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# **LUGARNO FOOTBALL CLUB Inc**

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# **LUGARNO FOOTBALL CLUB Inc**

## **President's Report 2019**

Another football season has come to an end and as we look back and reflect, we are reminded once again that modern grassroots football is no longer just confined to the football season spanning the months of March to August. It is not uncommon for teams to commence some form of football training early in the calendar year and with the launch of summer football and other football activities and initiatives, a large portion of spring and summer are also now taken up by football activities.

Lugarno FC has responded to these developments by introducing our spring/summer skills program called "Pathways". The 10 week program will provide an opportunity for players interested in developing their football skills further during the off-season to do so under the supervision and direction of our UEFA A licence accredited Coaching Director Dejan Lukic.

The trials of our Football Focus player development program which was launched last year will also be taking place during the spring months as we prepare the teams for season 2020.

The last 12 months has been a year of achievements for Lugarno FC.

After successful lobbying and representation efforts of local and state governments, the capital works program for Gannons Park was launched that will deliver up to ten resurfaced fields.

We joined forces with the SGFA and successfully submitted a joint funding application to the Federal Government requesting a further \$500,000 to supplement the \$800,000 funding secured through the State Government for a new amenities block.

During October we welcomed our new sponsor The Compliant Group who made history by becoming Lugarno FC's inaugural jersey back sponsors.

The club appointed UEFA A licence coach Dejan Lukic as Coaching Director in November 2018 and Dejan conducted the inaugural Football Focus trials during that month that culminated in the formation of the Football Focus teams covering the age groups under 8's to under 11's.

At the club AGM we welcomed new committee members - Vlado, Eddy, Con, Emily, Natasha, Peter, Jeremy, Jarrod and Leonie. We thanked and acknowledged the contributions of retiring Committee members - Georgea, Georgina, Mary, Rebecca and Katie.

Our association with Umbro saw the unveiling of the club's new Umbro playing strip in February 2019 at a special event that coincided with the announcement of the finalised Football Focus teams for season 2019.

Due to the capital works program at Gannons Park, Lugarno FC competition teams played home games during the season out of Penshurst Park, Peakhurst Park, Riverwood Park and Carss Bush Park.

The Gannons Park capital works program also negatively impacted on our canteen operations - with so many Lugarno FC teams playing away from Gannons Park canteen revenue was affected.

Our popular under 8's Gala Day was cancelled due to the lack of fields. The under 8's Gala Day will return to Gannons Park next season.



April saw the hosting of a successful school holidays clinic with the participation of 50 players at Gannons Park. Another clinic was held, this time at a different venue, The Morris Iemma Centre, during the July school holidays.

The club received some sad news in April with the passing of Life Member Sandra McCartney. Sandra was a great supporter of the club and she will definitely be missed by the Lugarno FC family.

The season's fundraising charity initiative saw \$4,000 raised as part of the pink socks weekend which took place during 24-26 May, raising funds for "Moving Forward", an organisation that assists people subjected to domestic violence.

Lugarno FC once again co-hosted the Richo Cup with Forest Rangers, helping to raise \$10,000 for the St George Public Hospital's cardiology section.

Our annual fundraising night was held at Club Grandviews in June with more than 160 people participating in 'Bogan Bingo'. It was a fun and enjoyable night. Proceeds of the fundraiser went directly back into the club.

The club entered a team in the popular week long competition in Canberra - the Kanga Cup. Our under 9's players, team officials, parents and supporters were great club ambassadors and the team had success on the football pitch as well playing games against Academy teams and qualifying for the quarter finals.

The football success continued into August when the finals series commenced and 10 Lugarno FC teams qualified for finals football: AAC, AAD, AAF(2) - Minor Premiers, AAH, AAA1(2) - Minor Premiers, AAWB - Minor Premiers, 12C(1) - Minor Premiers, 13A - Runners-up, 14C - Minor Premiers, and 15B - Minor Premiers.

The AAF(2), AAC, 13A, 14C, 15B, AAA1(2), and AAWB reached the grand final. AAC, AAF(2), 14C and 15B won their grand finals and were crowned premiers.

Our AAA1(2), 13A and AAWB teams finished grand final runners up.

Next season Lugarno FC is proposing to introduce a program of club cadet referees. A proposal to that effect has been submitted to SGFRA via SGFA. We are proposing to pay the full costs of 10 cadet referees to be trained to ensure non-competition games which involve modified rules are covered each weekend at Gannons Park.

For our non-competition and competition presentation days we secured as guests local state and federal members Mark Coure and David Coleman, and David Kirk Sydney FC's Fan Development Officer for St George.

As President I would like to thank my fellow committee members for their commitment and contributions during the year.

A big thank you goes to our 595 registered players and 100 team officials across our 45 teams for representing the club and ensuring another successful football season. The club continues to experience increased player numbers and teams.

To our great sponsors for financially backing and supporting our grassroots, family and community based club.

A special thank you to Club Grandviews, McGrath St George - Hayden and Olivia Duncan, The Compliant Group, Ayers Management, Mr Water Plumbing, Alpha Nobis, Lugarno Cellars, Lugarno Pharmacy, Lugarno Deli, Brandond Automotive, PaintCorp, Elgas, and Peakhurst Indoor.

Grassroots clubs like Lugarno FC function and depend on group of volunteers. We have a range of roles for potential club volunteers from formal committee roles to less formal roles within sub committee structures and as "club helpers".

While the club AGM will be coming up soon, volunteers don't have to wait until then if they are interested in helping out the club. Simply reach out to any current committee member or myself and express your interest and willingness to help out your club.

**16 September 2019**

# **LUGARNO FOOTBALL CLUB Inc**

## **Perpetual Trophy Winners 2019**

<b>TROPHY</b>	<b>CATEGORY</b>	<b>WINNER</b>	<b>TEAM</b>
The Bruce Cardow	Outstanding Under 12	Vinnie Welstead	U12C (1)
The Roger Harradence	Outstanding Under 13	Christian Digiglio	U13A
The Phil Wilkie	Outstanding Under 14	Alexander Peisley	U14C
The Doreen Potter	Outstanding Under 14 Girl	N/A	
The Ken Straney	Outstanding Under 15	Josiah Montoya	U15B
The Warren Del Grande	Outstanding Under 16	N/A	
The Four Fathers	Outstanding Under 16 Girl	N/A	
The Mark Booth Award	Outstanding Under 17/18	Jake Thompson	U17B
The Mike Chaytors	Outstanding AAA Squad Player	Jason Stamenkovic	AAA (2)
The Bill Moore	Outstanding All Age	Steven Callas	AAC
The Greg Harris	Outstanding Over 35	Leo Tusa	O35B
The Cyril Hennes	Outstanding Over 45	Con Verteouris	O45A
The Greg Monaghan Memorial	Outstanding Senior Woman	Wedad Hammoud	AAWB
The Paul 'Irish' McIntyre	Outstanding Premier League Woman	Lauren Cassar	PWL
The John Clarke	Sportsmanship Award	Matthew Denson	U17B
The June Harker	Leading Competition Goal scorer (Saturday)	Josiah Montoya (25) Saul Robinson (25)	U15B
The Ron Benjamin	Leading Competition Goal scorer (Sunday)	Selena Green (17)	AAWB
The President's Trophy	Awarded by the President	Vlado Mazevski	
Around the Grounds	Awarded by the Executive	Michael Jarevski	



## **Coach / Manager Awards – 2019**

<b>TEAM</b>	<b>PLAYER</b>	<b>TEAM</b>	<b>PLAYER</b>
<b>6B 1</b>	Liam Poh	<b>12 C(1)</b>	Jamie Welstead
<b>6B 2</b>	Flynn Clifford-O’Sullivan	<b>12 C(2)</b>	Atticus Harrison
<b>6B 3</b>	Jake Van Rheeden	<b>13 A</b>	Henry Denton
<b>6B 4</b>	Brody Kyprios	<b>13 C</b>	Nicholas Cocotti
<b>6B 5</b>	Matthew Guidotto	<b>14 C</b>	Harrison Vlachos
<b>7B 2</b>	Otto McLean	<b>15 B</b>	Saul Robinson
<b>7B 3</b>	Darcy Jenkins	<b>17 B</b>	Jordan Abihanna
<b>7B 4</b>	Kristian Golcev	<b>AAA (1) Squad</b>	Adam Muddle
<b>7B 5</b>	Lyam Jankulovski		Adam Iacono
<b>8I 2</b>	Anthony Kotevski	<b>AAA (2) (Res)</b>	Tomas Lee
<b>8B 1</b>	Zachary Boyle	<b>AAA (2) (1sts)</b>	Mark Thorsby
<b>8B 2</b>	James Young	<b>AA C</b>	John Anagnostopoulos
<b>9 Girls</b>	Alessia Papoulis	<b>AA D</b>	Atu Rose-Duwai
<b>9I 1</b>	Arnold Scrymgeour	<b>AA E</b>	Joel Vanderkolk
<b>9I 2</b>	Kai Mazevski	<b>AAF 1</b>	Jakov Mihaljevic
<b>9B 1</b>	Benjamin Andrews-Wratten	<b>AAF 2</b>	Thomas Murphy
<b>9B 2</b>	Jayden Lam	<b>AAG</b>	Ronel Morton
<b>10 Girls</b>	Charlize Krkovski	<b>AAH</b>	Nicholas Mytilinios
<b>10I 1</b>	Angus Graham	<b>O35 B</b>	Michael Alford
<b>10I 2</b>	Charlie Clay	<b>O45 A</b>	Philip Lobsey
<b>10B</b>	Finn Paton	<b>PWL</b>	Jacqueline Alessi
<b>11A</b>	Ethan Allardice	<b>AAW B</b>	Cara Heath
<b>11B</b>	Michael Lignos		

## **Banks 'Most Improved' Awards – 2019**

<b>TEAM</b>	<b>PLAYER</b>	<b>TEAM</b>	<b>PLAYER</b>
<b>6B 1</b>	Benjamin Jarevski	<b>9B 1</b>	Kiarna Whitten
<b>6B 2</b>	Owen Fowler	<b>9B 2</b>	Deon Tsekas
<b>6B 3</b>	Leo Mestre	<b>10Girls</b>	Kyla Parmeter
<b>6B 4</b>	Farah Baslama	<b>10I 1</b>	Morris Barton
<b>6B 5</b>	Archer Solomons	<b>10I 2</b>	Ashton Frawley
<b>7B 2</b>	Samuel Shearer	<b>10B</b>	Joshua Bartolo
<b>7B 3</b>	Ethan Robertson	<b>11A</b>	Lachlan Bazergy
<b>7B 3</b>	Kale Chiang	<b>11B</b>	Malachi Pearce
<b>7B 5</b>	Mason Bowyer	<b>12 C(1)</b>	Lachlan Weeks
<b>8I 2</b>	Hunter Winney	<b>12 C(2)</b>	Anthony Arfanis
<b>8B 1</b>	Samuel Terzopoulos	<b>13 A</b>	Brodie McDougall
<b>8B 2</b>	Ethan Guo	<b>13 C</b>	Nicholas Puckeridge
<b>9Girls</b>	Allie Terkildsen	<b>14 C</b>	Harrison Cragg
<b>9I 1</b>	Issac Wright	<b>15 B</b>	Ryan Devet
<b>9I 2</b>	Jonas Loncar	<b>17 B</b>	Michael Crimmins

# **LUGARNO FOOTBALL CLUB Inc**

## **Years of Service Awards**

<b>20 years</b>	Jason Stamenkovic		
<b>15 years</b>	Samuel Attard Peter Galuzzo Jeremy Lombardo	James Burt Fletcher Hall	Sam El-Debel Dominic Lim
<b>10 years</b>	Zane Argent Iva Nikolaeva Josiah Montoya	Anthony Fonti Paul Galluzzo Ryan Courtney	Selena Green James Leftakis Christian Petrovski
<b>5 years</b>	Edward Alford Joseph Coleman Bashar El-Debel Billy Huggett Sam Kotsis Daniel Lee Jonathan Limberis Peter Mckenzie Sean Nancarrow James Perez Brendon Sacilotto Adeen Sowinski Michael Thorpe Lachlan Weekes	Joshua Bartolo Con Dellas Peter Ghobrial Lily Jenkins Charlize Krkovski Javier Leiva Thomas Longbottom Elouise McMahon Joshua Orlando Linden Pike Thomas Scarf Aiden Stavroulakis Romeo Tsang Brandon Williams	Lily Cambey Ryan Devet Henry Graham Alex Katakouzinis Fiona Lambrou Michael Lignos David Lumley Adam Muddle Anthony Pejovski Carl Pizzolato Zac Simmons Remi Theophile Max Wainwright

### **2016**

<b>15 years</b>	Matthew Wills
<b>5 years</b>	Sebastian Mitreski

# **LUGARNO FOOTBALL CLUB Inc**

## **Premiers 2019**

### **U14C – Undefeated Minor Premiers & Premiers**

Coach: Maurice Bortolin

Manager: Kathy Crimmins

Ross Arfanis

Tim Benjamin

Daniel Bortolin

Shane Chiang

Harrison Cragg

Daniel Crimmins

Adam Dixon

Noah Dixon

Gabriel Eldebel

Nathan Farrugia

Sean Nancarrow

Ray Nann

Alex Peisley

Zack Petrovski

Harrison Vlachos

Daniel Wilding

### **U15B – Minor Premiers & Premiers**

Coach: Octavio Montoya

Manager: Katharine Montoya

Zane Argent

Eric Athanasopoulos

Christopher Cino

Ryan Courtney

Ryan Devet

Andrei Esdaile-Watts

Anthony Fonti

Connor Lau

Markus Loncar

Josiah Montoya

William Nicholson

Saul Robinson

Nathaniel Seeto

Emmanuel Terence Victor

### **AAF(2) – Minor Premiers & Premiers**

Coach: Jeremy Peisley

Manager: Peter Georgellis

Alex Andreadis

Andrew Cox

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Peter Georgellis

Peter Ghobrial

Michael Jarevski

Frank Kontrafouris

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Mark McCormack

Thomas Murphy

Harry Papadopoulos

Ioannis Papaioannou

Foti Papoulis

Eddy Poh

Robert Trpkoski

Ian Zafra

### **AAC – Premiers**

Coach: Liam Kelly

Manager: Joseph Kilua

John Anagnostopoulos

Con Baliotis

Danny Banos

Steven Callas

Peter Charas

Nick Iliadis

Liam Kelly

Joseph Kilua

Luka Kilua

George Kontou

Eric Kotopoulos

Alex Mandis

Peter Mavroidis

Darius Movsessian

Billy Stavris

Kane Strelis

George Zacharopoulos

### **AAA 1(2) – Minor Premiers & GF Runners Up**

Coach: Simon Galluzzo

Manager: Paul Galluzzo

Brendan Chow

Patrick Coelho

Rico Duval

Tim Edwards

Alexander Furka

Alexander Galluzzo

Ben Galluzzo

Paul Galluzzo

Peter Galluzzo

Simon Galluzzo

Lachlan Green

Steven Holt

Beau Hunter

Cameron Johansson

Lucas Kiosidis

Joshua Knopf

Stefan Kousoulas

Daniel Lee

Tomas Lee

Scott Luff

Guy Meogrossi

Andrew Michael

Simon Nardo

David O'Connor

Carl Pizzolato

Tory Pizzolato

Brendan Sacilotto

Thomas Scarf

Tyler Scotton

Christopher Simeone

Jason Stamenkovic

Mark Thorsby

Luke Toscano

Ben Vella

Michael Winchester

### **AAW B – Minor Premiers & GF Runners Up**

Coach: Max El-Debel

Manager: Sue Dick

Andronika Christodoulou

Amanda Daizli

Georgina Dick

Jessica Dick

Anna Dvorak

Rakia El-Debel

Selena Green

Wedad Hammoud

Jessica Hanneybel

Cara Heath

Marie Khoury

Mia Kinmond

Fiona Lambrou

Iva Nikolaeva

Penny Rizgalla

Shontelle Swinfield

Teresa Todoroski

Bianca Torrisi

Eliza Torrisi



### **U12C (1) – Minor Premiers**

Coaches: Nick Belcheff

Manager: Leonie Welstead

Diana Belcheff

Olivia Belcheff

Ryah Helou

Lily Jenkins

Samuel Limberis

Jayden Lo

Linden Pike

Aaliyah Tirant

Michael Vikatos

Lachlan Weekes

James Welstead

Vinnie Welstead

Lucas Zarich

### **U13A – Grand Final Runners Up**

Coaches: Atef Elassi / Jason Seymour

Manager: Petros Midis

Eric Broekhuis

Cory Butcher-Burke

Henry Denton

Christian Digiglio

Ali Elassi

Sammy El-Debel

Sawyer Harrison

Javier Leiva

Brodie Mcdougall

Nikolas Midis

Yianni Papagianopoulos

Callum Seymour

Malachi Smith

Hugo Wilson

Toby Worner

# TEAM REPORTS

## 6B 1

Coach: Eddy Poh

Manager: Michael Jarevski



The U6B1's returned for a 2<sup>nd</sup> year and what a year it was for the now "Mighty U6B1's". With the bulk of the team (5 players) coming back and 2 players only ineligible to play Under 6's, the team was ready to improve on a solid first year. By the end of the year we amassed a record of 11 Wins, 3 Draws and 2 Losses, 84 goals for and 31 goals against. 2 of the draws we let decent leads slip and conceded late goals and 1 of the losses we were the much better team but just couldn't put our chances away that day, but that's football. With Coach Eddy, Manager Michael and additional RTO Jeremy all returning, we quickly got stuck into training and it was easy to see the boys had improved and were going to be playing at a much higher level in 2019. We were on fire early in the season and had a great undefeated run of 11 matches, but as the season went along and with a lot of our boys backing up for other LFC U6 & U7 teams, we lost a bit of motivation towards the end of the season, but wrapped it up with a nice Win. And here they are, your 2019 LFC U6B1's Squad:

**Elijah Sabra (No 2)** – Our 2018 Banks Winner was on fire from the start of the year and has really developed on his own personal game and we worked hard to get his passing game going towards the back end of the season. He had a personal tally of 24 goals which included 2 games with 4 goals and 3 games with hat-tricks as he dominated many games throughout the year. He played a number of games for U7's teams when they were short too.

**Liam Poh (No 4)** – Our team glue, he might be the smallest player on the pitch, but wow Liam had really stepped it up from last year and became the centre piece of our great little team. He didn't put one away last year, but this year he put 14 goals away including 3 hat-tricks, but his passing game led to so many team-mates scoring and always dropping back to help Benji when we lost the ball. He also backed up other U6's when needed. A true team player and we proudly awarded him the 2019 Coach and Manger's Award.

**Benjamin Jarevski (No 6)** – Our team protector was back and like last year he played every game. This year Benji read the game even better and is just a natural born defender, he floats just behind the play and if a ball pops out or an opposition player breaks free, watch out Benji is there. Overall



Benji had improved out of sight and the hardest thing for us was to get him to push up to get a goal when we had big leads, he did score a couple, but preferred to defend. He backed up for his brother's U7's plenty of times plus other U6 teams in times of need and we are proud to have him as our 2019 Banks Winner.

**Conor Kirwan (No 7)** – A new player to the game and our team, but from the first training session, we knew he had something special. Conor had a great first year and I would say is a future winger, he had speed and could dribble plus he put away 3 brilliant goals. Conor was a true team player, he started a bit shy but really developed some great bonds with the team.

**Julian Macchia (No 8)** – Our team comedian returned and continued his role of trying to make teammates laugh all the time. When we could get him to concentrate on his game, Julian showed he could be a force in football, he could really attack the ball and dribble. In one game, when we had it all wrapped up, we rested Elijah and Christopher, the others got much more involved and Liam became our dominant force, who laid one off perfectly for Julian to just tap in his first goal. First he was shocked but then came a smile from ear to ear.

**Edmund Pettett (No 9)** – Another new player to the game and our team. We struggled to get Ed on the field early in the season and when he was on, wasn't too interested, but soon he found his calling and would play as a defender and you could see he really enjoyed it. This was great as it gave us a defensive option when Benji would come off for a rest.

**Christopher Peisley (No 10)** – Our 2018 Coach & Managers Award Winner and Superstar stepped it up this year, but with the rest of the team also stepping up it really improved his overall game, dribbling and shooting got much better, but he also started to develop a passing game towards the back end of the season. He led the way in scoring with a total of 40 goals including per game hauls covering all numbers from 0 to 7. He also played a number of times for U7 teams when they were short.



Another great year was enjoyed by the U6B1's, thank you once again to the players and families of our little champions for making the 2019 season great, I'm really missing our chat's GIFs. Also a special thanks to Ruby who took game day photos for the newsletter but also a few cheeky videos of a frustrated Coach and Manager, which were shared and laughed at later in the day.



## **6B 4**

**Coach: Scott McNaught**

**Manager: Lester Doherty**



What a great year the U6B4 team and their families had. We started the season with seven, a couple of returning players from last season in Lachlan, Brody and Zane and a few fresh faces in Jensen, Emily, Farah and Luke. It wasn't long before the team was playing together and having fun.

We started the season well with a win very early on but had an unfortunate run of games against mainly second year teams and as a result suffered a few heavy losses. Luckily it didn't deter our resilient players who continued to work together and had fun celebrating goals no matter what the result.

Our players should be very proud of their efforts throughout the year. Everyone made a fantastic contribution and helped their fellow players each and every week. I hope to see many of the faces back again next year.

**Jensen Doherty:** Always running and giving it a go, Jensen was keen to help out. With a lot of running Jensen probably covered the most ground each week and by the end of the season wasn't afraid to get in and tackle.

**Emily Ellis:** Not at school yet, Emily was the youngest player on our team and normally on the field. That didn't stop her though. Her defensive goalkeeping efforts stopped many a goal and got us out of a lot of tight spots.

**Farah Baslama:** A great team player, Farah showed significant improvement over the course of the year. Her great clearing kicks and defensive running kept us in many a game. From a timid start to the year Farah showed great growth and this reflected in her confidence by the end of the season.

**Luke Lyndon:** Luke showed great promise and perseverance to keep trying each and every week. His cheeky, warm nature kept everyone on their toes and ready for action. At the end of the season Luke showed great focus and showed a great improvement from the start of the year.

**Brody Kyprios:** Never afraid to jump in and give it a go, Brody was always in there for a tackle. He was the team motivator always there to encourage people back on to the field, and showed great leadership qualities.

**Lachlan McNaught:** Our top goal scorer, Lachlan found his feet in his second year of soccer and showed great improvement from last year. His speed on the field allowed him to get back when needed and get forward when the opportunity was available.

**Zane Ghassani:** Only with us for a couple of weeks at the start of the season, Zane was keen to get into the game. We hope to see him back again next year.

## **7B 2**

**Coach: Peter Shearer**

**Manager: Donna Fitzgerald**

The 7B2s have become a close-knit team over the last couple of seasons. This year, all six members returned – Emma, Annabelle, Nate, Otto, Molly & Samuel; which made for a fabulous and friendly team. Just like last season, the team enjoyed each other's company and supported each other on and off the field.

As the season went on the team made big improvements and really worked as a team. Some started showing interest in specific field positions where their skills were strongest and others showed all round capability. They were able to produce quality goals and defence and also great ball movement on the field which gave them a huge load of confidence.

Nate and Molly were our star goal scorers throughout the season making the most of every opportunity and punishing the opposition defence with some great ball skills, agility and goal scoring. They played their hearts out at every game.

Annabelle and Emma were also both brilliant all-rounders, always improving in their attack and displaying awesome defence. They worked hard in the middle and always gave it their all with their never give up attitude.

Samuel and Otto were our "wall" at the back, they gave the opposition constant headaches and shutting down even the fiercest of attackers.

As the season went on the 7B2s never gave up and earned respect from their opponents. Everyone tried their hardest each game. They have learned a lot of skills and had loads of fun too.

**Otto:** A real team player who was excellent in the midfield and defence. We could always rely on him to move the play down the field. He displayed some great skills setting up some fantastic goals. Otto shows excellence across the park and it is great to see him develop as a player.

**Samuel:** Worked hard and improved all season. He was always there to stop a play with his top defence. He also displayed great skill on the ball and kept the opposition always guessing. Watching his confidence grow this season has been a pleasure.

**Annabelle:** Great all-rounder and fabulous player who dug in every game and had massive defensive kicks from goal. She was very proactive in defending, was there when it counted and stopped many goals. Annabelle always plays the game with joy and determination.

**Emma:** Made massive improvements this year and always played with a smile. Her control of the ball is a credit to her attitude in training. She made some great plays in defence and was an absolute pleasure to coach.

**Molly:** Our striker, one of our top goal scorers. She was always in the middle of it all, frustrating opposing teams with her ball skills and speed. A great future in the striker position and a genuine team player.

**Nate:** A strong and fantastic player with loads of talent. Nate is a natural striker and our top goal scorer for the season. Always in the middle of the action, unsettling the opposing teams with his movement as well as a great right boot. Nate always left the field with nothing left in the tank and always had the opposition's respect.

Congratulations 7 B2's on your continued effort! You did us all proud and you are all champions.

Peter Shearer – Coach



## **8/ 2(A) – Football Focus**

**Coach: Marcus Rayner**

**Manager: Sondra Rayner**



The commencement of a new dawn in Lugarno Football history kicked off post the 2018 season where a crack team of LFC Selectors, along with a European contingent, put our most talented juniors as well as new players from surrounding clubs plying their trade in the hope to play under the illustrious new banner of Football Focus, and so it was after a gruelling trial period that 9 of the greatest players ever to wear the orange were assembled.

These elite sportsmen became the first ever U8 Football Focus players in the Club's proud history and received their playing strips at a special induction ceremony fittingly held where some of our finest victories have been celebrated, that being Club Grandviews - our major sponsor.

After an interrupted pre-season that saw the new squad only play one trial match, expectations around the season ahead were mixed, with many feeling the squad had not gelled, egos had not been checked, positional nous non-existent and a basic nonchalant attitude toward the system.

In addition, LFC talent scouts identified an up and coming player seen dodging weeds, kicking up dust with lightning speed and eating the feared Gannons Bounce for breakfast, and so it was that our 10<sup>th</sup> and final player was added to the squad - welcome Jett Giraldi, but how would this late inclusion affect the player balance?

Any fears were alleviated soon after Match Day 1 kicked off with the boys not only winning Round 1 but going on a 7-game winning streak. The boys were flying, the training regime was working, discipline and shape were the key mantras we lived and breathed, and the boys had become a Team.

The bubble did burst with back to back losses in Round 8 and 9, but it was the wakeup call we needed as everyone had become complacent and believed the beautiful game was too easy. With a midweek Exhibition game scheduled against Marconi FC, we had an opportunity to prove to the circling critics that this team was made of sterner stuff and a force to be reckoned with.

We hit Marconi with a new found passion and attacking flair never seen before and quickly established a lead, the boys were outstanding with only rule changes and over size goals stopping a famous victory, but although the scoreboard showed Marconi 6 vs LFC 4 all present that day knew

we had won, we had earned the right to play on the big stage and the established Clubs realised LFC were building something special - it was a proud although cold moment and one that will remain in the memories of those who were there that night. Thanks, boys, for making that night special and hopefully you all have fond memories for the rest of your football careers.

After the highs of the mid-week fixture but with a new found desire, the traditional structure of 2 fullbacks, 3 midfielders and a loan striker were abandoned as we sought to best use the players' individual and developing strengths. And so it was we adopted a no fullback policy, instead having 2 defensive centre midfielders playing a high line, supported by 2 wingers and 2 strikers, this formation saw the team record 6 consecutive wins scoring 19 goals and only conceding 2, a magnificent effort showcasing a one team spirit, a work for your mate mentality balanced with a desire to win, all while respecting the opposition and the virtues of sportsmanship.

The season in summary read as follows:

Played – 16, Won – 13, Lost – 3, for a win percentage of 81% along with 6 clean sheets.

We scored 65 goals and only conceded 20.

The individual goals scorers are listed below with our Golden Boot for the year being Anthony Kotevski with 17.

Name	Goals
Anthony Kotevski	17
Antonio Vassilopoulos	13
Luke Grilis	10
Matthew Portois	7
Benjamin Jesson	4
Hunter Winney	3
Zac Bazergy	3
Fletcher Moroney	3
Kagan Rayner	3
Jett Giraldi	2
Total Goals	65

Team Overview:

**Hunter** – A hard worker with plenty of fun facts shared with the Coach at random times, no I will not be seeing Hugh Jackman perform his one man show but thanks for asking. Hunter always listened to instructions and executed the positional instructions to the letter, developed into a fine winger throughout the year displaying speed, balance and an ability to make well timed runs not always picked up by his teammates. Hunter needs to work on his defensive contribution in the transition from attack to defence to support the players behind him. Outstanding season with a great attitude.

**Zac** – Our quiet achiever going about his work with little fuss, continued to develop as a player throughout the year contributing well in attack as the year progressed. Zac needs to work on being more vocal both at training and during games and although against his nature, needs to add a little more aggression to his tool kit. A big step up this year but definitely not out of place.

**Fletcher** – Loved a trick play or a majestic turn whenever time allowed and often bamboozled opposition defences before unleashing powerful shots at goal. Fletcher has the ability to do well but needs work on developing his natural foundation to support his attacking flair. A solid year with improved focus the key for 2020.

**Matt** – A great all-rounder with the ability to attack and defend easily and transition between the two as required, these skills allowed Matt to be a big part of our defensive centre midfield system and with a big work rate had a tremendous season. A Jekyll and Hyde attitude at times needs to be tempered as discipline and respect for Coaches and teammates is imperative with all team sports and could derail all the positive effort.

**Kagan** – Another successful season from Kagan with pleasing signs around growth in all the key areas. Positional play, reading of the game and passing accuracy were exceptional and when switched on was a key member in the heart of the team. Kagan needs to improve his non-game attitude, with disruptions at training and pre-game warm up impacting other's ability to learn. Aside from that great job.

**Antonio** – The sponge of the team, always seeking validation around execution of a task and total focus on ensuring the desired outcome was achieved even where the 'ladder' stumped him, solution buy my own and practice, well played Dean. Antonio owned the left side of the field and with his pace and dribbling was able to contribute many goals from midfield, a terrific effort. Antonio needs to work on involving himself in games at the correct times and to hold shape to ensure team balance is maintained.

**Luke** – Our only left footer and what a weapon to possess. Luke was able to drift around defenders and, before they realised he was not right footed, smash balls into the back of the net. Luke developed nicely throughout the year and was able to play in a variety of positions which helped the team balance nicely. A natural attacking player who loves to run at defenders. Luke needs to develop involving teammates during these runs through timing of passes to make the run even more dangerous. If only I had a dollar for every time Stella yelled out 'Pass Luke'. Fantastic year.

**Ben** – One of the great team men. A tremendous teammate and a Coach's dream. Ben was one of the biggest contributors all year and his not seen work at both training and during games was a real joy. Ben always gave 100% and his attitude was outstanding even at times when he was disappointed with positional assignments. Football is a team game and Ben displayed all the characteristics, you can have the skills and not the attitude, Ben has both. A key member in the centre of the park with minor work needed around decision making to ensure more involvement.

**Anthony** – Mr Speedy Gonzales himself. Anthony has speed to burn coupled with control and balance - he was a defender's worst nightmare. Anthony trained hard and was focussed at training listening to positional tweaks and developing a nice passing game which contributed many assists later in the year, this was a pleasing development as early in the season individualism was at the forefront. Anthony ended the season as a leading goal scorer and golden boot winner, who played on the wing but needs to work to become a centre forward through continued focus around positioning.

**Jett** – The worker. Jett was able to follow instructions to the letter with every game plan followed to perfection, he only had to be told once of his job and it was duly completed. Jett was the only player all year who played the Centre Forward role as requested, well done Jett. Jett also developed his core skills throughout the year with notable improvements in work ethic and desire to become involved defensively as his fitness improved throughout the year. A solid year and a great building block for 2020.

In closing, the class of 2019 was an absolute pleasure to Coach with special thanks to all the parents for ensuring the kids attended training and games and provided communication where absences occurred, this really does help when it comes to their development and enjoyment of the game. In addition, thank you all for your assistance with our team commitments for the Club with regards to canteen and pitch pull down and set up, this is a major part of being part of the Club and your willingness to chip in was outstanding.

Finally, all great teams need support staff, so thanks go out to Sondra our team Manager for without you none of this is possible. To all, enjoy your summer and start preparing for 2020, with trials to be held later this year (2019).

Coach Marcus

## **9A**

**Coach: Domenic Cuda**

**Manager: Nenad Milajailovic & Vlado Mazevski**



Thank you to all the players, families of U9As and Coach Dejan for a fantastic 2019 season. What a season it was; the introduction of Football Focus, new faces, new coach, training twice a week. After some initial adjustments and learning everyone's names again, the football year kicked off in earnest. These boys were super eager and hit the ground running from their first trial game where they spent the first half scoring 4 goals uphill to their last match which turned out to be a dog fight against a plucky Sans Souci outfit in their final game at the old Gannons Park, the team put in 110% every week.

The team gelled after only two games and it was plain to see that this season was going to be something special. The first six games went like clockwork, after some initial tinkering the team settled into their positions. Coach Dejan has instilled the possession game into the team and they would go out every week and play the possession game, frustrating the opposition by doing the basics right. Passing, pressing, goal kicks, throw-ins and even long and short corner kicks. But this team had something that Coach Dejan could not teach – determination. Every time the team fell behind by a goal or two they lifted their heads and played harder, and not one out isolation football where we wait for a hero to emerge but proper passing team football, attacking space, the kind that leads to goals after 5 consecutive passes or scoring off a set piece.

This team has chemistry and everyone plays their role well, they also help their team mates and play out of their favourite spots when needed. The team showed great heart week-in-week-out to scrap to some great hard-fought victories and only a couple of cruel, narrow defeats, proving that as the great Pele once said, *"Success isn't determined by how many times you win, but by how you play the week after you lose."*

Apart from having such a determined and enthusiastic team, the highlight of the season for me as a game day coach was seeing such a consistent turn out for training. Attendance was always high, with all the players turning up on cold Tuesday and Thursday nights with huge smiles on their faces as they attempted each drill with grit and determination. They listened to coach Dejan most of the time and always looked forward to the game on the weekend.



## **Introducing the 2019 U9As**

**Samuel** – Picked up where he left off last year, dominating the middle of the park. Turing into the provider of some slick passes and assists for his team mates, he continued to develop his eye for goal adding close range goals to his repertoire. Samuel loves being with his teammates at training or on game day. His enthusiasm is infectious, and he tirelessly pushes himself and his team mates to keep going to try score that next goal, whether it be helping to get the ball out of the midfield or going on an attacking run. Just like Roma's **Edin Dzeko** he is strong and dominates the park while providing help and support for his teammates.

**Jonas** – A new position in the team this year, semi-permanent goalkeeper, Jonas proved to be one of the pillars of defence for the 9A's. One of the most tenacious players in the team, he was always the first to training and always put in 100%. He defended our goal every week with gusto and when asked to jump on the field and help the rest of the team he took that task on and gave it a red hot go, scoring two goals this season. Just like Liverpool's **Alison Becker** he shows a solid work rate, a keen goalkeeping instinct and has great consideration for his teammates.

**Kai** – Added a couple more skills to his repertoire during the off season. He was controlling the ball at his feet much better and had even improved his kick, who would have thought that was possible? Kai always put in a huge effort and every week he came to training and the games and tried to do a little more than he did the week before, he really settled into the right wing and would constantly bomb down the right hand side of the field and not only scored goals but set them up too. As our designated corner kick taker he managed to catch a couple of teams off guard and scored a few cheeky goals from short corners. Just like Liverpool's **Mo Salah** he steps up when needed and makes tough plays look effortless.

**Levi** – Stepped everything up this year, he learned how to adapt and play in fixed positions and fill the gaps when needed. Plying his trade mostly in defence he relished the opportunity to get out on the wing and run at the other team. Levi always had a smile on his face, no matter where he was on the field. His speed and versatility proved invaluable. He would control the ball at the back, chase players down on the counter had some cracking efforts on goal. Just like Real Madrid's **Marcelo** he was the 9As everywhere man.

**Oliver** – Always put in 110% on the field, be it at training or on the field on game day. He showed great versatility covering all positions throughout the year and scored important goals when it mattered. If there was one word to describe Ollie on the football field it would be composure, whenever he received the ball in a 1:1 situation you could almost guarantee that it was going in the back of the net. Just like LA Galaxy's **Zlatan Ibrahimović** he has a habit of popping up and providing the magic when it counts.

**Zac** – Was the 9As pocket rocket, Zac started the year as a 100% field player but it soon emerged that he was hiding some sneaky and almost super human Goalkeeping skills, possibly picked up from big brother Will. He fast became the obvious choice to share goal keeping duties with Jonas. When he is in goals he becomes another person, barking orders to his players, controlling the play and putting his body on the line. He loved training and being with his mates, he is like the glue that holds the team together. He was always on song during the games. Just like Juventus's **Gigi Buffon** he worked hard in goals, controlled the play from the back and worked harder on the field.

**Sam E** – Same as last year, if games were won on effort Sam would win every week, he would fight tirelessly on the wing and in defence to win the ball every time he was on the field. He added more composure to his game this year and discovered a way to give himself more time on the ball. His tenacity shone through as he won every 50:50 ball he went for, he made some spectacular stops and saved our bacon on several occasions. Just like Boca Junior's **Daniele De Rossi** he always puts in a mammoth effort and is there to support his team.

**Jett** – Head down and go forward, a Juggernaut, that's how Jett arrived at the beginning of the season, however he was super quick to adapt to playing with the team and made some great friends. As the season wore on, he adapted his style and his ability to play the beautiful game shone through. He had a go at all the positions and would constantly cause a distraction for the other teams as they tried to figure out how to stop him. Just like Paris Saint Germain's **Neymar Jr** his tireless effort and constant go forward helped to round out the team.



**Riley** – Stepped it up a gear this year, he is fiercely competitive and reads the game really well, he anticipates what his opponents are going to do then stops them and wins the ball back. He is super keen, doesn't mind running and knows what it means to lead from the back. Riley is inquisitive at training and wants to know why we do what we do and how it helps us during the games. Just like Arsenal's **David Luiz** he shows a solid work rate and has great consideration for his teammates.

**Jake** – New to the team and club this year took no time at all to adapt his new surroundings, as safe as houses in defence and a pleasure at the training grounds. He was one of the first to jump into every drill. His work rate was exceptional as he would run across the entire backline to advance the ball to his team mates, he loved training and playing with his mates. He showed great versatility to push up and control the midfield through parts of the season. Just like Netherlands' **Matthijs de Ligt** he springs into action when needed and makes it count.

Special thanks to Coach Dejan, Managers Vlado and Nesh for keeping us organised and all the other parents who helped me at training or by refereeing on game day allowing me to properly coach the team.

Again, I'd like to thank the Players and Families for their passion and commitment to the team and for a fantastic season.

See you again in 2020!

Domenic

## **9B 1**

**Coach: Steven Forgione**

**Manager: James Wratten**

Well what a year it was for Lugarno U9B1s. First of all – big thank you to all the players and families for a fantastic 2019 season! We had a truly mixed team with 5 girls and 4 boys, which was certainly unique for our competition.

This was the first year the team had to play on the midi-sized field, which was a big step-up from the smaller field they were used to. Their first game together you could see how out of breath they were with all the extra running they had to do! The improvement we have seen in the playing group has been unbelievable this year. We now pass with purpose and play in a very structured manner, holding our positions very well – and we even managed to score quite a few goals!!! Out of the 16 games we played, we managed to pull together 7 wins, and scored a combined total of 29 goals, which was an unbelievable effort for the team!!

Introducing the players of the 9B1's:

**Kiarna Whitten** - showed the talent she has with her strong defence and her great passing ability, which really improved throughout the year. Her performances got better with each passing week and she finished the season really strongly, becoming a great central midfielder for the team. She was up and down the field all game, showing both great defensive and attacking skills, and even managed to bag herself 2 goals for the year. Well done on an excellent season!

**Benjamin Andrews-Watten** - one of our most improved players this season – each week he came out with a new trick or idea that he had learnt, including the left foot stepover! If he keeps up the improvement, he will definitely be a player to watch next season. He has excellent technique and balance, and probably one of the best left-foots in the competition. He even managed to score a tidy 6 goals for the year, some of which were absolute screamers! A great effort from Benny and a pleasure to coach!

**Leni Tandek** - our very own tiger on the field, Leni was into everything. She played mainly on the right side, and was equally good in attack and defence. When she came off you really noticed that she was missing, and we did miss her for the back half of the season. She started the season slowly but finished strongly, and even managed to score her first ever goal! A great effort with some really strong performances. Well done Leni!

**Luca Dowling** - unfortunately missed the first few games with illness, but when he came back you really noticed his impact on the team. One of the toughest players we have come across, he was a

crucial part of our team. Luca showed great improvement with each week of playing, and finished the year very strongly. He even managed to score 3 goals, which all came in the one game – our only hat-trick for the year! Excellent effort Luca, well done on a great season!

**Elijah Teo** - Elijah loved playing in goals and showed some great goal-keeping skills, pulling off some fantastic saves that even had the opposition parents clapping! But whilst he was always a talent in goals, when we unleashed him on the field he would terrorise the opposition and made some great barnstorming runs through the defence. He even managed to finish as our top goal-scorer with 8 goals for the year, including a great solo effort during the last game. A great effort and well done on a fantastic season!

**Amelia El Rozz** - this was Amelia's first season with the Club and we played her in the striker's position. She was tiny but played with a big heart, and always had a smile on her face. She made great improvement during the year and was so close to scoring her first goal towards the end of the season. Amelia made great improvement from her first game and what impressed us most was her unselfish plays in passing to her team mates. Well done Amelia!

**Elizabeth Forgione** - our little sweeper was one of our most consistent players in the team. She was the rock we needed in defence and made countless defensive cover plays against much bigger opposition. She played without fear and improved with each game she played, and towards the end of the season she started pushing up more in attack and was trying to get involved in everything. A fantastic effort during the year – well done Elizabeth on a great season!

**Maddison Tirant** - our terrier up front, Maddi was often the difference between winning and losing, she was so important to the team. She started off slowly, but finished on fire! She has great talent and speed and will be a great player in years to come as she has an excellent instinct for knowing where the ball is and making a difference. She scored 6 goals for the year, and could have had a few more. Fingers crossed she straps on the boots next year and continues her goal scoring form – well done Maddi on a great year!

**Kale Lock** - a big improver in the team, Kale got better with each game he played. Kale played in midfield and up-front, and gave his best efforts each game. Always playing with a smile on his face, he set up some great plays with some good passing to team mates, and even managed to bag a goal for himself this year. Well done on a great season Kale!

As the coaching group, we are extremely proud of all the kids – they showed tremendous spirit throughout the year and improved with their performances each week. The fact we had 7 wins and could have won a few more, highlights the improvement we made. Thanks also to the great team effort from all the coaching staff for all the hard work they put into coaching the team each week, and thanks to all the parents and grandparents that cheered on the kids each week. Well done to all and bring on 2020!

Signing off,

Steve & James





## **10B**

**Coach: Damien Hennessy**

**Manager: Julie Paton**

It was a fun season of football with our under 10B's. Most of our players hadn't played together before, and our boys plus one girl adapted well to each other and learnt how to play with each other's strengths.

Every week we saw improvements and great team work! It was fantastic to see the way our players encouraged each other. There was a great improvement to players skills and techniques under the great coaching of Damien.

The players loved their coaching session each Thursday night with fun training drills and games. This was a great time of team bonding!

It was a highlight for the parents to attend the Bogan Bingo night mid season and to raise money to support the club.

We came up against some very strong (wrongly graded) teams during the season, and it was wonderful to see our kids respond with enthusiasm and keep their heads held high.

It was a great reflection of the attitude of the parents and coach to encourage effort and learning above results and winning.

Julie Paton - Manager

## **10I 1**

**Coach: Paul Wainwright**

**Manager: Derek Laney**

Another year with a great bunch of boys and parents including a few newcomers to the club. Led by the ever patient Paul, the boys brought plenty of energy and enthusiasm and developed their skills well over the year.

It was a also character building year for the team, every home game was fought out through the dust and the competition was varied with some very tough opposition.

Throughout the season the boys worked to gel and learn some key lessons, as they are getting bigger they can no longer run the full field and positions and teaming become more the skills to win games.

There were plenty of highlights in the year including:

- a 14 goal 7-all game, welcoming Noah and Rex "Stinger" to the team
- watching Morris and Miles wind-up and go every game, throwing themselves physically and figuratively into the game
- Leo and Angus provided plenty of skill and pace as did Hugh and Oli often seen dashing down the line and pounding balls across
- Remi was ever present up front ready to pounce on any opportunity
- Max brought his huge heart to the game every week leading in defence
- returning 5 inches taller after being traded internationally mid-season, Lennox shored up our courageous midfield.

Thanks to a great group of parents for helping out all year and bringing a great positive spirit.

## **11B**

**Coach: Colin Cuthbert**

**Manager: Rebecca Clay**



Well, what a season!

These little superstars have just gone from strength to strength. It was just a shame the grass at Gannocks couldn't grow at the same pace 😊

Maybe the council should employ this squad as they could learn a thing or two!

After 4 seasons, we've kept the nucleus of the squad together but year on year they've improved.

It's been fantastic to watch the little personalities grow, along with the confidence and not to mention the football skills.

Again, it's been great to watch the team improve as a group and what has truly impressed me is the teamwork involved. Yes, we've got some great individuals that have shone this year but there is no 'I' in team, the passing at times has been an absolute joy to watch and it's what has won us the majority of games this year, plus of course the work rate for each other.

Although it's non-comp, there's always a little bit of competitiveness and I know we all keep count. (I do). ☺ The majority of games we won, 3 losses and if my memory serves me correctly, we may have had a draw. We've definitely surprised a few teams this year!

There are a few games that stand out to me and the one that springs out the most is the game we played at Rockdale.

I 'may' have had a few too many lemonades at the boxing the night before but I can clearly remember what happened next.... "They've got 4 girls" was the cry from the opposition ... words were exchanged and the rest is history! We definitely surprised a strong Rockdale team that day that clearly thought we'd be a walkover.... Unfortunately for them there aren't enough fingers on one hand to count the goals against. 6-1 ... some cracking goals scored, the passing and defending that day was exquisite and to cap it all off "one of the girls scored" (Emmason). That game will go down in folklore ☺ ha – "take it easy on us next season" one of their coaches said to me as we shook hands at the end of the game ...

Like last season, during a football season you can see the best and worst in people – fortunately for us we've got a great team spirit and are supported by some great parents – as you are all aware



there was an event during an U7's game this season that truly disgusts me...it really does. It's a game!

As our kids grow up and competition gets even more, unfortunately you'll see more of the aggression built into people. As I mentioned in the last game of the season, yes, we lost, but the team we were playing clearly weren't playing to the rules... Is that the kids' fault or the parents and coaches? You all know the answer.

Play the game, play it hard and play it fair ... that's our motto. We'll walk off the pitch winning every time!

Life lesson number one kids! Let the feet do the talking on the pitch – just like Billy did when he thumped the ball into the back of the net. What a cracker that was 😊

I'm so proud to stand on the touch line and hear all your comments of encouragement not only to your own child, but to each and every one of the kids that has played in the U11B's for us this year which has really made the season a special one again.

**Bec** – thanks so much for all your help again this year, been another cracking season and an absolute pleasure to have you as our Manager – Manager of the year 4<sup>th</sup> year running!

**Mario / John / Romeo** – Thanks for rolling back the years and coming back into the frame for the last game of the season. The stress was clearly visible with John biting his nails and Mario pacing the sidelines. Joking – was great fun, the kids loved it!

**Rick / Romeo / Clayton / Rosa / Steve and Victor** – Unfortunately I've had to miss a few training sessions this year with stuff going on at work, however I'd like to thank each and every one of you for stepping in to cover training when needed – top effort! Thank you 😊

**All the parents** – We've had our fair share of pitch set ups and also canteen duties. Thanks so much to those that have helped out, it's appreciated and it doesn't go unnoticed (even if your kids were still lying in bed whilst you did all the work) 😊

**Billy** – Another cracking year this year, some immense skills, fine passing ability and when you get that fire in your belly very hard to stop. Couple of stand-out goals this year. One after the own goal (but we quickly forgot about that) when you thumped the ball into the back of the net and also your last goal of the season at Gannons – great season mate, well done 😊

**Malachi** – Really come on in leaps and bounds this year. Immense in defence, in fact all over the park where you always seem to get some part of your body in the way and in goals you've saved us on many occasions. Great season and great to watch you improve. Great work 😊

**Emmason** – New joiner to the team this year but fitted straight into the frame. Surprised a few opponents this year with her tough tackling, great passing and chipped in with a couple of goals too. Great season well done 😊

**Lily** – The left foot extraordinaire. You always play with a smile on your face, but never one to shirk a tackle. I can still remember when you went in hard and fair to a player much bigger than you at Peakhurst Park. You took the ball, he ended up on the ground. Super season again – well done 😊 Hope that arm heals real quick!

**Tristan** – Great to have you on the team, some great games when you played and banged in a few goals. Quiet season as I know you were also tied up with your kick boxing. Well done mate 😊

**Lachie** – Well done again buddy. Really found your feet in some games. Strength in your kicking has really improved as has your tackling and passing! Just waiting for that elusive goal - next year. Well done 😊

**Josh** – Another great season, some really fine skills on display again which have bamboozled some players. Great to see it when you do the one-two passing going forward as well. Some cracking goals scored with my stand out one coming a few weeks ago when you lobbed it over the keeper! Great season 😊

**Abbie** – Please accept my apologies for putting you in goal at the start of the season, I know now you hated it! Thought I'd absolutely destroyed your confidence but you proved me wrong (which I'm so glad about). Your confidence has soared this year and you have improved so much. Great to see

you bang in some goals and your dribbling down the line. Fantastic season (and apologies for sticking you in goal) 😊

**Elle** – Another fantastic season. An unsung hero the way you go about the game. You always play with a smile on your face. Always someone to be relied on. Great passing, tackling and dribbling skills. Big well done 😊

**Oska** – You've had some real stand out games this year and you've really been the rock at the back. Absolutely commanded that central defence position whether it's been putting that big tackle in or talking your defence into position. A really commanding season. Well done 😊

**Michael** – Again not too sure about your premier league team choice, but hey I'll live with it. Absolute superb season. Your skills have really improved and you've absolutely smashed the golden boot with all your goals this year. Best one of the season when you had your back to goal, the ball took a bounce and on the turn, you smashed it into the net! One tip – keep a smile on your face whether we win or lose. Great season 😊

Thanks again everyone, it's been another thoroughly enjoyable season.

See you on the 14<sup>th</sup> September and again for our very own U11B1's presentation in November.

## **12C (1)**

**Coach: Nick Belcheff**

**Manager: Leonie Welstead**



2019 marked our team's first year on the full field. Our team was made up of kids that had been playing together for many years and new kids that made great additions to our team.

**Olivia Belcheff:** our hard working midfielder/forward/defender. Olivia worked hard wherever she was asked to play. Olivia never gives up.

**Dianan Belcheff:** one of our courageous and hardworking back line, always strong and fearless – her clearing kicks are amazing.

**Samuel Limberis:** Sam had a great year. He kept the back line in order and made some very important defensive saves. He also used his speed to get the ball up the line.

**Linen Pike:** Linden played a few positions this year, but towards the end of the year he played in the defensive line with Sam and Diana. He did an excellent job here and should be very proud.

**Michael Vikatos:** One of our forward line, Michael continued to score goals as he has every year, well done Mikey!

**Jayden Lo:** Jayden has the most amazing ball skills. He bamboozles the opposition and can cut through the most solid attack. In the last half of the season, Jayden got used to the space on the big field and really came into his own, setting up some great goal scoring opportunities.

**Lucas Zarich:** Lucas joined the team this year and played on the wings or at the front. He did a great job getting the ball up the line and was unlucky not to score, hitting the crossbar on a few occasions.

**Aaliyah Tirant:** Small in stature but big of heart, Aaliyah was often tasked with marking much bigger players and she did so without fear.

**Ryah Helou:** Ryah is the kind of player that never gives up. She plays hard and fair in all positions. Ryah was also tasked with defending some big opposition and was always up to the task.

**Lily Jenkins:** Lily often played in the back at the start of the season, but also played in the midfield. Like all the girls in our team, she was hardworking and determined. Her skills really improved as the season progressed.

**Lachlan Weeks:** Lachie played in the back line at the start of the season, but also at the front. Lachie scored some great goals this season too and should be proud of his progress as a player.

**Vincent Welstead:** Vinnie mostly played in the midfield and at the front. He is our dead ball specialist, scoring a few times spectacularly, directly from the corner. He always put in a great effort.

**James Welstead:** Jamie is our goalie. He had a fantastic season, learning and improving along the way. There were a few occasions that he won the game for our team with his fearless saves and clearance kicks.

12C(1) were Minor Premiers this year, and although we didn't progress in the finals, the kids had the wonderful experience of playing at Jubilee Oval. They should be very proud as I know that all the parents are.

Thanks again to Nick for coaching and Joel for his Tuesday night coaching and contributions at the back half of the season.

All the best to all the players as the mixed competition ends and new boys and girls teams are formed in 2020.

## **U12 C (2)**

### **Coach & Manager: Rebecca Harrison**

My greatest pleasure and honour is to be the coach of a children's team, and for the past 20 years I have met the most delightful, sometimes hilarious kids, and through them their families and supporters through coaching football. And this year was no different, and perhaps up there with the best as it was the first team I have coached since losing my beautiful and sport supportive parents...my dad came to as many of my games, my kids games, even the games of other kids teams I coached that he could, and I missed him on the sideline. But the joy these kids provided me this year through not only the technical improvement and understanding, but through their toughness, friendships, sportsmanship and many memorable moments, and that is the best thing about coaching - becoming a part of their lives and building the confidence in every player.

### **Memorable moment: R3 4-4 Oatley FC**

I have settled Natasha into our only striker position after a previous hilarious conversation regarding defence. It is her first year, full of enthusiasm, dogged determination, dying to take on the opposing boys (Ours and the other Lugarno 12s who managed to make finals, were the only teams in our comp with mixed teams) - in all ways a coach's dream, but lacking somewhat a sense of direction when it comes to moving around the field. Realising I could harness her into her perfect position,

striker she became, aided by a loaded mid field around her. Confident of her job she got amongst it, scoring a goal. Her first ever goal. While we went wild on the sideline, I watched as her and Atticus had a chat, then she started a polite clap. On the way home I asked Atticus what had been said, and it went along the lines of this:

N: What's happened?

A: You scored a goal!!!

N: Is that good?

A: Yes its great!

N: What do I do now?

A: You celebrate!

N: politely claps

Originally in B Grade, and made up of a mix of brand new entries to football, as well as some experienced players, after 4 rounds we had had 2 thorough smashings, a draw and a win, and the Association kindly relegated us back to C grade, in which we were much more suited....when we had enough players. Our biggest problem was having enough players on the field as there were more games than not where we played short. Playing on the main size pitch is difficult enough with big legs, but when your team is made up of 10, 11 and 12 year old sized legs, having less players is exhausting, but these were the games they showed their true grit and toughness, and while we lost some, they were low numbered games to the surprise and respect of the opposition teams and coaches, we also drew some and even won some.

#### Memorable moments: 5-1 Loss Penshurst West.

In this game my 8<sup>th</sup> player turned up before kick off visibly sick and asked if they could please be a sub, followed by my 9<sup>th</sup>, also sick and requesting the same thing, which I wished I could have agreed to more than the coffee I had been praying for. They both took to the field to face the 15 opposing players as they lined up, encouraged by what could be looked at as a heartless coach and negligent parents. (Only joking! It was the parents, not the coach ☺ ) We had a 5-1 loss and after the game the other coach came over to comment on what a remarkable display they had made, and when I explained 2 were really ill, he was blown away, summing up the sheer determination these kids showed.

As it is my first year with the club, I was not aware of the end of year awards, and when I discovered one was for the most improved, I had mixed emotions as I am not lying when I say that EVERY PLAYER deserved that award, and every parent would agree. Every game was a team effort, which it should be, and every player at every game gave 100% and more, and their skill level, ball control and understanding of the game was elevated by all. I am the last person to give every kid, or even my kid, an award but this year every player in this team should be congratulated on their efforts and rewarded so if you see them around Presentation Day, or when we hit the stage/podium/front look-at-us area for our team announcements please give them an extra big cheer!

Next year the team will go separate ways as a whole as some of the girls move into a girls only comp, and some of our younger players may play in their age group or merge with the other 12s so while this team were together for just this one year, I hope their friendships and love of The Beautiful Game grows even deeper. And I thank everyone of them for providing me with so much happiness, for proving how tough under pressure they really are, and for being such a great bunch of little adults in the making. This brings me to the parents, what a wonderful, supportive, encouraging and hilarious group of people they are, which reflects in their kids. Thank you for trusting me with your precious children's heads, hearts and feet. I only asked of them to want to see their kids improve, the team improve, and their confidence grow as this is what sport is about at this age, not scores but positive memories of games regardless of results and I think we all accomplished this together ...as a team.

## **U13 C**

**Coach: Hamish Solomons**

**Manager: Brett Puckeridge**

Whilst the final table shows that it was a tough year for the boys, let it be said that they were much better than their position would have one believe. Many a time, and at one stage for four weeks in a row, they lost games by just one goal, often falling short at the death against teams that were much higher placed.

The Lugarno 13C's had some cracking games and some satisfying wins and there were some standout performances that deserve mention.

If not for the amazing keeping of **Austin McDean** our for and against would have been far worse. If saving a goal is as good as scoring a goal, he'd be worth a million dollars. The boy has skills. With the departure of some key players, **Nicholas Cocotti** was a key player and lifted big time whilst improving greatly with his skills and leadership, as did much of the team. For the team it was generally just speed and fitness that let us down at times.

Our backs were busy all season and performed admirably. **Patrick Daly** and **Cameron Appleby** followed up their breakout 2018 seasons and as always did their best - never gave less than 100%. Thank goodness **Finlay Whitten** was a starter back into the squad as he helped lead the team and was a very handy player, mainly at the back, but also scored some quality goals. **Nick Puckeridge** showed through quality attitude that you can become the backbone of the team and this he was. He has played more games for this team than anyone else and this is something to be proud of.

**Jono Kaniouris** had some great games this season and scored some cracking goals, but a few of the best came by way of **Josh Murray** right at the beginning of the season, as well as a pearler from speedy **Josh Crewes** who was a handy utility player. And who could forget that great finish from **Hunter Solomons** at Riverwood Park from a brilliant cross from **Owen Beer** who often came up with the goods from the right wing, a position he has made his own over the years.

The biggest boot in the team belonged to **Sebastian Mitreski** who returned to the club and in one game in particular had a blinder with two wonderful goals. Speaking of goals, no one scored more than the machine **Max Cocotti** who consistently beat defenders and goalies alike with some quality skills to find the back of the net very regularly. **George Lignos** was one of our utility players who began to muscle up and showed improvement from the previous season.

A big thank you must also go to those that helped out regularly particularly Co-Coach Enzo Cocotti and our Manager Brett Puckeridge who has been the manager of this team since 1869. Also thank you to all the parents who helped out including regulars John Hancock (Assistant assistant coach and Linesman) as well as Bec Appleby (Assistant Manager). Also a big thank you to the Management Committee of the club for all their hard work.

## **U14 C**

**Coach: Maurice Bortolin**

**Managers: Belle Wilding & Deirdre Farrugia**

It gives me great please to write our End of season for 2019. The team went above all expectations this season and not only won the Grand Final but were minor Premiers (12 points clear) and were undefeated for the entire season.

We made the semi final in season 2018 and at our first training session for this year I asked the team what they wanted to achieve/pledge. The whole team said they wanted to win the Grand Final.

The team's great determination and fighting spirit showed in our first match of the season against Sans Souci (who we ended up playing in the major semi). We were 0-3 down in the second half of that game. The match ended up 3-3 with a wonder strike (outside the box) from Ray.

The tone for the season was set from that game.

Our major threats for the season was to come from Sans Souci, Arncliffe Aurora and Banksia Tigers. We had some very tight matches against these teams.

The team scored a total of 80 goals this season and conceded 15 goals. Our leading goal scorer was Harrison V (20). He was closely followed Daniel W (17). Daniel W scored the most goals in one game (6).

Our biggest win came against Oatley FC (16-0).

Our major semi was against Sans Souci. This was a very tight game which ended in a 2-2 draw. We advanced into Grand Final (and got the week rest) due to our finishing position on the table.

Our Grand Final against Arncliffe Aurora was a closely contested (nail biting) game which went down to the final whistle. We won that game 2-1. Shane showed great determination in playing through the pain of a fractured arm for the second half of the second half.

The whole team contributed to our awesome season 2019. I would like to thank the players for their commitment/execution of the original pledge.

Thank you to our parents for their support throughout the season and help at field set up and canteen duties.

A big thank you to Belle and Deirdre for taking on and executing the manager roles.

I also want to thank the Lugarno FC club and in particular club President Hagop and wife Mary and club Secretary Sue for our many chats throughout the season.



**Noah** (keeper)

Our goal keeper. Noah had a fantastic year in our goal and made a number of excellent saves throughout the year. He was fearless and his long punt kicks would clear the half way line.



**Alex** (sweeper)

Our sweeper. Had an awesome season controlling our defence and cleaning up all of our opponents' attacks. He provided some great long balls to our forwards and scored the penalty which won the Grand Final for us. Alex scored 12 goals.



**Tim** (left back)

Tim had a great year at right fullback. His great speed allowed him to close down his attackers quickly. He provided excellent passes to the team.



**Shane** (right back)

Shane's season was summed up in his brave performance in the Grand Final. Not wanting to let the team down he played through the pain of a fractured arm. Shane possesses lightening speed which allowed him to chase down his attackers quickly. His distribution from the back was great. Shane scored 1 goal.





**Daniel C** (stopper)

Daniel took on the stopper role for us like a duck to water. He was able to close our opponents' strikers down quickly and not allow them to settle on the ball. He provided good passes to the team.

**Gab** (left half/fullback)

Gab worked tirelessly for us the whole season. He runs non stop each game. He seems to thrive when he plays against Arncliffe Aurora and Banksia (?). Gab had a great game for us at left back in the Grand Final. Gab scored 2 goals this season.



**Adam** (centre midfield)

Playing in the engine room for our team Adam was called upon to do a great amount of running during each game. Adam possesses great close ball control skills and provided a vast number of passes to our forwards. Adam scored 3 goals.

**Sean** (left midfield)

Sean had a great season on the left hand side for us. He has the great ability to intercept a pass and provided many good long passes to our forwards. He possesses the longest throw-in for the team.



**Nathan**

Nathan missed most of the season due to illness. When he is on the field, he inspires others with his fearless play. He has great tackling ability and is not scared to put his head in the way of the ball. He provides our forwards with great long passes.

**Daniel W** (midfield/forward)

Unfortunately, Daniel missed approx 4 weeks with a knee injury. Even though he missed a month his goal tally for the year was 17. In his return game from injury against Oatley FC he was able to score 6 goals. Daniel also possesses great close ball control and created a number of goal scoring chances for others.



**Harrison C** (right midfield)

Harrison, over the last two seasons, has improved so much. This season he has showed great improvements in his tackling and passing. He gives 100% on the field.



**Daniel B** (various positions)

Daniel tried hard all season. He showed great improvements in his tackling and passing. He is a good team player and enjoys being part of the team.



**Ross** (left wing)

Ross possesses great speed which enables him to out run his defenders. He scored some very impressive goals and is a great poacher of a goal. He scored two great volley goals from corners. Ross's goal tally for the year was 12.

**Zack** (right wing)

Zack also possesses great speed which put him in a number of goal scoring opportunities. He combined well with Ray on our right hand side. Zack scored 5 excellent goals this year.



**Ray** (right wing/half)

Ray had a great season this year. His excellent close ball control and dribbling would bamboozle his opponents. He provided great passes and goal scoring opportunities to the team. Ray scored 3 excellent goals this year.

**Harrison V** (Striker)

Harrison finished the season as our leading goal scorer on 20. All in all we played 19 games this season and Harrison V scored in 15 of our games. Harrison missed two games throughout the season. Harrison's goals came at crucial times and he scored in our major semi and Grand Final. Harrison, a natural right footer, scored a number of his goals with his left foot.



Regards Maurice

## **U15B**

**Coach: Octavio Montoya**

**Manager: Katharine Montoya**

The start of the 2019 15B campaign this year was a little rocky having a lost 4 players from the team that had contested the 14A competition in 2018. With only just enough numbers to register a team (11 players) it was looking like a long season. However, not long after teams were submitted, we welcomed Will who decided to come back and we also welcomed new players to the club in Emmanuel, Connor and Chris which gave a good squad of 14 players for the season.

Our first 7 rounds were a mixed bag of a draw, a few big wins and few losses as we really hadn't found our rhythm or gelled as a team. The 4-2 loss to Kogarah in round 7 proved to be a pivotal moment for our team as post that game, our boys went on a 10-game winning streak and completed the rest of the season without a loss, including the finals series.

As we made our run from 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> on the table, the race for the Minor Premiership intensified to the point where Kogarah, Ramsgate and Lugarno all sat on the same points with only our goal difference placing us on top with a few rounds to go. The Minor Premiership would effectively be decided on the 2<sup>nd</sup> last round of the regular season.

With Kogarah guaranteed 3 points as they were playing the SGFA Warriors, and Lugarno playing Ramsgate, the equation was simple:

- Kogarah would be guaranteed 2<sup>nd</sup> but could come 1<sup>st</sup> if Lugarno and Ramsgate drew
- If Lugarno and Ramsgate drew, Lugarno would finish 2<sup>nd</sup> and Ramsgate 3<sup>rd</sup> meaning they would need to win all 3 finals games to take out the Premiership.
- The winner of Lugarno vs Ramsgate would take out the Minor Premiership and the loser would drop to 3<sup>rd</sup> and would have to win all 3 finals games to take out the Premiership.

The anticipation and tension on the field and on the sideline, was palpable as everyone knew what was on the line, and for the 3<sup>rd</sup> time in the season, another tight game played out. After Lugarno going out to a 2-0 lead through a set piece header from Will in the first half and then a left footer from Saul just inside the box early in the second half, Ramsgate pulled us back level 2-2 through a great shot that sailed over our keeper and then through a penalty due to an accidental handball.

With 2 minutes to go, Lugarno was awarded a direct free kick from about 25 odd metres out and about 2 metres from the side line. Josiah stepped up for a long range shot at goal. The shot beat the keeper on the far top right corner to send us 3-2 ahead. Everyone went nuts and we scrambled back to defend like nobody's business for the last couple of minutes of the game.

A game that didn't disappoint and a result that satisfied. All we had to do was take care of Banksia (coming 2<sup>nd</sup> last) the following week to seal our team's FIRST MINOR PREMIERSHIP which didn't look within range early in the season when we were sitting in 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> spot.

Lugarno and Ramsgate would meet one more time in the Grand Final after we went through on an extra time 0-0 draw against a determined Kogarah (regular season: 2-2 draw, 4-2 loss, 6-0 win) and Ramsgate beat Connells Point 3-0.

Playing at Ador Avenue on a winterish day with wonderful support from family, friends, LFC committee and members, it was another game that was battled intensely that Lugarno took out 2-1.

After taking 2-0 in the second half through a corner (Will) and Josiah beating the keeper 1:1 after an expertly passed ball from Saul, Ramsgate got one back with 10 minutes to go to set up an intense finish to the Grand Final. Our boys held on and we took out the Premiership despite Ramsgate piling on the pressure!

Super proud of these boys as we finished 2019 as Minor Premiers and Premiers.

Including Finals Series, this year's statistics were; Played 19 Games; Won 14; Drew 2; Lost 3, Scored 101 goals; Conceded 19; Goal Difference of +82.

A big thank you to all the family and friends that came and supported us throughout the season as well as the 13A team whom we trained with and played against every week, and many of who helped our team when we were down in numbers through school holidays.

I'd also like to thank Rob Loncar, Rob Fonti and Tony Cino who ran training when I was unable to attend. Much appreciated guys.

Finally, thank you to my wife Katharine for doing an awesome job as Team Manager ensuring everyone knew where they needed to be every week, making sure referees were paid, players had their cards and we had linesmen on a weekly basis as well organising canteen and field setup rosters for our team.

I have LOVED coaching these boys, some for the first time, and many of them for many years. You are a bunch of great young men. Thanks for the 2019 Memories.



**Top Row:** Markus Loncar (Right Back, 2 GF Wins), Chris Cino (Left Back, 1 GF Win), Emmanuel Terence Victor (Holding Mid, 1 GF Win), Anthony Fonti (Holding Mid / CAM, 2 GF Wins), Ryan Courtney (Centre Back, 2 GF Wins), Zane Argent (Centre Back, 2 GF Wins); Saul Robinson (Right Wing, 2 GF Wins), Octavio Montoya (Coach, 3 GF Wins)

**Bottom Row:** Nate Seeto (Left Wing, 3 GF Wins); Ryan Devet (Keeper, 2 GF Wins); Andrei Esdaile-Watts (Holding Mid, 3 GF Wins); Josiah Montoya (CAM, Striker, 3 GF Wins), Eric Athanas (CAM / Keeper, 2 GF Wins), Connor Lau (Holding Mid, 1 GF Win); Will Nicholson (Striker / CAM, 2 GF Wins)

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## **AAW B**

**Coach:** Max El-Debel

**Manager:** Sue Dick

AAWB - What a year!

Recruiting new players and old players returning to create a team of 19 strong and courageous women!

Started the season off with a 5-1 win, it was a positive boost after previous years being beaten by that amount. Winning every game but being cautious as we didn't want to repeat last year's re-grading incident. Unfortunately, our winning streak came to an end on Easter Monday when we versed Carss Park (who were re-graded to the A's) who smashed us 7-1. The losing streak began for the next 3 games, and we dropped from 1st to 5th.

After a team pep-talk, we pulled up our socks and got our heads back into the game, winning every game from then on, moving up and bouncing between 3rd and 2nd.

The overall competition was unpredictable within the top 5 teams. Each week the results shocked us and the table was constantly changing. We managed to maintain first place towards the final rounds and finished as Minor Premiers.

### **Finals time!**

Semi Finals against Connells Point at Oatley Park. We'd only played them twice throughout the season, one being a loss and the other being a win, it was a 50/50 chance. Losing 2-0 in the first half, the second half we came back and got even with a 2-2 score, almost winning it in the last few minutes, but unfortunately the goal was ruled as being offside. This lead us to extra time and, with



no goals scored, we won by being on top of the table. This was our first ever draw for the season. Straight through to the Grand Finals we go!



With a healthy team of 19, and no major injuries sustained throughout the season, it was a difficult decision for Max (coach) and Sue (manager) to choose the final 16. After great discussion with Georgina (captain) and Cara (vice-captain), the team had been submitted.

Grand Finals was held at Jubilee Stadium, against Connells Point who only just won their finals. We were given our own dressing room; it all felt very professional and very surreal. Stepping out on the big field the nerves were definitely kicking in for everyone. Winning in the first half 1-0 from a great goal by Tess, was a lifting feeling for

us, but we knew we had to bring our A game still.

The score evened out 1-1 very early in the second half. Both teams feeling the nerves, it was anyone's game! Selena made an exceptional run towards the goals and scored, putting us in the lead 2-1 with 10 minutes to go! Before we knew it, our last 10 minutes had been extended to injury time and Connells Point used their last bit of energy and scored 2 goals, which lead them to win 3-2. It was a heart breaking moment; as we had been the better team all game. Overall, they were a nice team to verse and all the Lugarno spectators complimented us stating they thoroughly enjoyed watching the game.

Whatever the result, we decided to have a team end of year BBQ after the game to celebrate the extraordinary season we had. We're not just a team, we're a family and we play for one another. At the end of the day, no matter what the score says, we are winners!!

A big thank you to our Coach and Manager - Max El Debel and Sue Dick.

Max has been an exceptional Coach over the last several years. He always believed in us, boosting our confidence when we needed it most. Despite being injured from the start of the season, he always made an effort to get to every game and every training session to support us.

Sue, who went above and beyond to manage us and be the stand-in Coach when Max got injured, sending us messages through our group-chat, confusing us all by creating multiple different polls at one time. Her efforts, encouragement and constant yelling don't go unseen... or unheard.

A special shoutout to Selena Green who will be leaving us for England next year. She's been a part of our team for almost 10 years, achieved Leading Goal Scorer for Sunday Comp plenty of times, and scored us many winning goals. Selena we wish you the best of luck! You will be dearly missed by your AAW family and by Lugarno FC.



## **The Team!**

### **Our Goal Keeper:**

**Wedad Hammoud** - As hard as it is to find a keeper, Wedad stepped up to the role, no questions asked and proved herself game after game, further encouraging and working with the team from her prime position. She saved more than she let in witnessing some incredible skills! She was fearless, putting her body on the line every game; she was even taken out by a Gnome!

### **Our Defenders:**

**Georgina Dick (Centre Back and Captain)** – She always tries her hardest to maintain a good spirit within the team, living up to her captain duties; she tries her best not to let anyone down. Ensuring her backline is in control, she's always encouraging and supporting the other defenders, covering for them when needed and protecting the keeper. Just like her mother, she never stops yelling.

**Anna Dvorak (Centre Back)** - Rejoining the team quarter way through the season after 3 years of not playing, her presence made a difference in the back line as she and Georgina made a great combination. A timid young lady off the field surprises, us all with her strength and screams of excitement on the field. It scared us, but we loved it!

**Mia Kinmond (Left Back)** - Also rejoining the team after a 3 year break, our little speed demon was back! Without a doubt she'll always catch up with the faster players, covering anyone who needed it and clearing the ball with her wicked left curl. Was great to have you back, you were missed!

**Rakia El Debel (Right Back)** - Being the Wife of the Coach she's our team Mum! She's always ready for anything and never afraid of criticism, unless it's from the Coach. She befriends everyone from the other teams and loves to hug them a little too much.

**Shontelle Swinfield (Right Back)** - Never afraid to put her body on the line, with a good clearance she managed to crack one in the back on the net but was denied the goal as it was scored after the whistle blew. We still counted it for her.

**Jessica Hanneybel (Right and Centre Back)** - Joining the team this year, she slotted in perfectly to the back line doing what she does best, defending and clearing the ball. Jess took one for the team, and sat out on our Grand Final. We appreciate her team spirit.

**Andronika Christodoulou (Left and Right Back)** - One of the OG Mums, 'Chopper' returned this year after taking a break, she came back ready for a Trophy! Unfortunately, we didn't get one, looks like she'll have to return for another season. Andron was another player who took one for the team and sat out on the Grand Final. We appreciate her team spirit also.

### **Our Midfield:**

**Cara Heath (Centre Mid/CDM and Vice-Captain)** - Cara's experience and knowledge throughout her many years of soccer helped her in controlling the midfield which made a huge impact in our games this season. Constantly cracking jokes and telling stories, Cara is a well-respected player among the girls.

**Amanda Daizli (Centre Mid)** - She never stops running, always trying her hardest to support both the backline and the strikers. She assisted many goals, created exceptional corner crossers, and taking a shot whenever the opportunity occurred. Her confidence this year really shone.

**Jessica Dick (Winger and All-Rounder)** - Joining the team this year for the first time, bringing her PWL skills with her. She assisted and scored many goals, and when needed jumped in the Backline to cover someone's position. She was an asset to the team this year, the girls enjoyed playing with her and it definitely helped Sue out having her daughters in the same team finally, after 16 years!

**Bianca Torrisi (Winger)** - A new member to the family this year, rejoining Lugarno FC after a year of being at the wrong end of the park. Bianca settled in easily with our team, assisting where it was needed. We'll never get over her cracker of a goal giving us our last win for the season. Despite being right footed, she scored it with her left foot!

**Eliza Torrisi (Winger)** - Also a new member to the team, rejoining soccer after a few years break. It took a bit of time to get back into the rhythm, with her sister's 'encouragement' on field, slowly but surely she became more confident within herself and really played some exceptional football. Eliza was the final player to sit off for the Grand Final. We also appreciate her team spirit.



**Penny Rizgalla (Winger)** - Another one of our famous Mums, Little Penny the Pocket Rocket! She's constantly chasing down her opponents and supporting her players around her. Give her an instruction and she follows it to a T!

**Fiona Lambrou (Winger)** - She can read a game perfectly, always ends up in the right position at the right time; she found her confidence playing an exceptional season. Unfortunately she sustained an injury during the season, keeping her away from some games. Rehabilitating it, she gained her confidence back to play in our GF!

#### **Our Strikers:**

**Selena Green (Striker and mid)** - Changing her hair colour every week, she made it difficult to spot her on the field. Selena is by far an outstanding striker, being an unselfish player she knows when exactly to assist or to take it herself. As usual she created some great play with her partner in crime, Iva. Despite being hung-over, she still managed to score her signature header from a corner. As mentioned before, she will not be returning next season, and it will be a massive loss. Someone has got some huge boots to fill! We'll miss you.

**Iva Nikolaev (Striker)** - The opposition always loves to pick on Iva, but she gets her payback by receiving penalties from it. Her tricky feet and perfect play with Selena have created some amazing goal scoring opportunities. Hopefully next year, she won't take spontaneous trips overseas again.

**Marie Khoury (Striker)** - Joining the team this year after joining motherhood last year, our new young Mum has brought her Indoor skills to the big field. After some time adapting to the larger field, she found her place and her talent as one of our strikers. We'll never forget the cheeky back heel shot she almost scored.

**Teresea Todoroski (Striker and Winger)** - Previously playing at Kogarah, Tess wanted to join a team closer to home, finding herself at Lugarno, she fitted in well with our little family. Being an all-rounder, we found her position best on the wing or up front. Scoring against her old team, and scoring the first goal in our Grand Final, two very memorable goals by her.

With Gannons Park being refurbished, 2020 already looks like it is going to be a good year! We are excited to see what it holds for us, as we WILL be bringing home that trophy to put in the trophy cabinet in the newly built Clubroom!

Thank you to the Committee for another successful year, to our Family, Friends and Supporters for watching and encouraging us this year, and to the Players well done for another great season!



## **PWL**

**Coach: Ivan Jersek**

**Manager: Katie White**



The 2019 season for our PWL team was a tough one. After losing multiple players at the beginning of the season, our girls knew the season was going to be a challenge but none the less we continued to tackle each opponent week in week out in good spirits.

We welcomed a small number of new players this season and with the mixture of those returning players and holidays we, as a team, struggled to gel as well as hoped. With multiple injuries and holidays we saw a number of our games challenging top teams with 7 or 8 players on the remaining Sundays throughout the season.

We'd like to thank the girls who continuously put in 110% effort this season committing to the team. We would also like to thank Ivan for coaching the PWL team this season. It's tough having a few people to coach but having a team of females is the ultimate challenge and for that we are truly thankful to have someone like Ivan coach us who constantly commits and always has a smile on his face, even at the worst of defeats. It is a true testament to the type of person he is and his loyalty to Lugarno FC. We can't thank you enough Ivan!

We look forward to coming back stronger for the 2020 season!



## **AAC**

**Coach: Liam Kelly**

**Manager: Joseph Kilua**



Congratulations to the AAC team for winning the Grand Final after an exciting penalty shootout against ASOW.

The game finished 1-1 after extra time and the 10 man Lugarno team held on to clinch the title after penalties.

## **AAF 2**

**Coach: Jeremy Peisley**

**Manager: Peter Georgellis**



The All Age F team, aka Hecklers FC, returned for a 6<sup>th</sup> season of football in 2019, with one goal - to take out the title after losing the last 2 Grand Finals, and aiming for a 5<sup>th</sup> straight Grand Final.

We welcomed back one of our star midfielders Harry Papadopoulos, who took a year off due to a new born and his wife's desire to play netball to get away from them all. We also got a new recruit Thomas 'Tommy' Murphy who Mark found on a Sydney Irish 'Grinder' site, but also took pity on Alex 'Dumb Dumb' Andreadis who walked out on us last year after meeting the whole team and thinking 'these guys' - no way, too slow and old - and went on to a lower grade and guess what, he didn't enjoy finals football in 2018 but enjoyed being our ball boy for the finals in 2018. These guys were required with Jeremy out for the season, but he took the role as our Coach.

Bernie didn't want to see any more 'green whistles' and also keep his shoulder in place for more than 30 minutes, and Nesh went over to Raider land to join forces with all his Serb brothers as he also had too much on, but then became an RTO, setting up fields and pulldowns every week plus doing BBQ's - and he lived next to Peakhurst Park, one of our 2019 home grounds! Foti Papoulis also had a dream one night during his nightly 2hrs of sleep, of becoming the next big striker for LFC from keeper, meaning the team had to try find a replacement and, without luck, our best left back Michael "Yare" Jarevski stepped up and proved he was also the best keeper in the team!

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Like always, not a training ball was kicked in the preseason, but we did have a trial game with a fellow LFC team a few grades higher than us and, with only 10 men, we actually had an impressive win and confidence was high leading into the 2019 season. To make things more interesting 3 more members of the team decided to join Michael in the committee, Eddy, Jeremy and Vlado. Soon heckling became part of the LFC board with these 3 onboard.

The team started really strong, we opened with a solid 4-1 win over Rangers, but lost our next game to Peakhurst 3-1 but then went on a winning streak which saw us 1<sup>st</sup> at the mid-point of the season. Mark McCormack went from our best player in 2018 by a mile, to being the worst Irish player on the team (well only out of 2) and we soon found out we hit gold with Tommy as he was a class above all at scoring goals we had never witnessed - did I mention he was a defensive midfield?! Big Dog Rob Trposki, who looked ready for a massive season and was back to his Premier League day form, got hit early with injuries and, like usual, overseas trips, childbirth, weddings and other injuries started to take a toll, so we soon signed another Pete G (Ghobrial) and quickly nicknamed him PTN (Pete the Neighbour) being Michael's neighbour.

We suffered another 3-1 loss to Peakhurst as they closed the gap on us but, with the overseas trips and injuries taking a toll, we still managed to keep in front with some gutsy wins. With only 3 rounds to go and only 10 players available, we found ourselves only 1 point in front. Club Liaison Officer turned to the U17's for players one night at his kid's training session and up went the hands of Matty Denson and Christian Petrovski. The next game was against 3<sup>rd</sup> placed Kogarah, who were only 2 points below us, and bang - the combination of old and young worked a treat as we won 9-1 with Matt scoring 4 and Christian, a defender, grabbing a couple. The boys filled in for the rest of the season as they saw a new premiership jacket was on the way (Matt actually sometimes filled in for 4 teams plus played for his own team on a weekend, true Club man) and we wrapped up the AAF Minor Premiership with a round to play.

We came up against Peakhurst in the first finals match and luckily the U17's qualified for finals football with us. We went with 12 players, but soon found ourselves 1-0 down at the half against a team which had the wood on us this year. Our faceless man, I mean Kotta, delivered an inspirational halftime speech then also delivered on the field with an equaliser, and we had all the running in extra-time as Eddy scored a perfect header after replacing Shortarse on a corner, to his disgust, and Matt finished it off to make it 3-1.

Grand Final day, which turned into night after all the other GF's went the distance to shootouts, was against turf-war rivals Forest Rangers who came from 4<sup>th</sup> into the GF. With everyone seeming to



return from overseas and injuries, we had 17 players available so off went Jehad with his spinning 'Wheel of Fortune' formula excel spreadsheet (he even taped it with the correct music) and bang, Foti missed out but 'Medium Frank' claimed to have eaten and drunk too much and was not in shape to play after 2 months in Europe, and decided to sit out the Grand Final claiming we might need to call him 'Big Frank' again.

Grand Final morning also saw a few head to a breakfast and proudly formed a break away chat group 'Wolfpack' - for life, but the starters just saw them as benchwarmers and injured players who had nothing better to do but upset Eddy. After a tight first half 0-0, we got totally on top of Forest as Wolfpack members played their 10minutes worth and it finished 3-0 to the mighty Luggers with Matt grabbing a hat-trick (refer to the last Around the Grounds for the Full Report), CHAMPIONS and the DOUBLE COMPLETE. A few have said maybe they won't return - being in our 40's what's wrong with finishing on a high, but we will wait and see as all the off-season drama awaits, charge your phones team as I suspect FOMO will set in.



And here is the "TEAM OF MISFITS" that somehow seems to work:

**#1 Michael Jarevski** – Mark was worried his promise of winning a title in his last year in Australia before heading to Villawood for deportation was not to be delivered unless we had a real keeper and was not happy Michael stepped into this role, but soon team members were wondering why this man was not keeper earlier as some famously quoted, we would have won the last 2 Grand Finals if he was keeper. So not only our best Left Back option but our new No 1, he even still tried to have his groin involved and saved a few goals with it since he couldn't trap balls with it and no socks required, only as they weren't on special at Woolworths.

**#2 Peter Georgellis** – Pete was solid as ever playing right back, many headers with sweat coming off his bald head were cleared as he "didn't let any bounce" but he left us towards the end of the season as he locked himself up - he got married and headed on a very, very long honeymoon (thanks to years of Ref's money) missing the end of the season. But hey at least one of his heads was still working and I'm sure he got a few 'loads' off.

**#3 Alexander Andreadis** – And yet another electrician joined our team as our new sweeper/ central back, although he walked out on us last year before his ball boy duties made amends but so did his

work on the football field. Big Al was a standout in the backs and it was nice to have a massive goal kicker back in the team (Laki we miss you) plus his relationship with a number of the players provided entertainment gold, especially the Big Rob and the famous 'Dumb Dumb' gif.

**#4 Andrew Cox** – Big Coxy was looking forward to heading back to left wing after being our rock as sweeper for years. But with a shortage of backs plus injuries, didn't get many chances there and instead played a number of games next to Big Al and also Left Back when Johnny got injured. Coxy, like always, was solid as a German Tank banging on a brickwall and got a few goals from his headers on set plays/corners.

**#5 Robert Trpkoski** – Injuries, Injuries, Injuries. Rob was on fire in our preseason game and then came round 1, 5 minutes in and his knee went. After 6 weeks off he came back and a few games in was hitting form again and, as we laughed when it looked like he tripped over the ball and crawled off in embarrassment, we soon found out his ankle was as big as a football. Rob was in a moon boot (became part of the LFC outfit in 2019) and out for the season but still came down to support the boys and gave us plenty of humour throughout the season.

**#6 Nick Kottaras** – The man with few words. Who am I kidding?? Our loud mouth and motivation speaker. After a love affair with big Rob last season he soon fell for 'there is only one Tommy', but feelings weren't mutual with the 'Shy' Irishman and by season's end Kotta enjoyed quality 'Wolfpack' time with Rob and was soon singing there is only one Robbie again, proving once again a Greek (Southern Macedonian) and a Macedonian (Northern Macedonia) can get along even though their countries can't.

**#7 Harry Papadopoulos** – The man who showed us how to play football 2 years ago was back and boy was he missed - not only is he a great player but has some great one-liners to have ripped us to pieces over the year and always up for a big night out as it was his turn to get away from the family. Rumours is Harry will be returning in 2020 as the home rotation policy of being a sport star comes to an end in his household with the kids growing up.

**#8 Mark McCormack** – Mark fell short on his promise to delivery us a premiership in his first season with us last year but luckily we recruited his workmate, Alex, otherwise we probably would have fallen short again, haha. Unfortunately Mark has VISA issues (Drunk Irishman Issues) and will be deported at year's end and his anger on the field grew even more and we heard plenty more "Fookin" hells on the field as he is forced to leave a country he loves, but he had another standout year and is a real workhorse on the field who also scored many screamers, it was nice knowing you C\*#T.

**#9 Frank Kontrafouris** – The gentle giant on our team only had one incident in 2019, a great UFC move while on the floor on a smartarse from Peakhurst who loved to threaten but soon shut his mouth, even the ref didn't produce a card as he was happy to hear the guy shut up. Frank was in fine form early and has great touches, knows how to hold the ball up and puts away some beautiful goals but went on a well-deserved and long family holiday and being the nice guy he is, gave up his spot upon his return to Foti who also just returned from a long European Trip...

**#10 Foti Papoulis** – Our new striker, our saviour but still our toe basher. Foti swore to average a goal a game as he turned from keeper to striker, 3<sup>rd</sup> game in and bang he hit a hat-trick against his best-man Nesh and his new team the Raiders, who also tried to get him across preseason, meaning 3 games 3 goals and he was on track to delivery on his promise, his energy and running when he got on is never to be laughed at and gave the team a boast and by season's end he totalled.....4 goals.

**#11 Ian Zafra** – Zobra, also known as Bernie, was in great form in 2019 a real key to our success and his sister no-where in sight, he would usually play wing run till he couldn't stand anymore and call himself off.....in the 10<sup>th</sup> minute, come back on and do the same and repeat again in the second half. He worked so hard he usually needed a massage before and after the game. And ladies come get him he is a bachelor, and very good looking - or does that make you wonder??

**#12 Eddy Poh** – Eddy wanted to be keeper, but after costing us the premiership last year filling in as keeper and copping an 8 game suspension for his 'closed fist' push, we made sure he played where we needed him striker, his speed is his secret - when it's not scoring tries in Oztag, it's helping

him put goals away on the football field. He still got a taste of keeper in a few games plus in blow outs, giving Michael a run and even stepped in the backs to help and he still managed to grab 11 goals plus organise non-comp presentation.

**#13 Fotes Efthimiadis** – Our midget “Shortarse” played his usual role, midfielder, scoring some cracker goals from his 50 attempts and staying on even though his hands were on his knees. Then his wife had a baby and he went MIA for 6 weeks, leading to many in the team to believe he was breastfeeding but finally he grew some silverback gorilla balls and he came back at the business end of the season and finally got a taste of glory.

**#15 Jehad Matar** – Our tractor was back and slower than ever, although he tried to get faster with games of squash in the offseason with Vlado, but you can't teach a donkey new tricks or should I say speed, but he had a great highlight when he fired up and ran hard and past a defender (he was actually slower than him, not sure how that was possible) and scored a brilliant individual goal and was pumped up like never seen before. He hurt his back but returned for the GF but for some reason didn't go to the places Zobra recommended, but we wish he didn't, only joking, or am I?

**#16 Thomas Murphy** – Tommy was our star signing and probably soon thought what have I got myself into, especially with Kotta and one other person from LFC falling for him. He was all class and scored some brilliant goals, he got 9 in total and he was our defensive midfield. He was quiet and very likeable compared to the other Irishman in the team, until he brought in the fines system and took off overseas with all the funds. Luckily he returned for the big one and also organised a piss up with all the fines.

**#17 Vlado Mazevski** – He played in every game this year and was used all over the park as his preferred position of defensive midfield had all of a sudden become the most popular position on the team. He filled in as Left Back towards the end of the season and did a solid job. Being the new trustee of the club, he also got us all sorted with hoodies and jumpers, something Michael tried so hard to do in 2018, but hey the price did drop from \$50 to \$20, it must be your birthday, everyone join in “Why were you born so beautiful Vlado”.

**#18 Peter Ghobrial** – A former LFC Premier League player joined the madness we call the AAF2's and fitted in perfectly besides the 12 pack of warm beers. PTN was quick and had a strong pass and kick, we weren't use to this and had to tell him to back off on the power. When Pete G left on his honeymoon, we had a hole at Right Back and PTN lifted and filled it perfectly as he became our first real wing back we have had and played outstanding in this role in the backend of the season.

**#19 Ioannis Papaioannou** – How the heck do you get Johnny from Ioannis? Our border line midget was his usual self, a bulldog to all opposition playing either as a Midfield or filling in the backs, until one game he called himself off and held his shoulder and left. We soon found out he drove himself to Hospital, he had popped and dislocated his shoulder and was out for the season as overseas trips were about to hit us. Unfortunate for Johnny but also as he just started his own Electrical company. He is back at work now, anyone need a sparkie, call Johnny from Raptor Electrical 0405 100 210.

**#2 (From U17B) Christian Petrovski** – We soon found out what Kotta and Rob's love child would look like, with Christian being half Macedonian and half Greek, but most importantly this kid had heart and played awesome for us. Arriving late with Matty to our first game due to their game, Christian, a back, was put in the mid's as we had the backs sorted and bang, he put a goal away and finished with a double. He then played in the backs and was solid as, plus very quick being so tall. Exactly what we needed.

**#10 (From U17B) Matthew Denson** – Matt got our team's no 10 jersey scoring plenty of goals and probably got it averaging a goal a game overall for the season. Matt scored an amazing tally of 13 goals in 5 games for us (our leading goal-scorer), has speed to burn and fitted in perfectly with our team's system, he might be small in stature but he didn't let any opposition players push him around.

**#Coach Jeremy Peisley** – Our back-heeler king had become our coach and everyone was on edge, when he actually showed up. But when he did, he made the right calls and even followed an Irish heist game plan in the grand final. We look forward to seeing him back on the field in 2020.



We would like to also thank the following who backed up/filled in for us for a game or two during the year when we were short, Anthony Finlay (AAH), Mark Lewis (O35B), Jim Apostolovski (O45A), John Hristias (O45A) and Dominique Rosario (O45A).

## **AAH**

**Coach: Max El-Debel**

**Coach & Manager: Hagop Tchamkertenian**



The AAH were a team that formed during the pre-season and comprised existing as well as a number of new players drawn from diverse age groups. The team had several under 18's, a number of uni students and some mature age players.

Despite the diversity in age, the team bonded surprisingly quickly and played and operated like an established team.

Initially everyone wanted to play for fun but after a few rounds and a great recruitment drive by Bash, we ended up with 22 registered players and after securing a few wins all talk about playing for fun went out of the window as the team got really serious about doing well in the competition.

Understandably training did not have high rates of participation but the players were focussed and serious on game day. On two occasions players had to be stood down as we had more players available than the 16 that can be placed on a match sheet.

The team was coached by Max and Hagop and managed by Hagop, hence the nickname the AAH's earned during the season as the "President's Team".

Despite having so many players registered, a total of 25 players were used during the season with Ibby and Matty from the under 17's and Atef from the over 35's helping out on occasions when the team was short of players.

At the start of the season two objectives were set for the team by the team officials - to be competitive and, if possible, make the finals.

Pleasingly, both objectives were realised as the team played competitive football throughout the season and was uncompetitive on the scoreboard in just a single game.



The team managed to go on a 7 game undefeated run and clinched 4th place to qualify for finals football, following a gutsy 3-0 win over second placed Forest Rangers in the final round of the competition.

In the semi-final game, despite dominating both ball possession and field position, the team went down 1-0 to the eventual division premiers Penshurst West. After the game the opposition's coach confessed that they were only concerned about one team in their division - Lugarno FC.

That was a great compliment to the team coming from the eventual Premiers.

As coach and manager and also as club President I would personally like to thank Max for offering training opportunities and sessions to the ones that made an effort to attend training.

Max, who started the season as a player, broke his leg in round one of the competition and was forced to sit out the rest of the season as a consequence. The injury did not prevent Max from attending training sessions or games during the season.

I would also like to thank our team captain David who often arrived to games with none or limited hours of sleep due to his work roster. David played with his heart on his sleeve and was instrumental in motivating and driving other players.

This was my first year in charge of an All Age team and I must confess it was both enjoyable and challenging at times. I quickly learnt a valuable lesson - boys will always be boys irrespective of their age!

I look forward to the players returning next season so we can assemble another competitive team and hopefully give the competition another good shake.



## **O45A**

**Coach: Nick Ivanovski**

**Manager: David Messner**

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- Can read
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- Have weak self-control

With the sweet smell of Dencorub now all but dissipated and the emerging reports of a sharp decline in emergency hospital admissions, one can only assume that the 2019 soccer season for Lugarno's well over 45's has come to its final conclusion.

For those new readers to the newsletter, to provide context, about 14 of the 15 Lugarno O45 players can walk into a store without ID and get the pensioner's discount. Our side is under the misapprehension that running around a soccer field Friday night could add years to a person's life. They would be right—just ask anyone who has ever watched Lugarno 45's play, they feel ten years older!

It's now time to take stock and reflect on our team's successes, the big wins and on field accomplishments – this shouldn't take too long!!

We started the year with 15 registered players. Bringing an overabundance of premature enthusiasm from some of the finest physically challenged specimens Southern Sydney had to offer. No wonder the Association only allowed the boys to play at night and in the dark.



Time to introduce you to the boys...

**David Mezzie** - Mid Centre and occasional drifter to the right – Mezzie is the side's spiritual leader and team administrator. Arranging both game and the regular ASADA testing. Conscious of the age and medical challenges within the team, Mezzie schedules ASADA when most of the boys had disappeared, knowing how long it takes to drip fill that sample container. He feels that the team's use of drugs is not only fair but a necessity considering it keeps the team's blood pressure down - their kidneys functioning providing a good stream on and off the field. Basically, keeping the team alive for the next game.

**Tony Traj** - Known also as *Teflon Tones*. Tones was on a self-imposed sabbatical from the game. After turning up to cheer and motivate the boys, Tones unexpectedly disappeared and was later found headed to the Himalayas to find a higher level of consciousness with the Dalai Lama; to ask the eternal question – why are the Lugarno 45's so bad?

**Jimmy** - aka Model aka Jetsetter aka Mr Razzle Dazzle and sometimes Forward – Jim is best known for being the pretty boy of the team, it must be true cos he says it all the time. But seriously, Jim's razzle dazzle ducking and weaving in the middle of the park often left the opposition spell bound with his style and grace. If only he was like Bill Clinton and could score. Oh well at least his claim to fame was to bring in Tomi to the team who actually did score.

**Tommi** - Mr. Business – Stealth – the Magician – the Maestro – leading goal scorer and any other title that will annoy Jimmy but mostly forward. Tommi's focus was unnerving, all he was missing was the violin case. Tomi would come to the ground quietly and commence game preparations - assessing the grounds, the opposition and the game plan to be executed, occasionally distracted by Jimmy talking about his latest photo shoot.

**Phil** - Fullback. Decided to switch sports from jogging to playing soccer for the first time - a sea change from his other passion and to basically give his legs a break. Phil soon found that playing in one of the pivotal roles in the ultra-secure O45s backline he had run more than Forest Gump ever did. A game would never go by without a spectator crying out "run Phil run".

**Paul** - Striker. Played up front in the striker's role. He had a plethora of shots at goal, unfortunately generated more misses than a Nepalese Airport. Paul was a high priced transfer from another elite club, or so he said, brought in to change the fortune of the Lugarno O45's. Lucky we kept the receipt.

**Ivan** - Centre/left/right mid – Ivan's passionate about soccer and always voices it. Turns out he has a big voice and is not afraid to use it - he usually tells everyone what to do, whether it be the referee, the opposition, his own team or even the canteen staff.

For those that don't know, we came into possession of a letter from Dan White UFC President to Ivan which says "we regret to inform you that your UFC application to compete has been rejected due to anger issues". Oh well we hear that the producers of Angry Birds 3 are hiring. Good luck Ivan and keep talking.

**Denis** - Right Mid or right forward or usually left right out– Denis was the team Chemist. A man of vision with an endless supply of Dencorub and Dulcolax (highly potent laxette), Denis joined the Over 45's with the clear objective of getting fitter and soon found that playing in the Lugarno 45s had other benefits..... Thanks to the increased sales of Dencorub and Dulcolax generated by his team mates he was able to buy several houses. But seriously, thanks to him the O45 Lugarno soccer side is still alive and still regular on and off the field.

**Nick** - Team Architect & Coach – always – lovingly and patiently tried to provide structure and positional advice to an unstructured and non-positional group of confused middle aged adolescents. Always the diplomat reaffirming his unofficial position as "Lord Mayor".

**John** - aka Yianni, not the Greek singer the other one. Goal keeper – a prolific believer in safety. John would never engage or play without his Con Dom firmly planted in front of him. Although after a few seconds of vigorous activity, the Con Dom would usually break leaving John mostly dissatisfied shaking his head asking how did that just happened.

**Con Dom** - the team's centre backs....wait....what are you thinking????

**Con** - the voice of reason, and commander and chief at the back marshalling his troops that, to the untrained eye, looked more like marshalling scattered sheep. Con quickly earned the title of "Golden Greek" for his relentless pursuit of taking goal kicks and free kicks scoring one of the best goals of the season.

**Dom** - arrhhhh what to say, still wearing his high Vis boots waiting for the call up as the 5<sup>th</sup> addition to the village people, eternally grateful to Con and John for taking all the goal kicks and penalties. You may not know that during the off season Dom was ordered by the St George Association to

attend coaching clinics to learn how to kick a ball after an incident involving his own team, how's the ear Nick??

**Wayne - Morlo.** Centre/left/right back, O35s impact player and team's Gentleman Bar tender. Morlo is our fittest player. He can do an impressive 7 push up – just not in a row. Covered more ground in a game than a Mongolian goat. As part of this fitness regime he started entering what he ate into a new fitness app. Interestingly, it sent an ambulance to his house. With his laser focus fixed intently on the ball at his feet, Morlo couldn't hear anything quieter than a jet engine at full throttle once he was off, too bad the opposition didn't get outta his way.

**Sam** - Centre mid - Absolute gentleman. He is also the side's big brain. The players thinking man. He once took Viagra for his sunburn. "It doesn't cure it", he claimed, "but it does keep the sheets off my legs at night". He once changed his password to "incorrect". So whenever he forget it the computer would say "Your password is incorrect".

**Bas** - Stopper. At the start of each game Bas would become one with Nature. Bas was our team's enforcer. He was a picture in standing in the middle of the park with his head bandana and matching wrist band. Tripoli's Nick Kyrios look alike, only prettier.

For those that don't know, this is Bas's last year playing soccer as he is switching codes to join athletics - Bas was recently recorded as doing the fastest 100 metre sprint ever recorded to take a free quick. Bas was so fast in setting up the free kick that his team mates got cramps just watching. Nice goal Bas!

**Tony B** - Aka *Dangerfield*. Not actually enrolled in the team but had the quickest response times in WhatsApp to who was available for the next game – a skill his wife says he has honed over many years, don't forget to register next year Tone.

**Suresh** - or Suri as he prefers. Ask him anything, he always has an answer, it may not be right but you will always get an answer. With a highly developed skill in situational awareness, he could unstitch the opposition's defence leading to many attacking raids. ...if only he scored on the field.

At the start of the season Suresh bought a new high tech pair of soccer boots that were lace free (the latest from Europe) - not sure if that was a good buy 'cos every Friday night he was tripping all over the park.

**Carlos** - Fastest man on the field, but the slowest man to get to the field. Runs faster than any win95 computer. Known for explosive speed down flank, he would burn off the opposition and jam the ball into the net. Carlos, like Paul, was another Magician that could do "hat tricks" and score many, many goals. If only we could get the ball to him.

**Dave Lumley** - after a stellar eye opening successful start in the O45's positioned as goal keeper now conquered, Dave soon yearned for his next challenge, and went on walk about, sometimes literally with the ball! Until he found his next position which landed him eye balling the opposition in the much coveted forward line (with the rest of the team). After a short stint touring up front, Dave found his way back to the back line where he contributed to the team's for and against where scoring came easy. Thanks Dave see you next year!



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## **Life Members**

1964	Bill McAfee	1994	Colin Straney	2014	Daniel McLoughlin
	Harry Brown		Marilyn Marsh		Thomas Roth
	Cyril Heness		Kerrie Benjamin		Danielle Roth
1968	Les Richardson	1995	Stephen Potter	2015	Marge Heness
1972	Ray Jones		Peter Marsh	2016	Garrie Heness
1973	George Taff	1996	Steve Bowles	2017	Mick Barber
1974	Ken Straney	1997	Sam McCartney		Matthew Faulkner
1976	Tom Watson		Wayne Bracken		Mark Lewis
	Syd Patterson		Sandra McCartney		Matthew McLoughlin
1977	Andrew Watson	1999	Roger Harradence		John Taylor
1978	John Fennell	2000	Rodney Thorpe		Warren Woods
	Len Blaydon	2001	Daryl Kerry	2018	Paul 'Irish' McIntyre
1981	Keith Bowles	2002	Phil Stell		
1986	Graham Hodgson	2003	Glen Dufty		
	John Clarke	2004	Tom McLoughlin		
	Warren Del-Grande		Saskia Nardo		
1988	Ron Benjamin		Frank Nardo		
1989	Steve Greening	2005	Rocky Robinson		
	Alan Watson		Brian Ralston		
1990	Paul Watson	2006	Phil Wilkie		
	Michael Rose		Michael Burt		
1991	Phillip Taff	2008	Stephen D'Alessandro		
	Darryl Gadd	2010	Paul Burt		
	Doreen Potter	2011	Rhys Horn		
1992	Ken Derrett	2012	Tracey Moreland		
1993	Dean Ross		Mark Booth		
	Gregory Harris		Peter Dalby		
	Geoffrey Thom		Ian Faulkner		
	Warren Straney	2013	Marcus Rayner		