14	2	2	10	0	0	19	73	-54	0	8
8	St Clair United SC - SU1203	14	0	1	12	1	0	10	67	-57	0	1
<b>***** U13 Boys / Div 2 *****</b>												
1	Hazelbrook FC - HZ1302	14	8	3	1	0	2	50	18	32	0	27
2	Mulgoa Valley FC - MV1302	14	7	3	2	0	2	41	11	30	0	24
3	Blue Mountains FC - BM1302	14	6	2	4	0	2	22	13	9	0	20
4	<b>Richmond Ex-Serv SC - RI1302</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>20</b>
5	Colo Soccer FC - CO1302	14	3	4	4	1	2	21	31	-10	0	13
6	Wentworth Falls FC - WW1302	14	2	2	7	1	2	11	50	-39	0	8
7	Penrith Rovers FC - PR1302	14	1	1	7	3	2	17	46	-29	0	4
<b>***** U14 Girls / Div 1 *****</b>												
1	Glenmore Park FC - GP14G1	14	11	1	0	0	2	73	1	72	0	34
2	Colo Soccer FC - CO14G1	14	9	2	1	0	2	81	5	76	0	29
3	<b>Richmond Ex-Serv SC - RI14G1</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>22</b>
4	Springwood United FC - SP14G1	14	6	2	4	0	2	41	11	30	0	20
5	Hazelbrook FC - HZ14G1	14	2	2	8	0	2	11	55	-44	0	8
6	Henry Lawson FC - HL14G1	14	2	1	8	1	2	9	62	-53	0	7
7	Wentworth Falls FC - WW14G1	14	0	1	10	1	2	3	89	-86	0	1
<b>***** U14 Girls / Div 2 *****</b>												
1	Colo Soccer FC Black (Black)	14	11	3	0	0	0	38	8	30	0	36
2	Colo Soccer FC White (White)	14	10	2	2	0	0	39	9	30	0	32
3	<b>Richmond Ex-Serv SC - RI14G2</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>29</b>
4	St Marys Band Club SC - SB14G2	14	5	2	7	0	0	21	23	-2	0	17
5	Glenmore Park FC - GP14G2	14	5	2	7	0	0	17	20	-3	0	17
6	Penrith FC - PF14G2	14	3	3	7	1	0	10	24	-14	0	12
7	St Clair United SC - SU14G2	14	2	4	8	0	0	14	34	-20	0	10
8	Springwood United FC - SP14G2	14	0	4	10	0	0	4	39	-35	0	4
<b>***** U15 Boys / Div 2 *****</b>												
1	Pitt Town SC - PT1502	18	15	2	1	0	0	70	21	49	0	47
2	Hazelbrook FC - HZ1502	18	12	3	3	0	0	57	24	33	0	39
3	Warradale FC - WA1502	18	9	4	5	0	0	48	40	8	0	31
4	Blaxland FC - BX1502	18	9	3	6	0	0	37	31	6	0	30
5	Bligh Park FC - BP1502	18	9	3	6	0	0	39	34	5	0	30
6	Henry Lawson FC - HL1502	18	6	6	6	0	0	29	32	-3	0	24
7	Penrith FC - PF1502	18	6	3	9	0	0	41	56	-15	0	21
8	<b>Richmond Ex-Serv SC - RI1502</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>-32</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>11</b>
9	Glenmore Park FC - GP1502	18	2	4	12	0	0	35	58	-23	0	10
10	Springwood United FC - SP1502	18	2	4	12	0	0	25	53	-28	0	10
<b>***** U17 Boys / Div 1 *****</b>												
1	Glenmore Park FC Black (Black)	14	14	0	0	0	0	100	9	91	0	42
2	Cranebrook United SC - CR1701	14	10	1	3	0	0	68	19	49	0	31
3	Blaxland FC Blk (Black)	14	7	2	5	0	0	47	22	25	0	23
4	<b>Richmond Ex-Serv SC - RI1701</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>22</b>
5	Penrith FC - PF1701	14	7	1	6	0	0	43	39	4	0	22

6	Glenmore Park FC White (White)	14	6	1	7	0	0	37	54	-17	0	19
7	Henry Lawson FC - HL1701	14	1	1	11	1	0	7	88	-81	0	4
8	Blaxland FC Wht (White)	14	0	1	13	0	0	7	86	-79	0	1

\*\*\*\*\* U16 Girls / Div 2 \*\*\*\*\*

<b>1</b>	<b>Richmond Ex-Serv SC - RI16G2</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>54</b>
2	Emu Plains FC - EM16G2	18	14	1	3	0	0	72	22	50	0	43
3	St Clair United SC - SU16G2	18	11	2	5	0	0	60	39	21	0	35
4	St Marys Band Club SC - SB16G2	18	10	1	7	0	0	64	36	28	0	31
5	Blaxland FC - BX16G2	18	10	1	7	0	0	60	34	26	0	31
6	Henry Lawson FC Wht (White)	18	8	1	9	0	0	44	41	3	0	25
7	Jamisontown FC - JM16G2	18	6	0	11	1	0	15	41	-26	0	18
8	Glenmore Park FC - GP16G2	18	5	1	12	0	0	43	52	-9	0	16
9	Pitt Town SC - PT16G2	18	3	3	11	1	0	18	46	-28	0	12
10	Henry Lawson FC Blk (Black)	18	0	0	18	0	0	0	141	-141	0	0

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