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#### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Another season has come to an end and what a season it was.

Westlawn Tigers fielded 3 senior teams, 7 competitive teams from U/12 to U/16, 10 teams from U/8 to U/11 and 11 teams in the miniroos competition (U/6 and U/7)

I came into the role of president unexpectedly after the departure of Peter Fysh early into the season. My transition from Senior Vice President to President was made a lot easier with the assistance of our experienced committee. Without the hard work and dedication by our committee the club would not be in the place it is today with a positive outlook into the coming seasons.

I thank the 2015 committee for continuing the vision of the Westlawn Tigers Football Club and look forward to what the future holds for us.

To the parents and spectators I thank you for all your hard work through out the year - be it big or small, every little bit helps -if it was setting up or packing up the fields, coaching or managing teams, assisting in the canteen, cooking the BBQ or selling raffle tickets. It all needs to be done by someone and I thank you for your help.

To the every player, you have all had such a great year.

I had the privilege of watching every single team play at least once through out the season, even on cold Friday nights. I got to see the pride and enjoyment, the looks on your faces when you all put on your yellow tigers shirts and go out onto the field and give it your all.

That makes me proud to call the Westlawn Tigers Football Club my home, and I look forward to seeing you all next season, and hopefully playing seniors with a few of you. THANK YOU

Lastly, I'd like to thank my family.

My wife Amy - All the hard work you put in looking after two kids and having a full time job all while I'm away during the week for work, and you still allow me to do all my football duties on the weekends.

To Savannah and Jack (who love it I'm sure) they get dragged around from miniroos to U/8, to night games or raffles at the Crown Hotel, then Saturday or Sunday afternoons to watch me play. Thanks for your help and good behaviour and I'm glad you both share the same passion for the game that I do.

I know the club will be in good hands for many years to come.

From the Hill to the Fields Yours sincerely Matt Cheney

\*\*\* UP THE TIGERS \*\*\*

Matt Cheney President

# 2015 WESTLAWN TIGERS FOOTBALL CLUB COMMITTEE

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# LIFE MEMEBERSHIP AWARDS

Liz Weatherstone

# **CLUB PERSON OF THE YEAR**

Paula Clausen

# JUNIOR CLUB PERSON OF THE YEAR

Phillip Clausen

# **COACH OF THE YEAR**

Liam Rogers

# **MANAGER OF THE YEAR**

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# 10, 15, 20 Year Loyalty Award

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**Dominic Bowles** 

Billy Warren

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Sebastian Roe

Jacob Thompson

# **Stepping Up Awards**

Jayden Coulter

**Dominic Bowles** 

Thomas Baker

Jacob Weatherstone

Daniel Wall

Harrison Vidler

Brayden Lollback

# Westlawn Tigers Website

The club has been busy this year utilizing not only our website but our Facebook page.

The Facebook page has allowed parents to post pictures of their teams having fun which has allowed me to transfer those pics across to our website. Once again special thanks must go to JLS Plastering for sponsoring our website page for another year. Their ongoing support is vital to the smooth running of our club as it allows us an easy method of communication with members as well as being a vital resource page for us.

Facebook does seem the way of the future with most people having easy access to this social media tool – so while it is a good resource to get info out quickly to our players the website allows us to have a central point where vital information can be held.

This year I had the privilege of being given some old club minute books which was very interesting reading. All this information has been transferred to the history area on the website. Next year I hope to track down some old club members to fill in the holes of our club history.

As always we are open to new ideas, new ways of communicating to players and parents – please pass on your ideas to the club.

Thanks to all who have contributed to the website or Facebook during 2015. Sharon Powell

(Website Administrator)

#### **Registrar Report**

This year we had 320 registered players

We welcomed 66 new players to our Westlawn Tigers Football Club Family:-Benjamin Allen, Jai Golding, Marcus Makejev, Rocco Smith, Alex Baker, Grace Gorring, Fletcher McGrath, Chase Stoves, Lucy Blackadder, Landen Gough, Isabella Miller, Flynn Street, Paige Blackadder, Noah Greedy, Isabella Moran, Hanna Tait, Rylann Bowling, Joshua Green, Jaxon Moran, Will Tait, Thomas Brady-Smith, Marcus Green, Taya Murphy, Kash Vine, Cooper Broomhall, Nickki Lee Hanna-Plunket, Lucas Norrie, Maya Wall, Oneil Brown. Sunny Hartmann, Billy Owen, Mervyn Weatherall, Jack Cooney, Charlie Hayes, Stone Owen, Nathan Weatherall, Katie Dahl, Aniston Haynes, Harley Peterson, Oliver Willis, Nate Davidson, Mahkai Haynes, Reyd Price, Huxley Smith, James Deefholts, Jemima Hein, Tahlia Rediger, Loghan Kippax, Jimmy Egen, Joseph Hein, Jason Reynolds, Samuel Ensby, Bohdi Henwood, Shannon Robinson, Poppy Farrell, Digby Hill, Caleb Shaw, Jack Foster, Alex Hyatt, Conner Skinner, Payetyn Foster, Arabela Labao, Ashton Slattery, Alexander Logue, Tyla Spinks, Brayden Smith. We hope to see you playing next year.

Senior numbers were down this year with only 42 players. Spread out from Panthers Reserves & Premier.

We had 278 Junior Players:- seven U/6 teams, four U/7 teams, three U/8 teams, three U/9 teams, two U/10 teams, two U/11 teams, two U/12 teams, two U/13 teams, U/14, U/15, U/16.

Other than the Online website crashing when it first opened for the season there weren't too many reports of difficulties in using the website. From the WTFC view it is invaluable for quick and easy registration.

I thank everyone for their patience, as this being my first year taking on the registrar role, and I had huge shoes to fill - as Kylee Baker for the last 8 years had being doing an awesome job.

Huge Thank you to Kylee Baker for showing me the ropes and your constant help as I needed it, again THANK YOU..

Appreciation to all the Parents & Young Adults who stepped up to help coach and manage the teams.

Thank you to my wife for your help.....

WTFC Registrar

Shorn Kippax

# **Under 6 Jaguars Black**

Rylann Bowling, Nate Davison, Digby Hill, Isabella Moran, Lucas Norrie and Caleb Shaw

# **Under 6 Jaguars Gold**

Samuel Ensby, Jack Foster, Paetyn Foster, Grace Gorring, Reyd Price and Flynn Street

#### **Under 6 Panthers Black, White and Gold**

This year we combined 3 teams and mixed them around every Saturday to give the kids a chance to play with different friends every week.

This year we had *Oliver, Jorja, Lucy, Jemima, Rocco, Marcus, Alex, Ashton* and *Thomas* playing there first year of soccer, joining *Madden, Jack, Hamish, Bondi, Romy* and *Mia* who all had a season playing last year.

The development of these kids throughout the year has been incredible. At the start of the year some kids were shy and not very confident with kicking the ball or getting involved, but by the end of the year they were all getting amongst it and having a great time.

Every training session and every weekend game was a great pleasure for me. To have such a group of wonderful kids made my job a whole lot easier. So thank you to the kids for a wonderful season, to the parents who helped out throughout the season and especially to Bec Blanch being a great manager for us all year.

I hope to see you all again next season.

Adam (coach)

# **Under 6 Tigers Black**

Team – Taya Murphy, Katie Dahl, Ben Allen, Josh Green, Jimmy Egen, Landen Gough.

What a year it's been! You've all had so much to learn and absorb this year with starting big school and playing an organised team sport. For some of you it was also your first year playing soccer. As parents we hoped that you would learn some ball handling skills, good sportsmanship and enjoy the game. You each came along every week with a smile on your face, played to the best of your ability, improved your skills, checked that your team mates were ok if they fell, didn't hesitate to fill in for opposition teams when they were short on players and shook hands nicely with the other team at the end of each game and never gave up. Well done!

Katie was so focused and perfected her defending and attacking skills and was unstoppable. Ben improved his running and kicking skills and when he gave chase ran like the wind. Landen gave his all every week and what he lacked in size he made up for in determination. As well as being a well-rounded player, Josh, filled in for other teams and was always concerned for his team mates. Taya gave 100% and tried her hardest every week. Her first goal chasing the ball from the half way mark was amazing to watch. Jimmy started out hesitant and then found his confidence, played his hardest every week, got in amongst it and really chased the ball.

As a parent, I thoroughly enjoyed watching you all play (particularly the soccer) each week, and watching your skills improve and your confidence grow. Thank you for the kicks and giggles! (Riverdance, One Direction, long wind ups, and sharp shooters come to mind).

I'd like to acknowledge and thank all the parents and grandparents of Under 6 Tigers Black for their commitment, support and cooperation. Thank you for helping with uniform washing, field set up, canteen and BBQ duties to help the club over the season and most of all for supporting our team throughout the season.

A big thank you especially to Luke Gough for his time and patience coaching our team and running on the field with them each week.

Thank you also to Eletha Green and Sandra Dahl for stepping up to manage the team when I couldn't make it.

Hope you all enjoyed the season and want to continue next year.

Jenny Felsch - Manager Luke Gough - Coach.

# **Under 6 Tigers Gold**

What a pleasure to manage these talented young kids through their very first season of soccer. With many laughs, tears but with great sportsmanship and fantastic ball skills, passing the ball, working as a team but most of all helping each other out.

Tiger Cubs are: Sunny Hartmann, Alex Hyatt, Poppy Farrell, Billy Watts, Mahkai and Aninston Haynes.

A BIG SPECIAL THANK YOU to our fantastic coach Aaron (Az) Hartmann for your patience, time, and expertise. What an amazing job you have done with the kids. Thank you to parents, grandparents, uncles and aunties' for coming along each week and encouraging the team and cheering them on. Every week you could see their confidence growing. Also thank you parents who helped me throughout the season in the canteen and setting the fields, BBQ and running the kids on when Az wasn't there. I muchly appreciated it. I enjoyed being their manager and looking forward to next year.

Mel Hyatt - Manager

#### **Under 7 Panthers Black and Gold**

Another great season for our fantastic kids. Saturday mornings were a little easier with the later start compared to last year! Well done to all in the team for giving it a go and getting out there.

Both teams benefitted from the coaching skills of Bree, who in her first year did a great job with the kids. She was ably assisted through the season with our parents chipping in to help. Well done Bree and good job keeping it together.

Under 7 Panthers Black had a tough run with players pulling out, but the core group stuck in there for the season. Bravo to *Jack, Mitchell and Nate*.

Under 7 Panthers Gold were fortunate to have the same team come through from last year and kicked on from where they left off. Top stuff - Ashton, Chase, Hayden, Jake, Nate.

Carnivals were again popular – rain didn't stop the show going ahead and the boys loved it. Best and fairest results surprisingly turned out pretty even as well!

Many thanks to our group of parents who helped out running on with the players and on canteen duty when needed! Taking the time to support your child through coming to training sessions and cheering them on at games really does mean the world to them. I also appreciate when they answered the call for phone book deliveries and other tasks.

Also thanks to the committee members of Westlawn Tigers FC – well done for all your support through the year.

Coach – Bree Jones

Managers – Reece Luxton/Nick Wiles

# **Under 7 Tigers Gold and Black**

Tigers Gold – Chad Bowling, Cooper Broomhall, Levi Donaghey, Heidi McClymont, Liam Salvestro and Huxley Smith

Tigers Black – Vincent Guo, Ethan Johnston, Cohen Lynch, Isabella Miller, Stone Owen and Chase Stoves.

This season has been very enjoyable as all of the players have had a great season, with ball control and passing improving every week. The players have excelled in fair play. Training has been a lot of fun; with everyone keen to learn, it makes it a whole lot easier to train the kids so a big thank you goes out to the kids. Carnivals were also fun and thanks to those players that participated.

Thanks to Brayden Richardson for coaching with me.

Thanks to Mick for coaching the Tigers Gold on Saturday's as Brayden had work commitments.

Thanks to the managers for keeping us on track – Mick Salvestro and Rachael Lynch. Thanks to Heidi's and Issy's mums for helping out the managers also.

Thanks to all the parents who assisted on game days and for bringing your kids to training.

Thanks to the parents that helped with canteen and pack-up duties.

Thanks to all the supporters who cheered from the sidelines.

Thanks to the Westlawn Tigers hard working committee who without this group of people none of us could play the game.

I'll see everyone next year.

Jesse Powell

Coach

#### **Under 8 Jaguars**

Dalton Collins, Jack Davis, Joesph Hein, Savannah Cheney, Sam Waterhouse, Callie Weate, Hannah Weate, Jaxon Moran, Andy Hughes, Noah Woodbury.

All players had a great season and played well as a team.

At training they practiced passing to their teammates and controlling the ball which improved each week at their games.

A few new things for the players this year was being goalie and doing throwins as well as playing on a larger field.

A big thank you to Mick Collins for coaching the kids this year - you have done a great job with them.

A highlight for the kids was laser tag at the jungle gym, after a training session - they had a ball.

Kids enjoyed competing in a few of the gala days throughout the season.

Thanks to all the parents for getting the kids to the games and for helping out at the canteen.

Melinda Creighton (Manager)

Mick Collins (Coach)

# **Under 8 Tigers**

Westlawn Tigers U/8s have had a fantastic season of soccer in 2015. It has been wonderful watching their skills develop over the last few months. Moving up to U/8s this year saw the boys move to a bigger field, more players on the field and the addition of a goalie. They are learning to work as a team, share the ball around and rely on each other. They played in their first competitive carnival this year and won their pool which was a massive achievement for the boys. The players are: *Ted Hill, Jaiden Moran, Blake Norrie, Cooper Armfield, Lachlan O'Grady, Reece McLaughlan, Ryder Gorring, Lachlan Clark, Seth Blanch, Harrison Archer and Eli Jones*.

Coach: Ben Hill. Manager: Lyndal Norrie.

Cheers, Lyndal Norrie

### **Under 8 Panthers**

The lads had a great season this year. We were lucky enough to have a lot of familiar faces from last season, and just as lucky to make some new friends this season.

We attended the Westlawn Gala day, the Gunners Carnival and City's Carnival. The boys had a great day each time.

The boys stepped up this year with great ball skills, shooting skills and above all else, team work skills. A massive improvement from the year before. There is a lot of potential in our team.

Well done boys!

We would also like to acknowledge or fantastic group of parents who were very supportive of the kids and would help out with anything and everything that was asked of them. Thank you so much!

We hope to see you all again next season.

Libby and Glenn.

#### **Under 9 Panthers**

Team Players: 2015

Braith Bartlett, Cree Crispin, Zane Farrell, Beau Hambly, Bobby Hart, Jensen Haynes, Jak Mcphee, Harry Oxenbridge, Brayden Smith, Koopah Walters

The team this year have improved greatly with 100% attendance at every training session.

The boys show amazing sportsmanship every week. This is shown through their dedication as a team - always there for each other.

The skills and ability that has developed individually in each player during 2015 is to be highly commended.

And none of this would be possible if not for the awesome coach, parents and friends .

The team coach Craig has been extremely dedicated to the boys this year and we all appreciate his time.

Assistant coach Nathan has also been there for the team all season.

We wish to thank everyone that is involved with the Panthers as we all make a great team.

We hope to do it all again in 2016. Thank you

Regards Sharyn Crispin

#### **Under 9 Tigers**

A great season of soccer has come to an end. These little Tiger's have come a long way this season, their individual talent's are outstanding. They have gained confidence and skills in their own ways.

I wish them all the very best in their future days of soccer.

Now for my thankyou's-

Thankyou to our coach Darren fpr your time in coaching this season.

Thankyou to all the Mum's, Dad's and family members who get the kids to and from the games.

Thankyou to David who has been an invaluable help in all areas.

And another BIG thankyou to all the parent's who helped out in the canteen and with setting/packing up the fields even cheering on the sidelines, anything big or small.........

# **THANKYOU**

A last thankyou to the Tigers volunteers and committee for the fantastic job they do running this great football club.

Katie Strathern

Manager

#### **Under 9 Jaguars**

Well another season of soccer has come to an end far too quickly for the likings of the under 9 Jaguars.

We have had an amazing season with many wins, great sportsmanship and passion for the game.

The children's skills have improved out of this world with all their hard work at training each week.

Our under 9 jaguars are the following kind, skilled, passionate players:-Billy Owen with his wild hair do's and determination to get the ball to where it needs to be

Bailey McIntosh who is our quiet achiever and never ceases to amaze us each week

Ethan Ashbrooke has all the fancy footwork to put the ball in the back of the net

Reuben Baxter is our energizer bunny only stopping to have the occasional rest

Jimmy Ford is our speed demon on the field with a great right foot Xaviar Elward has a big left foot and defends well

Shayla Boorman can hold her own and takes on anyone who's in her way Zayne Maddock always keen to play in goals and we know why, he is brilliant Jaxon Rediger is enthusiastic and always ready to score a goal

It goes without saying that our team is even more amazing due to the support and cheering we receive and hear on the sidelines each week you guys are brilliant and make our jobs so much more enjoyable.

Until we meet on the fields again.

We thank you and appreciate all you do.

Lana and Crunch xx

# **Under 10 Tigers**

"WOW" What another fantastic season with great group of kids. I can't believe the season is nearly over!

This season we had a couple of new players- Aaron Kay, Noah Greedy and Noah Burchell. All the boys got on really well together as a team and now they are all great mates. These guys just love their soccer, showing terrific ball skills and great sportsmanship. I see this group of guys, parents and grandparents as my family. We all had great laughs and lots of fun throughout the season.

Roaring Tigers: Dean Chapman, Jace Gilbert, Ryan Hyatt, Taj O'Mahony, Sam Platt, Sean Rodgers, Alex Salvestro, Levi Vereyken and Ben Walters. A BIG special thank you to our wonderful coach Liam Rodgers for his experience, dedication, patience and encouragement at training and on Saturday's. These guys all respected and looked up to Liam as a big brother! Also thank you to my gorgeous and dedicated mums, dads and grandparents who help me with setting up the fields, gala days and in the canteen on Saturday's and washing the shirts.

Special thanks to Peter and Damien for helping Liam on Saturday's, and especially assistant coach Jake Hyatt.

I enjoyed every moment with you all with great laughs and memories. I hope to see you all next year for more laughs and great fun.

Mel Hyatt - Manager

### **Under 10 Panthers**

The Panthers came out firing in the beginning of the season playing on the larger field. They spread out and passed the ball between each other with precision. The team has performed well throughout the season with the introduction of a few new players to the team bringing in new skills and adding to the strong attacking play. They are now playing a more controlled game and are thinking about ball placement. They are eager to learn new skills and are great bunch of kids.

Thanks to Naomi Heyman for managing the team and Todd Heyman and Shan Warren for stepping up as coaches when I can't be there.

Thanks to all the players and their families for making it a great season. *Caleb Berrick* – works tirelessly in the back line and loves playing there. He never gives up and always has his head held high. He is very strong at shooting and clearing the ball!

Christian Clarke – follows the play well and is in position to receive the ball and uses his great footwork to get the ball up the sideline instead of down the centre of play

Caitlyn Clausen – skills have improved greatly, marks players well that's for sure. She also passes straight to our team not the opposition

Austin Gallagher – great all round player and is always determined to go out and play to his greatest potential

Sunnivar Gorring – has developed great skills and is very strong in attack and maintains her position

Blake Hayne – very fast on his feet and has great goal keeping skills, potential goal keeper material!

*Hugh Heyman* – all rounder, chases and clears the ball and has great foot work

Byron Kratz – enthusiastic and quick on the field, strong attack and also has great potential for future goal keeper

Daniel Lavender – reads play well and is an amazing player, super fast - versatile

Able Warren – Unselfish skilled player who always looks like he is having fun on the field

*Nathan* – first year playing and possesses amazing ball skills and is a talented striker.

Connah Skinner – fast, reads play, moves the ball well and great footwork

Players Player- Daniel Lavender Best and Fairest- Sunnivar Gorring Coaches Award- Caleb Berrick

Phillip Clausen Coach

# **Under 11 Tigers**

Well another Season done and dusted, and the Tigers hang up their boots. Thank you to the Westlawn Tigers Club, Committee and Volunteers for another Great season!

A Big Thankyou to our ever supportive cheer squad who is always there cheering from the sidelines. Thanks to all who helped with the setting up, and packing up of fields, working in the canteen, and those who washed shirts for me.

A massive thanks must go to Lisa, Keaton and Mason Roe, Ainsley, Will and Keegan Pope, Kristy, Sam and Gabby Marshall and my awesome Dad for helping Matt, Nick, Josh and I deliver phone books.

A big thank you goes out to our two great coaches this year. Thanks Matt and Gary for dedicating your precious time to our Mighty Tigers!! I know it wasn't always easy juggling with work.

A massive thank you goes to Kristy who runs the team for me on game days when I am at work, I truly could not have done it without you!!!!!

This year we have regularly helped out our fellow Tigers competitive teams, with Keaton, Nick, Sam, Charlie, Jai, and Fletcher helping out the U12 Jaguars, U13 Tigers and the U13 Jaguars. Thanks Boys!!!!

Thanks most of all though to our Tigers, who throughout the year showed great sportsmanship.

This year the team farewelled 4 team mates, but at the same time welcomed 5 new mates in Charlie, Fletcher, Jai, Tahlia and Maya.

The team;

Harry Bingham- The quiet achiever. Harry tries his best all of the time and has finished the season off with some great games in goal.

Jack Ford- Is a great team player, he can play in any position and his work ethic is exceptional!!

*Nicholas Godwin-* Has improved throughout the season. When playing with confidence he can beat any player, and can deliver a killer pass.

Jai Golding- Works hard with and without the ball. He is a versatile player, who also enjoys goal keeping.

Charlie Hayes- Is our pocket rocket. He has a never say die attitude and is not afraid to mix it with the big boys.

Sam Marshall- Is a natural defender. He reads the game well and directs his team around from the backs.

Fletcher McGrath- Has improved his positional play throughout the season.

He has a massive kick and is an exceptional goal keeper!!

Will Pope- Has skills to die for, when he combines these skills with a passing game he becomes a complete player.

*Taylor Powell*- Enjoys playing in the backs, and also as striker. His skills have improved throughout the season.

*Tahlia Rediger-* Is a solid defender! She uses her long legs to shut down her opposition.

*Keaton Roe* – Is a Quality player!! He has the ability to play in any position on the field. He had some fantastic games in goals.

*Maya Wall-* Works hard both at training and on the field. She is a great listener and is a pleasure to have on our team!

Players Player- Charlie Hayes Best and Fairest – Sam Marshall Coaches Award – Jack Ford

Enjoy the off season! Leanne Godwin

Leanne Godwin and Kristy Marchant (Managers)
Matthew Godwin and Gary Powell (Coaches)

#### **Under 11 Panthers**

Another great season done for the year, and for the Panthers we welcomed some familiar faces back to the team, but more importantly some new ones! It was great to see the girls participating and taking on the game with the boys.

The level of skills shown by the players increased through the year, through an excellent job once again from our coach Wayne. He is a great leader who keeps his cool and helped instil confidence in the kids and ensured they all enjoyed themselves on the field. He was ably supported through the season by Lochie Elward.

Well done and thank you to our supportive group of parents, who have helped out with training, phonebook deliveries, working in the canteen and providing encouragement.

And of course where would we be without the outstanding efforts from our future superstar footballers! It is a pleasure to watch the kids have fun and enjoy their time on the field. Well done - Alex Alford, Paige Blackadder, Gabrielle Bowles, Nathaneal Harwood, Arabela Labao, Michael Luxton, Lee Morris, Charlie Nilon, Joseph Nilon, Toby Revell, George Tooth, and William Wallace – our under 11 Westlawn Panthers for 2015!

Look forward to seeing you again next season!

Players player - Arabela Labao Coaches Award - Nathaneal Harwood Best and Fairest – Joseph Nilon

Coach – Wayne Revell Manager – Reece Luxton

# **Under 12 Jaguars**

2015 saw the Jaguars officially enter competitive football, the pressure on players and coaching staff grew exponentially, results became more important than anything, sackings were threatened and winning the premiership was the only thing that mattered!!! Yeah right ©

Let's start again – In season 2015 Jaguars played their style of football, with some very competitive teams in the competition the results for the Jaguars were wide and varied. With 'getting the basics right' a focus from the coaches corner, the team was able to demonstrate during much of the season how well they could move the ball and achieve the desired results downfield. Unfortunately at times the opposite occurred, team structure fell apart and we put the pressure on ourselves, the individual tried to be the team and the burden was too great.

Mixed results this year stemmed from a non-stop season with no game-free weekends, injuries, illnesses and other sporting commitments. Regardless, the Jaguars took the field every week whether or not they could name a full card demonstrating that any combination of the fifteen listed players could make a side to be reckoned with. Together the individuals made up the Team we were not just a team of individuals.

A great year and thanks to *Jed, Jacob, Keegan, Matthew, Jarrah, Oliver, Blake, Georgia, Bailey, Samantha, Eric, Harry, Mervyn, Nikki and Lachlan* for their efforts on the field and to the parents and others who got them all to training and games. A thankyou also to Keaton Roe, Ben Walters, Gaby Bowles, Taj O'Mahony and Will Pope for stepping up this year to play for our team.

A big thank you to our Manager Stacey Martin for doing Everything and to Zac Reardon for assisting me in coaching this season.

Wayne Reardon Coach U12 Jaguars

# **Under 12 Tigers**

What a great season! The Tigers had a great time in their first competitive series. With several new players to the team they bonded well and had great results on the pitch. Our champion team is:-

- #2. *Mason* (giggles) is our little pocket rocket. He has a great work ethic and never gives up on chasing the opposition and the ball. He always puts in 110% in games and at training and he matches that with enthusiasm.
- #3. *Jed* his first touch and timing with the ball is becoming exceptional. Jed has come leaps and bounds towards the end of the season even taking on headers. He is a great all-rounder but is showing solid work in defensive positions.
- #4. *Myles* is relentlessness on the field and always creates a headache for his opposition. His ability to draw his opposition and/or the keeper and slot the ball past them has rewarded him this season.
- #5. Jacob a determined striker who continues to improve with every game. He has found his spot in the forward line working well by laying off and being ready to receive again and then finding the back of the net.
- #6. *Eli* solid in defence and in mid field, he is the quite achiever. He always challenges the opposition and works continuously throughout the game.
- #7. Jakson— his determination makes him a solid keeper. He puts his body on the line and constantly talks to his team guiding them throughout games. He is also great on the field.
- #8. Jaz an all-rounder who can slot into the forwards, backs or even goals when called upon. He is always enthusiastic and commits to every play. He is developing skills in taking on the opposition and dribbling the ball past them.
- #9. Charlie is formidable in our centre back. He shows great composure with the ball and his first touch and timing for offloading is a pleasure to watch.
- #10. Alex new to the team Alex is a brilliant midfielder who has an ability to read the play and direct the ball to his team mates. He always contributes to game play and has fit in well with the team.
- #11. Hanna also new to the team Hanna is a solid midfielder whose versatility and adaptability compliment her great touch on the ball. She never gives up and works well with receiving and passing the ball back to her team mates.
- #12. *Kieren* is forever improving in his game. He has become a valuable midfielder who works diligently the whole time he is on the field. He takes on board everything said to him and then goes out and puts it into practice.

#13. Byron – a versatile player who excels at defending. He works tirelessly in the backs but watch out when we unleash the beast and he takes a run up the field. He leaves a minefield of players standing behind him wondering what just happened.

#14. *Tahlia* – a fearless defender who takes on any opposition. She takes on any opposition and often comes out on top in most tackles. She works continuously in the backs and is able to clear the ball up the field.

#15. James – Also new to the team he has improved immensely towards the end of the season. He is always committed and passionate about the game. He has found his place in the midfields and always works hard getting involved in the play and distributing the ball.

#16. Jake – he has found his place in the centre mid and is our pivotal point who is ever present to offload to our waiting strikers. He is developing a good awareness of reading the game play and placing the ball into space or to other players.

All our players are versatile and can slot in most positions when needed. They are all assets to our team and to the Westlawn Club. In a time where there are so many other sporting and school commitments our players have dug in each and every game and have been rewarded by making it into the finals series. Good luck team! We know you can do it. We thank each and every one of you for your efforts this season and we hope to see you all back next year.

A very big thank you to Shorn for assisting with training and at games. Shorn brings a wealth of experience and technical expertise from him playing himself and his love of the game and we really appreciate him taking the time to share it with us.

We would also like to thank all our parents for your help throughout the season. Again with so many child and work commitments your contribution in every way helps your child, our team, the Westlawn club and mostly Adrian and I. Your contribution is greatly appreciated.

Yours in soccer, Adrian and Kylee, Coach and Manager.

2015 Runners-Up

#### **Under 13 Tigers**

The 2015 season saw huge numbers of Under 13 players wishing to register with the Westlawn club this year - a testament to the outstanding reputation the club has in this age division. The club turned players away and both teams began the season with a full squad of 16 players each. Then a few games in the wheels fell off and the Jags only fielded a squad of 12 with the Tigers also borrowing players from younger divisions due to family commitments of players on occasions. A massive thankyou must go out to the Under 12 and Under 11 players that played for these teams this season. The Tigers squad remained mostly unchanged from the grand final winning team of 2014 with Caitlin Bell, Eilish Bender, Rhys Gallagher, Quinn Greedy, Joshua Godwin, Mason Roe, Gabby Marshall, Khoi Nguyen-Moss, Matthew Parkin, Ethan Powell, Flynn Shacklady, Reuben Litchfield and Brock Warren returning. We welcomed back Ella Sear and Logan Trivett as well as Sally Alford finally being able to play with her friends. This season Joshua Weatherstone was ruled out for a season of soccer due to a broken lower leg in the off season, but he attended most games and acted as a very capable assistant coach and/or manager.

We started the season strongly but boy oh boy our belief in ourselves truly departed us midway through the season with the back half of the draw seeing us only winning one game!!! Luckily our strong first half of the season saw us able to cling onto four position to make a birth into the final series. Our team has equally the best defensive record in the competition but the same cannot be said about our goal scoring tally. We have a bunch of kids who are completely unselfish, so much so it has become a bit of a problem for the Tigers because instead of a player taking a shot on goal they pass it off to a teammate to let them have a crack, resulting in many a missed opportunity. This year has also seen many players playing in different positions to previous seasons which I am sure has shocked not only the opposition but also the players themselves. We look forward to finishing the season strongly like we did last year but most importantly having a whole heap of fun along the way. Special thanks as always goes to our coach Joey Powell, who somehow manages to find the strength and instills confidence in all the players even when they don't believe in themselves. Our team would not be where it is today without her commitment to her Tigers.

Thank you to all the parents for getting your kids to training and game days. Thank you to the supportive cheer squad we have at most games.

Thank you to the people who helped with canteen duty, telephone book deliveries and those that stepped up to manage the team when the manager deserted the Tigers a few times this year!

Thank you to the hard working Westlawn Tigers committee – your hard work does not go unnoticed by the Under 13 Tigers and their families.

Finally I am very proud and thankful to all my parents for your continuing support of Jo and myself.

Kids we are looking forward to next season already and goodness knows what songs we will be singing next year (Let it Goooooo, let it Gooooo, Can't Hold it back anymoreeeeeee)

Players Player - Khoi Nguyen-Moss Best and Fairest - Joshua Godwin Coaches Award - Sally Alford See you all next year Sharon Powell Under 13 Tigers Manager

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### **Under 13 Jaguars**

The 2015 season was played with a squad of only twelve players after four players left only after a few games in. Despite being low on numbers the U13 Jaguars showed great courage and determination under the coaching of Phillip Clausen with assistance from Liz Weatherstone. At times the shortfall of players was filled by players from the U12s and U11s who did a wonderful job of playing for us.

From the start the team put into practice the skills that had been taught by last season's coach Anthony "Crunch" Elward with Andrei Labao, Tim McGregor, Jason Durrington and Cooper Johnson setting each other up unselfishly for goal scoring opportunities at the front. Bowen Taylor, Harry Ashenden and Cloe Rankin covered the wings and mid field with sturdy defense and relentless attack. At the back Jackson Nilon along with Kurt Webb, Emma Waterhouse, Natasha Clausen and new recruit Jason Reynolds worked tirelessly to prevent the opposition from penetrating our goal box. Without a specialist goalkeeper the goalkeeping duties were shared among a few players with Natasha sustaining a fractured arm in the line of duty as goalie at the Gunners Carnival.

The team performed very well and proved that they were as good as any of the other teams in the competition, even without a specialist goalkeeper and only one sub. The training this year focused on improving fitness, defense strategies and maximizing attack opportunities. Learning to work as a team has given them a greater understanding of the game and realizing that they cannot reach their full potential without team work. Most importantly the team had a lot of fun with some very promising results and great sportsmanship at all times.

Throughout the season the team worked together and refused to give up regardless of the challenges that they faced. Many thanks to the families of the players for their support and assistance throughout the season. Thanks to Liz Weatherstone for assistance with training and organization and to Phillip Clausen for coaching the team this year. Hopefully we can get the team back together with a few extras next year and we will have a very good season.

Coach: Phillip Clausen Manager: Peter Ashenden

# **Under 14 Tigers**

What a Year! The Tigers U14 team can only be described as a great bunch of kids having a ball each, and every week, on the field & at training.

Their performance on the field this year has improved immensely and credit has to be given to Balla for his professional approach at training and on game day. Balla now has this team performing to their potential in identifying each players strengths, and encouraging fair play.

2015 has been an awesome year, we have finished the regular season as minor premiers and have been undefeated all year and the team is looking forward to the finals series.

As my first year managing the team I am proud to say what a great bunch of kids you have become and I have enjoyed managing the team this year. I hope you all come back in 2016 for another great year.

A big thanks to Balla our Super Coach. Thanks for giving up your time to train & coach the team this year and we hope you will be back in charge next year. Also thank you Nick Marsh for helping coach when Balla was unavailable. I would also like to thank all the parents for bringing your kids to training and games, helping in the canteen and setting up and packing up the fields on game day. I would also like to thank the hard working Westlawn Tigers Committee for all their work during the year.

#### The Team:

*Jye:* Captain and leader. Very loud on the field and off. Great dribbler of the ball. Very hard to stop.

Nick: The trusted hands in goals, vice-captian and leader. Always ready to swap his gloves for a chance upfront and always puts in 100%. Team Player. Eden: Great tackler of the ball. Has improved a lot from a good year last year. Preferred to play right back but I foresee a few goals from her in the future. Jordan: The enforcer. Not many strikers went past him this year and if they did, they didn't go far. Quiet on the field but loud in his game.

Jack: Big left foot. Great runner of the ball and quiet force on the left side of the field. Probably the best striker of the ball in the comp!

*Ben:* An obstacle for opponents. Great character on the field. Does not fancy his chances in front of goal but has improved so much this year.

Luka: The true winger. Floats passed the opposing player with ease and always manages to get a dangerous cross in. Deceivingly quick.

Will: The classy left footer. Always calm and composed on the ball. Great passer of the ball. You would struggle to get the ball off him.

*Tom:* The trusted midfielder who always wants the ball. Great passer and shooter. Great team player & the director of operations.

*Joel:* Always times his tackle perfectly and shows great vision when on the ball. A fighter on the field.

*Isaac:* Never seems to stop running. Great shooter of the ball. All action player and very versatile.

Harry: The Pro. Best paid-player on the team. We almost introduced a salary cap. Great potential as a striker when he recovers from his broken arm. All action. Harry scored the first goal for the team in round 1.

Zac: Has a great right foot. A fighter on the field and on the wrong side of the

ref sometimes. Improving all the time.

Jesse: The speed master. Catch him if you can. Hard tackler of the ball and powerful right foot.

*Dylan:* The left winger with a great cross on him after superb runs. Very handy striker. Mr Dependable.

Josh: Leader, trusted midfielder and centre back with a great left foot. Very good reader of the game.

Players Player Jack Cooney
Best & Fairest Jordan Nash
Coaches Award Harry Warren

Sonia Bell - Manager Balla Traore - Coach

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# **Under 15 Tigers**

Wow, what an amazing season it has been for the Tigers! At the start of the season, it was hard for the team to mend together having some new faces amongst the team and new coaching faces but we all put in the effort and it paid off!

Now the start of the 2015 season was a bit shaky for us mighty Tigers, with a couple of defeats to our name at the start the season, but those that thought it would dampen our spirits were wrong! We knew we just had to come to the training grounds and work our butts off and our soccer would improve! And that's exactly what happened in the upcoming rounds to come! With the whole team wanting to win and really having fun on the field our football and attitude excelled right to the end of the season. With some hard fought battles against City & Maclean, some draws to our name, a well-deserved win against Yamba Breakers and some convincing wins against Coutts Cougars, Brayden, Karen and myself could not be prouder of the effort and hard work all you mighty Tigers have put in on and off the pitch this Season, we are so proud! A big THANK YOU to Karen for being Manager this year, for washing the jerseys, always being helpful and pulling everyone into line! We couldn't have done it without you Karen and everyone is very thankful.

We would also like to THANK Mrs McGregor for helping with the manager role and always lending a helping hand and another massive THANK YOU to all parents and grandparents for your support throughout the year and bringing the kids to games and training every week, we couldn't have been as successful as we were without the help of all these magnificent people! Also another THANK YOU to young U/14 superstar Nick Lavender for stepping up and helping the side on numerous occasions when we needed him the most, thank you Nick.

And lastly Brayden and I would just like to thank everyone for the warm welcomes this season, and we would like to express our gratitude towards you all!

We had such an enjoyable season with this great group of kids and would do it all again!

We may have not made it to the finals but hey, we all had fun and that's what matters the most!

So thank you all so very much and we hope to see you all in the mighty Tigers colours next year!

Players Player- Shannon James Coaches Award- Josh Aarondale Best and Fairest- Brodie Gough

Noah Reardon & Brayden Richardson U/15 Coaches

# **Under 16 Tigers**

Our under 16 team this year stayed mostly the same as last year. Players are Thomas Baker, Phillip Clausen, Nicholas Marsh, Tristan O'Loughlin, Liam Rodgers, Charlie Steele, Daniel Wall, Brayden Lollback, Jacob Weatherstone, Lachlan Rowe, Angus Woods and Tom Ellis. We welcomed the return of Bai Phelps, Reece Gaddes, Matthew McMahon to our team and Harrison Vidler who returned for another season of Under 16.

Our team has had a very successful season. At the time of writing this, the boys were very clear minor premiers and are heading into the final series. Good luck to you boys! I know you can do it and you deserve it. They have scored 93 goals and only had 8 against them.

Again Liam has excelled in goals. He is quite formidable and always challenges the attackers. Nick, Phillip, Reece, Tom and Jacob solid again in defence. There is not much that gets past them. Tristan, Charlie, Angus, Bai and Thomas always working hard in the mid field. They all have ability to read the play and distribute the ball. Daniel, Brayden, Matt and Harry in the front line. They work tirelessly and have been rewarded with great results. Unfortunately Lachlan could not see out the season due to injury and work commitments.

This season the boys were really relaxed on the ball and enjoyed playing together. They all have a natural ability for the game and they are great to watch. They have developed great comradery and it is pleasing to see them enjoy their last junior season and have some fun with it.

There is a multitude of talent in this team and I do hope that they continue to play next season and represent Westlawn in the senior ranks. They are all versatile players and are an asset to our club.

Again we thank all our players and their family members. You are all fantastic and make our jobs and the season run smoothly.

Yours in soccer, Sheldon and Kylee, Coach and Manager.

On behalf of the team I would like to thank Sheldon for his contribution over the years. We appreciate you taking time out to guide our boys through the seasons. We wish you all the best at university and on your journey into the big wide world.

On a personal note for the last 2 years I have said thanks to everyone and that I was not managing again but I am still here so I will try reversing it and say "See you all next year". ©

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#### **Second Division North: Crown Hotel Westlawn Panthers**



It has been a tough year for the Panthers, after winning third division in 2014 and losing a couple of senior players, we were asked to step up into second division whilst we kept our same trainings habits. Still no one complained about it and we sought to play enjoyable football to have fun, which is what we generally achieved. We improved throughout the season and came away with two good wins and placed fifth (in a six team comp).

The Panthers of 2015 were Michael Bowles (C), Alex Creasey, John Ford, Bryce Gleeson, Dane Gleeson, Doug Harris, Justin Inskip, Glenn McPhee, Lindsay Nash, Jack Nelson, Liam Rodgers (GK), Michael Salvestro, Dylan Tight, Anthony Wall, Mark Woods.

It was good to have former players John, Dylan & Doug come back after a year or so break, Alex & Dane were also good performers stepping up in their first full senior season. Injury wise we didn't do too badly with only Mick Salvestro not being able to finish the last games due to an ankle injury in our entertaining 4-3 win over Grafton United.

We also had some cameos from other seniors in the form of Shorn Kippax, Tylar Barry, Keiren Ellem, Brayden Richardson, Jorden Van-Vyfeyken, Matt Hall, Adam Pryor and a Panthers debut from Matt Cheney.

More importantly, we were able to bring some juniors through to senior football with appearances from Liam Rodgers (who played most games), Jayden Coulter, Daniel Wall, Tom Baker, Domonic Bowles and Jacob Weatherstone. They all put in great showings and we hope to see more of them in seniors next year.

On the results, despite the tough competition and only two wins, we finished with 16 goals evenly shared around 11 players, the oldest player top scoring with 3.

Players Player went to Bryce Gleeson, always handy at the back.

Best & Fairest, Anthony Wall has gone back to back with the award, always reliable at the back with Bryce.

Coaches Award goes the Liam Rodgers. Liam is the regular U/16s keeper and with that team winning easily, he stepped up to seniors to get some keeping practice and certainly kept us competitive in many games that could have blown out. He was always positive about his goal keeping and always enjoyed the challenge of tough games.

Most importantly it has been a fun team to play with, thanks to all for a great season.

Lindsay Nash Panthers Manager

#### Men's Reserves

This young team has a very bright future - If they all stick together and encourage one and other to do their best will be a real force in the competition next season. This year has been a real learning curve for these young men stepping up into the senior ranks with a couple of older heads amongst them to guide them around the football field.

Realistically, the first half of the season was really pretty degrading for the team but they took everything in their stride and stuck to game plans and training regimes. The ressies created some real challenges for some of the top sides in the later part of the season attaining draws or just being beaten in the last minute. Each week I could see improvement in the way we approached each game and had some great times talking about different line ups or positional changes.

It's been a real pleasure to coach these young men and hope I will get the opportunity to coach them again next season as I can see great team enthusiasm, friendships and combinations being formed within the group. We had a few injury problems with one player suffering a broken leg early in the season and not playing again which was a big loss. Then there was a broken nose to one of our main defenders who couldn't play for 4 weeks. There were a few niggling injuries such as the "old fellas" knee which he carried for almost the whole season.

One of the main issues to be addressed next season would be to reduce the amount of "yellow and red" cards received by the team, as some weeks we were struggling for numbers but were always able to put a team on the park with the help of the Prems or the Panthers, which was much appreciated. The ressies side looks like only losing a couple of players who are off to university but I'm sure the 16s coming through will well and truly fill their boots.

Congratulations to the ressies team, even though we didn't achieve what we set out to do, we came back each week played hard, trained hard and had some fun times which is a credit to all players. I hope everyone within the club is looking forward to next season and is as enthusiastic as I am about the future of the Westlawn Tigers Football Club.

Thanking You All Reserves Coach Greg Allen

#### Men's Crown Hotel Premier League

2015 will go down as a tough season in the history of senior football with Westlawn Tigers. Our playing squad was dramatically different to that which has been developing over the past 4 seasons with the outgoing of a number of senior squad members. Although making it difficult to run out a consistent and well experienced team, it did provide significant opportunity for our younger players to step in and fill the breach.

The playing style and effort required in senior football is a significant increase on that required for juniors. I think it is fair to say that with such a young playing squad, this transition proved quite difficult at times. Out of 30 plus players on the roster, we only had 6 or 7 who were older than nineteen, but those younger players will be improved from the experience they gained in the top flight.

A big congratulations to those young players who challenged themselves with senior football this year. It meant that with the exception of one away game to Urunga on a weeknight, we were able to field two full teams with reserves. A big thank you as well to those younger players who were forced to shoulder the mantle of becoming Senior players within the group, positions that require good strength of character as you become leaders and role models.

Our results improved over the course of the year, and we felt that we let a number of games slip away with simple mistakes that were punished by goals, which is one major difference to junior football. We have good strength coming through in juniors and our outlook for future success is bright. We must continue to build on the foundations that have been formed by former players and squads by working hard on the following at all levels of junior football:

- Commitment to training (not just showing up to talk to mates but by respecting your coach and working hard while you are there)
- Developing mental strength (forcing yourself to work hard despite being fatigued, making up for when you lose the ball, and keeping your mind in the game regardless of the score)
- Strengthen Team and Club Mentality (work hard for your team mates and team on and off the field. This includes keeping possession, moving off the ball, and challenging hard. It also includes respecting your coaches, other players, and assisting with things like pumping up balls, setting up nets and fields and being role models for future players)

Lastly I would like to thank all of the playing squad for allowing me the privilege to coach this season. Thank you Greg for taking on the challenge of Reserve grade, I don't think either of us ever had the same squad once. Thanks Matt and Shorn for organising in my absence, and undertaking all your hard work behind the scenes, most of which goes unnoticed. Thank you to Liz and Dick and Jenny for providing excellent grounds and canteen facilities and giving up so much of your own time to make this club great. Thanks to Julie for keeping the Ressies strip clean (particularly the white

one!!), and to our main sponsor The Crown, and all the other club sponsors. And thanks to my absentee manager, who still managed to get quite a bit done for me and the club besides all of your cruises and holidays etc, etc. Finally, thanks to my family who put up with me spending a substantial amount of time committed to Football.

Catch you all next year. James Joyce Coach

# **2015 AWARD WINNERS**

TEAMS	COACH AWARD	<b>BEST &amp; FAIREST</b>	PLAYERS PLAYER
U10 Tigers	Dean Chapman	Alex Salvestro	Taj O'Mahony
U10 Panthers	Caleb Berrick	Sunnivar Gorring	Daniel Lavender
U11 Tigers	Jack Ford	Sam Marshall	Charlie Hayes
U11 Panthers	Nathaneal Hardwood	Joseph Nilon	Arabela Laboa
U12 Jaguars	Matthew Craik	Blake Martin	Harry Watts
U12 Tigers	Hanna Tait	Eli Dawson	Alex Baker
U13 Jaguars	Jason Durrington	Jackson Nilon	Andrei Laboa
U13 Tigers	Sally Alford	Joshua Godwin	Khoi Nguyen-Moss
U14 Tigers	Harry Warren	Jordan Nash	Jack Cooney
U15 Tigers	Josh Aarondale	Brodie Gough	Shannon James
U16 Tigers	Tom Ellis	Bai Phelps	Angus Woods
Men's Panthers	Liam Rodgers	Anthony Wall	Bryce Gleeson
Reserves	Sam Brien	Adam Pryor	Caleb Dougherty
Premier	Noah Reardon	Connor Keogh	Noah Reardon