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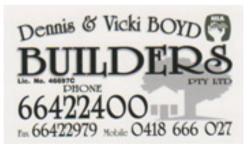
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#### **PRESIDENT's REPORT**

Welcome to the 2013 AGM. Our club has had another successful season both on and off the field during 2013.

I must congratulate all the teams on their sportsmanship throughout the season. The club's success this year has been in the juniors with 3 teams being minor premiers out of 4 divisions. At the time of writing, we have the 14's and 12's who will be contesting the grand final in their divisions. The 12's, 14's and 16's will also be the Clarence area representatives in the championship against minor premiers of the southern area. Unfortunately our senior teams failed to make an impact on the ladders in their various divisions. We were able to be competitive in the majority of our games but I feel that lady luck deserted the club. Balls off the post would miss goal whereas it would go in for the opposition. The premier league side may have to play off with the leading 2<sup>nd</sup> division side for the right to compete in that competition next season. Good luck to our 12's and 14's in their grand finals and the three teams competing in the champion of champions. I thank Rob Usher for the work he has put into our senior teams. The results are certainly not a reflection of his commitment and passion to the game. As I mentioned before, a favourable bounce of the ball on occasions would certainly have meant that we would not be in a playoff position for the premier division. Our reserves comprising of 6 to 7 of our under 16's and capably supported by the little general Tony Powell on and off the field showed massive heart to turn up each week and represent our club. In the last round they managed a win over the team running 2<sup>nd</sup>. These young men were playing Friday nights then backing up on Saturday or Sunday all season. Our club will be rewarded in the next couple of years by these juniors who now move into senior ranks. The Panthers found that they were certainly in the wrong grade as they are not getting any younger and though competing could not turn them into favourable results. Third division beckons for 2014.

The women's team following the success of last season were unable to match it with the top teams although they had their share of success against some of the semi finalists. Injuries and the loss of key personnel from last season meant that it was a bit of a rebuilding year. My thanks to Lesley for the efforts inputting the team together and for getting them to their games all season. Women's football is still of a high priority within our club. Our junior playing numbers continue to remain strong. We had nearly the same numbers in under 6 and 7's as the rest of the upper Clarence clubs combined. Our overall registration in excess of 300 makes us one of the

largest clubs in the NCF.

Off the field, the club has been successful in developing a second large field on the athletics field. This has proved to be of great success as it has taken the pressure off the over use of field no.1. resulting in what I believe is the best field we have seen all season at any venue. It will also enable the club to continue to grow as we can cater for more teams (Under 12's to Premier League) who play on full size fields. We have also purchased new nets so that all our fields now have the right size nets stored in individually marked bins. We also hope that the pond will be drained before next season. As this is my last report as President of the Westlawn Tigers, there are several people who I must thank for their support over my 3 year tenure. The job is made so much easier when we have people of the quality of Sharon Powell our secretary, Registrar Kylie Baker, treasurer James Joyce, vice presidents Peter Fysh and Liz Weatherstone, equipment officer Mick Bowles and the rest of the committee. I would not swap any of them and everyone can remember junior presentation day and the sterling job that Liz did. The Kippax's also deserve an honourable mention. One phone call and the BBQ was manned. Also Shorn elected to support the reserve grade over his beloved Panthers in our hour of need.

I would also like to mention Jenny Cotton who not only gives us financial sponsorship each year but also can be seen at most senior games serving and running the canteen even though she has no one actively involved. People like her make this club so special.

Finally the coaches and team managers for the important roles they play. Without good coaching the players skills cannot be developed which in turn brings success on the playing field. We encourage all interested in coaching to get accreditation as FFA is heading down the path of mandatory coaching qualifications. The club is also looking to appoint a coaching director to further improve our skills in this area.

Our major fundraising this year was the directory deliveries, the junior carnival and the Calcutta. To all those who assisted us to make these a success, thanks.

It would be remiss if I did not thank my wife Heather and Adam and Lauren for their support during the past 3 years.

To all our sponsors, especially the major one in the Crown Hotel thanks for your support. Without you it would be very difficult to run a successful club. Go the Tigers in 2014.

There are numerous other people such as John Nelson and Anita Jackson who have been of great support to me and made the journey of the past three years very memorable. The parents, players and support staff are like one big family and the Westlawn Tigers will always have a fondness in my heart. I am not leaving the club, just changing my role as Adam most probably only has two more years with the club.

#### **Dick Pryor**

President

#### 2013 WESTLAWN TIGERS FOOTBALL CLUB COMMITTEE

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## Registrar Report

The 2013 soccer season consisted of a total of **304 players** – 256 Juniors and 48 Seniors.

Numbers were down a bit on previous years. This was shown with lower numbers in the seniors due to work and family commitments but hearing the positive feedback around the club I am sure this will grow again over the coming years. Juniors stayed fairly similar but it is good to see we are still getting a strong number of juniors coming through the small sided games which is very encouraging and is definitely a positive for the way we run our club.

This year was very trying for me. It did not start well with a record number of requests from parents and players coming through. It was quite overwhelming. Thank you to you all for your patience whilst I sorted through these matters and your understanding whilst I fixed a few anomalies. Each year every effort is made to meet these requests but unfortunately this is not always possible.

On a brighter note, I see the club heading in a positive direction with the introduction of a coaching development officer. This will see more programs run to assist those interested in this role. It will enable them to develop their skills and enhance the club and will hopefully make the registrars position easier when sorting teams. It will entail a program to get all coaches qualified to some level and is a very pro-active step. Congratulations to the existing and new committee with this great initiative.

At this stage I am not sure if I am continuing in this role so in case I don't, then I would like to thank the committee for their support and guidance and thanks to all the coaches and managers. Your assistance in taking on these roles is greatly appreciated by me. If I do continue, then I look forward to a successful and positive 2014.

Again, a heartfelt thanks my family, Adrian, Thomas and Charlie for all their support and patience. Also, special thanks to my many friends for helping me throughout the season to get over some of registrar hurdles.

Yours in soccer, Kylee Baker. 2013 Registrar

## Westlawn Tigers Website

Thank you to our wonderful website sponsor JLS Plastering. Without their support each year the Tigers would not have a constant method of communicating with every member of our club.

Thank you to all the people who contributed to the website this year. Next year it would be great to see many more teams submit match write-ups at least once a month, so we can share the joy of our football with each other. Special thanks must go to the UNDER 9 TIGERS. Each week the team captain would write and submit their match report. What fun it was reading these! Thank you Under 9s.

This year has seen many documents added to our policy page. This allows the workings of our club to be more transparent and hopefully allows easier access of information for all.

Don't forget the off-season is a perfect time for improvements to be made to our website, so if you have any suggestions please send your ideas to the club.

Lastly I would like to acknowledge the efforts of Dick Pryor. Dick's commitment to our club has been outstanding and we are a stronger club for his efforts. He has contributed great things to our club and I will miss him. Looking forward to an exciting 2014 season for the Tigers.

Sharon Powell (Website Administrator)

## Under 6 Tigers Black and Gold

We had such a great bunch of kids this year who have really become such a close group of friends. This was the first season of soccer for a few of our team players with the exception of 4 who played the previous year. The team all progressed well throughout the season, improving week after week and attending training and games each week. They especially enjoyed the medal presentations! Thank you to the parents who assisted and supported the kids throughout the year at training and on game days. On behalf of Ben and myself I would like to say how very proud we are of our team and how much we enjoyed being a part of the Westlawn Tigers U/6 Team. We hope all the kids sign up again next year!

Lyndal Norrie - Manager Ben Hill - Coach.

Team Players - Seth Blanch, Jaiden Moran, Ted Hill, Blake Norrie, Cooper Armfield, Isaiah Wright, Eli Jones, Lachlan Clark, Riley Luscombe, Oliver McDonnell & Lotte Pereira.

Lyndal Norrie

## Under 6 Panthers Black and gold

Under 6 Panthers had lots of fun this season.

Ruby, Tobi and Mathew mastered their ball dribbling skills.

JD's big kick always sent the ball flying into the other half.

Hannah, Robert, Noah and Andy were natural attackers and got lots of goals. Callie, Xander and Reece did a great job defending and passing the ball out of our half.

Our parents also had a great time running on with the kids in the grownups vs kids games at training.

Phillip and Tracey Benfield

## Under 6 Pumas Black and Gold

This was the first season of soccer for our team.

We had a some kids that started Kindergarten this year and some still in preschool.

The team all progressed well throughout the year, improving week after week and attending training and games each week.

We participated in two carnivals this year, the kids had great fun and always showed enthusiasm and great sportsmanship. They especially enjoyed the medal presentations!

Thank you to the parents who assisted throughout the year at training and on game day in the canteen.

On behalf of Chris and myself I would like to say how very proud we are of our team and how much we enjoyed being a part of the Westlawn Pumas. We hope all the kids sign up again next year!

Players: Nate Barrett, Logan Drew, Ryder Goring, Narnez Kearns, Jarvis McPhee, Rick Skinner, Harvey Watts, Lucas Law, Zac Law.

## Under 6 Jaguars Black and Gold

It was a very interesting start to the season. 8 little faces I had never seen before, my nephew and my own daughter. Who would have thought that these 10 little faces plus a ring in would have taught me so much when I was meant to be the coach.

It was a standout year from the Jaguars u/6's. I got to see their faces when they each scored their very first goal, even with Dalton Collins, with his super boot that never looked liked missing, even from half way.

We started with Kade Simpson and Jack Davis as stand out performers and that's the way they finished but the difference was by the end of the season there were 8 other stand outs.

Lochlan O'Grady and Sam Waterhouse were the biggest improvers taking out our most improved awards. Elijah took out the best trainer award. Charlie Connell got the encouragement award. Sponsors award went to Sharni Morris.

A very big thank you to Clarence Coast Blinds and Awnings for our away strip. Our golden boot went to Dalton Collins. My daughter Savannah Cheney won the sportsmanship award for breaking free of the pack with the ball only to pass it to someone else to kick it in the goal because she was 'too puffed'. Nicole's managers award went to Sam Buggy. Jason's coaches award went to Kade Simpson. My coaches award went to Jack Davis. We gave one more award out at our end of year party at the jungle gym, and that was for our ring in, the super sub award, and special thanks to Jack for his efforts all year. Nicole, Jason and myself had an awesome year as I am sure the kids did as well. A special thank you to the manager Nicole and co-coach Jason, and to Sean, and Buggsy for all of their help when Jason or I were away. Look out next year for the u/7 jaguars.

Matt Cheney

## Under 7 Tigers and Under 7 Panthers

Under 7 Tigers and Panthers Tigers - Shayla Boorman, Maggie Copper, Bailey McIntosh, Samuel Petch, Jaxon Rediger, Marty Gray. Panthers - Jett Barrett, Sunnivar Gorring, Logan Gough, Axel Hargans, Zoe Penfold, Billy Wood.

Both teams had a great season full of fun and laughs. All players tried really hard in the games each week and got on really well together.

Thanks to Luke Gough for Coaching and to Sherree Gray and Michelle Oxenbridge for all their help with the teams.

#### Under 7 Jaguars

2013 was a successful year for the Westlawn Jaguars U/7s. Thanks to Matthew Rasborsek for coaching the team. It was very much evident on weekends that their skill developed significantly throughout the season. As a team we are very appreciative for Matt's and his helpers' efforts!

The team consisted of 5 players for most of the season; Mason Cavanagh, Beau Hartmann, Zane Farrell, Jensen Haynes and Jak McPhee. We also had a late inclusion of Lucas Law who was a very skilful addition I might add. Most importantly, all of the players showed tremendous sportsmanship each week and this is a credit to them and their parents.

The players each brought their own strengths and attributes to the team which enabled us to score many goals throughout the year. Their ability to work as a team developed throughout the season and by the end their passing ability and communication was excellent.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the Westlawn Tigers Club for their assistance throughout the year and providing our children with a positive, healthy and friendly club environment.

The boys had a blast this year and are all looking forward to the 2014 season.

Regards Deanne Hartmann

## Under 7 Pumas

Our 2013 soccer season consisted of the following superstars Heath Revell, Brock Green Robertson, Zane Maddock, Jimmy Ford, Ethan Ashbrook and Xaviar Elward. Together they made the under 7 pumas.

And weren't they a force to be reckoned with! With their insane soccer skills improving on a weekly basis.

The chest pumps were a delight to watch on a Saturday as they scored many goals as a team.

The under 7 Westlawn Puma's would like to thank Wayne and Crunch for all of their effort and coaching and our parents for all of your help and support on the sidelines.

Thank you and look out next year when we allowed on a big field. Under 7 Pumas

#### Under 7 Lions

Coach : Matthew Rasborsek

Manager : Leiza Holland

2013 has been a great year for the Lions team, the players are Keira Rasborsek, Koby Holland, Benji Pereira, Lilly Palmer, Luka Cheetham and Shaun Harwood.

The team have listened at practice and taken on board what Coach has told them this has been reflected in their games. The team have improved immensely learning how to control the ball and how to refine their attacking skills which they now use in each game. The players know their team mates and pass well and always perform with great sportsmanship. Thank you to the parents for attending practice and all the encouragement through the season.

Keira has become a great defense player she has become very good at tackling the ball and is able to take possession of the ball from the other team, she has also scored many goals.

Lilly has improved in many aspects of her game, her kicking skills from the line are great. Lilly is able to find a player and kick straight to them and her passing is strong as well. Her strong kicks have helped her score.

Luka has been great at tackling the ball and redirecting it to the goal, he looks for people to pass to and has scored some great goals.

Benji has had some great moments with awesome goal kicking techniques, he is able to help his team mates keep possession of the ball, his tackling skills are great and he can dribble well, Benji is an all round player.

Shaun's ball skills are great to watch in a game, he is able to regain possession of the ball with great foot work and speed he loves the challenge of tackles and the opportunity to score, slide kicks are a favourite.

Koby has improved on his ball skills and passing this year he is great and regaining possession of the ball and loves the challenge, he is fast to chase the ball and loves to set up a pass to a team mate or shoot for a goal himself.

## Under 8 Tigers

Excellent season! What a fantastic team this year, played so well together as a team. All put in 100% effort and they never gave up, always laughing and enjoying themselves. Great sportsmanship, teamwork with great enthusiasm. They showed great skills by working as a team.

I would like to say a special thank you to all parents, grandparents who helped out in canteen, carnivals, games, training, setting up the fields and delivering phone books. With great friendships and awesome support for the kids from the sidelines.

The awesome tigers team: Charlie Nilon, Austin Gallagher, Ryan Hyatt, Sean Rodgers, Taj O'Mahony, Ben Walters, Daniel Pobjoy, Billy Kilduff, Caleb Kilduff and Sonny Kilduff.

Also, finally our two fantastic coaches, Damien O'Mahony and Peter Walters. Thank you so much for you patience, dedication and encouragement with the boys. Even though at training they sometimes wouldn't listen but come game time they got it all together. Thank you for your effort and showing your expertise. A huge thanks to Trudy and Kate for helping and supporting me through the season. I appreciated it very much.

I am very proud of the players and enjoyed being their manager. Thanks to everyone for your patience and just having fun. I hope to see you all next year for another fun season.

Mel Hyatt Manager

## Under 8 Panthers

This year has been a great year for all the boys. The members of our fun loving team are Daniel Lavender, Hugh Heyman, Blake Hayne, Caleb Berrick, Byron Kratz, Oscar Plunket-Phelps, Bailey Wall, Halen Watts, Corey Chaffer and Abel Warren. There was a big improvement in team work and ball skills shown by everyone, and great enjoyment in being on the bigger fields and getting to do more running. It was pleasure for us to manage the team and we look forward to watching them continue to develop next season.

Managers Vanessa Berrick and Naomi Heyman

## Under 8 Jaguars

Westlawn Jaguars have had another outstanding year. This is the second year that the boys have played together and with each year they are growing and maturing into great little soccer players.

As the majority of the team is made up of St Marys students, these boys have had their fair share of playing time together. The soccer season has not just ended for these boys, the season is still in full swing.

Each and every lunch break the boys form their teams in the playground and play and train. This extra practice has helped the boys immensely and became evident in each and every game they played on Saturday morning. They worked out plays and new moves and tried them out each game and as a team they worked well together, growing and learning from each other. Soccer carnivals were a bonus and it was amazing to see how determined they were to become better players. A touch of competitiveness came out and they would remember from one carnival to the next which team they had beaten and which team was the hardest.

It was quite amusing to sit and listen to the game plans that were discussed before each game and the ability to remember scores from the previous carnival or Saturday was amazing. I am not sure if they remember their schoolwork, but if you were to ask what the final score was the end of a game that was played three weeks ago they would know.

I am sure these boys will be playing soccer for quite a few more years to come and I am confident that from the Westlawn Jaguars U8 team, there is going to be some very skilled soccer players playing for the Westlawn Tigers Club in the future.

#### **Under 9 Tigers**

 $\overline{It}$ 's time to hang up the boots for another season.

It was great to see all but one of the 2012 players return for the 2013 season. This vacancy allowed the tigers to warmly welcome Olivia Harris to the team and also gave Alyssa Appleby some moral support being the only girl in the team. The tigers were fortunate to once again have Wayne Revell and Matthew Godwin as coaches and I would like to thank them for their time and efforts throughout the season and a special thanks to both for attending the 2 day junior coaching course. The team took a few games before they started to find their feet, and it was great to watch how their skills improved as the season unfolded. The most pleasing results for me was how they improved as a team with some great goals scored from beautiful team work and passing. This team is made up of some wonderful kids and with great parents in the back ground willing to help made 2013 another enjoyable year. A special Thank you must go to Katrina Beadman and Lisa Giddens for

running the Team and washing the shirts when I was unavailable.

Thanks to the committee for all their effort throughout the season. The Team

Sam Marshall, Joey Nilon, Will Pope, Taylor Powell, Nicholas Godwin, Keaton Roe, Alyssa Appleby, Olivia Harris, Mason Beadman and Toby Revell. Next year will see Tigers move to the larger field and it would be fantastic to see them all return for the challenge. Leanne Godwin Manager

## **Under 9 Panthers**

What a fantastic year of football the Under 9 Panthers have had. It has been an exciting year with this awesome little team developing its skills and growing together. This season the Under 9 Panthers have exhibited wonderful sportsmanship and team work. It has been an absolute pleasure to watch. I would like to say a huge thanks to super coach, Jack Nelson! Jack has guided and encouraged our team with a sense of fun and wisdom, well beyond his years! Thanks Jack, the young players have had a ball! Also a huge thank you to the committed band of parents, grandparents and supporters who have helped out with training, washed shirts, worked in the canteen, provided encouragement and endured the cold rainy mornings! It was all worth it, thank you!

I would also like to express my gratitude to the Committee for the fantastic job they do running this great football club. Well done and thanks for your support!

Finally, our awesome little players who all improved and developed out of sight this season. Congratulations Riley Connell, Jack Ford, Nathanael Harwood, Michael Luxton, Lee Morris, Kane Pereira, Zoe Sear, William Wallace and Harry Watts! Super soccer stars, every one of you! Can't wait to do it all again next year!

Michael & Skye Sear

## Under 10 Tigers

Our 2013 team was Charlie Baker, Jaz Busch, Jed Byrnes, Eli Dawson, Wyley Drew, Myles Hartmann, Jake Hyatt, Jakson Kippax, Jacob Kratz, Byron Maddock, Tahlia Marsh and Kieren Palmer.

A big congratulations and well done to the team this year.

It was an action packed soccer season for the under 10 tigers this year. We missed out on a couple of games early on in the season due to the wet weather but this did not dampen the spirits of the kids....(pardon the pun <sup>(i)</sup>)

The Tigers played 14 games this season, winning all of them. They scored 75 goals and conceded only 12 against them.....(not that the coach is counting). This age group is non-competitive but we just had to put this in as the team was really dedicated and focused and in our opinion they deserve the accolades for their achievements.

The main focus of the team for this season was our defence and, as we call it, the 3 P's.....position, possession and passing.

The team progressed throughout the season in leaps and bounds. We focused mostly on defence and positioning but also worked hard on throw ins, supportive play and corners.

The kids displayed great sportsmanship, friendship and worked extremely well together.

We would also like to give extra thanks to both the under 10 Tigers and Jaguars players and families who participated in an extra five carnivals, with two of those being Alstonville and Casino. It is a great commitment to the

game to travel to participate in these events and is very rewarding for the kids to challenge their skills against different levels of players across the region.

Thanks also to the parents and families for their assistance throughout the season. You make our job much easier by being supportive of us and co-operative.

We are very proud of these kids and we all had a lot of fun along the way. We hope that they all come back next season as we are really looking forward to coaching and managing them again.

Adrian and Kylee Baker,

Coachie and Manager.

## Under 10 Jaguars

With the end of another season it is now time to look back at the year that was. The Jaguars had some changes to there line up from the previous season but it wasn't long before the new team gelled and set about focusing on this years games. The team consisted of a solid group of players capable of playing all positions and as the season progressed the skills they had developed began to transform there game style to a more free flowing style of soccer. Other aspects of the Jaguars game which became evident throughout the year was there understanding of playing positions ,the importance of playing as a team and most importantly that defence is the key to great offence. At this time of reflection I would just like to thank Jarrah, Blake, Kane, Bodhi, Emily, Ronan, Keegan, Jed, Georgia, Oliver, Jacob and Tylah for an enjoyable year and for listening to most of what I tried to tell them.

The overall improvement in the Jaguars team was the most impressive feature of this season and as a coach was the most satisfying. As I look forward to next season I see only great things for the Westlawn Tigers Football Club when it comes to season 2014 and the U11 Westlawn team/s .

I would also like to thank Katrina as team manager and Noah & Zac who assisted throughout the year with goal and general coaching sessions.

Thankyou Wayne Reardon U10 Jaguars Coach

Players Player - Jed Reardon Best & Fairest - Blake Martin Coaches Award - Keegan Pope

## Under 11 Tigers

This year the Tigers were lucky to keep the same team as last year with the welcome addition of Flynn Shacklady. We had an awesome group of kids who all got along really well and were a great support for each other. Jo has our kids working like little champions together, passing the ball all around the park.

Our Team consisted of:- Caitlin Bell, Mason Roe, Gabby Marshall, Khoi Nguyen-Moss, Ella Sear, Rhys Gallagher, Eilish Bender, Flynn Shacklady, Joshua Godwin, Matthew Parkin, Ethan Powell and Quinn Greedy.

We were once again blessed with awesome parents who support us wholeheartedly. We would like to thank Nicko Godwin, Keaton Roe and Sam Marshall for playing with us or against us this year, they all stepped up to the plate and no-one knew they were two years younger than the rest of the kids on the field.

We entered 3 carnivals this year – Our own, City and Gunners – and had a blast at all of them. We had one casualty at the carnivals and that was Matty. We are still unsure whether his condition was heat induced or he picked up a bug. Next year the coach is enforcing strict eating and hydrating throughout the carnival days. No arguments Matty!

Josh and Flynn missed a few games during the season due to broken arms – at least they were at different times. But that did not stop them coming along to games to support their team.

Once again the kids gave us a lot of laughs throughout the season and made the season just as enjoyable for the spectators as the players.

Thanks to everyone for their patience and camaraderie throughout the season. It is a pleasure to coach/manage and be associated with such a great group of kids and such supportive parents.

Thanks to all the parents who helped out with either the canteen or putting up and down nets.

We capped off our fun year with a PJ party at Ten Pin bowling and didn't we look at sight!

Thanks kids for a great season and we hope to see you all again next year. Jo and Sharon Powell

Quinn Greedy – BEST AND FAIREST.

Matthew Parkin- COACHES AWARD.

*Ethan Powell* – PLAYER'S PLAYER.

## Under 11 Jaguars

The Under 11 Westlawn Jaguars have had a fabulous year, their passing, team sportsmanship and fitness have all improved beyond measure!

This year we also lost afew faces but gained some very talented children in Matthew, Bailey, Bowan and Jonno who completed our perfect little team of Emma, Harry, Chloe, James, Andrei, Lochlan, Ayden and Joshua.

Crunch and I would like to thank all of our children, their parents and siblings for making this a season to remember.

Without you all we could not have had half as much fun 😊

We hope to see you all next year for a fun season of competitive football.

Players Player- Andrei Labao

Best and Fairest – Chloe Rankin

Coaches Award – Matthew Craik.

Crunch and Lana Elward

## Under 11 Panthers

Congratulations to all who make up the U/11 Panthers team...Rhys Cropper, Riley Power, Jackson Nilon, Anika Moran, Josh Weatherstone, Ronan Fysh, Natasha Clausen, Tyler Gaddes, Ethan Fysh, Nash Cooper, Jason Durrington and Hamish Moran...All players have had a stellar season.

In the beginning of the season once the team list was viewed it showed a new amalgamation of past teams coming together again. Which can always be a little bit tricky and take some time to mesh and settle in the players. This particular list showed that 50% of the team consisted of alpha males, who are all very dominant on the field and know exactly how they play. So there were concerns initially to whether or not it would work and would they compete with each other rather than the opposing team. My worries were soon dismissed after a couple of training sessions when through their own capableness worked it out, showing just how much they have grown and matured in themselves and in the game.

Each team member had a significant role to play...Natasha made up half of a strong back line with gutsy tackles in the defense, she was complemented by Anika a first timer to the sport but after 2-3 games you wouldn't know it, Jackson played strong in any position in left field, Hamish a defector from the dark side-Maclean was as brutal as they come when in the goalie box, the Fysh brothers-Ethan has a good eye for anticipating the oppositions next move and Ronan a diverse player who completes the defensive positions in the backline, Josh who tallied up the most goals scored for the team was always fast and furious in his efforts, cousins in crime are Riley and Tyler whether united together or alone on a quest both are a force to be reckoned with, Rhys is the teams quiet achiever who placed anywhere on the field excels and moves stealthy, Nash played the game hard and proved it by receiving a black eye swelling his eye shut, not to be defeated he was back on the field as soon as his eye could open again a week later, Jason who has the most powerful right boot would put Beckham to shame.

A BIG thank you to all the parents and extended family members for their cheers and support from the sidelines and allowing the kids to express their talents on the field. Thanks to Peter and Luci Fysh for helping out with coaching and training, and thanks to Mark Moran for donating the drink bottles and the oranges at half time.

Enjoy the off season...and I look forward to seeing you all in

2014.

Liz Weatherstone

## Under 12 Tigers

This year has been another great year for the Tigers. Congratulations to the players for their first year being competitive and gaining Minor Premier position for 2013. With 2 teams moulding into one this year, we welcome to our team, Will Pollock, Benny Luxton, Jarrad McPherson and Harry Warren to join the existing team members Jesse Bell, Brodie Gough, Isaac Huxley, Nick Lavender, Josh Marsh, Jordan Nash, Zac Oxenbridge, Jye Robertson, Khion Rose, Tom Westman and Eden Woodley.

This year has been an eye opener for us all in how competitive this sport can be and sometimes challenging. This group of kids have stuck together and supported each other throughout the season and showed great talent and sportsmanship. Each player's personal skills have improving and in turn strengthening the team. A great bunch of kids with a lot of cheek, sprite, talent and great friendship between their mates.

A big thanks to Bec Daffey for her great coaching skills early in the season and for the step-in Coach Nick Marsh for his support and teaching skills.

**Players Player – Nick Lavender** (incredibly talented, reliable and consistent each week in every game and at training).

**Best & Fairest – Will Pollock** (great goal keeper showing extreme talent in this position and was voted by all players to stay in goals when it really counted).

**Coaches Award – Zac Oxenbridge** (outstandingly improvement in skills this year and has worked hard this season).

Once again it has been a pleasure to manage these great kids and also a huge thanks to their parents for all their continuing support throughout the season.

Jenny Marsh

#### Under 13 Tigers

This year was a bit of an up and down year for us.

We had a lot if new players in the team some first timers, others not having played for years and a few stepping up to a higher grade.

We started off pretty slow, but by the season's end, the team was starting to play a good style of football,

I think The season may have ended about a month short for us, as in our last round game we knocked off the competition leaders and it looked like we could have gone on to beat all other teams.

In all I believe everyone had a great season.

Special mentions must go to Adam Bowles, Ryley Cropper and Connor Wicks for stepping up from u/12 s.

Our Trophy winners this year are Players Player-Toby Power, Best and Fairest-Lillian Doyle and Coaches Award Connor Wicks. *Michael Bowles* 

## Under 14 Tigers - 2013 GRAND FINAL WINNERS.

Our under 14 team this year stayed mostly the same as last year. Players are Thomas Baker, Phillip Clausen, Reece Gaddes, Nicholas Marsh, Tristan O'Loughlin, Bai Phelps, Trent Roberts, Liam Rodgers, Charlie Steele, Clifford Stephenson, Daniel Wall and Jacob Weatherstone. We welcomed the return of Brayden Lollback to Westlawn and also welcomed Billy Warren who stepped up from a lower age division to play with us.

2013 UNDEFEATED MINOR AND MAJOR PREMIERS ©. The team worked extremely hard this year and have maintained the premiership now for 4 years running. This season seen them score 108 goals and only concede 6 against them. This is truly a remarkable effort and shows fantastic teamwork.

The boys have been consistent all year with great work across the whole field. We have Liam in goals who has had an outstanding year. His confidence has grown immensely and this shows through his awareness and courage when assessing how to take on the attacking players.

Our defence is rock solid with Nick, Clifford, Phillip and Jacob. They are all strong players who hold their positions and shut down the opposition when needed. They play hard and rarely let many players past.

Our mid field consists of Tom, Tristan, Reece and Bai who rotate through attack and defensive play. Their skill and talent is shown in their ability to move up, down and across the park, feeding the ball between the backs and forwards. They have great game awareness and always read the play of the game, finding space to create more opportunities and they never give up.

Our attack players are Daniel, Charlie, Billy, Trent and Brayden. They receive the ball and work well together crossing the ball and finding the back of the net. Daniel, Trent and Charlie all made enormous improvements this year especially in tackling. Billy really stepped up a level and showed that he could run with the older kids. He always gave 110% and fit in really well with the team from day one. Brayden brought additional skill to the forward row with his ability to kick with both feet creating many scoring opportunities for the other forwards and also putting the ball into the back of the net in most games. Trent and Brayden also sub through our mids and backs when required.

The team is such a pleasure to watch. (Most of the time) they work like a welloiled machine. Their passes flow freely and they do not allow many opportunities for the opposing team. They are all great players and have developed well together. They are all an asset to the Westlawn Tigers club.

Sheldon has taken on coaching them this year and I thank him for sharing his knowledge with the boys. He has brought a fun and relaxed atmosphere to their game and to the team and he has shown them different ways to approach the field play. He himself is a very talented player. He has played at all levels and was able to share his experiences with the boys, to lead them home to victory. He is always positive and the boys really appreciate this.

Thanks to Jayden from the Under 13 team for stepping up to play with us when we were short. He has great speed and has lots of potential if he continues in the game.

Thanks again to all our parents this year who are always co-operative and supportive. This team has the best bunch of parents/relatives. They are always willing to help out with any task and this is truly appreciated and makes the season very enjoyable and runs smoothly. Special thanks to Adrian, Lesley and Mel who stepped in to fill our roles when Sheldon or I could not be there.

On a personal note, this may be a sad year for Adrian and I as there is talk that some of the boys will be leaving for other adventures. We have been involved with this team since under 6. The core of the players has remained the same and the others have all merged in together over the years. We have watched these boys grow both in skill and knowledge on the field and also personally. We are very honoured to have been with the team for so long and we are very proud of their achievements to date. Our age group goes to Friday night next year so please boys, consider continuing on in the soccer family and through to senior football.

Yours in soccer,

Kylee Baker – Manager and Sheldon O'Loughlin – Coach.

#### Under 15 Panthers

It is hard to believe another season has come and gone.

The Panthers welcomed new faces again this year.

The 2013 team consisted of Jesse Powell, Beau Eichmann, Alex Creasey, Dane Gleeson, Callum Barnier, Keiren Ellem, Joel Bartrim, Harrison Vidler, Reilly Baker, Lily Porra, Courtney Moore, Jed Hayes, Joshua Allen, Bailey Tobin and Bima Dekker.

The Panthers began the season very strong and then injuries began to strike. Alex was out for a few games with a bad back. Jed also succumbed to a back injury, which ruled him out for the entire season after only three games. But the Panthers biggest loss was our ever dependable left back, Dane Gleeson with a broken hip. This injury saw Dane leave us mid season. What we lost on the field we sure made up on the bench, with Dane watching most of our games and keeping the bench entertained with his humour and wit. With these injuries, and a school concert, our team was short of players for a few matches. Phillip Clausen and Thomas Baker filled in for us and played like champions. The kids were very thankful for these boys' efforts and wished they could play with them the entire season.

The Panthers lost their way mid season and not much went their way, but their mojo returned when it counted – heading into the final series. It was extremely disappointing for the players to be stripped of the right to play in a final series due to a decision made by NCF which saw the Under 15s compete in the Under 16 competition. A decision, which was only given to, clubs the week before the final series was to begin. We all thought the competition would be run like the previous year, where the combined competition was split for the final series but unfortunately this was not the case.

Highlights of this season included: Mrs Powell's "bus" trips to lower river games, Bailey getting knocked out by a ball off the foot of Reilly, Bima's sideline pre-game talk with Mrs Powell, Lily scoring a goal in the semi, Alex turning on a Alossi in the semi penalty shootout, Dane's sideline jokes. Chris would like to thank Greg Allen for his assistance with training – it makes the coaches' job a lot easier with a little help at training.

I would like to thank all the mums, friends and brothers who volunteered with canteen duty. Also many thanks to Greg and Scott Barnier for putting the nets up each week.

We would like to thank the committee for all their hard work and commitment to the club. Our club is only great because of the hours of hard work these people put in.

This year saw Callum, Beau, Dane and Jesse, as well as the coach and manager, reach their ten years service to the club, with Alex reaching 11 years service. This is a major accomplishment for any player to reach and is a credit to these kids, as well as their parents. It has been an absolute pleasure to watch these young people grow from little cute 5 year olds into the wonderful young adults they now are. We hope you have many more years of enjoyment from your football.

Players Player – Beau Eichmann. Best and Fairest – Harrison Vidler Coaches Award - Reilly Baker

Chris and Sharon Powell

## Womens 2<sup>nd</sup> Division

This year was not as successful as last year, even though we were competitive we just could not seem to get past the post first on many occasions. So we are viewing this year as a building opportunity for the women's team. Even though we may not have been as successful as last year we all left the season with a great sense of camaraderie and look forward to next year. Special thanks to all the girls who routinely turned up each week. A special thank you to Lesley Taylor for organzing our team. Each week Lesley ensured we all knew where and what time our training and games were on.

## Under 16 Tigers

It's with mixed emotions I write this report, the final one for this team in junior football.

We welcomed six new players to the squad this year in Connor Keogh, Caleb Langford, Mathew McMahon, Jessica McPherson, Bowan Skeggs and Greg Wheadon. They have all bought something special to the side and have slotted into the team very well.

It has been a labour of love coaching these guys for the past ten years, not only developing them as players but more importantly as young adults that their parents and the club can be very proud of.

I stated many times that we weren't interested in playing for trophies in earlier competitions, rather concentrate on developing them as players, with a love of the game, that would hopefully go onto win the under 16 competition.

Although undefeated during the regular season the team was not able to progress into the grand final. I am sure the team was disappointed however they can all hold their heads high as they behaved with honour in defeat. I congratulate each player, you have made coach and manager very proud of your efforts.

What has been most rewarding is the way all players that are eligible for senior football have stepped up this season, and more than held their own. This team is the core of the Reserve grade (Premier League) side, playing in the second highest level in the North Coast Football competition. These players are Zack Benfield, Connor Keogh, Caleb Langford, Jack Nelson, Adam Pryor, Noah Reardon, Bowan Skeggs, Ben Zietsch. With Sheldon O'Loughlin and Sam Powell regular starters with the Premier League side, a fantastic achievement at 16.

The two girls in our side Sarah Jackson and Jessica McPherson have both made valuable contributions to the senior women's team.

It would be remiss not to mention the contribution of our two young guns Mathew McMahon and Bradley Powell, both playing up two years, both sharing the goal keeping duties and performing admirably on the field and between the sticks.

A special thanks goes out to Tony Powell for managing this side so admirably for the past few years. Nothing is ever a problem and his great sense of humour is appreciated by all.

Thanks very much to Dick Prior and his very hard working committee and family. We are all deeply indebted to these people who give so much of their time to make this such a great club.

Thanks to Terry Stuart for stepping in to coach the side through the final series in my absence.

Thanks to the families and supporters that make this a very special side to be a part of. We are all looking forward to the end of season trip.

Yours in football John Nelson

## Second Division North: Crown Hotel Westlawn Panthers



This year the Panthers maintained a number of last season's squad in Sam Barnier, Tim Blackadder, Michael Bowles, John Ford, Bryce Gleeson, Lindsay Nash, Michael Salvestro, and Paul Winmill. They were added to with Glenn McPhee, Anthony Wall and the return of former Panthers, Dean Bennett and Terry Deefholts. The team also had some cameos from Tony Powell, Noah Reardon, Doug Harris, Zack Benfield, Caleb Langford, Sheldon O'Loughlin, Sam Powell, Noah Reardon, Shorn Kippax, Adam Pryor, Braydon Shannon, Ben Zietsch, Jack Nelson, Alex Creasey, Denise Taylor, Lesley Taylor, Jesse Powell, Connor Keogh, Josh Allen and Mitch Henwood to make up the squad each week.

With the loss of a number of key players from last year's squad, not many wins came our way this season in second division and third division would have been a better fit for a team that doesn't train. However it was great to see all the team have a great attitude towards playing the game for the enjoyment of it, a number of referees even told us that they really looked forward to our games because of the friendly and fun attitude of our team.

Some of the stand out moments during the season involved some 15s stepping up such as Jesse Powell getting a penalty goal within the first 5 minutes of his senior debut match or Alex Creasey showing the ticker to come back and play seniors after being smashed and injured in a tackle during his first game. The Taylor women, Denise and Lesley were also fantastic in helping us make a full team one Saturday after having played the game before. Zack Benfield also deserves a special mention for his on field performances, stepping up from the 16s for 6 games and coming equal second on the players player votes.

Players Player went to Bryce Gleeson who played every game, was solid at the back and is always great to play alongside of with his positive attitude. Mick Salvestro took out the Best and Fairest, being one of our main play makers in midfield and when on song, made us competitive with his strong passing and support play. The Coaches Award goes to the person that described the Panthers as uncoachable, Dean Bennett, after being coaxed back from retirement he added leadership to the field, success to the toss, quality to the sledging and more importantly, enjoyment to the game.

Thanks to Tony Powell for organising enough players to give us a full side each week as well as managing us sometimes from the bench and to all the team for an enjoyable season.

Lindsay Nash Token Panthers Manager

## Youth/Reserve Grade

Another difficult season for the team at this level. We are a very young inexperienced side but they have battled gallantly all season.

This side is made up predominately of sixteen year olds that can be very proud of the way they have stepped up. To Tim Blackadder, Michael Bowles and Lindsey Nash, thank you for filling in from the Panthers whenever required. Without these guys we wouldn't have a side.

Congratulations to all players for their efforts and commitment.

Thanks to Rob Usher for doing most of the coaching, Dick Pryor for managing the first grade side and helping out the reserves where ever required on top of all your other duties as President.

The biggest thanks go out to Tony Powell who this season gave up playing with his beloved Panthers, to play and manage this side. Managing and coaching the reserve grade is always difficult with team line up affected by player selection and availability for first grade. Tony has organised players and travel arrangements with aplomb and always with a sense of humour that has kept moral high in the camp.

This has been very much a development year for the reserve grade side. I encourage all to keep playing as you are all future Premier League players.

The awards go to Players Player: Adam Pryor Best and Fairest: Hayden Legassick Coaches Award: Braydon Shannon Yours in Football John Nelson Reserve grade Coach.

## Division One Coach Report Westlawn Crown Hotel Tigers

What a shaky start to the season, with the club unsure if we would have the numbers to have the two teams required to be a premier league squad, but thanks to the hard work of players and the committee we fielded two teams. Special thanks must go to John Nelson and Tony Powell and their Under 16 squad who each week backed up for the reserve grade team after their Friday night's game, with a few breaking into the premier league squad to be regular members by the end of the season.

This season was a steep learning curve for the reserves and the experience will stand them in good stead for next year. I would also like to thank all the Panthers who backed up and helped out whenever we need them to (which was quite often this year).

This year was difficult year for firsts and lack of consistency let us down throughout the season. I feel that most players realize that to be successful at this level, a full pre-season and regular attendance at training is a necessity. I feel that if the effort is put in next year we will be much higher up the ladder and not battling relegation.

I would like to thank Dick Pryor and his committee for all their support and hard work.

I wish everyone an enjoyable offseason and I'll see you some where on the park next season. Robert Usher

#### 2013 AWARD WINNERS

TEAMS	COACH AWARD	<b>BEST &amp; FAIREST</b>	PLAYERS PLAYER
U10 Tigers	Kieren Palmer	Bryon Maddock	Myles Hartmann
U10 Jaguars	Keegan Pope	Blake Martin	Jed Reardon
U11 Tigers	Matthew Parkin	Quinn Greedy	Ethan Powell
U11 Panthers	Anika Moran	Natasha Clausen	Jason Durrington
U11 Jaguars	Matthew Craik	Chloe Rankin	Andrei Labao
U12 Tigers	Zac Oxenbridge	William Pollock	Nicholas Lavender
U13 Tigers	Connor Wicks	Lillian Doyle	Toby Power
U14 Tigers	Phillip Clausen	Tristan O'Loughlin	Daniel Wall
U15 Panthers	Reilly Baker	Harrison Vidler	Beau Eichmann
U16 Tigers	Sarah Jackson	Sheldon O'Loughlin	Noah Reardon
Men's Panthers	Dean Bennett	Mick Salvestro	Bryce Gleeson
Women's	Danielle Maycock	Shakarni Scholes	Jessikka Austin
Reserves	Braydon Shannon	Hayden Legassick	Adam Pryor
Premier	Sam Powell	Daniel Usher	Jack Morrissey

#### **CLUB PERSON OF THE YEAR**

Shorn and Tammy Kippax

#### **COACH OF THE YEAR**

Wayne Reardon

## MANAGER OF THE YEAR

Tony Powell

#### 10 Year Loyalty Award

Beau Eichmann Callum Barnier Dane Gleeson Jesse Powell

## **Stepping Up Awards**

Zac Benfield Sarah Jackson Connor Keogh Caleb Langford Jessica McPherson Jack Nelson Bowan Skeggs Ben Zietsch Jesse Powell Alex Creasey

## **10 Year Club Service Awards**

John Nelson Chris and Sharon Powell