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President's Report 2014

As the saying goes, time stands still for no man or woman for that matter.

The year no sooner started than it was drawing to its conclusion. Our numbers this year in player terms were 523, these players represented 41 teams in grades from Under 6's to the All Age competitions.

I would like to begin by thanking our sponsors for their generous contributions to our Club.

Club Grandviews is our major sponsor and their name is displayed on all our jerseys. As usual, we hold all our Club meetings - Coach & Manager and Executive, at Grandviews. We also held our trivia night there again and once again it was a major success with so many people who attended going home with a prize. Grandviews name has a long association with Lugarno FC and we are very grateful for their continued support. Thanks to Paul and to the Board for their undying commitment to the local community sporting club. I would also ask all our RTOs and parents and players (the ones old enough of course), to join Grandviews. As we need their support, so do they need ours, partnerships are key in all our lives and those local businesses who help us deserve our support in return.

This year saw our first ever sleeve sponsor, Lugarno Deli. It was fantastic to see a local business embrace their local team. A big thanks to Rita and all her staff for the support to our Club. When you are at Lugarno shops, drop in and see Rita, grab a coffee, maybe a bite to eat and thank her for the support she has generously given our Club.

While you are there, go and see Warren from Lugarno Pharmacy. Warren has been a long term sponsor of our Club, he is also a life member. Let him know we recognise his commitment to Lugarno FC and appreciate his support.

Tecto Constructions are another local business to sponsor Lugarno FC. Chris has been with us for several years now, supporting our Club and also his daughter's team. Thanks Chris for your help.

Terry from Mortdale Grind has been a strong supporter of Lugarno for many years. Not only does he give us a generous donation, he also supplies, free of charge, all our coffee cups. When in Mortdale there is only one place to go, thanks Terry.

Brabond Automotive has been around longer than me, what I don't appreciate is they look better! Mick and Paul have been associated with Lugarno forever and a day. They not only sponsor the Club but are regularly seen at games around the park. Thanks guys for all your support.

Sportsworld Peakhurst is a business with many synergies with Lugarno FC. Their focus is sport and sport played in the right manner. Andrew and the gang offer summer competitions for those who cannot get enough, along with cricket and netball.

Thanks also to Elgas Swap'n'Go who supply all our gas bottles to allow Tommy and the boys to whip up breakie and lunch each week.

Thanks to Bev who took on the role of sponsorship and did a great job in her first year.

We love all things new and this year we had not only a new dressing room but a new canteen. A big thanks to our local state member Mark Coure who helped us secure funding for the renovation and Dave Attard who oversaw this project and ensured it was completed within budget.

Who were the gridders?

This year we have 3 teams come home with the chocolates.

It was Olds Park that set the scene for a double dose of Orange.

The AAG were first in line and fittingly, against our old nemesis, Forest Rangers. This was a game of entertainers with Lugarno up 4 - 3 at half time and going on to win 6 - 4 in a classic free flowing game. Well done to Michael and the boys.

The AAF(1) won their comp at Olds Park. This team is a real mix of old and new with some of the boys still not able to enter a nightclub and others sleeping there. Well done to Michelle and Phil and all the boys for a successful year. The match was won 2 - 1 against a spirited Connells Point team.

The next team to win was going to be Lugarno's 100 premiership winning side and covered in money...well maybe some glory.

It was fittingly the ladies turn and our 14GA side showed why they were Minor Premiers with a thoroughly deserved 1 - 0 win over Bexley North. Well done ladies, this win was one to savour. Congratulations to Bill, Robert and all the girls.

Lugarno Committee

Who needs volunteers? Well we do - every single one of them. A massive thanks to all our committee for their continued work during the year, their energy in getting all the tasks done and their attitude in the way they approach their roles. Lugarno functions because of the people who dedicate their time to help run the club, without them we could not provide our daughters and sons with a game of football. Thank you. We bid farewell to Dave Messner who has decided to take a break from his registrar duties. We will miss you mate.

In the same spirit we thank the RTO's who selflessly give their time each week to either coach or manage a team. We had for the first time this year a RTO day where the club shouted lunch. Expect more next year guys as we know your contribution is invaluable.

Award Winners

There is a complete list of Perpetual and Coach & Manager awards enclosed. Congratulations to all those winners and to all players who participated this year.

The St George Association award for our club person of the year went to Hagop our beloved secretary. Hagop works almost full time, much to Mary's dismay, on the many background functions for the club. The web site, communication between us and the association, and has helped me this year when I have been overseas for business.

The President's Award for 2014 goes to Sue Dick. Sue has been simply amazing this year. She organised the team allocation at the start of the year, helped put together the girls teams, was our ladies liaison person, assisted Daniel and Tom each week in the canteen, helped with the trivia night etc etc etc. In fact Sue would give her time to help in every task she was asked and also the ones she wasn't asked to help. A worthy winner this year and an exceptional effort.

Life Members

We had our annual Life Member day again this year, a few changes to the draw made it a challenge however it went ahead in the end. It was great to see our club greats come down and celebrate with us again.

This year we have 3 new members.

Daniel McLoughlin has achieved life membership for 25 years playing for our club. It still never ceases to amaze me the dedication that comes with such a long playing career for one club. Thanks Daniel, Lugarno FC is very proud to welcome you as a life member. Daniel's dad is an ex president and Life Member and the family has been involved with Lugarno FC for many, many years.

Thomas Roth has also been given life membership this year. Tom has served on the Committee for over 10 years and can be found every Saturday at the canteen either in front of the BBQ with tongs in hand or a cold beer, depending on when you arrive. Tom's personality has won him many friends over the years and the club owes him a great debt for his many years of service.

Danielle Roth has been a part of Lugarno folklore for many years. Every Saturday she can be found at the canteen working with Tom. She is also our Social Secretary and has been heavily involved in many outstanding projects over the last few years, including our 50th Anniversary dinner and trivia nights and always raising funds for the club. Danielle thoroughly deserves this award in recognition of her selfless work for Lugarno FC.

What lies ahead?

As I write this, the soil has been turned. This year our kids had to put up with a poor surface on the midi field for which I do apologise. In 2015 they will have a new field to play on and showcase their skills. Field 6 is also being returfed so the club will be able to offer 3 new football fields for 2015 with field 5 being completed this year.

A bright idea! New lights have also been installed on fields 5 & 6. This will allow a better spread of areas to train on and provide teams with more room to move.

Hey I like what you are wearing.

Yes, the new jersey has been decided upon and will be unveiled at the picnic. Still maintaining the traditional tangerine, it has been updated and, with the numbers screen printed on the jersey, no more peels.

Finally to all our players, coaches, managers, supporters and friends, thanks for a great year and for your continued support for our family club. We hope to see you all in 2015.

John Taylor
President

Secretary's Report 2014

Introduction

This season marked my second year as Club Secretary and third year on the Lugarno FC committee. The plans and procedures that were implemented during the previous year ensured a relatively smooth management and operation of the overall Club despite the growing demands and needs of the Club's various stakeholders.

What needs to be appreciated is that to operate a growing club like Lugarno FC requires dedicated volunteers and an ongoing commitment. Just when most of you are either engaged in summer sports or taking time off before the commencement of the new season, the Lugarno FC committee is in the process of planning for season 2015. Other than perhaps a period of 3-4 weeks down-time, the Lugarno FC committee works and plans for the remainder 11 months, despite the actual football season lasting 5-5^{1/2} months long.

The current Lugarno FC committee has held 14 meetings and has deliberated on some 179 agenda items.

In this season's report I have decided to summarise the activities and achievements of the club under the headings of football development; club promotion; legal and finance and improvements to club facilities.

Football development

For the first time Lugarno FC participated in the Lugarno Lions Spring Festival Sports Exposition held at Gannons Park during September 2013. Two U9 Lugarno FC sides and representative teams from St George participated in the sports expo, helping promote both the game and Lugarno FC.

Our traditional trial games against Sylvania and Padstow Hornets were held during March providing teams with a good hit-out prior to the commencement of the competition.

The U6 gala event was once more held in early May. This is an important event for the club as it helps introduce the new players, teams and team officials to the Lugarno FC family.

Sydney FC visited Lugarno FC's training session on Wednesday 25 June. Sydney FC players Terry Antonis and Bernie Ibini attended the session involving some 20 Lugarno FC teams and more than 180 players.

The annual U8's gala day was held on a cold, rainy and windy day, with the participation of 23 teams in mid-June. Despite the weather conditions everyone was in high spirits. The attendees once again praised the way the gala day was organised.

At the end of the June registration deadline, Lugarno FC had 524 players registered across some 41 teams representing both genders. Some 384 males and 140 females registered with the club. The club maintained a high retention of existing players and was recognised for that effort by Football Federation of NSW. Encouragingly the club also welcomed some 126 new players to its playing ranks.

Reflecting the contribution of the club's Life Members and the importance of connecting past Lugarno FC generations to the current generation, the Life Member Day was held to coincide with the last home game of the Premier League squad on Saturday 2nd of August. It was great to see so many Life Members attend and share some old tales.

With the conclusion of the normal football season some 12 Lugarno FC teams made it to the finals after finishing in the top 4. They comprised of the U12B, U12GirlsB, U13B, U14GirlsA, U14GirlsB, U18Girls, AAC1, AAD, AAF (1), AAG, AAWA and the O35's. The 12B's and 13B's reached the Final while five Lugarno FC teams progressed to play in the grand final: the AAF(1); AAD; AAG; 12GB and 14GA sides. Three sides ended up winning the premiership – the AAG; AAF (1) and the 14GA. The 14GA achieved a club milestone when on Saturday 6th of September 2014 they became the 100th Lugarno FC side to win a premiership.

The club also secured exclusive tickets to the Italian Champions Juventus training session at Kogarah Oki Jubilee Stadium before their game against the A-league All Stars. This ticket allocation was only provided to just 20 Sydney based football clubs.

Club promotion

Online player and team official registrations commenced from Saturday 11th of January 2014 and the following day saw the large Lugarno FC registration sign erected near the Lugarno shops.

By Monday 13th of January 2014 smaller registration signs had been placed in prominent locations in the suburbs of Peakhurst, Riverwood, Mortdale, Penshurst and Lugarno. The registration signs encouraged passers-by to join the "family club".

With most players registering online, the club held one registration support day on Saturday 8th of Feb from 10 am to 3pm to assist people who were having issues registering online. The club expects an even higher proportion of players and team officials to register online for season 2015.

In a historical first for the club, Lugarno Deli became sleeve sponsor in February 2014. Two major sponsors now adorn the Lugarno FC jersey – jersey sponsor Club Grandviews and sleeve sponsor Lugarno Deli.

A decision was undertaken by the committee to organise new permanent club signs to be displayed all season round. A large club sign now is a permanent fixture near the Lugarno FC canteen and two other club logo signs were made. One is permanently displayed in the dressing sheds and an even larger portable sign gets displayed on game days and during special club events. Through these club related signs the club branding is now actively being promoted.

In a wonderful display of supporting community based initiatives, Lugarno FC signed up for the McGrath Foundation "pull on your socks" fund raising campaign involving games played on 31 May, 1 June and 7 June. Some 36 teams and 441 players signed up helping raise more than \$4400 for the charity. The Leader Newspaper ran an article on the Lugarno FC fund raising initiative featuring the Women's Premier League squad.

With the current lifespan of the Lugarno FC jerseys coming to an end, a competition for designing a new club jersey was launched in July. Some 43 jersey designs were submitted by the competition's closing date. The new jersey will be manufactured by a different process from the past that will see sponsor's logos and the playing number screen-printed on the jersey. This process will ensure that the durability of the jersey is extended and it also addressed the current issue of jersey numbers peeling off.

Another area that saw improvements during the season was the club's website which was upgraded during July. The improved website look is based on contemporary templates. The club also has improved its ability to track the number of hits that the website is receiving. It seems the club website is attracting an average of more than 16,000 visitors per month.

Some clubs don't even get the privilege of a single visit from Sydney FC; Lugarno FC received two such visits. The second visit was associated with Lugarno FC winning the local community club of the week award and a grant of \$500 from the St George Bank. Only 10 clubs were recipients of the award during season 2014. Sydney FC players Alex Gersbach and Rhyen Grant, along with Happy the Dragon, attended the Lugarno FC training session on Thursday 29th of July to present the cheque and meet Lugarno FC players, team officials and committee members.

Saturday 19th of July saw back to back events with the RTO day at Gannons Park and the club Trivia Night taking place in the evening at Club Grandviews. The RTO day is an opportunity for the club to express its gratitude to all the volunteers who fill the ranks of coaches, managers and club officials by offering them complimentary lunch. The trivia night which is the main fund raiser was another sold out event and with the support and backing of all involved, once again helped to raise funds for the club.

Legal and Governance

During October 2013, two new by-laws were circulated to members covering the criteria for awarding Life Membership based on distinguished service and determining the eligibility criteria for awarding premierships/jackets/polo's. The new by-laws were subsequently approved by members at the AGM held on Thursday 24th of October 2013. The Lugarno FC constitution and by-laws were subsequently updated to reflect the changes.

After a prolonged battle with the Australian Tax Office the ABN legal entity name of the club was successfully changed from the Lugarno Soccer Club to the Lugarno Football Club. This change took effect in March 2014.

A special General Meeting to approve the change to the club's financial year took place on Thursday 22nd of May. The proposal to have the new financial year span from 1 October to 30 September was approved by members, replacing the previous financial year that spanned from 1 January to 31 December. The new arrangements now better reflect the actual operation of the club helping to better align club activities with the club's financial year and permitting finalised financials to be provided to members at the club's AGM.

After months of work the Lugarno FC committee in May 2014 approved the club's mission statement and associated guiding principles. They have been posted on the club website and provide the club with direction, framework and purpose.

Late August 2014 saw the finalisation of a club strategic plan for 2015-16 which the St George Football Association had requested from all affiliated clubs. The Lugarno FC strategic plan outlines the history and profile of the club, its mission, vision, and objectives, the key development areas for the club over the next two years, along with the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats facing the club.

Improvement to club facilities

Following the preparation of a funding application during August 2013, local state member Mark Coure on 13 November 2013 approved a \$14,000 grant to Lugarno FC to upgrade the canteen and dressing room facilities. In mid-February 2014 work commenced on the dressing room and canteen renovations, and the work was completed on 3rd of April 2014.

The dressing sheds now provide players with an opportunity to have a warm shower and change after games. The club has also installed extensive shelving in the storeroom which has improved storage efficiency.

Signs for the canteen menu board were also ordered and installed with strong club branding.

Following ongoing representation by Lugarno FC, Hurstville City Council installed 3 new light poles at Gannons Park in mid-August 2014 near fields 5, 6 and 7. These additional light poles should ensure that Gannons Park is now well lit for training from season 2015 onwards. The Council is also laying new turf for Gannons 3 and has plans to do the same for Gannons 6. These are welcome improvements and should help both training and competition games.

On behalf of the Executive Committee I thank all players, coaches and managers and RTOs for another successful football season. I hope your involvement with the club during the recent season will prove to be a motivating factor for you to continue your involvement with the Lugarno Football Club – “the family club” during season 2015 and beyond. Please keep a lookout for new and emerging opportunities to serve your club in different capacities.

Enjoy the summer break, visit the club website on a regular basis for news, updates and developments and keep an eye out on the website as player registrations will open early January and team official (RTO) registrations shortly after.

See you all back for the commencement of season 2015.

Kind regards

Hagop Tchamkertenian
Club Secretary

Social Committee Report 2014

LFC TRIVIA NIGHT

It was the social event of the season. The night was a success. The trivia was lots of fun and the games, raffles, lucky door prizes and auctions were amazing. Everyone (well almost everyone) went home a winner, even if only a smile on their face from the great time they had at the event.

The Trivia winners were our AAF(1) men's team, with some special help from some PWL woman players. Thanks to Jason for being an amazing trivia host.

The 'Guess the Lollies in the Jar' Competition was fierce, followed by the skillful actions of those that took part in the coin toss! The Inaugural 'Aeroplane Challenge' was hilarious as many tried to fly their planes through Grandviews. Some very interesting aeroplane inventions were flown. We even had a prize for the worst plane – well done Liz!

Our 'Match the Hampers' were very successful and sold out by the end of the night. Every person is a winner when buying a hamper and the prizes in those hampers were excellent! Hope everyone who bought a hamper enjoyed their prizes. These prizes were donated by the Club's teams and we thank all coach and managers for organising their team donations.

Our 'Xmas in July Scratchie Tree' was won by John and I hope he enjoyed scratching \$100 worth of scratchies. I wonder if he won anything?

There were many great raffle prizes including dinner vouchers, a bike, a home brew kit, electronic appliances, hair & beauty vouchers, Harvey Norman vouchers, coffee machine, photographic packages, a cruise and a beautiful floral arrangement by Flori Art and much more - over 35 prizes.

Lots of fun was had playing treasure hunt and watching people search for items in their handbags and wallets. Items that won a prize were a \$100 note, a chapstick, a red pen, a rubber band, a (unused) condom and many more. Was so much fun!

Our Live Auctions raised lots of money for the club. We had framed sporting memorabilia, NRL grand final tickets, A-League Football tickets, Monster Jam and Golf packages to auction off and every item was sold. Congratulations to those winners.

Thank you to all those that contributed to a successful night and to all those that came on the night for raising much needed funds for Lugarno Football Club!!! We had a great night!!!

Cheers

Danielle Roth
Sue Dick
John Taylor

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Perpetual Trophy Winners 2014

TROPHY	CATEGORY	WINNER	TEAM
The Al Downey	Outstanding Under 6	Christopher Marneros	6 Bee 2
The Peter Moynahan	Outstanding Under 7	Marko Hrzenjak	7 Fox
The Bob Moss	Outstanding Under 8	Tomas Cordingley	8 Bee 1
The Gall Trophy	Outstanding Under 9	Evanna Graorovski	9 Bee
The Allan Burt Memorial	Outstanding Under 10	Andrei Esdalie Watts	10 Fox
The Tom Watson	Outstanding Under 11	N/A	
The Bruce Cardow	Outstanding Under 12	Mark Younes	12 B
The Roger Harradence	Outstanding Under 13	Mitchell Trajkovski	13 B
The Phil Wilkie	Outstanding Under 14	Peter Marcos	14 C
The Ken Straney	Outstanding Under 15	Julian Enriquez	15 A
The Warren Del Grande	Outstanding Under 16	Ramazan Arslan	16 B
The Mark Booth Award	Outstanding Under 17	Brock Buhagiar	17 A
The Mike Chaytors	Outstanding Premier League	Peter Stamataros	PL
The Bill Moore	Outstanding All Age	Nathan Corkin	AA G
The Greg Harris	Outstanding Over 35	Dominic Puntoriero	O35 B
The Cyril Henness	Outstanding Over 45	Carlos De Carvalho	O45 A
The Mick Barber	Outstanding Under 10 Girl	N/A	
The Tom McLoughlin	Outstanding Under 12 Girl	Tamar Tchamkertenian	12 Girls B
The Doreen Potter	Outstanding Under 14 Girl	Gabrielle Potter	14 Girls A
The Four Fathers	Outstanding Under 16 Girl	Georgia Beadon	16 Girls A
The Phil Stell	Outstanding Under 18 Girl	Selena Green	18 Girls
The Greg Monaghan Memorial	Outstanding Senior Woman	Sarah Watt	AAW A
The Paul 'Irish' McIntyre	Outstanding Premier League Woman	Breanna Gonzales	PWL
The Charles Kent	Outstanding Junior Goalkeeper	Ruby O'Connor	14 Girls A
The Chris Morgan	Outstanding Defender 16 years & under	Jordan Petanceski	15 A
The Peter Dalby	Outstanding Defender 16 years & under (Girls comp)	Charlie Argent	12 Girls B

The June Harker	Leading Competition Goal scorer (Saturday)	Mark Younes (28)	12 B
The Ron Benjamin	Leading Competition Goal scorer (Sunday)	Lauren Cassar (20)	AAW A
The John Clark	Sportsmanship Award	Tony Lynch	16 Girls A
The George Taff	Encouragement Award	Daniel Straney	PL Res
The Kenneth Parry Memorial	Endeavour on the Field	Nathan Benjamin	16 B
The Marc Lakos	Outstanding RTO	Rob Rice	AAC
Supporter Award	Awarded by the Executive	Peter Dalby	
The President's Trophy	Awarded by the President	Sue Dick	
Around the Grounds	Awarded by the Executive	Hagop Tchamkertenian	13 B
The Over 30's Trophy	Team most involved in Club activities	AA E	
The Norm Bryant	Most improved team not in Semis	U16 B	

Coach / Manager Awards - 2014

TEAM	PLAYER	TEAM	PLAYER
6 Bee 1	Emma Forgione	15 A	Brayden Morris
6 Bee 2	Iliani Vasiliou	16 B	Dimitri Delimanis
6 Bee 3	Josh Preziosa	17 A	Jonathan Rispler
6 Bee 4	Brodie Moore	AA C	James Pereira
6 Fox	Sam Cordingley	AA D	Gerry Maestrelli
7 Bee 1	Jayden Cassar	AA E	Stephen Redmond
7 Bee 2	Jack James	AA F(1)	Nicholas Pericles
7 Bee 3	Olivia Belcheff	AA F(2)	Eddy Poh
7 Fox	Samuel Limberis	AA G	Chris Popovski
8 Bee 1	Emily Knight	Premier League	Eric Kotopoulos
8 Bee 2	Hugo Wilson		Michael Dettman
8 Bee 3	Callum Seymour	12 Girls B	Taylah Samardzioski
8 Fox	Alexia Apostolakis	14 Girls A	Madeline Williams
9 Bee	Dominic Giannou	14 Girls B	Jessica Kiproff
9 Fox	Jonathan Castle	16 Girls A	Tess Ruz
10 Bee	Ryan Thomas	18 Girls	Olivia Florance
10 Fox	Andrew Marsano	AAW A	Annika Debono
12 B	Jordan Sarkis	Premier WL	Erin Lee
12 C	Cooper Appleby	O35 B	Wayne Moreland
13 B	James Leftakis	O45 A	Con Verteouris
14 C	Jack Argent		

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Years of Service Awards

30 years	Stephen D'Allesandro		
15 years	Laura Dalby Philip Wilkie	Matthew Danskin	Jason Stamenkovic
10 years	Samuel Attard Jordan Diakovasilis Joshua Glover	Tom Bedford Sam El-Debel Fletcher Hall	James Burt Peter Francis Matthew Trajovski
5 years	Loren Alcevski Alex Athanasopoulos Chris Christodoulou Monique Da Silva Paul Dimitrakopoulos Joseph Fox Maeetal Gounder Jacob Hrzenjak Nicholas Kladis Joshua Marcos Scott McNaught Daniel Mircevski Ruby O'Connor Lucinda Privatera Agostino Tesoriero	Charlie Argent Taylah Bosilovski Ryan Courtney Sarah Dalamagas Anthony Fonti Paul Galluzzo Selena Green Aleksandar Joleski Daniel Lai Olivia Margan Christie Merrick Josiah Montoya Anthony Palmer Lauren Radcliffe Lisa Thom	Zane Argent Jessica Byrnes Bill Courtney Tiana De Silva Samantha Fonti Dominic Giannou Jonah Hopping Mia Kinmond Denis Leftakis Andrew Marsano Ashlee Miller Iva Nikolaeva James Pereira Bailey Russell Toni Tsoukalas

TEAM REPORTS

6 Bee 2

Coach: Adam Shore

Manager: Rebecca Clay

6Bee2 had a great mix of boys and girls with varying abilities, some first timers, some playing before or some with older siblings having played.

Throughout the season the teams fitness improved dramatically, their confidence grew and they were eager to get on the field, often playing in the cold and rain.

Our fearless leader, Coach Adam, managed to keep their focus every Wednesday at training, again, often braving the dark and cold, not an easy task for little ones.

Abbie, not satisfied on the sidelines watching her brother, joined the team after the first week. She showed great enthusiasm to improve and to get to the ball.

Charlie Clay, the youngest player of the team, he loved a 20 meter run from the sideline and sometimes he'd forget which team he was on but he never went without a smile and a high 5 for his mum if he touched the ball.

Charlie Zara, a well mannered boy that loves to play. His confidence grew throughout the season and on our last game he scored twice. That particular game really showed Charlie how satisfying soccer and playing with his team mates can be.

Christopher, a determined player, quick on his feet, fast to the ball and loves a long shot. Our highest scorer of the team his passion and confidence flowed onto all team members. One to watch!

Joshua, loved playing with his team mates and the fun it brings. He turned up to every training session and game ready to play, and his skills improved greatly throughout the season. He will be eager to get back on the field next year.

Liani, a lovely girl that also attended all training and matches ready to play. She was hit several times with the ball but soldiered on with her team. A little pocket rocket in the making.

Maryanne, never without a smile, Maryanne tried her best every week. With pink as her favorite colour, she loved the pink sock game. By the end of the season she was still smiling and you couldn't get her off the field.

The team had a great season and quite sad to see it all end, especially on their last game when the other team didn't show up. True to form, they stayed on and had a match 3 a side.

Many thanks to the parents, aunties and grandparents of 6Bee2 for their encouragement of the kids each week to ensure they all had fun.

6 Bee 4

Coach: Regina Todarello

Manager: Meg Alderton

What a great year for 6Bee4! Getting to know each other and learning the skills of soccer and the appreciation of sportsmanship.

For some of our little tikes it was their first time at playing a team sport and even soccer, for that matter. But boy did they all give it their best shot!!!

Cooper and **Isaac** were our youngest in the team but always gave 110% proving they were just as 'big' as our 'older' players. Even scoring a couple of goals, they never left a game without giving it, their best! **Jasmine** proved every good soccer team needs a great girl! Boy could she run!!! And **Thomas**, **Eamon**, **Brodie** and **Emmanuel** pushed up front shooting some super goals and passes.

It was a pleasure to coach the team this year and sincerest gratitude to all the parents and grandparents, family and friends for supporting and cheering us on at every game and making sure our little ones came to training too!

Thanks again for a great season!!

Looking forward to next season.

6 Fox

Coach: Sash Naumcevski/Justin Graham

Manager: Glen Cordingley

The 2014 season will be remembered as the year six little players made their football debut proudly dressed in their orange and white. The team: **Chloe, Erin, Leo, Angus, Lucas** and **Sam** began the season enthusiastic and excited, and all finished the season on a similar note having experienced a great season full of football fun and learning.

Each player brought to the team their own special personality and all bonded well as a team. We trained and we played, new skills were learned and our confidence grew, especially at our later training sessions. Our games were sometimes tough but we played and we played and we never gave up.



Throughout the year we always shared many smiles and much excitement. We faced the occasional tear, but we ensured that fun was always the winner.

To Chloe, Erin, Leo, Angus, Lucas and Sam, you all played so well, we are so proud, It has been a pleasure watching you all play each week, thank you for all the laughs and memories and we hope that you all come back next year.

A special thank you to Sasha, Justin and Kirsty to name a few for coaching and assisting with the organising throughout the season. Sharing the effort certainly making the season flow easier.

Finally, thank you also to all the parents and grandparents that supported the team and cheered them on each and every week, we always had a good turn out which was fantastic to see.

The Player awards are:

Rookie of the Year: **Chloe** - *"you played so well throughout the year, and made some great tackles"*

Most Improved: **Leo** - *"you never stopped improving, you were always ready to play"*

Best All Rounder: **Angus** - *"great player up front and in defence"*

Best Positioned Player: **Erin** - *"you were always involved in play"*

Best Forward: **Lucas** - *"you are so fast in attacking the goals"*

Best Defender: **Sam** - *"your defence and passing up the centre was great to watch"*

7 Bee 2

Coach: Matthew Lumley

Manager: John Hoban

Our team had a very successful year. Although the games are non-competition, that is, the scores don't really matter, we could not help but notice that we won all of our games, but one, by a big margin.

The most important thing for all our players is to learn to play as a team, be a good defender as well as attacker, to pass the ball, play fairly and be a good sportsman. That means that we respect our opposing team players, we obey the ref and we shake hands in friendship after the match. These are great people skills that will enable us to grow up to be better people.

Our coach, Mat Lumley, taught our players the skills of the game. How to pass, how to dribble, how to shoot at goal, positional play and ball control. Thanks to Jeff and Shannon for sometimes assisting as coach or ref.

Players look forward to playing together next year as U8 Bee 2's with Mat's son Blake. Maybe the soccer jerseys might fit by then!

A little birdie told me that most of the U7Bees 2's play soccer at lunchtime at Lugarno Public School. Students can be seen heading eagerly off to school – I am not sure; is it a love of learning spelling or tables or is it the lunchtime soccer game that makes them so keen? The birdie would not tell me!



Pictured (left to right): Max Cremona, William Foster, Jack James, Parick El Azzi, Cooper James, Clark van Poppel

Thanks to all our parents who endured cold winter nights at training and the occasional rainy Saturday game. Thanks especially for letting the coach and the ref do all the talking during the games!

We look forward to a long and lazy summer followed by the 2015 soccer season!

7 Bee 3

Coach: Nick Belcheff

Manager: Leonie Welstead

I took the plunge and coached the kids this year (after some persuasion) and I must say I really enjoyed the year.

The enjoyment is due to a great bunch of kids; developing, learning and understanding how to play in a team sport. We were so lucky to have a great mix of kids, the team was made up of 4 boys and 3 girls.

Each player had their core position to play but that evolved throughout the year allowing each child to learn a new position and understand their contribution to the team.

Training was a mixture of skills and drills but when concentration levels dipped it was motivated by "bullrush", races or other games. Lollies at half time seemed to work on occasions too!

Diana: was our solid defender for the year. She was so reliable when it came to tackling and ensuring the ball was kicked as far away as possible from the goal. During the middle of the season, she was determined to score a goal. This resulted in her often pleading with her team mates to ask them to go into the defending position so she could play forward. She was delighted when she scored her first goal, and happy to resume in defence after another parent spoke to her and advised her how important that position was after all!

Jamie: has improved in his second season of football and always tried his best. He was often in discussion with Diana over whether he should move out of mid-field position into defence. He was definitely the encourager of the team – he was always telling others how well they were doing in

their position. His creative nature came to life usually at half time.....Jamie always had an interesting comment and observation to make albeit not about the game they were playing!

Michael: from the moment his boot touched the field, Michael was ready to run! It was hard to keep him off for too long, even though we had so many substitutes to manage this season. Similar to a number of his team mates he would be asking “can I go on now???” He has a tonne of energy to burn and has progressed very well this season with building his football skills. Energy plus more skills resulted in Michael scoring a number of great goals this season. He has a shot which is very powerful and, luckily for our team, most of them on target!

Olivia: in her second season of football, Olivia demonstrated that she was not only a reliable forward but also a reliable defender. She would be happy to play either position and understood the importance of scoring as well as defending - she is a strong tackler! Her competitive drive would often result in her assuming defence position even if she was playing forward at the time. Some of her shots in goal were great, but nothing beats the goal when it was kicked from one end of the field and lifted above the oppositions heads and went into their goal.

Ryha: if you saw Ryha play this season, you would be shocked it was only her first season of football. Admittedly this was only obvious in the first couple of games during the season when she would ask at half time which goal they would now need to score in? She is a solid tackler and follows the ball as if she was a magnet to it. Sometimes she was following the ball so much it may have been in the way of her fellow team mates – she soon learnt that keeping position was best. A real pocket rocket – I look forward to seeing her progress in her subsequent years.

Vas: started the season as a very conservative player – happy to be involved in the match in whatever way his team required. During the season he showed a great improvement in passing the ball. Some of his passes were critical to the goals that were subsequently scored from those passes! As a reflection of the true friendly spirit of the team they all became focused on getting Vas to score his first goal for the season. He JUST missed a couple of goals towards the end of the season. I am convinced this goal would have happened if our last match wasn't cancelled due to the wet weather! Needless to say, I am expecting the goal (and more!) will definitely be there the 2015 season!

Vinnie: I have to say the great improvement in Vinnie's football during his second season was very noticeable. He mainly played the mid field position and scored a few goals too. We all knew when Vinnie had eaten his weet-bix for breakfast – his tackles became fierce! There was no stopping him! We would want to know what the secret was I quickly suggested to all team mates that they should be eating weet-bix for breakfast before every football game! If you ever wanted to know what the score was during the game, Vinnie was most reliable to indicate the score on his fingers (high up in the air) after each goal was scored by his team!

Team well done on a great season!

Special thanks to our manager Leonie on a great job and keeping us all on schedule and to all the parents - your kids are great and a pleasure to coach!

7 Fox

Coach: Antun Hrzenjak

Marko, Samuel and Tristan welcomed 4 new players to the team this season: Alek, Amara, Andrew and Serene.

The U7 Foxes had a very enjoyable season. They fought hard to get those goals and wins. Each player managed to score a goal this season. Most importantly the kids had fun each game, win or lose. The children were a pleasure to coach and have all shown a tremendous improvement in their soccer skills this season.

AROUND THE GROUNDS – Season 2014

Manager: Mara Hrzenjak



Special thanks to the parents for their support this season, it's easy to coach a team when parents are always able and willing to help.

8 Bee 1

Coach & Manager: Eric Plumer

What a season! The move up to the U8's brought some changes with a bigger field, more players, throw ins, and a goal keeper. Not that it bothered the team though; everyone shared goaltending duties and took to the bigger field beautifully.



The usual suspects from last year, Adam, Tomas, Bailey, Jack and Anthony, joined new recruits Emmanuel, George, Sebastian, Lily and Emily to form this year's squad, and what a great team it turned out to be. Throughout the year, we grew in confidence and got better at finding open spaces, developed some great passing skills and began playing in positions. The skills we focused on in practice began coming out in the games.

The girls, Lily and Emily were true all-rounders, showing the boys a thing or two every now and then, but also showing great sportsmanship in every game.

Adam and Bailey scored their first ever goals in competition and brought the loudest cheers from our supporters at those games.

Tomas continued his awesome form in attack, scoring a majority of our goals and doing so with some beautiful top corner shots on more than one occasion, and also covered well in defence.

Emmanuel was right alongside him making some great crosses from the wing and scoring a bag of goals himself.

Anthony was happiest in defence and fearless in challenging for the ball, saving us on more than one occasion when others were caught up forward.

Sebastian was punching above his weight with some older kids around, but took it right up to them. He was our go-to goalkeeper and found a home in defence or in goals.

Jack was fantastic and he's mighty quick with the ball when he's got some space in front of him.

George was our quieter achiever, diligent and focused, and always seemed to be there when you needed someone in position to make a play.



As a team, they gave 100% every game. We had some cracker wins, some good close matches, and some whopping losses, but even when we came up against a more skilful side, and the goals mounted against us, the effort never waned. The team that took the field each week had a high desire to play and a hunger to win. In rain, in mud, you name it, we did it. Substitution rotations were often met with shrugged shoulders and players on the sideline couldn't wait to get back on. The team were serious about their games, always played with the highest degree of sportsmanship, and made every game fun and enjoyable.

On behalf of the team, we would like to thank the parents and grandparents for getting us to practice sessions and the games, and of course all our family and friends who came to cheer us on. On a personal note, my thanks go to an awesome group of kids. It has been a pleasure coaching you all and watching you play each week. Thanks for all the laughs and the memories, and I hope to see you around the grounds next year!

Stats

Games Played: **18**; Won **10**; Drew **1**; Lost **7**

Goals Scored: **84**, Goals Against: **79**

Top Goal Scorers: **Tomas Cordingley, Emmanuel Elazzi**

Best Defenders: **Anthony Arfanis, George Lignos**

Best Midfields: **Lily Stone, Jack Stone**

Best Forwards: **Adam Calicetto, Emily Knight**

Best Goalkeepers: **Sebastian Matrugglio, Bailey Plumer**

8 Bee 2

Coach: Atef Elassi

Manager: Petros Midis

It was a season where everything came together! Three years of trying to play a certain ticker-tacker (Barcelona) style of football came through.

Each game we out-played, out-passed, and out-classed every opponent! This was a result of an undefeated season. What a pleasure to watch!

The team adapted to the bigger field and our two new players seamlessly. We intensified the training and the boys responded accordingly. They toughened up and learnt the art of playing as a team and for the team. The results speak for themselves: 103 goals scored and only 14 conceded. What a season for the boys!









Hugo: Our Coach/Manager Award winner and one of our new players! He was an absolute rock at the back. His determined and competitive nature controlled the back line. He made the full back position his own displaying leadership and maturity beyond his years! "The Rock!"



Jonathan: When he was on, he was really on! He was very solid this season and worked well with his fellow backs. He always looked to press forward when needed in the game. Still "Our great wall!"



Peter: He was always our most enthusiastic player. He was eager to get involved in the play of the game and improved each week in determination and skill. He was ready to play in all the different positions when needed.

	Christian: Our “Pirlo” of the team! (A famous Juventus player!) What a gun! His ball skills and control were sublime! He tore the defence to shreds and assisted the forwards with their goals. Working with Nicholas in the mid-field really set the tone for the season.
	Nicholas: Has developed into the footballer I always thought he could be! His eye for the game became exceptional! He always had the opposition in two-minds. One of our most improved players this season.
	Tristan: Was able to develop this year into a versatile player who could adapt into various positions when required. He became a determined little player who was also great in goals!
	Sammy: He was our other new player who came to our side full of speed and passion. Once he learnt the art of ball control and the passing game he excelled! He added more firing power to our team this year!
	Nikolas: What a pleasure to watch! He just keeps getting better and better each season. An absolute beast in front of the goals and now scoring with both feet! He had goal keepers running for cover!
	Ali: He worked with Nikolas in a winning combination with a great eye and lovely assist. He was one of our highest goal scorers banging them into the nets from all directions.

It was an unforgettable season boys, what fun we had, well done! Thanks to all our committed parents who bring the boys to training, support us week after week at the games and even help in the canteen! We couldn't do it without you! Bring on 2015!

8 Fox

Coach: Harry Woods

Manager: Brett Puckeridge

Nicholas, Mitchell, Hunter, Finlay, Lucy & Grace all backed up from the U7 Foxes of 2013, and with the addition of three terrific players in Alexia, Owen and Anthony, formed a team that the club can

be proud of. They won more than their fair share of games and even in defeat, stayed competitive and gave 100% to the end.

- **Nicholas** was the team's most improved player. In 2013 he showed his capacity to finish off goal scoring chances. This year he became our toughest and most tenacious defender, constantly forcing the opposition's players towards the sidelines.
- **Finlay** was one of the first players to grasp the need to play differently on the bigger field. Finlay's leadership and ability to read the game was crucial to the Foxes ability to maintain a strong defence.
- This was **Hunter's** second year in the Foxes. And what a year he had. Running fearlessly at the ball from the back or the mid field, Hunter's uncompromising style was crucial to pinning the ball in the oppositions half.
- **Grace's** start to the season took a blow after she broke her arm and was out for 5 weeks. In the second half of the season, Grace really found her own as a link player in the mid field, finding plenty of space to take the ball and pass it on to our forwards.
- **Lucy** was a key forward capable of mixing it in the rough and tumble in front of the opposition's goals. The highlight to Lucy's season being when she scored 3 goals against a very physical Rockdale Suns team.
- **Mitchell** was one of our on field leaders. He gave 100 per cent every week and was always there to support his teammates. Mitchell's corners resulted in a number of team goals.
- **Alexia** was a dynamo in both defence and attack. Alexia's ability to read the play and nullify the impact of the opposition's best players was crucial to much of the team's success in 2014.
- **Anthony** possesses natural talent, particularly with the ball at his feet. Anthony's ability to beat opposition players one on one was a pleasure to watch.
- **Owen** gave his all every week, especially in defence. Owen's never give up attitude and commitment to get back and help his teammates saved many goals being scored.



Thanks to our manager Brett who kept everything on track and got our report in each week, Hamish for recording the year in colour photos, George for taking the time to improve the kids' skills and all the mums and dads for their support each week. It was a fantastic year with many highlights.

Coaches and Managers Award:	Alexia
Most improved:	Nicholas
Top Goal Scorer:	Mitchell

9 Bee

Coach: Michael Donati

Manager: Samuel Gazilas

What can I say? This team was a pleasure to coach, they gave it their all at every game and at every training session. As the season went on you could see the improvements in each player and also as a team. They gelled together, they were determined to play their best every week, win lose or draw. At the end of every game they walked off the field with a smile. Hopefully I'll get to see those smiley faces again next season.

Thanks to Samuel our manager and all the parents for their support every week.

Alana: She always tried her best at every game and at every training session. Always gave it a go when asked. When on the field she gave 100%, even stepping up to manager's position when dad could not make it!!

Thomas: Thomas's confidence grew by the end of the season, becoming a truly dedicated player. The last game was definitely his all time best. Over the years he will improve to be star player.



Dominic: One of our fastest players. Running everywhere on the field, always with a larger than life smile. He possesses great speed and skill and will be a great asset to any team.

Evanna: Playing forward, she was our little pocket rocket, scoring many goals. She was not afraid of any opponent. Confident to take on anyone and never disappointed us.

Gabby: We saw a major improvement this year. Even more than last year. Always keen, his tackling skills and his ability to chase down opponents were beyond his years.

Paul: Always willing to play goalkeeper when needed and did so with great skill. On the field he would analyse the game and put plans into action often resulting in goals.

Jack: A star player, scored many goals and helped in many others. His skill level and confidence improved from the start of the season due to many hours in the backyard.

Jada: This was Jada's first year at Lugarno FC. Jada played in all positions and improved from her first kick and gave it a red hot go. She won the most improved trophy, which was well deserved.

Damien: He worked hard this season and was solid and dependable in defence. He was also solid in attack when his team needed him, often first at the field.

Daniel: Every game he had the look of determination. His efforts and his defensive skills did not go unnoticed. He was also willing to try new skills which built his confidence each week.

Thanks and well done on a great season.

10 Bee

Coach: Rob Fonti

Manager: Brett Robinson

The objective for our team this year was to have a lot of fun, make friends, all become better players, and play as a team.

From my position we ticked all the boxes.

Seeing Ryan taking on players and flying down the wing, Dylan shielding the ball. Nearly every player scored, including Alex with a couple of screamers. So many highlights from every player.

I was so proud in their improvement and thoroughly enjoyed being their coach.

You all deserve 10 out of 10.

10 Fox

Coach: Octavio Montoya

Manager: Jim Athanasopoulos

The 10Fox 2014 year can be summed up as a "success" for many reasons. Our kids had fun, they all improved as footballers, they gelled as a team, finished the majority of the games ahead of the opposition and the coach finished with a full set of hair and vocal chords intact!

Out of the 16 rounds that we featured in, the boys won 13 of them, drew 1 and lost 2. Our favoured formation this year was 3-1-3-1 and we saw many fruits of this both in attack (53 goals in favour) and in defence (17 goals against, 6 clean sheets) with an impressive goal difference of +36 against some quality sides in our division, which unfortunately for the games we dropped, we weren't able to have another crack at them due to the number of teams in our division!

I'm very proud of the way the boys went about their games, never giving up and beating many teams out of sheer dedication on the pitch and keeping true to our 3 golden rules of always being first to the ball, fixing our mistakes and always playing in our positions. I'm also extremely proud of the way the boys played as a team this year.

Thanks to all the families and friends who came along to the games and supported our kids throughout Season 2014.

Our team members and a short reflection of their season below.

Chris Christodolou #1	Goal Keeper
Goals Scored	1
Goals Saved	A Bazillion
The future of the Lugarno FC goal keeping stock is well secured in the gloves of this young man. A natural leader on the field calling the shots from the back ensuring everyone was where they meant to be. Chris is a fantastic keeper and produced some magnificent saves through the year, notably in our last game of the season where he pulled off the mother of all saves near the end of the game in a goal mouth scramble where he deflected no more than 3 saves in a row.	

Nicholas Kladis #9	Central Defender
Goals Scored	1
The hard man of our team, Nicholas made his presence felt to any attacker that dared take our defence on. A natural defender with plenty of patience and a cool head, and together with his left and right defenders made sure that the opposition had to work overtime to penetrate our defensive line.	

Andrew Marsano #10	Left Midfield
Goals Scored	1
Andrew really improved this year and owned the left side of the park. Providing many great balls up front to our forwards. Andrew was also our thinker providing many great insights at the half time break or at the end of the game about what the team was doing well or what we could be improving. Andrew had a great attitude overall and gave 100% in any position we was playing and at training. Andrew is our Coach and Manager Award recipient this year. Congratulations Andrew on a great season.	

Josiah Montoya #29	Striker
Goals Scored	13
Josiah was the Golden Boot for the year netting a total of 13 goals in the season. As he develops his craft up front, Josiah will convert many more of the opportunities presented to him. His most memorable game was against Hurstville Zagreb FC scoring a hat trick (2 absolute rippers from near the edge of the box) in the most anticipated game of the season featuring a number of other Lugarno Public School kids in the Hurstville HZFC strip. Lugarno FC had bragging rights in the school yard that week!	

Andrei Esdaile-Watts # 30	Holding Midfield
Goals Scored	6

Andrei was the workhorse of the team this year and with Nicholas behind him in defence formed an almost impenetrable defence. Andrei was simply too fast, too strong and more committed than most of the attackers in other teams. Displaying a great attitude across the park and in any position he was asked to play. Andrei is a deserved winner of the **2014 U10 Perpetual Trophy Winner**. Congratulations.

Bailey Russell #31	Right Back / Right Midfield
Bailey this year spent his time between right back and right midfield and learnt the art of pushing up and following the play up field providing options to our midfielders or strikers. In doing so, Bailey was able to many times provide a cross in or open up play that allowed our team to push into our opposition. His natural speed made him a great defender frustrating many opposition.	

Saul Robinson #32	Attacking Midfield
Goals Scored	12
Pipped in the last game for Golden Boot, Saul continued his good form from last year and contributed all over the park. Like a gazelle running through the Serengeti plains, Saul dashed across the park to be where the play was and many a times came out of nowhere to spoil the oppositions attacking moves. Saul opened his account in the very first game against Bexley with an impressive 5 goal haul and many of his goals came from being well positioned.	

Eric Athanasopolous #33	Right Midfield
Goals Scored	10
Eric was the quietest member of the team but had impressive footwork that bamboozled the opposition and on one occasion drew a penalty against RCFC after dazzling their last man with a Maradona Spin. Eric was a significant contributor down the right midfield providing many great balls up front and will develop into a great play maker as he matures.	

Joseph Fox #34	Right Back
We all know the story of David and Goliath and Joseph lived this out every weekend taking on kids taller than him and, just like in the story, it was Joseph who more often than not came out on top. Joey this season displayed much more confidence with his dribbling skills and started many moves from the back.	

Ryan Courtney #35	Left Back
Goals Scored	1
I was super impressed with Ryan this year. His confidence on the ball and calmness in tight situations whilst in defence was great to watch. He managed to always find a way dispatch a ball to his left midfielder or into our attacking midfielder. Some fantastic improvement in his game this year and found the back of the net against RCFC in a very intense match.	

Peter Papandonis #36	Striker / Midfield
Goals Scored	7
Peter was our most passionate player and had an unquenchable thirst for scoring goals and being on the pitch! Peter moved up the pitch this year from his position in defence last year and was always keen to take the opposition on. Most memorable goal this year was against Sans Souci where he dribbled a couple of players and from an impossible angle nailed the ball into the back of the net!	

U12 B

Coach: Zen Younes

Manager: Bev Thompson

What a GREAT season for the Lugarno U12B team in 2014.

The team was a coagulation of last years U10s, U11s and some newcomers to the Club.

Coach Zen was also a newcomer and the boys thrived and blossomed under his strict coaching and training regimes.

The boys (through mutual respect and the U12 team brotherhood) all improved over the season. We were winning some very hard games ... and losing some very easy ones (but hey!).







The team played very well together and missed out on the Minor Premiership by only 1 point.










Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	Forf.	Byes	GF	GA	GD	p_adj.	PTS
***** U12 / B *****												
1	Bexley North (1) (01)						18	13	2	3	0	0 41
2	Lugarno - LUGA-12B						18	13	1	4	0	0 44

Unfortunately we didn't get any further than the Semi Finals this year, but next year look out!

U13 Minor Premiership and Major Premiership Winners 2015 ???? ... Watch this space ☺

Well done boys you had a great year on the full size pitch, take the summer to stay fit and focused and we will come back fighting next season. Manager Bev xxxx









<p>Amro Abdalla - Shirt 7</p> <p>Amro's first year at LFC. Despite a few sickness bugs Amro played well throughout the season.</p>	
<p>Alexander Athanasopoulos - Shirt 3</p> <p>Goalie extraordinaire and on field solid defense. A great year Alex, we look forward to seeing you next year.</p>	
<p>Tony Elaro - Shirt 2</p> <p>The best sweeper the U12s have ever seen ... From sweeper to striker in 60 seconds ... Well done Tony you had a fantastic season of football.</p>	
<p>James Kabalan - Shirt 29</p> <p>Always smiling, always positive. James gives it his all – every game. He has improved a lot in ability and confidence this year. Well done James!</p>	
<p>Peter Kladis - Shirt 26</p> <p>We now call him the cat ... a late in the season discovery was a hidden goalie. Pete jumps and rolls around that goal catching everything he can! GO PETE !</p>	
<p>Ivan Kolimackovski - Shirt 30</p> <p>Ivan played up this year to join the 12s and was solid on the wing. A great defender and asset to the team.</p>	





<p>Daniel Mircevski - Shirt 24</p> <p>Daniel played Goalie when asked and performed well on the field. A great year Daniel, well done.</p>	
<p>Jayden Montoya - Shirt 9</p> <p>We saw a great improvement in Jayden's confidence this year, and he played well with the team. He always listened and put in 100%.</p>	
<p>Antonio Papaleo - Shirt 12</p> <p>We called him "the hair" and what a great do it was! It was Antonio's first year at LFC and he played very well – a great asset to the club.</p>	
<p>Christian Petrovski - Shirt 10</p> <p>Go get 'em Petrovski Christian went in first and asked questions later ... and although a broken arm saw him benched, he still came to every game to cheer on the team.</p>	
<p>Jordan Sarkis - Shirt 11</p> <p>Consistant and gutsy ... with the left and the right foot ... You had a great year Jordan. Well done.</p>	
<p>Jake Thompson - Shirt 8</p> <p>Jake was only 10 at the beginning of the season, and at first the large pitch and bigger opponents were intimidating, but his confidence grew as the season progressed.</p>	
<p>Luca Tsolakki - Shirt 4</p> <p>A great team player – Luca tried very hard this year, and he always listened to Coach Zen and put into practise what was taught at training.</p>	
<p>Mark Younes - Shirt 5</p> <p>Is it a bird ... Is it a plane No it's Mark Younes.</p> <p>When he was on fire, he was on fire. Leading goal scorer of the club for the 2014 Season – a great effort. Keep your head up Mark, well done for a fantastic first year at LFC – you are a great asset to the club.</p>	
<p>William Finn - Super Sub</p> <p>Super Sub Billy – A great player with great game play vision, we look forward to seeing you on the team full time next year ☺</p>	

U12 Girls B

Coach: Raf Berroa

Manager: Bev Thompson

<p>Charlie Argent - Shirt 28</p> <p>Was our pocket dynamite defender ...</p> <p>Not a lot got through Charlie she played hard and controlled the game from the rear.</p>	
<p>Luci Berroa - Shirt 2</p> <p>Multi talented Luci excelled wherever we put her.</p> <p>A good left and right foot not forgetting the head, helped to control the game from the mid.</p>	
<p>Alanna Caracoglia - Shirt 21</p> <p>Where's Alanna? ... In goal Striker mid field OMG is there nothing she cannot do????</p> <p>A great team player.</p>	
<p>Madelen Giannisis - Shirt 18</p> <p>Always smiling, always positive.</p> <p>Madeline played in goal and on the pitch – giving it her all every game.</p>	
<p>Kiera Head - Shirt 24</p> <p>Kiera also played in goal and on the pitch (we have such talent amongst us). Just remember to believe in yourself as much as we believe in you.... You can do it Kiera 😊</p>	
<p>Taylah Mitrevski - Shirt 6</p> <p>Taylah joined us in the last quarter of the season and fitted in very quickly, she was a great asset to complement our team.</p>	
<p>Alana Petanceski - Shirt 4</p> <p>Alana went from strength to strength, becoming one of the girls to be aware of when attacking us. She could turn the play around from us defending to attacking in an instant.</p>	
<p>Olivia Rayner - Shirt 29</p> <p>“Go Liv Go Liv Go Liv” (that was me yelling most weeks!)</p> <p>Olivia was a solid team player with a cannonball boot that often found the goal.</p>	

<p>Taylah Samardzioski - Shirt 19</p> <p>From shy Taylah to confident Taylah, We saw lots of growth and maturity this year. Next year can only bring bigger and better things 😊</p>	
<p>Tamar Tchamkertenian - Shirt 33</p> <p>Was a last minute entry to the team at the beginning of the season. Tamar had never played team football before but she had a lot of backyard practise. A gutsy player with game play vision.</p>	
<p>Jasmine Thompson - Shirt 3</p> <p>Was also a first year footballer. Jasmine has played with her brothers so didn't lack the forcefulness required against some of the teams and her long legs gave us the speed that we required 😊</p>	
<p>Nadine Younes - Shirt 5</p> <p>Her first year with Lugarno FC, Nadine was a great one. Nadine made some good friends on the team and rally showed us what an adaptable team player she was.</p>	

What a FANTASTIC season for the Lugarno U12 B Girls team in 2014.

The team was formed from a mixture of U10, U11 & U12s this year because we were struggling for numbers. It was a worry in the beginning that the side would not mix well because of age / maturity / experience and not forgetting the HUGE pitch we had to play on!

We started the year with only 9 ½ players, but ended with 12, and each and every one of the girls deserves the biggest pat on the back for their ethical play, team spirit and courageousness.

As I said, we started the year as the underdogs with an inexperienced team ... Coach Raf and Manager Bev said they would be happy as long as the girls had fun and enjoyed themselves each week ... also a goal would be nice! But boy did they blow that out the window...

The girls came on in leaps and bounds each week. Their confidence grew and their skills improved. They were a team at last A team that played well together ... no not just well together ... BRILLIANTLY together. It must have been my half time jelly snakes that did it!

We are very, very proud of them all and no one had a grin wider than Manager Bev when they made the Grand Final. It has taken me a good couple of weeks to get over all the screaming and cheering I have been doing over the past 20 weeks and finally my voice has lost all hoarseness and back to normal.

Sadly it was not to be despite 80% possession, their little legs tired towards the end to concede 2 goals, and what gave me a warm glow more than anything was the hugs and support in the consoling group huddle following the first goal... My girls are champions, whatever the final score.

Love Manager Bev xxxx

U13 B

Coach & Manager: Hagop Tchamkertenian

The Final against Connells Point turned out to be the team's final game for season 2014. Just one win short of another grand final appearance, the team did well to scale such heights in division B.

The season commenced informally in mid-February with pre-season training followed by formal training in early March. This year saw 4 new additions join the team - three players from the start and another player just days before the June player registration deadline.

Despite playing just one pre-season game the team commenced the season strongly thumping Arncliffe Aurora 6-0 in the opening game. This game was followed by an exceptionally high scoring and entertaining game against Carss Park that resulted in a 5-4 loss. Had the penalty kick awarded to Lugarno been converted the game would have ended in a draw. A solid 3-1 win against Sans Souci was followed by a narrow 1-0 loss to the strongest team in the competition Kogarah Waratah.

The fifth game placed the team against then competition leaders Connells Point who had remarkably conceded just 1 goal in 4 games! That did not bother the team as in their most clinical performance in front of goals they destroyed the competition leaders 4-0. The following game saw the team defeat Bexley North 2-0 when the result should have been more like 12-0 given the team had a season record 32 attempts on goal. Despite leading 1-0 at half-time and in control of the game, a disappointing second half performance gifted Peakhurst United a 3-1 win in the following game.

Then came the double header long weekend games that saw the team consolidate its position in the top group with consecutive wins (3-0 and 2-1) against the second Connells Point side. A repeat 6-0 victory against Arncliffe Aurora was followed with a comprehensive 7-1 win against Carss Park giving the team four consecutive wins.

It seemed the run of wins took a toll on players and a very cocky attitude was justly punished in the next game by Sans Souci when they ran out 3-1 winners. A narrow 2-0 loss against second placed Kogarah Waratah in the first game of a double header weekend confirmed what coach Hagop had suspected all along, that Kogarah Waratah were the benchmark team.

The Sunday game saw the team face Peakhurst United. Based on the positions of the teams on the competition table and an assessment of the remaining games, this was considered a grand final game for both teams with the winner guaranteed fourth place and finals football. The team put in a superb performance and ended up winning the game 3-1. A place in finals football was now theirs.

The last 3 games of the season saw the team register a 3-1 loss to Connells Point, followed by a record 10-0 win against Bexley North, before a frustrating 2-0 win against Oatley RSL in the last game of the normal competition.

Finals football saw the team dominate third placed Sans Souci to win 2-1 before an unlucky 2-1 loss in the Final against Connells Point. In the Final Lugarno had a golden opportunity to open the scoring when a penalty kick was awarded but the football gods failed to smile on the team during the game and it turned out to be their last game of season 2014.

Overall the team played 20 competition games and once again played finals football. The team registered 13 wins and 7 losses. Scoring 63 goals and conceding 25 in the process at an average of 3.2 goals scored per game and 1.3 goals conceded per game. Lugarno was the only team in the division not to have drawn a game!

The team managed to produce 7 clean sheets during the season, meaning that in 35 per cent of all games played, no goals were conceded.

The season's stats represented on game average basis follows.

	Lugarno Season Game Averages	Opposition team's Season Game Averages
Total shots	17.2	7.6
Shots on target	10.5	4.4
Goals	3.2	1.3
Corners	6.4	3.4
Possession	56.4	43.6

Some 11 players managed to get on the score-sheet during the season. It is always good to see the goals spread across a range of players. The top 4 goal scorers for season 2014 were: Mark,

James, Mitchell T and Harry who, between them, accounting for 69.8 per cent of the total goals scored by the team.

For a team that was registered to play in division C and were subsequently placed by the Association in division B, the overall team results during season 2014 are deemed to be satisfactory.

The biggest issue the team had which proved costly in the Final against Connells Point was finishing off goal scoring chances. Had the team been more clinical in front of goals not only would it have made the grand final but it would also have been regarded as the benchmark team of the competition.

Looking back at the season with the late recruitment of MJ just 5 days before the player registration deadline, the team welcomed a total of 4 new additions to the team and successfully incorporated them into the team. Each new addition brought to the team a new skill and dimension. The team ended up the season with 15 players.



The LFC 13B's

Left to right: front row: Stephen Theodoridis; Harris Kostanti; Haritha Jayasekera; Will Simmons; Peter Gazilas; and Alexander Pejovski

Back row standing: Raffi Tchamkertenian; Hagop Tchamkertenian (coach/manager); Issac Cagigas; Evander Berroa; James Leftakis; Jonah Hopping; Mitchell Trajkovski; Mark Martinovic; Mitchell Frost; and Mujahid Husamuddeen

Player profiles

Alexander Pejovski: Alex proved to be a versatile player taking up positions in midfield, defence and in attack. He scored 3 goals including the crucial second goal in the semi-final against Sans Souci and the second goal in the critical second round game against Peakhurst United. He also showed his determination against Carss Park in the second round when he gave their striker a 6 meter start then caught him and dislodged the ball of him.

Evander Berroa: Evander played mostly as central defender and in a number of games as midfield and striker. Evander loves to go forward to try and score goals but Evander's real strength is in neutralising the opposition's attacks. Evander's decisive long clearance in the semi-final against Sans Souci was instrumental in setting up the crucial opening goal for the team.

Haritha Jayasekera: Haritha or Harry played mostly in midfield and attack. After a slow start Harry focussed on his game and finished the season strongly scoring 7 goals to become the 4th highest

goal scorer for the team. Harry's great pace saw him take the game to the opposition. He was also a keen trainer often arriving at the grounds early for training.

Harris Kostanti: Our specialist right back put in a consistent performance until he went on a 7 week holiday. His first game after the holidays was the semi-final game against Sans Souci. Harris put in another outstanding defensive effort playing all but the last 5 minutes. Mr Consistent is his deserved nickname.

Issac Cagigas: Issac played mostly in defence and occasionally in midfield. Issac transfers what he learns at training to the game. One training session focussed on heading and controlling the ball with the chest. In the subsequent game Issac excelled in both areas.

James Leftakis: Once again James was up there with the leading goal scorers managing to score 12 goals including 2 hat-tricks. With a bit more accuracy in front of goals he could have easily doubled his season goal tally. James is a wonderful trainer always putting in a 100 per cent effort and regularly shows great interest at improving his overall playing skills.

Jonah Hopping: Jonah was of the new additions to the team. He proved to be the key person in defence and for most of the season put in a consistent effort. Jonah scored 3 goals including one of the best goals of the season the memorable 30 metre free-kick against Bexley North in the second round. Very mature player on and off the field he displays great leadership qualities.

Mark Martinovic: Mark spent the first half of the season in defence then in the second half in attack, in the process avoiding the one area that he would have excelled at – midfield. A creative player and good finisher, Mark managed to score 14 goals, including 2 hat tricks to become the team's leading goal scorer. He scored a season best of 4 goals against Bexley North in the second round.

Mitchell Frost: Determination plus that is how Mitchell plays his game. He is also a great trainer. Work during the off-season saw Mitchell return to the team as a faster player and due to nature much taller as well. When Harris left for his holiday, Mitchell left his midfield role and stepped into the crucial right back defensive role and in the process did an exceptional job. He also improved his goal scoring putting away 3 goals.

Mitchell Trajkovski: Mitchell T was one of the new additions to the team and he immediately had a noticeable impact to the left side of the midfield and the team generally. A determined player and runner with great pace, his crosses terrorised opposition defences. Mitchell T also stepped up to take the penalty kicks for the team scoring 3 penalty kicks in his overall goal tally of 11 goals for the season, making him the third highest goal scorer.

Mujahid Husamuddeen (MJ): The decision to accept MJ just 5 days before the registration deadline was done with the view of strengthening the squad for the finals. He adjusted well to the team and in his 4th game he scored his first goal for Lugarno. MJ will improve with time if he can increase his fitness levels and adapts to competition game play.

Peter Gazilas: Peter was another new player as he had not played with the team for a number of years. When he played for the team previously he earned the nick name of "the rock of Gibraltar". With the team having a number of defensive players Peter was instead deployed as an attacking midfielder to reflect his pace and dribbling skills. Peter scored 4 goals during the season and set up others through clever crosses.

Raffi Tchamkertenian: Raffi was used mostly as left back due to the fact he was able to kick with both feet. He was also a competent back-up goal keeper managing to save 2 penalty kicks and produce a number of clean sheets. The coach's assistant, he did a stellar job setting up the training drills and helping his dad pack up afterwards.

Stephen Theodoridis: Stephen proved to be a versatile player being deployed in different roles and was one of the few players to play in all three zones at different stages of the season – defence, midfield and attack. Stephen is a determined player always looking at ways of improving his overall game and contribution to the team.

Will Simmons: Our regular goal keeper, Will had a consistent season as the last person in defence and was very keen at both training and at the games. Keeping a number of clean sheets

Will directed the defence well during games. Being a mature player Will constantly focuses on ways at improving his overall skills and game play.

U14 C

Coach: Alex Enriquez

Manager: John Kennedy

This season was a very good one for our team. They boys combined to play some great soccer and seemed to really enjoy their time together on the field.

The team played 18 matches for 5 wins and 4 draws and just missed out on the semi-finals. Each week the team gave 100% at training and on game day. Once again under the watchful eye of coach Alex Enriquez, the 14Cs enjoyed a great season of teamwork and skill development.

Player Profile:

Alex Agius: our team's quiet achiever. Showed determination and character at all times on the field. Always gave 100%. Solid and reliable.

Jack Argent: always strong at the back of the field. Delighted the crowd with his determination and was never far from the ball when the opposition brought it in to our half. Reliable and resolute in all games.

Cameron Bridge: a dynamite big boot created great opportunities for our team in attack and his never say die attitude repelled the opposition game after game. Always a good performer and a skilful player.

Haymish Constable Baltra: all over the field, no matter what position he was playing. One minute he would stop an opposition attack into our goal area, the next minute he would be leading the attack at the other end of the park. Always caused headaches for the rival teams.

Max Donati: returned to the team this season and thwarted many opposition attacking raids with determined defence and a resolute attitude. Fought hard for the ball and never gave up!

Nickolas Giannisis: a rock-like player who was always present when the opponents made their way into our territory. Enthusiastic and committed at all times.

Brennan Head: showed plenty of neat footwork to hold onto the ball in tough situations. Sparked our attack on many occasions. Showed lots of skill and determination to score plenty of goals and lead our team's attack from the front. A real team player!

Andrew Kennedy: a really versatile player for our team this year. Loved to fight for the ball, never gave up and the opposition always knew that he was around with his determined but fair play. A real asset to the team.

Michael Kennedy: our regular keeper who showed a great pair of hands to save a swag of goals. Helped the team with his talk at the back and great clearing kicks. A real find this season as keeper but showed a deal of skill in the field in a few games.

Nicolas Maneros: enjoyed stopping the opposition from scoring goals with big kicks and determined play. A very versatile player who showed great skill and enthusiasm.

Peter Marcos: always offered our attack real options at the front. A handy player to have in tough situations. Proved to be an attacking force for our team.

David Petancevski: showed a deal of attacking flair during the season and set off down the touchline to spark many attacking raids. Consistent and determined.

Liam Robinson: proved to be a powerful kicker at the back. Always fought hard to stop the opposition before clearing the ball out of our danger area. Strong and determined.

All in all a very good season.

Thanks to the parents for your positive support of the team and contribution to the team's harmony.

Many thanks to our coach **Alex Enriquez**. He always gave his time to ensure the team was well prepared to play each week. Alex imparted his deep knowledge of the game to the boys and taught

them a great deal. Alex has now moved overseas to continue playing and studying. We wish him all the very best.

I hope to see all players back for LFC again in 2015.

U14 Girls A

Coach: Bill Krkovski

Manager: Rob Petancevski

Taking out the Minor Premiership and then becoming Premiers was an outstanding achievement by the Girls of the Lugarno FC U14Girls A.

They finished the regular season first with:

41 Goals Scored with 8 goal scorers and only conceded 5 goals, with the following goal scorers:

Sophie Hilton	19
Taylah Bosilkovski	10
Gabrielle Lakos	3
Gabrielle Potter	2
Gabrielle Koutsoukis	2
Krissa Dimitrakopoulos	2
Annabel Stojanovska	1
Chloe Petancevski	1

The 2014 season was tough one for the girls, with the major challenges coming from Bexley North and Sans Souci. After finishing the regular season first, the girls lost their first final in extra time 1-0 to Bexley in a tight game. The girls then faced Sans Souci in the elimination final and fought a hard battle, qualifying with a nil all draw, courtesy of finishing higher on the table.

The Grand Final, the ground soaked from the rain we had the whole finals series, but the girls were ready to play.

They saved their best game of the year for last, with every Bexley attack turned away by our relentless defence and every attack turned away by Bexley's defence. Nil all at half time, after a pep talk from coach Bill and a re-apply of the war paint (blue zinc) the girls were ready. The second half was like the first until Gab Potter, with 5 minutes left in regular time, made a darting run down the left side from just inside Bexley's half, beat the defence with pace and skill and nutmeged the keeper for the winning goal! The girls, the crowd and the coach and manager all celebrated, but urged the girls to continue until the final whistle. Then came the sound of the final whistle, with that the girls had sealed the title against Bexley, a team they had not beaten in 2 and a half years. The celebrations started and the coach got a water bottle shower (no buckets available). What made the win even more pleasing was to see the girls overcome adversity, playing with 2 players short (we still had 2 reserves but Bexley had 4), one girl injured her ankle in the opening 5 minutes, one played with a strapped up knee (hyper extended the previous week) and one played with the flu, a stellar effort which also went down in the history books as Lugarno FC's 100th Premiership title.

The 14Girls A of 2014 included:

Ruby O'Connor: Goal keeper and defender, had an awesome year and was superb in the finals keeping goals. She kept 2 clean sheets in the finals, made excellent saves in the Grand Final which was the difference between losing and winning.

Loren Alcevski: Defender, really stepped up this year, was a terrier on the field, defended and ran until she could no longer. Saved her best game for last.

Christie Merrick: Defender/midfield – had a great start to the year, in one game she tackled a girl twice her size (legal tackle) and the opponent limped off. Came down with illness but made a recovery and provided the spirit behind the girls victory, was awesome to have her attend the Grand Final and join in the festivities.

Ashley Krkovski: Captain and central defender, she lead by example every week, she marshalled the defence which only conceded a total of 6 goals and played the Grand Final with the flu and was relentless in defence, her dad (Coach Bill) would be so proud the way she played the Grand Final.

Lauren Radcliffe: Defender - intimidating defender, never shies away from a tackle, turned defence into attack in many challenging situations.

Maddy Williams: Defender – her first year in football (Soccer), speed to burn and then some, stopped many goals with her speed and will to win, twisted her ankle in Grand Final and her best game of the year – Coach and Managers award winner for 2014.

Gaby Lakos: Midfield, improved her running and passing, was even more tireless in defence and attack (that extra running really helped), she scored some critical goals.

Gabrielle Koutsoukis: Midfield, had a wonderful season, she provided the determination and flare in the midfield, was everywhere in the Grand Final, her dribbling and passing was outstanding in the Grand Final.

Annabel Stojanovska: Midfield – no fear, just sheer determination to win, never shies away from the ball and puts everything into every single challenge.

Chloe Petancevski: Midfield, one of the biggest kicks in the competition, takes the corners and free kicks, plays to win and is the voice on the field, was relentless in the Grand Final.

Alexia Kostoski: Midfield, quiet achiever, has a nice soft touch for the ball and laid off some great passes through the year, welcome back, played 2 seasons with Lugarno for 2 Grand Final wins.

Gabby Potter: Midfield, played the Grand Final on one leg, scored the winner, what more can I say...?? – Thank you for the great goal and the effort all year.

Krissa Dimitrakopoulos: Midfield/striker – once she got her contacts, no more air swings! What a turn around, improved week on week, really improved her all round game.

Taylah Bosilovski: Striker – second highest scorer, her crossing and combination and with Sophie made the difference in attack, set her up for many goals. She saved her best game in years for the Grand Final, played out of her skin.

Sophie Hilton: Striker – our top scorer for the year was outstanding out front and her combination with Taylah improved week on week, and she set up many goals for Taylah. Ran until she couldn't in the Grand Final.



Celebrating scoring the winning goal in the Grand Final

I would like to thank the parents, the families and friends of all the girls for their support of the team, the coach and manager. A special season was had, Minor Premiers, Premiers and qualified for the State Champions of Champions for the first time. Much thanks to Bill for another stellar coaching effort in 2014. Most of all I would like to thank the girls - they played an outstanding season of football and had some great laughs along the way. 2 memorable ones being, Gaby's eye lashes and the team song (which they only sang twice in the final 2 games). They played each match for each other and played with great heart and spirit. Hopefully we'll see you all again next season.



The victorious team with their medals and trophy



Captain Ashleigh lifting the trophy

U14 Girls B

Coach: Paul De Lucca

Manager: Basil Privitera

The vital stats for our season include ...

- Played 20, Won 7, Drew 4, Lost 5, 4 Byes
- Goals: Scored – 24 (conceded – 19)
- Finished 3rd on the ladder and 3rd in the competition.

Some of the highlights of our season include..

- A 6-1 win in only our second game.
- A 1-0 win against Sans Souci (2) with 10 seconds left on the clock.
- A 1-1 draw against leaders Oatley after a 4-0 loss in a previous encounter
- Not losing a game in the Semi's!!

Considering that most of our girls came up from the U12's, we gave the competition a real good shake against some older and more experienced opposition. We were a whisker from making a Grand Final appearance (Sarah, keep those shots just a little lower next time!!) after not losing a game in the finals series. Every game played showed just how much progress our girls were



making under the tutelage of Coach Paul who brought along an unbounded enthusiasm for the game. Throughout the season, they continued to work hard and reaped the rewards of their efforts by earning the respect of the opposition and the plaudits of the crowd. They continually made us proud in the way they commanded themselves on and off the field, the way they never gave up

regardless of the score and always gave their best. It was a pleasure to be part of their management this year and we wish all the girls well and good luck for the next football season.

The Lugarno Under 14 Girls 'B' in 2014 were ...

Ruby: One of our regular centre defenders, always reliable and showed great improvement throughout the year. Her positional play was a highlight along with her consistency and a penchant for the odd header. A beaming smile from ear to ear tells you she loves the game.

Tia: Kept all the girls entertained with her familiar wisecracks especially at training, but it was all business once she got on the field. A very determined midfielder whose competitive spirit and abundant skills shone through every week. Especially competitive when she found there was a Tia on the opposition team!

Monique: Was our second string goalie when Sophia felt like a run but played every position available and excelled at all of them. Her speed and skill on the park made her an invaluable team asset and saved many a goal with some great cover defence. Continually strives for improvement in all areas of her game. Our throw in queen without a doubt!

Alyssa: Together with Ruby, formed a great defensive partnership and the wall between the opposition and our goal with the aim of minimising the number touches the goalkeeper had to make. Never missed a game, never stopped trying and strived for continual improvement.

Emily: Played her heart out every time she took the field and put her body on the line regularly. Her ability to use her speed to create some space out of nothing never ceased to amaze and entertain. Owned the left midfield position and excelled at bringing the ball up field and providing scoring opportunities for other let alone scoring 6 of them herself!

Sienna: If you had to take one player to the trenches, Sienna would be the one. Her ability to continually hold back opposition strikers was a joy to watch for us and a continual frustration for them. Possesses a great football mind, a great right foot and took over goal kick duties during the season.

Jessica: Missed the first few games due to an ankle injury but more than made up for it with every game she played. In both attack and defence, Jessica was a key member of the team. As the season progressed, she exposed more of her skill and ability and became invaluable in both defence and attack as required. Her ambidexterity was a distinct advantage managing to confuse many opposition players. A well-deserved winner of the Coaches/Managers POTY.

Olivia: She is the embodiment of pure sportsmanship and has been since I first saw her lace on a boot. Olivia wears her heart on her sleeve and leaves nothing on the field every game. Her skills are exemplary and together with her speed and determination make her a nightmare for any defender. Knows the way to goal and the back of the net becoming our leading goal scorer this year.

Sophie: Don't let her size fool you, Sophie has the heart of a lion and nothing or nobody fazes her on the field, regardless of their size. She trusts her own ability and uses her speed to distinct advantage. If there is a fight for the ball, place a bet on Sophie.

Sarah: Radiates an infectious team spirit in everything she does. Guides and encourages other players on the field extracting the best of their abilities. In her role as midfielder, chased the ball everywhere it went especially when there even a sniff of a goal, but helped out in defence whenever required.

Lucinda: With her perpetual smile Lucinda enjoys every minute on the field. Made the left back position her own and what she lacked in ability made up for in spades with determination, grit and spirit. She always put plenty of pressure on attackers making life very difficult. The most generous player in the whole competition in allowing the only goal for Sans Souci (2) as our stand in 'keeper in round two. Expect to be on their Christmas card list this year.

Sophia: A jack of all trades when she's on the paddock but our outstanding goalkeeper of the season. We averaged only 1 goal conceded per game and most of this is due to Sophia's superior goalkeeping. Received countless accolades from the crowd and that was just the opposition!!

Shared her goalkeeping duties often and showed she was equally adept on the field and rewarded with a goal in our last game.

Toni: Easy to spot on the field with her trademark long hair, one of our central midfielders who together with Tia, formed a great partnership in the middle of the park. Always an enthusiastic player, loved to use her speed in creating a gap. Very unselfish with her passes but also knew the way to goal. Scored 4 goals highlighted by a hat-trick in our second game.

Giovanna: Came to us as a new recruit a couple of games into the season and gradually began to find her feet in the game as well as the team. Given plenty of opportunity by the coach to show her wares anywhere on the park and showed she could handle any of them. Skills improved through the year and given another couple of seasons should be a very capable footballer.

Thanks to ...

- Coach Paul for his commitment and unbounded enthusiasm in all things football and passing this on to the girls. Got the girls to think more about the game and got the best out of them.
- John Hristias for assisting Paul at practically every training session.
- The parents for your commitment and support
- Our girls, for the inspiration that they are, on and off the field. As a great man once said, "What we do on the football field, echoes an eternity", and every week they did us proud.

U15 A

Coach: John Martins

Manager: David Attard

It would be one team in the 15s at Lugarno with James Burt, Jordan Diak, Jordy P and Jamie (new to the club) joining the incumbents for 2014. The dedicated John Martins once again took control of the team and he got the boys onto Gannons early, we knew that because we were dodging Oztag at times. The first challenge we had to overcome was to fill the vacant goal keeper position left open after the departure of Sean. Thankfully Anthony, Brayden and Jordan P put their hands up to share the role. This worked well and our lack of performance at times throughout the season could not be attributed to the keepers. In actual fact Brayden was sensational, and looked like a natural.

We managed to organise plenty of trials and thought we had good miles in the legs leading up to round 1. However we were hammered by the premiership heavy weights to start the season. While we always knew we would be up against it in this match, we felt we let ourselves down where we have always been good, attitude and desire!

Unfortunately then came a wet spell and it would be two weeks before the next matches came, a double header weekend. In both matches we went down to a single early goal and spent the rest of both matches dominating but unable to get anything out of either match. We suspected it then and it was confirmed later in the season, getting no points on that weekend would hurt us immensely as we chased that elusive fourth spot in the run to the finals. The boys were still in the hunt and controlling their own destiny until the second last round when we were finally out of contention. Overall the boys had a good season and, after a slow start, became more and more competitive. This was a very split comp, two absolute standout teams, a strong third team and then five teams who were all very even.

I would like to thank Ana for her help managing the team and coach John for his never wavering dedication and application to the task, it always amazes me. Boys, thanks for your efforts this season, it is always a pleasure being around to give you some stick at times!!

U16 B

Coach: John Taylor

Manager: Diane Redmond

This season saw players leaving and the two U15 teams combining to form the 16B team (with the addition of a new player). The first couple of trainings and games saw the boys working out how they will combine and what positions they would occupy and excel in over the season. John Taylor took on the coaching role with Col Straney helping out when John wasn't available.

The first game had us against the eventual premiers (Connells Point 1 - CP1) and the team started to show signs of how they would finish the year with great combinations. Unfortunately the next playing weekend saw the team scheduled for a double header which saw one game with only 10 players and a forfeit for the next. Two draws next started the change in the team's fortunes as this then converted to mostly wins. The most exciting game saw the team beat Forest Rangers, who were in second position, with 2 goals in the first ten minutes of the first half and great defence for the rest of the game. A battle with Sans Souci 1 (SS1) for the final position in the finals meant the team had to win the final game, waiting to see what results and goal difference SS1 achieved, with 2 games to be completed in the final weekend. Unfortunately the team ended the season with a 0-0 draw and thus both teams had the same results for the season, but SS1 managed 2 extra goals.

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	D	Pt
Sans Souci1	18	9	3	6	57	36	21	30
Lugarno	18	9	3	6	49	30	19	30

The team from the start to the end of the season showed great maturity as they learnt to combine with each other to play some really exciting football, and we hope that they will return for next season.

Ramazan Arslan: His ability to calmly win the ball and get past the opposition time in the forward centre midfield time and time again allowed him to set up nicely passes to the forwards for shots at goals. (2 goals)

Nathan Benjamin: A couple of days after the team's 2nd game Nathan gave his parents and the team a scare by ending up in intensive care in hospital. When he was well enough he attended a lot of the team's games and seemed to act as a lucky charm as the team won when he was there.

Luke Bonanno: Luke made the left back position his own after a tentative start. Very little got past him and, if it did, the opposition found it had to score as he was consistently beside them or placing the ball over the sideline to allow the team time to get back.

Christian Bonnici: Worked hard in the midfield making a number of runs up the sideline before delivering the ball to the forwards. Helped out in defence when required.

Blake Cato: If you blinked, you would miss where he got to. He fooled many opposition players with his ability to work in defence, then midfield and then took advantage of the situation to score when needed. (2 goals)

Dimitri Delimanis: He decided to join the team for some fun and to improve his fitness for his representative rugby league, but he was definitely here to play. His lightning fast sprints to the ball then goal saw him as the top goal scorer for the team. He gave 100% on the field and enjoyed playing after so many years away. (13 goals)

Kyle Dingeldei: Helped out at the beginning of the season with goal keeping duties and then worked with Ramazan in back centre midfield, often stopping the ball reaching the backs. His great headers up the field were always well placed.

Joshua Kleipas: A SOS went out for a goalie and he heeded the call a few games into the season. The team welcomed him with opened arms as his great goalie skills took pressure off deciding who would take on the job and allowed everyone to play their game. He showed great courage coming out of his goal when needed and his big kicks got the ball up the other end of the field were welcome.

Harrison Koutalianos: One of the most improved players. No matter what position he took, he worked hard to learn what was needed. He was unlucky not to have a couple of goals with the ball just going past him in front of goal.

Billy Manousiadis: He played with plenty of passion but had to learn to focus it towards scoring goals. The left wing and forward position was his when on the field and needs to trust his left foot as he scored his best goals with it. (7 goals)

Anthony Marneros: Always one of our best goal scorers over the years for the club but it was his maturity that shone out this year. It unselfishly gave the ball to whoever was in the best position to score but still managed to score 11 goals for the team.

Jayden Prior: Man of few words. He let his defending speak for itself. Like Luke on the left, he commanded the right back position letting few balls through or sent the ball over the sideline. He was always missed when his knee was playing up and he couldn't take to the field.

James Redmond: After years of being a great defender and midfielder, he was given an opportunity to be striker and support the striker. This resulted him scoring double the number of goals for any previous season. As usual he was non-stop in midfield and fed the ball through for many a goal. (9 goals)

Lachlan Straney: When he was on the field, everyone knew it was going to be hard to get the ball past him. On many occasions, he was the solo defender making that last ditch effort to save runaway goals from the opposition. He also took great delight in scoring a well deserved goal (1 goal)

Dion Taylor: One of the hardest workers on the field travelling from defence to striker in seconds and back again. Both he and James frustrated the opposition by winning the ball time after time when it looked like they wouldn't. He deservedly scored as well this season when needed (3 goals)

U16 Girls A

Coach: Tony Lynch

Manager: David Hanneybel

Season 2014 started with the majority of the girls stepping up from the 14GirlsA(2) of 2013, to the 16GirlsB competition and a massive squad of 17 players. From the first training session the girls bonded as a unit under the tutorage of Super Coach Tony.

The season got off to a flyer, scoring 18 goals from the first 4 games, **April 2, BJ 1, Christina 1, Claudia 2, Daniela 1, Klaudia 3, Stefanie 4 and Tess 4**. Just as impressive conceding only 2 goals for 4 Win 0 Loss.

Having such a great start to the season as we have found out is a double edged sword; the SGFA used its powers of promotion/relegation to lift the team to the 16GirlsA competition where the opposing teams were older and had much more experience.

Games 5-9 had the girls scoring 4 goals, **Daniela 2, Klaudia 1, Stefanie 1**, conceding 9 for 1 Win 4 Loss.

Games 10-14 scoring 4 goals, **Tess 2, April 1, Stefanie 1** conceding 8, for 1 Win 4 Loss.

Games 15-18 scoring 3 goals, **Christina 1, Daniela 1, Tess 1** conceding 7 for 2 Draw 2 Loss

The girls didn't qualify for finals but can be proud of not only being competitive in each and every game, with the majority of results in the balance deep into the second half with the final score not a true reflection of some hard fought games. The girls played every game with fantastic team spirit and camaraderie. Every opponent knew they had a fight on their hands for the full 70 minutes.

A special mention to our 4 girls that played keeper April, Klaudia, Josephine and Jessica, who all displayed unbelievable courage.

A highlight for me was watching 8 of our girls **Georgia, Tess, Jessica, Stefanie, Klaudia, April, Lea and BJ** step up to the 18Girls team (remember they were playing under 14G in 2013!) helping when required, showing all their courage and skill and handling the step up.

Big thanks to the parents, grandparents and friends for their support (particular in round 2), and cheering on the girls each and every week.

Every girl had a fantastic year and by seasons end had improved not only their skills but also just as importantly their confidence and teamwork. I'm confident with the experience gained in this "character building" year and with Super coach Tony molding the team, 2015 will be an even better year.

It was a real pleasure to manage such a great group of young ladies and I would encourage them all to stay together and continue to play with the same fun, enthusiasm and mateship.

U17 A

Coach: Claudio Rispler

Manager: Liz Dow

This was the 'What if' season for the U17As. Even though we had 16 players registered, we struggled with numbers at several games due to short and long term injuries, overseas/holidays trips on top of dealing with teenage pressures, etc

As always stats tell only part of the story but as they are facts, here they are:

We ended up avoiding the wooden spoon (more about this later) ending up 7th on the table with 3 wins, 1 draw and 14 lost games. We scored 29 goals (nearly as many as 4th placed Sans Souci) and conceded 62.

Going back to 'What ifs':

- As a Coach I wonder how much higher we could have placed if several more boys would have been able to play each match (less injuries, less internal disputes, shorter holidays, less yellow cards, etc)
- If I would have made earlier changes to both training and match day set up to further improve our performances
- How much better we could have been if every boy would have made use of the 2 training sessions George Koletti and I ran most of the season
- How much better prepared as a team we could have been if each boy would have come to games the 30 minutes prior to kick off as I asked them to, to warm up/ prepare. Not a couple of minutes as some boys did
- If every parent would have supported each boy every game, regardless of their mistakes. After all even professional players make mistakes and that is part of learning. In short, it should be a given that we support our own players, hence the team at every game.

It has certainly been a challenging season as the boys grew into young men with stronger points of view, other teams signed up ex Reps players (we had none), we got a second Connells team that won the Champion of Champions the previous year, a strong team was promoted from the Bs replacing a not so strong A team, we didn't have official refs at some critical games (vs Arncliffe comes to mind) and sometimes the ones we had ended up with some questionable calls.

As the 'What if' section states, we had more than our fair share in the 'lows' department. However I believe, despite all of the above, this season is likely to be the last one for this group of boys as we move into HSC year. We had several highlights that I hope we will all recall as we all grow older and reminisce of the 'good old days'.

Here are some of my picks:

- As I write this report we should be very proud that for the first 10-15 minutes of both games we were beating 1-0 the top two teams that will play the Grand Final (Connells and Arncliffe)
- Towards the end of the season we had a great run, beating Sans Souci (top 4 team), ASOW and drawing with Hurstville Glory
- We avoided the wooden spoon and I enjoyed watching the boys destroy the wooden spoon I engraved before the match as a motivation for the whole team to lift

- As last year, we ended up playing vs Carrs Park with a very small squad, kicking the game off with just 8 boys. Even with some late comers we never had more than 9 boys on the pitch. Although we did struggle as Liam was sick, Jono did his hamstring, Rhys stepped up in goals as Alex had an injury, we still managed to score 2 goals and ended the first half only 1 goal down

I want to thank Liz who has supported myself and the boys, by doing all the match day requirements (even leaving everything ready when she was away) as well as keeping everybody updated with match and training details, canteen duties coordination and late match changes. Many parents take all these things for granted, but if they are not done we wouldn't be able to play. Many thanks!

Many thanks go also to Max and George for helping with training and match day support.

Last but not least, I would like to recognise all the parents/families that supported the team by bringing the boys to training sessions, matches and supporting from the sideline (sometimes getting a bit too carried away!).

Here are the boys that defended the Lugarno colours in the U17As at the 2014 season:

- **Alexander Keculovski:** another solid season in goals, only missing a few games due to injury and holidays.
- **AJ:** good season hampered by a few injuries. Credit to him for not only attending most training sessions, but also doing extra training with the PL team.
- **Peter Francis:** he came up from U16s and adapted very well to the team, playing a key role in defense and later in the season in midfield. Great attitude to training.
- **Billy El-Debel:** only played a few games, then he took a break from soccer.
- **Brock Buhagiar:** another great season in which he became our top goal scorer, scoring some spectacular goals. Also trained hard and was a pleasure to work with.
- **Callum Legge:** put a lot of effort playing in the demanding midfield position. One of the boys that also attended most training sessions.
- **Conor Robinson:** again, he played in the lone striker role, holding up the ball and scoring several goals, including some gems. He helped the AA and PL teams, putting a lot of effort in training.
- **Dom Lin:** he was again one of the key defenders, training hard and stepping up when we missed players.
- **Lachlan Darmanin:** played both up front and in defense, always with a great attitude. Unfortunately suffered an injury that 'robbed' him several games.
- **Jonathan Rispler:** returned to the team after missing a season due to a major injury. Played in the demanding midfield role, slowly regaining his confidence. Unfortunately suffered an injury that made him miss several games, still showed great attitude by supporting the team and attending all training sessions.
- **Josh Glover:** had a great first half of the season, playing in the key central defense role. Unfortunately decided to take a break from soccer at a time the team needed him most, but credit to him that came back at the end of the season.
- **Liam Koletti:** started the season strong, playing very well upfront and in the wings. Unfortunately he also took a break at a time we were a bit thin in numbers.
- **Nick Giovas:** played well on the wings the few games he played this season as he was away overseas and also missed a couple of games due to suspensions.
- **Rhys Pezzutti:** he was an impressive player this season as he played in any role he was asked to a high standard. From goalie to midfield to striker, he did it all and to a high quality and lifting the team up in hard times. An asset to the team.

- **Sam El-Debel:** he was the most improved player this season to the extent that the coach awarded him a special trophy at the last game. His confidence has grown and with that his skills, specially playing in defense. He has also shown a great attitude to training.
- **Simon Baker:** Captain and leader on and off the pitch. Played in key centre back stopping many strikers from other teams and clearing some goal bound shots. Great attitude to training and also helping out other teams like AA and PL.

U18 Girls

Coach: Michael Apokourastos

Manager: Sue Dick

First and foremost I can't say anything before expressing how impressed and proud I have been this season coaching a truly unique, hardworking and passionate bunch of girls. We began our season with a win against Ramsgate 4-2 and followed that up with a difficult loss against Bexley. After we played each team once we knew what we were up against and the girls were ready to show their true colours. We faced some classy opposition in the form of Bexley North and Rockdale City Suns where the scorelines were regularly against us but it was in these games that the true spirit and determination of this group shone.

I have always encouraged the girls to believe in their abilities and trust in one another, an ethos which the girls embraced and flourished under, reaching the Final where our journey finally ended at the hands of Bexley 2-2 with Bexley going through due to their higher finish on the ladder. To say our achievements this year were simply marvellous is an understatement. For me, our 10-3 victory over Carss Park mid-season was the most memorable match. The girls turned on an attacking display that would have Brendan Rodgers' approval. Their tactical awareness, positioning and passing were sublime as they ran out comfortable victors. However, nothing made me more proud than watching the girls play their hearts out in this season's Final. They adapted to our tactics and played as a unit in our most complete performance of the year. Each and every girl showed glimpses of class, bravery and immense passion. My sincerest congratulations!



A few words about each of our girls:

Ashlee: Our captain for the season, known for her class in goals in previous seasons, Ash made a name for herself this year by displaying blistering pace and an eye for goal.

Georgina: The voice of our team. She made the central defensive role hers this season, proving a pivotal asset to both defensive and organisational aspects of the team.

Anna: Playing as a central defender, Anna flourished alongside Georgina and developed her game, honing her tactical awareness and always providing solidarity in the final third.

Mia: Always a pleasure to watch, Mia again excelled in the left-back role showing again and again her strength on and off the ball, awareness, pace and sportsmanship.

Kristen: One of our most improved players this year, settling into the game much better, rarely out of position and providing the team with numerous important tackles in defense.

Ivana: Played most the season in a defensive midfielder role, Ivana was adaptable, slotting into the backline and also making important appearances in goals.

Tiana: An important player in our midfield all season, providing us with plenty of speed and aggression on either flank. She showed good skill on and off the ball, providing some key passes over the season.

Marina: Mostly playing in an impact midfielder role, Marina brought her enthusiasm about the game onto the field, responding well to advice and willing to learn.

Joanna: An outstanding season for Joanna, playing in numerous positions in the middle of the park, but always displaying total commitment, strength in both attack and defense and even came close to putting away some goals!

Jesse: A new addition to our team Jesse made important appearances in both goals and as an impact midfielder. Jesse also showed some exceptional talent between the sticks for a handful of matches.

Jade: Another new addition to the group, showing a great attitude and willingness to learn and be involved in training and at the weekends. Jade filled many positions throughout the season but mainly switching between left/right back and left/right midfield.

Olivia: The player charged with limitless energy and enthusiasm, she gives it her all week in week out. Her 'never say die' attitude worked wonders for us this season and gave our opponents headaches they will remember for a while.

Selena: A player who has the ability, attitude and vision to light up a game, Selena played a pivotal role in both wide and central attacking positions during the season.

Iva: Our nominated marksman, with smooth dribbling skills, Iva scored a ton of goals, and a handful of our most important goals and played some great football all season.

I must also thank Sue and John for both managing and filling in as coach when I wasn't available as well as providing a helping hand every week at training and at the weekends. Finally, I'd like to thank the parents for supporting the girls all season and I really hope you are just as proud of them as I am. (You Should Be) ☺



U18G FINALISTS 2014

Word from the Manager – a BIG thank you to Michael for coaching the girls this year, you have done a great job. It was a pleasure watching this team grow and play together, as these girls started off not really knowing each other, coming together from 3 different teams. What you girls achieved this year is fantastic, you should be very proud of yourselves and I hope you all come back next.

Thank you for allowing me to be your manager and thanks to the

parents for putting up with all my texting, I had a great time getting to know you all.

AA(Women) A

Coach: Ivan Jersek

Manager: Sue Dick

Achievements:

1. Reaching Finals playoffs
2. Lost only 4 games in normal season
3. Equal third with goal difference relegating us to 4th on the table.
4. Played some fine football

5. Played some exciting games
6. Played as a team
7. 8 out of a squad of 14 players scored goals

There wasn't a single player that did not put in 100%, which was a satisfying result for the coach. Everyone played their best and that is all that is expected.

Position	Team	P	W	D	L	Forf.	GF	GA	GD	PTS
	***** AAW / A *****									
1	Connells Point - CONN-AAWA	18	15	0	2	1	93	29	64	45
2	Forest Rangers (2) (02)	18	14	1	3	0	51	23	28	43
3	ASOW - ASOW-AAWA	18	12	4	2	0	50	17	33	40
4	Lugarno - LUGA-AAWA	18	13	1	4	0	52	33	19	40
5	Peakhurst United - PEAK-AAWA	18	8	4	5	1	43	44	-1	28
6	Kogarah Waratah - KOGW-AAWA	18	4	3	11	0	26	48	-22	15
7	Forest Rangers (1) (01)	18	4	3	11	0	29	54	-25	15
8	Sans Souci - SANS-AAWA	18	3	2	13	0	17	46	-29	11
9	Penshurst West - PENS-AAWA	18	2	5	11	0	15	44	-29	11
10	Ramsgate RSL - RAMS-AAWA	18	3	1	12	2	17	55	-38	10

Top 3 goal scorers were:

1. Lauren with 20 goals
2. Caitlin with 8 goals
3. Eleisha with 6 goals

Individual Team members achievements:

Annika: naturally a right back, but volunteered to play Goal Keeper. Annika had an excellent season in goals, making exceptional saves.

Andronika: played left and right back, was rock solid. 'Chopper', as she was called by her supporters, her reading of the game improved each week. Andronika is a team player and a great person to have on your team.



Jessica B: played right or left back, and in the semi even played as a forward for a spell. Jessica played all her games with determination and a positive attitude.

Jessica D: can play a number of positions, in the backs and midfield and more recently as a wing back. Very solid, reads the defence well and was able to defuse any threat on our goal.

Sarah D: was Captain and played centre back. Sarah uses her speed and vision to clean up anything that broke through our first line of defence. Sarah's confidence in taking the ball out of the backline into the midfield is impressive and has improved with every game.

Karlle: played centre midfield. Karlle's burst of speed to win the ball when it was lost in midfield and coolly distribute the ball back into our attacking options. In almost every game she managed to mark the tallest player of the opposing team. Affectionately called 'Bruzer' by the coach.

Maeetal: played left flanking midfield at the start of the season, but the coach discovered that Maeetal was naturally an attacker and partnered her as a dual centre forward. Maeetal's ability to take the defence on and deliver beautiful crosses into the penalty area was excellent. Many opportunities arose from these crosses.

Sarah W: the electrifying Watt, played as a wing back. Sarah ventured forward many times which created numerous opportunities for us. As quickly as she went forward as a wing back, she was back in her position as left back. Sarah is quick, has stamina and runs the whole game.

Rakia: started as a left back, but the coach realised that Rakia has a hunger to score a goal. Rakia moved into the midfield, where it appears she found her more comfortable position. Rakia scored her first goal for the team and celebrated accordingly.

Renee: the Kardashians, played in both left and right midfield, she held her position well on the field, was determined and improved with every game. Renee scored one of the best goals of the season. It was a spectacular goal. You had to be there.

Caitlin: played centre midfield and centre back, and does she have a boot on her! Caitlin is a player every coach would like to have in the team. It was wonderful to watch when Caitlin took the ball in our half and dribbled to the opposition penalty box where she unleashed a thunderbolt of a shot on goal.

Jasmine: also known as Ellie. A very versatile player played in centre midfield, striker and goal keeper. Has the confidence to take players on and beat them and plenty of speed to burn. Ouch! Jasmine likes to be involved in the game and it is awesome to watch her dribble the ball.

Eleisha: played striker and centre midfield, is super quick and has an eye for goals. Eleisha is very determined to score goals and is involved in play at every opportunity. Eleisha's reading of the game has improved significantly this season and she is playing smarter football and also using her natural athleticism.

Lauren: played striker and was our number one goal scorer. Lauren strikes the ball so elegantly. Lauren is one of our key free kick specialists.

Nicole: the passionate one. On the field Nicole displays passionate determination, and shows the beautiful nature of football, that is, football is to be enjoyed.

Sue D: the whizz manager. Thank you for being our manager. Sue performed an outstanding job.

A word from the Manager – I'd like to say a BIG thank you to Ivan who took on the mammoth job of



training the girls again this year, every week I watched the girls (the young ones and even our Mums) grow as a team, with their abilities and talent grow for the game of soccer.

I know the parents and I could not be more proud of you all of how far you came this year, with most of the girls studying with either yr 11/yr 12 exams and with a few injuries.

I had a great time being your Manager and getting to know you all. Hope to see you all next year.

AA E

Coach: Rohan Williams

Manager: Mark Williams

It was an interesting season. With only 11 players signed up from all the promises pre-season, we were always going to struggle. Just about every week, we relied on the generous help of players backing up from their own games in the 16's (for a while!), 17's, AAG's and AAF (1)'s, to who we give our heartfelt thanks for allowing us to field a team and play, I hope you had fun as well.

We had 3 wins, 1 draw and a few losses. A couple of big scores when we took the field short, made our stats look a bit lopsided: 23 goals for and 84 against! It was a great comment on the spirit of the team that after big losses, we came back smiling next week and never gave up during a game. There were no yellow or red cards issued to the AAE's over the course of the season which says a lot about the way we played the game.

Well done and I hope to see everyone back next year with a few extra friends to help!

AA F(1)

Coach: Phil Wilkie

Manager: Michelle Merlino

(Australian Association of Football)

With a fresh team to a new season, the all age F's could only go up. With the first game being a success (8-0) we all knew we would be in a successful season.

Our goal keeper **Brendan Walz**, "the wall", nothing got past him. With help from his back line **Aaron Merlino**, **Connor Shea**, **Nicholas Pericles**, **Thomas Fierro**, **Brad Jones**, **Mitch Moody** and **Josh Booth**, we had created the perfect back line that would get us second spot on the ladder. Going into the semi-finals we were confident in taking our dreams straight to the grand final. Our utility players, **Sam Crossland** and **Jacob Lawrence**, were key to our energy throughout the season and were very visible in the finals football. Our midfield, **Matthew Fierro**, **Peter Mckenzie**, **Matthew Danskin**, **Matthew Gwynne** and **Stephen Mckenzie**, showed how much versatility the team held. The forwards pack, **Brad Wallace**, **Jimmy Fish** and **Jacob Wilkie**, showed to be a force not to be reckoned with. With 65 goals in total from the AAF team it showed that the team could finish. With a win in the Grand Final of 2-1, we had concurred our dreams.

We also want to make a special mention to Michelle Merlino for organising our team and putting up with our requests and our coach Phil Wilkie for the guidance and knowledge that got us to the Grand Final. I want to applaud the supporters who came to every game and cheered so loud we couldn't hear our coach. Thank you so much for the support. Thank you Lugarno Football Club for giving us this opportunity to make so many great moments that we will hold and remember for the rest of our lives.

Not only were we Premiers but we were friends who had come to be a family.

Jimmy Fish

AA F(2)

Coach: Foti Papoulis

Manager: Peter Georgellis

This years AAF(2) side was a newly formed team. Even though everyone had playing experience from their "younger years"... it was a long time between drinks for most of us. The team was made up of 14 players, with most of us having known each other for over 20 years.

The first half of the season was tough (to say the least!) – with only one win coming from the opening 10 rounds. Injuries and a lack of structure on the field all played a part to our poor start to the season.

After a number of positional changes were made, the team's fortunes turned around. Our formation, structure and fitness improved out of sight and we started gelling as a unit. We ended the year strongly with 4 wins and 2 draws from the final eight rounds of the season. This included taking points off three teams in the top 4.

Even though we didn't qualify for the semi finals, the team was proud with the way we ended our first year of playing in a team together. We look forward to next season.

A special thank you goes out to the AA-G grade players who stepped in for us a few times during the season when we were short on players.

O35 B

Manager: Octavio Montoya

The 35B team this year was formed out of the amalgamation of the 35A and 35C teams from 2013. As with any 35's team, we started the year with more than a full sheet of enthusiastic blokes - 21 registered players to be in fact, but finished with 18 at the end of the season and fluctuated between 11 and 16 on any given Sunday.

We cemented our position in the top four throughout the season and finished 4th overall after dropping out in the first week of the Semi Finals against the eventual winners Oatley RSL. We came agonisingly close to winning that game (finished 1-1) in the last few minutes of the game after the Oatley goal keeper managed to get a hand on the ball that was destined to go in!

We had a great start to the season dropping only 2 of our first 11 games which saw us at the top of the ladder for a number of weeks, but only converting 2 of the last 6 rounds into full points meaning we finished 4th in the regular season.

Congratulations to Domenic “The Dominator” Puntoriero winning the **35’s Perpetual Trophy** as voted by his peers, leading voting by over a factor of 2 from his nearest rival. Also congratulations to Wayne “Morlo” Moreland getting the **Coach and Managers Award** for ensuring the beer was always cold and having an outstanding year on the pitch.

Thanks to Bass for your assistance on the sideline for many of the games, I know you would have preferred to be on the pitch rather than recovering from your knee!

Look forward to Season 2015. Summer Training has commenced.

The 2014 35B Team was:

1	Philip Wilkie	Goal Keeper	15	David Messner	Attacking Midfield
3	Peter Tusa	Stopper	16	Stephen Bye	Dropped Off to 45’s
4	Glenn Farrelly	Midfield / Forward	17	Domenic Puntoriero	Holding Midfield
5	Warren Carney	Left Back	18	Bashar El-Debel	Right Back
6	Taner Dursun	Left Midfield	19	Rafael Berroa	Attacking Midfield
7	Octavio Montoya	Forward	21	Goran Stamenkovic	Attacking Midfield
8	Michael Alford	Right Midfield / Sweeper	22	Doug Tucker	Injured – Back
9	Paul De Lucca	Forward	22	Andrew Kladis	Right Back
10	Tony Trajkovski	Right Midfield / Right Back	23	Nick Ivanovski	Sweeper
11	Antony Thompson	Injured – Achilles	26	Mario Montoya	Forward
14	Wayne Moreland	Right / Left Back		Bass Masri	Injured – Knee, #1 Supporter

O45 A

Coach: Ivan Jersek

Manager: John Dodson

2014 was a difficult year for the O45s where injury and sickness took it's toll but where age did not weary them (sorry that was meant for another event...)

However many soldiered on with the last game of the season seeing a few comebacks that bodes well for players to be fit and well for next year!

Thanks guys! See you all again next year! (Please ☺)

Premier Women League

Coach: Mick Barber

Manager: Laura/Peter Dalby

Coming off the back of an AAWA Premiership in 2013, the Lugarno Premier Women's League team nursed a hangover season this year. Faced with the renewed enthusiasm from opposition teams in light of the competition name change, a relatively tough draw and the (temporary – I hope) loss of some key players, we paid the price for our lazy preseason. It took us until the last match of the first round to find a win, by which point gave us pretty slim chances to remain in contention for the semis.

Looking back over the results, I was honestly surprised to recall that we only won one more game after that for the rest of the season. I had forgotten it was that bad! I guess that can happen when your team consists of such a wonderful bunch of ladies, who are committed to enjoying themselves even when things are not quite turning out the way one would have hoped.

On that note, it is appropriate to reflect on a few of the highlights from the year:

- The close games with the stronger sides in the competition, particularly 1-0 against ultimate premiers Kogarah and two 3-2 losses against third-placed Carlton. We really can match these teams on our day!
- The great success of the McGrath Foundation Pull On Your Socks weekend. What started as a suggestion at training from one of our girls turned into a fantastic club-wide fundraiser. In total, 36 teams across all age groups raised around \$4,400 for a very worthy cause – a wonderful effort, particularly considering our initial goal of around five teams. Thank you to all the coaches and managers who were involved in making the orders.
- Our excitement to hear the news mid-way through the season that Emma would be returning to the team, with coaching support staff Will and Danny.
- Cheering on our team mates after making incredible and somewhat unexpected saves when on goal-keeper rotation, to give our extremely talented 'true' keeper Erin a run on the field in the second half of the season.
- Our committed sweeper and Lugarno veteran Katie making the trip back from the snow early on a Sunday morning to get back for a game when we were short on players.
- The frequency of "let's just have some fun" before the tougher games towards the back end of the season, despite being out of the race for finals.

We also encountered some serious injuries through the season, from knees and ankles to the arrival of an ambulance after a scary collision and concussion. In particular, best wishes to Sarah over the off-season, who is in recovery after an operation on her ACL. Look after yourself, we hope to see you on the field when you are back to 100% - but no sooner!

A big thankyou to Mick Barber for coaching us again this year – we really appreciate the way you continue to give up your time for training and matches. Our Sundays would not be the same without you. Thankyou also to Peter Dalby for helping with payment of referee fees and making sure we always had water and ice packs on hand.

We are also very grateful to Ivan, Sue and the girls in the AAWA's for letting us crash their training sessions and also often backing up to help us out when we were short of players. You guys are the best!

This author has some nice new boots that are ready for baptism in 2015. Hope to see you there!

The 2014 Premier Women's League side consisted of:

Nicole Birkett
Caitlin Brooks
Sarah Dalamagas
Laura Dalby

Laura Finneran
Emma Foster
Nicola Jersek
Breanna Gonzales

Liz Lambrinos
Erin Lee
Courtney McLoughlin
Alex Miller Bock

Lisa Thom
Calli Tshipidis
Alex Wheatley
Katie White



Premier League

Coach & Manager: Ian Faulkner

On face value, 2014 was a poor year for Lugarno FC in Premier League. Finishing 8th in 1st Grade and 10th in Reserve Grade (10th always sounds better than last) is not what we have come to expect from our Premier League squad with all the successes over the past 10 years. But 2014 may well go down as one of the more important years for PL as we look towards the future.

Over recent years, we have seen a number of players from the PL “golden years” of 2007-2011 hang up their boots. In 2013 we really struggled with player numbers and with other experienced players (mainly defenders) not returning in 2014, the pressure was really on this season to maintain our PL status. In all, only 18 players from our squad of 30 in 2013 were back for 2014 and a number of these players were heading overseas during the year. The call went out for players and as has been the Club’s policy, we primarily looked from within the Club’s own ranks. The opportunity was there for a number of younger players to step up and 8 players from our 2013 Under 17s took up the challenge to play PL. Without these players having a go who knows what would have become of Premier League in 2014.

Premier League 1st Grade – 8th

With experienced players gone, a few players heading overseas mid-season and a very tough draw to start the season, the last thing we wanted was injuries. But alas, three rounds gone and both Jarrod & Michael had suffered knee injuries and were gone for the season. After losing our first three games (two by a single goal), we opened our account with a win against Oatley RSL in Round 4. The next 4 games were closely fought and we managed a win and a draw to be on 7 points, but still at the wrong end of the table. We really struggled over the next few rounds as injuries and absences struck the squad. After 11 rounds we were still on 7 points and sitting at the very bottom of the competition table. Things looked particularly grim with the next two games against Arncliffe Aurora (who were leading the competition at that point) and Connells Point (the eventual Premiers).

The following three games really showed the spirit that existed in the team. Despite our position on the ladder, the effort put in by all players had been first class all season. However, with the return of a few players, the season’s efforts were finally rewarded as we defeated Arncliffe Aurora 2-1 and followed this up the next weekend with two wins against Connells Point and ASOW (both 1-0).

Draws in the next 2 games and we had collected 11 points in 5 games and with two rounds to play, our Premier League future was assured for another year. Overall, in our last 7 games the team recorded 3 wins, 2 draws and 2 losses (losing the last two games by a single goal) and we only conceded 6 goals in the 7 games. All of this from a team that many thought were doomed for relegation.

Premier League Reserves – 10th

As mentioned above, Reserve Grade in 2014 was all about introducing a lot of new players into Premier League. Unfortunately, it does take time for players to adjust to football at this level, particularly younger players who suddenly find themselves up against men. As a result, the team struggled to get results but the effort was always there and in many games we were competitive for long periods of time. Most importantly, the team provided the support necessary to ensure that 1st Grade players were not required to double-up in Reserve Grade, something which had become too frequent an occurrence in 2013.

At season's end, Reserve Grade had only recorded 1 win and 3 draws, but most pleasing was that these four results all came in the 2nd round of the competition. This reflected the improvement of the team as a whole and the higher levels of confidence displayed by the younger players as they became more comfortable playing Premier League. No doubt the highlight of the year was a 3-3 draw against Sans Souci (the eventual Reserve Grade Premiers) and even though we gave up a 3-0 lead in this game, it really showed what the team was capable of. The 2-1 win against ASOW was also a special day for the lads!!

Lugarno FC has a proud history in Premier League. In fact, we are one of only three Clubs to have participated in every Premier League season since the competition began in 1987. However, maintaining your Premier League status is not an easy task, nor is it a given. To highlight this, three of the most successful Premier League clubs of the past 25 years – ASOW, Forest Rangers & Penshurst West (with 12 premierships between them over that period) – have now all fallen out of Premier League, together with another long-term PL club in Ramsgate RSL. While we have had great success in Premier League in the past 5/10 years, we are currently going through a re-building phase and this takes time (as it did in the mid 2000's). It is important that we show patience and are supportive of the squad, rather than taking the soft option of criticising the squad for lack of success. As a Coach, I could not have asked any more from our players this year and I am confident that the current squad will have many more wins in 2015 (but it won't be easy!!).

It's time for my HIGHLIGHTS & LOWLIGHTS (in no particular order) of season 2014:

HIGHLIGHTS

- Tim's volleyed goal in Round 1 against Banksia Tigers. Those who witnessed the goal still don't quite believe what we saw (lucky no-one was filming the game!!);
- Damien Price's winner against Connells Point in Round 13 (what odds would Damien have been to score the only goal of the game);
- Beating Arncliffe Aurora, Connells Point and ASOW over a two week period to move us up from 10th to the safety of 7th!!
- Peter's phenomenal saves against both Connells Point (R13) and Oatley RSL (R15) to ensure we had a win and a draw in those games;
- Jason, Aiden, Sash & Daniel Jerez all signing up late and helping the team when needed most;
- Reserve Grade drawing 3-3 with eventual Premiers Sans Souci in Round 10, our first points for the season. Even though we led 3-0 and had to settle for a draw, this was the turning point for the guys in Reserve Grade;
- Reserve Grade's first win of the season in Round 14 against ASOW;
- The tremendous team spirit displayed by all players throughout the year, even when times were really tough mid-season.

LOWLIGHTS

- Jarrod's injury (at School football) which ended his season after only 3 games;
- Scott rolling his ankle on Gannons 6 at training and missing 6 weeks (it is surprising that more ankles were not rolled training in the dark on the moonscape of Gannons 6);
- Losing 3-1 to Scots FC in Round 8 after they had a player sent off in the first 10 minutes (probably **the** low-light of the 1st Grade season);
- Irish having to call in quits mid-year as his 50-year old body finally said, "That's enough!!";
- Daniel Straney's season being cut short due to illness. Hang in there Daniel, we are all thinking of you.

Finally, congratulations to the award winners from Premier League. To Peter Stamataros on being the Premier League Player of the Year, this is a great reward for not only your efforts as 1st Grade goalkeeper, but also your help on the field in Reserve Grade. Congratulations also to the two Coach & Manager Award winners, Michael Dettman & Eric Kotopoulos, who both had great debut seasons in Premier League.

Bring on 2015!!

Cheers

Ian Faulkner

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

