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2016 COMMITTEE

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<i>Social Coordinator:</i>	Georgina Frost
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LUGARNO FOOTBALL CLUB Inc

President's Report 2016

Another great year for the club, four more premierships and a record number of registrations, the club now has over six hundred players!

Congratulations to our Premiership winning teams:

- Our under 16A Girls team who have won three premierships in a row. Great effort and well done to all involved.
- Our AAB side continues their climb up the League with another Premiership and will now be tested in the AAA comp, again congratulations to all involved.
- Our AAF side had to go the distance to secure their Premiership and won a penalty shootout 5-4 to bring home the cup.

The highlight for me was our 13 C side's win over Bexely. The standard of football displayed was amazing and a testament to coach Ocky. Well done guys.

Congratulations to all who participated throughout the season and hope to see you next year.

Sponsors

Thank you to our sponsors (see above) and please continue to support these businesses through the year.

Non-competition teams

Our numbers remain steady at this level and I can see a marked improvement in the coaching standards. Thanks to the Mums and Dads who take the time to organise these sessions. It is always difficult to get teams into groups of similar standards to ensure that our teams aren't winning too easily or being beaten each week. Our committee and the association work hard to get the right mix. Again thanks to all involved and hope to see you all next season.

Richo Cup

Former President John Taylor continued his work with the Richo Cup and another successful tournament was held. Thanks to all who helped on the day.

The Committee

Hagop Tchamkertenian - our Secretary who is always on call and does a fantastic job running the club.

Sue Dick - Canteen manager and is involved in every other area of the club business.

Georgea Theodoridis - Assistant Secretary. Is a valued member of the committee and has been with us for many years.

Basil Privitera - Registrar. Basil does an incredible job with registrations putting in long hours to ensure all players are signed and in their proper teams.

Maria Radcliffe - Recorder. Uploads the scores of all our comp matches on Saturday and Sunday nights, checks all match sheets (and tells me she saves the club a fortune in the process!) Does a great job with Around the Grounds newsletter and our end of season booklet.

To our new committee members

Ivan Jerserk - Treasurer. Ivan has been around the club for many years as coach/player and finally decides to give something back to the club, his words not mine. Did a fantastic job in his role as treasurer.

Suzy Florance - Canteen Manager. Suzy is another great addition to the committee who is always available to lend a hand.

Atef Elassi - Equipment officer. Atef has been great all year especially in assisting with the Gala day. Atef, who coaches his son's team, spends many hours at the grounds coaching and still makes time to ensure our equipment is available for everyone.

Georgina Frost - Social coordinator. Trivia night was a huge success and I know how much work went into organising it. THANK YOU.

Jarrold Eastwood - Grounds Manager. Having to fill the position vacated by Ian Faulkner is no small task. Great to have you on board mate.

To our departing committee members

Bev Thompson - Sponsorship officer. Bev has done a great job with securing sponsors over the years as well as assisting in running the canteen. On behalf of everyone at Lugarno FC I would like to thank you for all you have done for the club.

Tony Thompson - Senior men's liaison officer. Tony is always about to lend a hand no matter what the task. He did a great job in assembling the new goal posts at the start of the year and is always around to help with the practical jobs. Thanks for all your efforts.

Emma O'Keefe - Non comp liaison officer. The St George Association's club person of the year award winner, for all that she does around the club, in particular the organising of the Under 8 Gala day. Under her guidance this has grown to 28 teams from all over Sydney and the feedback is always positive. Emma and her family are moving to Canberra at the end of the year and we wish them all the best. On behalf of the Club thank you so much for everything.

President's Award

This year's award goes to Mary Tchamkertenian. Like many on the committee Mary works in all areas of running the club, Canteen, Gala days, Registration days, field setup, field pull down, Trivia night and many other roles. Congratulations Mary on a wonderful year.

Thanks to all our volunteers, mums and dads, supporters and in particular to our players on making 2016 a successful year

Paul McIntyre
President

Secretary's Report 2016

Football administration has evolved into an all year responsibility with downtime during the season limited at best to several weeks. Initiatives such as summer football will eventually see our game morph into a full calendar sport providing football lovers the chance to play the "beautiful game" all year around.

While for most participants the football season commences with training during the February/March period and the competition kicks off in the first Saturday in April and lasts until the final Sunday in August, pending weather developments, the Lugarno FC committee's work continues for most of the calendar year. This is a great feature of volunteerism which is the founding principle of the Lugarno Football Club along with being a grassroots community based club.

Having sufficient number of volunteers to conduct the affairs of the Club remains critical for its continued development and success, that is why it remains critical to always have new people volunteer for roles whether it be in an official capacity by serving on the Executive Committee or by other means such as volunteering for the various Lugarno FC activities that take place during the regular football season.

Football season 2016 was another record year for Lugarno FC with record number of player and RTO registrations. For the first time ever the club reached 600 players across all grades and

genders representing an increase of 6.4 per cent on the previous season and with 113 RTO's, an increase of 6.6 per cent compared to the previous season, we continue to have one of the largest team official groups in the competition. During the pre-season the club invested funds purchasing three sets of midi goal posts and nets bringing to four the number we now have. The midi goal posts were used by teams during training nights.

On the football pitch Lugarno FC won four premierships during season 2016 taking the overall number won by the club in its' history to 108 across all age groups, grades and genders.

Nine Lugarno FC teams made the finals series comprising of the 13C, 13GA, 16GA(1), 18A, AAB, AAC (1), AAE, AAF (2) and AAWB. Both the 16GA(1) and AAB finished as minor premiers while the 13C finished runners-up. The 13C's, 16GA's, AAB's and AAF (2)'s were all crowned as Premiers following their grand final victories. I was fortunate enough to be present at all the Grand Final games including participating as an RTO for the AAF (2) game. The 13C's played a wonderful game of football moving the ball from the back with great passes and team work. They remained calm and secured the critical winner in the second half to deservedly win 1-0 against minor premiers Bexley North. Credit goes to coach Octavio and manager Adem for a successful season. The 16GA's were very solid in the grand final as they also secured a 1-0 win over Connells Point. The team scored a brilliant counter attacking goal and then survived the opposition's onslaught to win their third consecutive grand final. Well done coach Bill and manager Rob who have become grand final specialists.

Our AAB side who were undefeated during the regular season bounced back strongly in the grand final to defeat Carlton Rovers 4-2. It was a high quality game with attacking play at both ends and some exceptional goals being scored by both teams. Well done to the Galluzzo clan for securing yet another premiership for Lugarno FC. The AAF (2)'s grand final win in a penalty shoot-out against Carss Park was not only against overwhelming odds but also defied both football logic and reasoning. The team left their best football for the finals series, playing to their strengths and with a consistent game plan they managed to defeat teams that during the regular season had proven to be far superior. Well done to the leadership group of Sam and Peter for a remarkable season.

Four grand final wins out of four must be a club record and I will claim it as such until someone is able to prove otherwise.

In terms of club activities season 2016 was another eventful season. Lugarno FC received its own defibrillator set which was installed in the dressing sheds in April. Also in April the club released new jackets which sold at a subsidised price of \$35. The under 6's night was held in April at Gannons Park involving small sided games amongst Lugarno FC teams followed by a BBQ dinner to welcome and introduce the new Lugarno FC players to the club. The month of May saw the introduction of new lines of club merchandise – caps and beanies.

The month of July saw two great events being held – the under 8's Gala Day was held on Sunday 24 July featuring a record participation of 28 teams and more than 270 players representing near and distant football associations and Life Members day was held on 30th of July which allowed Life Members to come down to Gannons Park, enjoy wonderful lunch and drinks, engage in great comradeship and support the Premier League Squad as they played their last home game of the season. In recognition for his dedication and lifetime service to Lugarno FC Garrie Henness became the club's 63rd Life Member.

August saw the club's annual fund raiser the Trivia Night held on Saturday 6 August. More than 200 people attended the fund raiser with record funds being raised for the operation of the club. Support from businesses was exceptional with more than 80 businesses donating prizes including some 54 local businesses. Our major sponsor Club Grandviews once gain generously donated the main club area for the Trivia Night. A special acknowledgement is also warranted for Sanders Noonan who supported the Trivia Night by donating the major prize, supplying the auctioneer for the live auctions and their overall support for the event.

Communications with club team players, officials and supporters were conducted by various channels such as the club website and Facebook page with contents being updated regularly, through dedicated email newsletters titled "Lugarno FC Matters" and SMS's for urgent training and game related matters and developments.

The canteen operations had another successful year with exceptional work being done during the season by the Canteen Managers Sue Dick, Bev Thompson and Suzy Florance. The canteen menu was expanded with the inclusion of new food and drink items ensuring it retained its status as the best canteen in the competition. In the registration area Basil Privitera once again was on top of issues and put in the long hours to ensure all registered players and RTO's were able to participate from round 1. Maria Radcliffe, our club recorder, prepared the weekly newsletter "Around the Grounds" which presented the fluctuating footballing fortunes of Lugarno FC team's week in week out. Atef Elassi, our Trustee and gear person, and Jarrod Eastwood, our Grounds Manager, were kept busy during the season with gear and field work related duties while Georgina Frost, our newly appointed Social Coordinator, organised an outstanding and highly successful Trivia Night. The team liaison officers – Emma O'Keefe, Tony Thompson, Maria Radcliffe/Sue Dick and Georgea Theodoridis patiently and expertly handled player and team related issues while Emma also organised the record-breaking under 8's Gala Day receiving positive feedback from attendees.

Our President and Coaching Director Paul McIntyre was busy with the teams showing them how to play football the Barcelona way while Mary, as Member Protection Officer, continued to manage the sensitive member protection area. Bev also undertook the sponsorship role and was involved, along with the Secretary, in negotiations to bring on-board a new major sponsor for season 2017. Ivan Jersek who volunteered for the critical role of Treasurer performed the role in a professional manner and succeeded in streamlining the club's payments process.

Lugarno FC raised and engaged in a number of issues with the St George Football Association during the season, the most critical being grading and re-grading decisions which impacted on the football fortunes of some Lugarno FC teams, judiciary related matters and representation, overall refereeing standards and summer football. Engagement with Georges River Council focussed on ground conditions and ongoing improvements, the installation of a new light tower on Gannons 3 which took place in July and possible future modifications to the Lugarno FC canteen and dressing shed.

The club also held successful discussions with the office of David Coleman the local federal member for Banks and commencing this season the club's presentation day for junior teams will feature Lugarno FC players receiving the Banks Outstanding Sporting Achievement Awards which is an initiative of the local member.

At the time of writing this report the Lugarno Executive Committee had met eleven times deliberating on some 144 agenda items.

Lugarno FC remains grateful to our dedicated sponsors and would like to acknowledge their ongoing support. Thank you to Club Grandviews, Lugarno Deli Café, Brabond Automotive, Lugarno Pharmacy, Tecto Construction Group, Lugarno Cellars, Elgas Swap 'n' Go and SportsWorld Peakhurst.

To all our players, team officials, parents and supporters thank you for your involvement, support and for being an integral member of the Lugarno FC ecosystem.

Looking ahead Lugarno FC is going from strength to strength as reflected by the increase in player and RTO numbers during season 2016. But it is no time to rest on our laurels as past success is no guarantee of future success. To achieve ongoing success and to grow the club we need to remain focussed on the evolving needs of the club, its players, team officials and supporters while remaining true to the founding principles of the Lugarno FC – a community based family club that is run by dedicated team of volunteers.

Our junior players remain the future lifeline of the club and while some will leave to play representative football which is encouraged by the club as we believe in ongoing player development, Lugarno FC has and must continue to strive for high junior retention rates. Another priority area needs to be diversifying our income base so that we reduce our dependence and reliance on registration income and that is why attracting new sponsors and securing additional revenue sources such as government grants will be critical for the ongoing success of the club both on and off the field.

As we reflect the passing of another football season and prepare for the commencement of the new season, it is time for you to continue the proud tradition and serve Lugarno FC by becoming a volunteer for football season 2017 and beyond.

Enjoy the rest of the year and remember to keep an eye out on the Lugarno FC website at www.lugarnofc.com.au as registrations for season 2017 will open in early January.

Hagop Tchamkertenian

Secretary

Lugarno FC

27 September 2016

Social Committee Report 2016

My first official year on the Lugarno FC Committee as Social Coordinator and what a year it has been! The Trivia Night was a great success due to our fabulous Social Committee, Sue, Georgea, Mary and myself. The night is always full of laughter and lots of fun - from the trivia questions to the treasure hunts, live and silent auction, orange spot specials and our spectacular raffle.

The night was an enormous success for the club. It keeps on getting bigger each year. We raised a total of \$20,780.14 which also includes your donation at registration. I would like to express my gratitude to all of Lugarno FC members and non members who supported the event - without you the night wouldn't have been such a success. With the money raised this year the Club will be purchasing training shirts for our 2017 season club members.

I would also like to acknowledge the hard work and commitment Sue, Georgea and Mary contributed to canvassing businesses in the community and were able to secure many fabulous prizes for the event. We had over 85 businesses in our local area who contributed to the evening. Without the continued support of our sponsors and local businesses, our fund raising efforts would not be as effective. A special mention and thank you to the rest of the Lugarno FC committee for helping set up on the night and the smooth running of the event.

Looking forward to next year - if you are interested or have any ideas or wish to support next year's fund raiser by way of donation or any other assistance please do not hesitate to contact me.

Cheers

Georgina Frost

LUGARNO FOOTBALL CLUB Inc

Perpetual Trophy Winners 2016

TROPHY	CATEGORY	WINNER	TEAM
The Al Downey	Outstanding Under 6	Christopher Castle	6B 5
The Peter Moynahan	Outstanding Under 7	Catherine Kaniouris	7B 3
The Bob Moss	Outstanding Under 8	Joshua Preziosa	8B 1
The Gall Trophy	Outstanding Under 9	Max Cremona	9I
The Allan Burt Memorial	Outstanding Under 10	Peri Leftakis	10B
The Tom Watson	Outstanding Under 11	Cody Lambert	11B 2
The Bruce Cardow	Outstanding Under 12	Zane Argent	12 C
The Tom McLoughlin	Outstanding Under 12 Girl	N/A	
The Roger Harradence	Outstanding Under 13	Jake Thompson	13 C
The Phil Wilkie	Outstanding Under 14	Sam Pezzutti	14 C
The Doreen Potter	Outstanding Under 14 Girl	Tamar Tchamkertenian	13 Girls A
The Ken Straney	Outstanding Under 15	Peter Katsoulas	15 A
The Warren Del Grande	Outstanding Under 16	N/A	16 A
The Four Fathers	Outstanding Under 16 Girl	Madeline Williams	16 Girls A(1)
The Mark Booth Award	Outstanding Under 17/18	James Burt	18 A
The Mike Chaytors	Outstanding Premier League	Peter Stamataros	PL
The Bill Moore	Outstanding All Age	Alex Furka	AA B
The Greg Harris	Outstanding Over 35	Tony Thompson	O35 B
The Cyril Henness	Outstanding Over 45	John Hristias	O45 A
The Greg Monaghan Memorial	Outstanding Senior Woman	Cara Heath	AAW B
The Paul 'Irish' McIntyre	Outstanding Premier League Woman	Sarah Watt	PWL
The Charles Kent	Outstanding Junior Goalkeeper	Madelen Giannisis	13 Girls A
The Chris Morgan	Outstanding Defender 16 years & under	Harrison O'Brien	15 A
The Peter Dalby	Outstanding Defender 16 years & under (Girls comp)	Ashley Krkovski	16 Girls A(1)
The June Harker	Leading Competition Goal scorer (Saturday)	Julian Enriquez (13)	18 A
		Adeen Sowinski (13)	18 A

The Ron Benjamin	Leading Competition Goal scorer (Sunday)	Sophie Hilton (28)	16 Girls A(1)
The John Clark	Sportsmanship Award	Eric Plumer	10B
The George Taff	Encouragement Award	Alex Jovcevski	13 C
The Kenneth Parry Memorial	Endeavour on the Field	N/A	
The Marc Lakos	Outstanding RTO	Petros Midis	10A
Supporter Award	Awarded by the Executive	Maurie Offord	
The President's Trophy	Awarded by the President	Mary Tchamkertenian	
Around the Grounds	Awarded by the Executive	Brett Puckeridge	10I
The Over 30's Trophy	Team most involved in Club activities	AA G	
The Norm Bryant	Most improved team not in Semis	O35 B	

Coach / Manager Awards – 2016

TEAM	PLAYER	TEAM	PLAYER
6 Beginners 1	Maddison Tirant	12 C	Ryan Thomas
6B 2	Jonas Loncar	13 C	Josiah Montoya
6B 3	Kyla Parmeter	13 Girls A	Stephanie Konjarski
6B 4	Riley Theophile	14 C	Joshua Orlando
6B 5	Zac Simmons	15 A	Stephen Theodoridis
7B 1	Steven Kassiou	16 Girls A (1)	Carla Younes
7B 2	Billy Huggett	16 Girls A (2)	Jasmine Thompson
7B 3	Miles Laney	18 A	Samuel Attard
7B 4	Harley Brown	AAB	Tory Pizzolato
7B 5	Aiden Stavroulakis	AAC (1)	Stephen Redmond
7B 6	Danny Foster	AAC (2)	Alexis Agathocleous
7B 7	Joseph Coleman	AAD	Dean Ciantar
8B 1	Michael Lignos	AAE	Sam Crossland
8B 2	Emma Forgione	AAF (1)	Nicholas Borovskis
8 Intermediate	Edward Alford	AAF (2)	Andrew Cox
9B 1	Jayden Cassar	AAG	Dominic Lim
9B 2	Michael Vikatos	AAW B	Rakia El-Debel
9I	Alek Loncar	AAW C	Meg Bianco
10B	Ashton Taouk	Premier WL	Mel Difilippo
10I	Hunter Solomons	Premier League	Damian Price
10 Advanced	Nikolas Midis		Conor Robinson
11B 1	Paul Dimitrakopoulos	O35 B	Goran Stamenkovic
11B 2	Sean Nancarrow	O45 A	Dominique Rosario

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Years of Service Awards

20 years

Aidan McIntyre

15 years

Alexander Enriquez
Jarrod Radcliffe
Daniel Straney

Tory Pizzolato
Stephen Redmond
Jacob Wilkie

Damian Price
Connor Shea

10 years

Brock Buhagiar
Mitchell Frost
Karlie Jersek
Mark Martinovic
Brayden Morris
Rebecca Radcliffe
Stephen Theodoridis

Issac Cagigas
Jessica Hanneybel
Gabrielle Koutsoukis
Paul McIntyre
Alexander Pejovski
Will Simmons
Matthew Wills

Lauren Cassar
Sophie Hilton
Gabrielle Lakos
David Messner
Chloe Petancevski
Raffi Tchamkertenian

5 years

Kristen Apokourastos
Mitchell Batkov
Hugh Cameron
Edward Commons
Christian Digiglio
Kevin El-Azzi
Sammy El-Debel
Nelson Feng
Simon Galluzzo
Richard Kellert
Sarah Masri
Mario Montoya
Daniel Preziosa
Michael Rose
Callum Seymour
Annabel Stojanovska
Tony Trajkovski

Anthony Arfanis
Alexandra Beadon
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Samuel Crossland
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Lucy Finn
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Sam Limberis
Ben Matthew
Wayne Moreland
Nicholas Puckeridge
Sophia Roy
Anthony Smith
Ashton Taouk
Sarah Watt

Anthony Batkov
Meg Bianco
Nicholas Cocotti
Martin Davies
Tim Drury
Rakia El-Debel
Michael Elazzi
Alexander Foster
Jonathan Kaniouris
Bassam Masri
Nikolas Midis
Bailey Plumer
Eva Rosario
Liam Sandilant
David Starkey
Antony Thompson
Finlay Whitten

LUGARNO FOOTBALL CLUB Inc

Premiership Winners 2016

U13 C - Premiers

Coach: Octavio Montoya

Jaden Ametson
William Finn
Peter Kladis
Spyridon Nikolas
Logan Spindler

Cooper Appleby
Jordan Gonzalez
Ben Matthew
Bailey Russell
Jake Thompson

Manager: Adem Ametson

Andrei Esdaile-Watts
Alex Jovcevski
Josiah Montoya
Nathaniel Seeto
Benjamin Tie

U16Girls A – Minor Premiers & Premiers

Coach: Bill Krkovski

Loren Alceviski
Ashley Krkovski
Ruby O'connor
Gabrielle Potter
Annabel Stojanovska

Sophie Hilton
Gabrielle Lakos
Isabella Parisi
Lauren Radcliffe
Madeline Williams

Manager: Rob Petancevski

Gabrielle Koutsoukis
Annaleise Mitreska
Chloe Petancevski
Laila Renno
Carla Younes

AA B – Minor Premiers & Premiers

Coach: Paul Galluzzo

David Bell
Alexander Furka
Peter Galluzzo
Lucas Kiosidis
Scott Luff
Tory Pizzolato

William Clairmont-Lonsdale
Alexander Galluzzo
Simon Galluzzo
Daniel Lee
Gerard Maestrelli
Jason Stamenkovic
Ben Vella

Manager: Timothy Edwards

Jordan Djoeandy
Ben Galluzzo
Steven Holt
Tomas Lee
David O'Connor
Marco Triani

AA F(2) – Premiers

Coach: Sam Kartambis

Peter Bircakovic
Michael Jarevski
Sam Kartambis
Jehad Matar
Jeremy Peisley

Andrew Cox
Nenad Kandic
Frank Kontrafouris
Vlado Mazevski
Eddy Poh
Nam Tran

Manager: Peter Georgellis

Peter Georgellis
Zoran Kandic
Bernard Li
Foti Papoulis
Lee Theouli

TEAM REPORTS

6B 1

Coach: Domenic Cuda

Manager: Jason Grounds

Thank you to all the players and families of U6B1s for a fantastic 2016 season. It was a year full of firsts; first pass, first tackle, first run and first goal. However, in my opinion the highlight of the season was seeing such a great roll up to training. Attendance was always high, with all the players turning up on cold Tuesday nights with huge smiles on their faces as they attempted each drill with energy and enthusiasm.

With five out of the six players in their debut season, rookie Coach Dom Cuda's first step was getting the team running in the right direction. Once we accomplished this goal Coach Cuda went about promoting an enjoyment of the game, whilst along the way teaching players the basics of football. This was Coach Cuda's greatest achievement. All players developed a love of the game and wore huge grins onto the pitch every week.



"I don't believe skill was, or ever will be, the result of coaches. It is a result of a love affair between the child and the ball". – **Roy Keane**

Introducing the 2016 U6B1s

Samuel: a super passionate player with a keen eye for the game, Samuel loves being with his teammates at training or on game day. His enthusiasm is infectious and he constantly pushes himself and his team mates to keep going to try score that next goal, whether it be helping to get the ball out of the midfield or going on an attacking run. Just like **Francesco Totti** he is equally happy scoring the goal or providing the assist.

Victoria: the 6B1's quite achiever and defensive stalwart, 'V' as she is affectionately known was always the first to training and never forgot her listening ears. She defended our goal every week with gusto and when asked to push up and help the rest of the team she even managed to bag herself a goal in the final game. Just like **Sergio Ramos** she shows great consideration for her teammates and solid work rate.

Angus: Always running around with a smile on his face and a new story to tell, Angus, AKA 'Flash', had an interesting start to the season but every week he developed and became more and more involved, dancing around the field he finally found a home at the front of the pitch and came oh so close to bagging a goal. Just like **David Beckham** he is the ultimate team player who looked good every time he walked on to the pitch.

Maddison: With speed to burn and a beaming smile, 'Maddy' always put in 110% on the field, be it at training or on the field on game day. From the start of the season it was easy to see that Maddy had a keen eye for goal and had plenty of practice shooting the ball and working on her cheeky back heel with her older sister. Just like **Neymar** she makes her hard work look effortless.

Ben: the 6B1's Pocket Rocket, Ben and his lethal left foot were ever-present this season; he was the first to attempt and score a penalty. He loved training and being with his mates and while some of his massive 'booters' in training might have sent him on tiny missions to recover the ball, he was

always on song during the games. Just like **Wayne Rooney** he has a habit of popping up and providing the magic when it counts.

Kiarna: a midfield tyro that fought tirelessly to win the ball every time she was on the field. 'Kikki K' showed great initiative and excellent positioning to become the team's ultimate support player and goal poacher, showing up in the right place at the right time to keep the Lugarno 6B1's goal tally ticking over. Just like **Mile Jedinak** she puts in a tremendous effort in the midfield and is there to support her team.

I'd like to thank Dom for his passion and commitment to the team and each player and their families for a fantastic season.

See you again in 2017!

Jason Grounds - Manager



6B 2

Coach: Matt Lumley

Formed with 7 kids that all attended daycare together, 6B2 had great chemistry from day 1 whilst the parents got to know each other for the first time.

Comprising of 4 boys and 3 girls, the challenge was to rotate the team and take the boys off who didn't want to come off, and the girls on that didn't want to go on!

Miranda, Skye and Ali all showed they could match it with the boys with speed and skill and when they finally took the field offered solid and consistent performances.



Manager: Michael Rowe

It was however the 4 boys that stood out. **Jonas** proving that having older brothers was a key factor to success as his confidence to attack (mostly the ball) was a key to us moving the ball up the field. He was our number one scorer. **Ekansh** proved to be the surprise packet. He showed great vigour

and enthusiasm; whilst the sideline was his preferred direction, once we got him going straight the other team had trouble handling his size and skill. **Xavier** provided some size and stability at the back and he often stopped the defence in its track. Whilst he found it often difficult to get the ball off Jonas and Ekansh, when he did he showed great control and promise. **Sunny's** confidence took a hit early on when some bigger kids roughed him up. Trained the house down and has speed and skill. With a bit more confidence will be a great little player.

I thank the parents for their help this year. Travelling and managing not a great combination so appreciate when everyone stepped up. Hopefully we will be back as a team next year

6B 3

Coach: Paul Wainwright

Manager: Kristy Parmenter

The 6B 3s improved with each game, and pleasingly all kids contributed with a smile right up until the last game.

Grace: a dream to coach, always pleasant and well mannered. The biggest kicker in the team, she was our 'go-to' girl when we needed a big goal kick to get us out of our half. Well done Grace, great season!

Samuel: always had a smile on his face, and he also had a great season. Samuel was awesome at making 'plans' to stump the opposition, and he was also the team champion at the 'bear' game. Samuel was an awesome teammate – good job and well done!

Jarvis: although a bit shy to start, Jarvis really came out of his shell throughout the season. His good effort at practice was rewarded with an awesome left foot goal and some awesome sideline runs. Jarvis wins the award for most improved player!

Zachary L: one of the most skilled players in the team, and he showed his ability with plenty of goals throughout the year. He is a real sharpshooter in front of goal and, if he keeps it up, will have bright future as a striker.

Zachary B: another big improver who really shone as the season went on. He was rewarded for his



good attitude and commitment with an awesome goal towards the end of the season. Hopefully he sticks to it as he showed plenty of potential throughout the year.

Kyla: for just her first year of soccer, Kyla was a standout player. She was the fastest player in the team, and that helped her score a number of awesome goals throughout the year. Her season highlight came in the

last game of the season, scoring both goals in a 2-1 win to end our season on a high. I would have her in my team anytime.

Hunter: from game 1, Hunter was our most aggressive player, putting his body on the line every week against clearly bigger opponents. He was very determined in defence and he showed good skill and speed to score some nice breakaway goals. Well done Hunter!

After the first few weeks, I would have been happy with just 1 goal for the season, so to improve the way they did was very pleasing. It took us a few weeks to figure it all out, but once we got our first win (7-2), the kids got their confidence and we went on to have our fair share of wins (including a 6-0 win). With five 4 year olds in the team, there were some weeks we were outplayed but they'll all be better for the experience and there will be no stopping them next year!

Thanks to all the parents, and most of all to Kristy for managing the team brilliantly.

6B 4

Coach: Luis Castro

Manager: Rosemary Cassar

Apparently being an under 6's coach is not easy, and that may be true but it sure is lots of fun and a positive challenge.

Coaching a group of 7 kids with no previous practical experience in soccer has been memorable for all the good reasons - we started the season very shaky, losing the first few games to the point where I thought I would be the first ever volunteer coach to be sacked by the parents for poor performance!

Then thanks to Professor

'YouTube' and some good training tips from our President 'Irish', we started to see amazing progress from our young team, making many steady inroads to victory where we saw **Marcus** with

his dribbling miracles and scoring lots of goals - he quickly learned that a player who can also defend and attack is a great player.

Fabulous **Kay** with great defending technique and the pioneer of lifting the ball off the ground to score eye popping goals; and who can forget **Alexander** always smiling, singing and watching the clouds at every game, he enjoyed playing and it showed; then we had **Nicholas** who was initially more interested in catching worms on the field but he then realised scoring goals was also fun, and once, thanks to him, we won with the only goal of the game; **Lucas** on the other hand was very



shy at the beginning but sure celebrated his goals with style, he became the champion of long range goals; **Ethan** and his powerful left kick always created goal opportunities for our team and I won't forget his goals from midfield and scoring with his right foot too. Finally, **Riley** was our secret weapon, he was fearless, he would play defender like it was a competition final every game and then would take the ball right to the goal and score!

Yes it was an intense season, but thanks to the great coordination of our Queen Bee Manager Rose, and the patience and encouragement of parents towards the coach, we survived and thrived, we had our most successful soccer season yet!

Thank You All – Coach Luis

6B 5

Coach: Justin Graham

Manager: Ruza Simmons



The 2016 season was one of significant development for our U6B5 team, three of our players I had the pleasure of coaching in 2015. This season we were joined by three more young men who were just as keen and it was evident from the start that we had something special, the love of the game continued throughout the season. We were confident against any team on the field and supported each other through the highs and the lows of this season.

A breakdown of our team:

Christopher Castle: This is the second season I have had the pleasure to coach Christopher, his natural talent around the ground leaves the opposition and spectators alike scratching their heads. Christopher continues to win adoring fans from the sidelines with his patented goal celebrations of which there were

many - look out for this up-and-comer.

Harrison Commons: Harry was new to our team and the game this season and progressed well throughout the year. Harry proved himself to be a formidable defender and had the speed and drive to get anywhere on the field quickly. A young man that works hard at training and was an excited team member week in week out.

Jacob El Debel: Jacob was a keen player, new to the game. His attention to detail and eagerness to be involved meant that his goal during our last game was a great end to our season.

Henry Graham: This is the second season I have coached Henry, last year I referred to him as "Hurricane Henry" this continued to be the case in 2016 due to his speed. Henry's confidence continued to grow throughout the season and his love of the game grew week by week.

Zac Simmons: This is the second season I have coached Zac, his love of the game is infectious. Zac was clearly our most improved player in 2016 mainly due to his dedication at training as well as the school holiday football camps that he attended throughout the season this year. This young man's right foot will set him up for many successful seasons to come.



Ronin Whale: Ronin! This young man started his soccer career with LFC this year and quickly established himself as a great defender. Some back to back goals in the later part of the season were attributed to his new secret game day breakfast! His energy was a great addition to the team and he displayed the qualities of a sportsman many times across this great season.

Many thanks to the dedicated mums and dads that supported their sons through training and games this year, the sideline support was wonderful and very encouraging for our boys. During our last training session the “mum vs son” football match has clearly highlighted that there is some additional coaching talent LFC may need to call on in the near future!

7B 1

Coach: Bill Krkovski

Manager: Sondra Rayner

Well another magnificent season has passed us by and the mighty B1 machine blew the competition away.

The early signs for a successful season were evident on a warm morning at Padstow with a dominate display in the 4 games played. The team, a mix of old heads and some new up and comers gelled instantly and under Coach Bill’s leadership the moulding of this young team of dynamos took shape.

A successful campaign is built with a solid defence and headed by self-selected Sweeper **Charlize**, the muscle and brains of the team, along with her able side kick **Angelina**. The opposition teams, mostly consisting of boys, totally underestimated these long haired assassins and did so at their own peril, which was generally the inability to break through the defence and score goals.

In front of these 2 colossus was a stacked mid field consisting of **Johnno**, **Josh** and **Havana**, who dug in when required and unleashed fury in attack once possession was won. These 3 musketeers rotated beautifully throughout the season not only chasing and saving goals but adding goals of their own, with young Johnno contributing a huge 16 goals finishing as our 2nd top goal scorer.

Leading our attack was the one and only **Steven**, new to the club and new to team soccer but coming from a background of backyard games was quickly into his stride and showed both great energy and a willingness to bring his team mates into the game providing many assists throughout the year. Not only lethal up front but solid in defence earning our first ever send off, to go with his tally of 40 goals.

Overall it was a great season for not only the team but for all those associated with the team. Special thanks to Coach Bill and Manager Sondra for running the team so well and ensuring the kids enjoyed their season.

To all supporters of the mighty B1’s congratulations on been so supportive and showing true sportsmanship and respect to all opposition teams and officials through the year. Enjoy your off season and hopefully we see you not only at the end of season Presentation but in preseason in 2017.

Thanks to Marcus Rayner for the report

7B 2

Coach: Steve Huggett

Manager: Lee McMahon

The 7Bee2s started the year as they finished it..... Full of energy and enthusiasm.

Led by Coach Huggy (Steve Huggett) the team has really grown since last year. Lil and Ryan were much needed new recruits adding spark in attack and starch in defence.

Wednesday training nights may as well have been sponsored by Allens lollies as the snake fuelled 7 year olds squealed around Gannons Park like new born puppies.

A special thanks to the LFC Committee and all the parents who came down to watch bright and early on those cold winter mornings.

Billy: Had another great season with potent attack together with a classic slide tackle. As our lead goal scorer, his Dad/Coach has already signed him up for Charlton Athletic in season 2026.

Rory: This ball of energy grew another leg this year on the field. If she keeps up this energy she'll appear with "stampy" in a minecraft series soon.

Max: As fit as his Premier League playing Dad but scores way more goals. Trains hard, tries his hardest and plays really well on match day. One to watch.

Ryan: With a pre game diet of organic apples, he settled into his first season with ease. Always with a cheeky smile and a hungry belly!! A little tentative on the field at first but by the end of the season he was attacking with force. An asset to our team.

Lillah: This new girl slotted in easily. Lil was fast in attack and supportive in defence. Her cartwheels also improved dramatically throughout the season. Unfortunately didn't get her \$10 for scoring a goal but came so close. As a key part of the girls leadership group she will be even better in 2017.

Emersen: If the Matildas have an U7 development squad they need look no further than this attacking genius. Another great cartwheeler!! Combined with a Mum armed with Allens snakes at training, watch out Ellyse Perry (she's a soccer player).

Elouise: If competitiveness and enthusiasm are the keys to success this girl will go a long way. The other half of the "stampy" minecraft crew has the building blocks to do well.

A great year with fun had by players, parents, fans and all. Every game was played with an enjoyable spirit and a smile just the way it should be.

Bring on 2017.

7B 3

Coach: George Devet

Manager: Nicole Devet

It was a pleasure to coach and manage this team again. We were so lucky to have this fantastic bunch of kids and their awesome parents again for another soccer season!

Pic: Last game of the season (sad that Mikey couldn't be there due to illness ☹)

Catherine: Catherine thrived this season, giving her best every single week. Nothing stopped Catherine from getting herself up and dusting herself off, even when sandwiched between 2 opposition players in one of our last games!

Charlie: We have decided that Charlie loves playing in the rain! He's a wet season player, who thrived in the rain, having some of his best games in the freezing cold and wet underfoot.

Emma: Not as much eating this season, and more soccer playing!



Emma had a fantastic season, and got in there every week and gave it her all. Emma ended the season well with an awesome goal – well done Emma!

Michael: “Neymar Jnr” had another brilliant season, our highest goal scorer for the 2nd year running. A very passionate player, Mikey was not happy if we didn’t train, didn’t play every weekend or we lost!

Miles: Miles sure gave Mikey a run for his money this season, scoring a multitude of goals throughout our games. The highlight of the season had to go to Miles, who, in the last game, decided to sit on the ball mid play and had a “ponder”.

Olivar: “Mr Goals” – Oli loved defending our goals (or as Oli calls it “I want to offend”) and keeping the ball away from the opposition. I think we need to give Oli that job next year.

Pip: The runner up in the highlights of the season has to go to Pip. Coach George had everyone lined up ready to start the second half in one of our last games, and there was Pip facing the other direction, having a little daydream.



Besties



Coach George loved coaching the kids

Thank you to everyone once again for an awesome season. We couldn’t have done it without the support of family and friends.

7B 5

Coach: Con Dellas

Manager: Stephen Stavroulakis

Games Played: 16

Results: 13 wins, 2 Draws, 1 Loss

Goals Scored: 99

Goals Conceded: 14

Firstly, well done boys for another great season, it was pleasure to coach and watch you play and train each week. We had only 1 change to the squad this year with Ashton joining the team, otherwise it was the same squad as last year and the results were very similar.

Excellent season once again with 13 wins from 16 games and we scored 99 goals for the year at an average of 6 a game. We should all be proud of these achievements.

Thanks to the parents who brought the kids to training, and came to the games to support the boys every week. I’m sure they enjoyed the cheering from the sideline.



Joshua: Joshua improved a great deal this year, and started to find his feet and contribute more and more each week.

Unfortunately couldn't find the net this year, but showed his hunger towards the later part of the season and nearly scored but for the ball to have been judged out earlier in the play. Well Done Josh.

Thomas: Tom was our star defender. He chose to be our defensive player for most of the season and stop some crucial goals through the year. Tom scored 5 goals and provided 3 assist for the year. Well Done.

Ashton: Ashton's first time playing soccer, but he sure did find his feet straight away. Ashton was a great team player always encouraging his team and always willing to listen and learn about the game. Ashton scored 12 goals this year and provided 4 assists.

Aiden: Aiden improved in leaps and bounds this year, really finding his stride. His assistance up and down the side lines putting in crossing was great to see. Aiden was always positive and never complained. Aiden scored 5 goals and provided 10 assists.

Remi: The "Raptor". Remi had another good season with the team. He was always involved in the play always wanting to get the ball and do something with it. Even though small in stature he didn't let this deter him from getting involved and physical when needed. His skills have come a long way from last year, but remember use the side of your foot and not the toe. ☺ Remi scored 12 goals and provided 8 assists.

Jack: It's not easy having your dad coach you. Jack showed a big improvement to his game, skills and ability this year, but his competitive streak and not wanting to lose sometimes got the better of him. Jack scored 18 goals this year and provided 7 assists.

Anthony: Anthony was the heart and soul of the team, always involved in everything. He would take most of the goal kicks and kick in's which lead to many a quick team goal. Anthony was always positive and never reacted to the opposition's sometimes unfair tackles, he just kept getting up and playing. Anthony scored a massive 45 goals this year and provided 12 assists. Well Done.

The difference between our team and the opposition was our ability to transition from defence to attack quickly and decisively which lead to many goals while the opposition was still trying to get set. The team trained very well and took a lot of the learnings from training into the game which showed.

Thanks once again boys for another enjoyable and successful season.

Coach Con.



7B 6

Coach: David Mohr

Manager: Sashka Mohr

For Danny, Luca, Rebecca and Brooklyn, this year was their first ever soccer season and together with Felipe, Jake and Joshua, it was their first time playing as a team.

The children have all learnt new skills and grown as players. David and I are so proud of the way they have listened, learned and above all had fun. Thank you for making our Thursday and Saturdays enjoyable.

Rebecca: during the first couple of games Bec was a little unsure of herself but with each coming week her confidence and determination grew. Well done Bec on your first soccer season!

Danny: our highest goal scorer for the team. Danny is tenacious on the field and you couldn't even tell that this was his first season of soccer. Great work Danny!

Jake: always eager to play and the fairest player of the team. Thank you for always listening to Coach during training and our games. We hope you had fun this season Jake.

Brooklyn: another new soccer recruit, this was Brooklyn's first soccer season also. Brooklyn did very well in defence this year but surprised everyone in attack, even scoring a goal or two. Good job buddy.

Luca: joined our team a few weeks into the season but you wouldn't know it, as he fitted right in. Luca spent most of the season socialising and learnt a skill or two along the way. We hope you enjoyed your first soccer season.



Felipe: definitely the most passionate player in our team. Felipe enjoys his soccer and it shows as he is great in attack as well as defence. Well done Felipe.

Joshua: what a boot you have on you! Josh even managed to score a goal from half way thanks to his big kicks. Awesome work bud.

Thank you also goes to the parents and grandparents who braved cold training nights as well as early morning games to support the children and our club. Without you, things would not get done. David and I thank you for your commitment and for a terrific 2016 season.

7B 7

Coach: Damien Hennessy

Manager: John Nolan

By Eamon, the coach's son

We had a very good season.

When the season started, we weren't running very well and the other teams were very good. At the beginning it was very tough, but then it got easier [**Coach's note** – we dropped down a division after copping loads of goals in the first few games and not scoring very many. The kids kept in good spirits and never stopped trying].

We were standing too close together. Then we spread out and got in good positions. We were getting better at passing and making space. We improved at getting goals from far away.

By the end we felt like we were winning games. Everyone in the team keeps score except for daddy.

Sam once scored a goal that went through lots of defenders and then went into the goal. He tackles a lot and gets to the ball.

Liam is the best at scoring from far away when we train. He is one of the best at getting in good positions. Once Sam crossed the ball to Liam when he was right in front of the goals and he just kicked it in.

Charlie does tough tackles. He has really good skills. He missed some games because he had a broken arm, but was even better when he came back.

This was Sienna's first year at soccer. She got much better at passing and was very good at keeping the ball in play. Sienna is very quick and was often first to get the ball.

Joseph is one of the fastest in the team.

He always tries hard at training and is good at dodging the other players. He scored a lot of goals this year.

Joel started off really well and was very good, especially because this was his first year playing. He got sick and missed the end of the season and we really missed him.

I got better at passing this year. I dribble the ball and pass when I get stuck. I once did a one-two pass that shocked everybody.

We are all good sports. When the ball goes out, we get it for the other team and shake hands after the game.

My dad is one of the best coaches I have ever had. [**Coach's note** – high praise from a 7 year old].

I hope everyone comes back to play next year.

Coach's addendum – thanks to John for managing the side, and all the parents for making it so easy and for having such wonderful and bouncy kids. See you all next year!



8B 1

Coach: Colin Cuthbert

Manager: Rebecca Clay

Having had to officially hang my boots up a couple of years ago, it was now time to team up with Bec and take on the challenge of coaching the mighty Lugarno U8B1's. Our mission for the year was to play as a team, play fair and have some fun.... and that's just what we did! Our little Aussie Battlers just keep improving! In keeping with the fun theme we've had for the year... It's Mr & Miss time!



'Mr Big' – Oska: for someone so shy at the start of the season, 'Mr. Big' has not only come out of his shell. He's terrorised every team with his strength, his skills and his tackling.... plus he's run away with the 'Golden Boot' for the season with his goals! Pleasure to have you on the team!

'Mr Messi' – Josh: youngest (and the shortest ☺) on the team, just like Messi. Josh covers every blade of grass whether it's with his skills in goals, his dazzling skills that has the defence mesmerized, or all the goals that he's chipped in with this year! It's been fantastic to have you on the team!

'Mr Skillful' – Tristan: 'The drag-back king', improved out of sight this year with his skills, and a delight to watch from the sidelines... has mesmerised many a defender this year with his drag back and been on the score sheet with some cracking goals! Great to have you on the team!

'Mr Tough tackler' – Romeo: improved out of sight this year, never stops running and getting involved with his tough tackling, to the extent that I wouldn't even want to get in the way of one of them. Well done this year, keep up the good work!

'Little Miss Determined' – Abbie: I've not seen someone so determined as Abbie, great attitude to sport and always looking to improve. Great dribbling, tough tackling and I'm not sure who was more excited when she scored her first goal of the season! ...Her or me! ☺. Great to have you on the team!

'Mr Defender' – Lachie: shy at the start of the season and has improved no end... great dribbling and passing skills and his tough tackling has helped keep the attackers out from scoring goals! Great work buddy, been a pleasure to have you on the team!

'Mr Reliable' – Michael: loves his football and has been all over the park helping out the team with his tackling, his dribbling, his skills and chipped in with a few goals this season too. Keep up the good work!

'Little Miss Football' – Piper: it's been a pleasure to have you on the team with your super tough tackling, your passing and your dribbling skills. Has terrorised even the toughest of midfields with your tackling! Great work!

'Little Miss Left Foot' – Lily: "When she gets into the scrum" she doesn't come out unless she's got the ball. Real tough tackler, great skills and has a superb little left foot on her! Great season – well done!

'Little Miss Smiles' – Rhianna: late starter to the team and always plays with a smile on her face! Never stops running. Good to have you on the side!

This year has been an absolute pleasure to coach you all, you've all improved week after week and always played with a smile on your face. You've had the 'travelling fans' on the edge of their seat week after week – Well done...

Massive thanks also to the parents - your encouragement, not just of your own child but the whole team, has been fantastic to see!

And last by no means the least to Bec – thanks on behalf of all the kids, parents and I for all your hard work.... Manager of the season for sure! Thank you!

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Coach: Sash Naumcevski

Managers: Glenn & Kirsty Cordingley

Our 2016 Season can be proudly remembered by the efforts of everyone at our last game of the season. I think this game was simply the best we played all season, it was so good to see you end the season with such a fantastic finish.

It was a great game, at one stage we were a goal down but we never gave in, we came back to hold a draw and it could have been anyone's game. You played with such great courage and determination which resulted in the entire team lifting. There was so much determination out there from everyone. It was a great game to watch.



Remember it is a huge achievement to play up at the Intermediate level. While the year consisted of a lot of tough matches, everyone has improved with the challenge. You have played well as a team and we have come a long way this year and you should be all so proud of your achievements.

Sash thank you for all of your time and efforts at training, and for the coaching and encouragement you have provided. Kirsty, thank you for ensuring we were all in the right place at the right time. Thanks to those who assisted along the way I hope you have all enjoyed the season.

Liani, Olivia, Josh, Chris, Lucas, Sam, Thomas, Emmanuel, Edward and Brodie you have made us all proud of your efforts. Each weekend, no matter who you faced, you always gave your best. You are all amazing players and competitors - congratulations on a great 2016 season.

Enjoy your summer, play plenty of sport, keep up some practise and we look forward to seeing you all back again in 2017.



What a season!

Season 2016

Lugarno FC Under 8B2's 2016

Champions on and off the field

What a season the Under 8B2's had in 2016! After two seasons on the mini field it was now time to step it up on the larger fields.

This year we welcomed the arrival of some new players - **Bailey, Jordan, Ayden and Capri.**

The season started with players and parents raring to go and with some training sessions to get us prepared we were ready to play!

Our new players showed some early flair and continued this throughout the year with **Jordan** fighting for every possession and never giving up!

Capri showed great skill in attack and hunger in defence, also being a great goalkeeper.

Bailey ran more than any

other player, all over the field, getting involved and growing each week as a star soccer player.

Ayden got better and better each week, showing some skills in both attack and defence and loving every minute of every game.

Our initial team stepped up each game to show our new players what they could do.

Emma was amazing in every game she played. A natural defender she terrorised oppositions with ferocious tackling and determination.

Matilda displayed a natural 'striker' ability and managed to get some shots on goal and even score a few.

Luca showed great improvements in all areas and wherever the ball was—**Luca** was never far

behind!

Anika kept up the skills and determination she had shown in 2015, trying her heart out in every match.

Felicity had a season to remember, regularly showing a great attitude and spirit at training and game time.



Daisy grew in confidence as each week progressed. She has talent to burn and certainly is a player to watch.

We tried each and every game and amazed our spectators with our skills and love of the game.

Inside this issue:

Ayden—What a star!

Felicity—A season to remember!

Anika— The tackling machine!

Luca— Get out of my way I'm here to play!

Jordan—Now you see me...now you

Emma—I get knocked out, but I get up again...

Daisy—Don't be fooled by the locks that I've got...

Matilda—Speed to burn!

Bailey—The pocket rocket!

Capri—A superstar is born!

Proud Coaches and Manager!

This year Coach James, Coach Jimmy and Manager Emma had an absolute ball watching the team grow and play with such passion and a great spirit!

Thank you to all the team and the wonderful bunch of parents and spectators who turned up each and every week to support us!

Best wishes to Felicity and

Manager Emma who sadly are leaving the team this year....

To the rest of the team—we hope to see you all again in 2017!

What a season!



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8B2's


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What a team!



STAR SHOTS!



9B 2

Coach: Nick Belcheff

Manager: Leonie Welstead

Our team had another great year playing together. The really nice thing about our team is that they have all become great mates and really enjoy playing together. With Coach Nick's guidance, the 9B2's have learned to play well as a team. They have figured out that it is not the individual that makes the team successful, it is the team as a whole.



Olivia Belcheff: As we have seen year after year, Liv is a really hard worker. She is everywhere that the ball is or is about to be. One of our top goal scorers this year, Liv

understands the game and is a real team player, always encouraging her team to keep going and never give up, even if the score wasn't going our way.

Diana Belcheff: Diana has proved herself to be a very strong back, controlling the game from the backline. She is determined and brave, everything you need to be in defense. Diana's strength of personality is a welcome addition on the pitch as she helps everyone with their game.

Michael Vikatos: Michael is one of our most skillful players. A striker along with Olivia, he knew where to place himself to score the goals. Michael is also very fast and has great ball control, flying past the other teams down the sideline to score or centre the ball.

Samuel Limberis: Sam joined our team this year, having played with another Lugarno team for a few years. He is a very strong defender with a powerful boot; he saved many goals this year. Sam also managed to score a few when he got up the front. He has been a fantastic addition to our team!

Linden Pike: Linden usually found himself in the midfield, making breaks down the sideline, setting up many of our striker's goals as well as scoring himself. Linden's confidence as a footballer is growing year after year and is a valuable part of our team.

Ryah Helou: Ryah is so full of energy and enthusiasm for football, she never liked coming off for a break! She is a great all rounder, playing a valuable role in defense and attack. She never gives up, always one of the first to the ball. Her skills have improved over the year, as she becomes a very well rounded player.

Vas Simmons: Vas is one of our midfielders, always in the thick of it. Vas had some great games this year and scored some exciting goals. Vas always tries his hardest, supporting his team all over the field.

Noah Russo: Noah started off in goals this year and did a really great job, but after a few games, wanted to give striker a try. Noah is fast, with a strong kick and all of his determination paid off in our final game when he scored a fantastic goal (with a great celebration slide after 😊)

Emylin Alamoti: Emi always tried very hard in every game. She and Ryah were a formidable team in the midfield and defense. Emi also has a really good throw in, taking most of ours, getting them to the perfect spot for our front line to score a goal.

Vinnie Welstead: Vinnie really enjoyed another year of football in 2016. He is most comfortable in the midfield, supporting his teammates with great passes to the front. His tour of Europe improved his game, as he played everyday for 4 weeks with kids from all over Europe. Vinnie always puts in 100% and is improving all the time.

Jamie Welstead: Jamie started the season in the midfield but actually figured out that he enjoyed being in goals. Goalie is a tough position, and Jamie had ups and downs, but has learned to be resilient and would like to continue in goals next year.

Thanks to Nick for another year of coaching. The parents are truly appreciative of all of his efforts every week. The kids all love football and this has a lot to do with him.

Thanks also to Vicky, who stood in for coach and manager when we have been away at different times.

We look forward to 2017 as Under 10's!

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Coach: Jeff Cremona

Manager: Richard Weekes

The year started off with a bit of a shock as our team moved up to Intermediates and were promptly given their initiation, having rings run around them in the trial game, which was a big awakening for the team after winning all but one game last year. After a couple of losses early on, the team started to settle and gel well with each other and in no time this showed in the results on the score board.

As we had 11 in our roster this kept our coach Jeff on the hop, making sure everyone got a fair run on the field regardless of the score, which at times proved to be testing. All in all a great year was had with all the team working well in their respective positions and a great team effort, with notable mention of our make-up match, the last game of the season against the Hurstville Warriors, I could not have been more proud of our team for the understanding, respect and selflessness they displayed throughout the match, giving the Warriors a fun and energetic final game of the season, well done LFC U9I.

Max Cremona: Max's speed, accuracy and determination were again on display throughout the year being our top goal scorer again, with several matches scoring three goals. He was also instrumental in helping settle the team well and directing the play of the ball, showing great leadership skills along the way.

Jack James: Jack was as usual in the thick of things this season, strong in attack but ferocious in defence often running the full field to dive and take the ball off the opposition, another great effort this year.

Cooper James: Cooper is Jack's younger brother and, although smaller in stature, certainly has the drive and guts to get into the thick of things both in attack and defence, he was nicknamed Twinkle Toes by the coach and myself for the fancy footwork he brought on field each week, which often confused the opposing team.

Alek Loncar: Alek, our resident lefty, is often brutal in his abilities up the blind side with a great attitude and real desire to win. Alek always proves to be a vital part of the team and is always a strong competitor.

Elly Collins: Elly was one of two new players and our only female addition to the team this year, she was a little apprehensive early on trying to make her own space in the field of all boys, but as she progressed throughout the season, she gained great momentum and was a solid performer each week in defence.

Rex Collins: Rex is Elly's younger brother and is a real little pit bull on the field, oodles of energy and a real fighting spirit. Rex was all over the field most games chasing and making breaks, even throwing himself in the line of fire and getting injured on one occasion, nothing a walk off couldn't fix, then back into it next game just the same.

Patrick Elazzi: Patrick showed immense skill in goals, letting very few through when he stepped up for the role, his efforts on the field were also impressive with some great half and three quarter runs on the attack with many near goals throughout the season.

Lachlan Weeks: Lachlan has come a long way this season, with a better understanding of his position in defence with some fantastic saves, loading up on the right foot to make some massive

clearing kicks, stopping the opposition in their tracks helping our team go back on the attack. A great contributor as the last line of defence.

Zac Abdul: Zac did a fantastic job this season coming into his own and really giving his position in defence a real crack, many a time taking the ball from an attacking opposition and sending it back up to our forwards and taking a lot of pressure off.

Clarke VanPoppel: Clarke again this year has remained consistent throughout and showed great determination during the season, increasing his willingness to get in and have a go and help his fellow teammates.



Blake Lumley: Blake was our other new comer this season and slotted in well with the team and found his place also in goals and did a great job for his half, taking some difficult saves from at times very talented kickers. During the other half, Blake did well to slot into midfield and help in defence and attack.



10B

Coach & Manager: Eric Plumer

The 10B's started the year with a minimum squad of 9 players but quickly grew in number to 13 in the early rounds. It sure was nice to get some reserves, there were a lot of tired legs at the end of some early games. From first practice sessions and early games, it was evident we had a good squad. The 11 boys and 2 girls quickly combined their individual skills and abilities' together to form a great team that played hard but fair all season.

We had players with a variety of skills and experience. Some were 5 year veterans with the club, some were playing their first year of soccer and some who were 8 and 9 years old 'playing up' in an U10 side. They developed together, learning new skills and how to play in position and by the end of the season they were coaching themselves around the field. Throughout it all, the most pleasing thing was how they united as a team, they got along with each other and helped each other out whenever required. Win, lose, or draw, they played with great sportsmanship, and had loads of fun.

We will always remember;

Ashton's great defence plays and first competition goal

Peri's goal celebrations and putting his body on the line.

Johnathan's bravery, energy, and never say die attitude

Georgie's kicking and running speed

Zack's natural ability anywhere on the field and first competition goal

Patrick's ball control and excellent passing

Sebastian's defence and determination in tackling

Xander's runs up the sideline and goals

Cameron's big swing clearing kicks and organisation in defence

Bailey's goalkeeping and body block saves

Anthony's booming kicks and goals

Trinity's flexibility, playing well in any position

Jack's dribbling and ball control skills

On behalf of the team, we would like to thank Club Committee, the referees and all teams for making a great competition, and we thank our family and friends for getting us to practice sessions and the games, and for cheering us on week to week. Thanks for all the laughs and the memories, and we hope to see you around the grounds next year!

10I

Coach: Harry Woods

Manager: Brett Puckeridge

The whole of the 2015 team of **Tom Finn, Lucy Finn, Finlay Whitten, Owen Beer, Nick Puckeridge, Michael Elazzi, Emmanuel Elazzi, Daniel Preziosa, Hunter Solomons, Anthony Pejovski** and **Mitchell Woods** backed up and were joined by **Alex Noun for 2016**.

They are a wonderful bunch of kids who were a pleasure to coach and the club can be very proud of the way they trained, played and conducted themselves in every game.

The kids played a tough, uncompromising and relentless style of game, and the passion with which they played for each other showed what a great group of mates they are.

Tom, Alex, Nick, Michael and **Owen** were wonderful at the back. A well-organised group, they worked tirelessly to put pressure on their opponents and when they got the ball, to send it forward. Their skill development throughout the season was a credit to their attitude to training and their

communication with each other. By the end of the season, opposition teams found it near impossible to score against them.



Regardless of whether playing goalie, sweeping across the back or controlling the midfield, **Finlay** was again our leader, directing traffic and running himself to exhaustion every game.

Daniel and Hunter were our regular centre midfielders and controlled the ball movement between the back and our wingers and forwards. They both worked tirelessly linking the backs and forwards, putting themselves into position to take crosses from our wingers, and menacing opposition players.

Our other forwards and midfielders, **Lucy, Emmanuel, Anthony and Mitchell** have always been individually very good and in the past have worked well in patches as a group. This year they took their play, as a group, to a new level as they moved the ball forward into space for

someone to run on to and score. I only wish I had captured some of the goals on video.

Coaching these kids has been a wonderful experience. They are a credit to themselves, their families and the club. I wish them all the best for 2017.

The joy of coaching this team is no small part also a result of the fantastic group of parents and grandparents that turn up each week to support their children. The team thank you.

In particular I'd like to thank Brett for managing and getting the report in every week, Michelle for helping out as coach, Mario for refereeing most weeks and Hamish for his help at training and taking charge of the team for the occasional Saturday.

Another wonderful season.

Coaches and Managers Award - Hunter



10A

Coach: Atef Elassi

Manager: Petros Midis

Wow what a year!

After dominating the Foxes last year, we were promoted to the Advanced league this year. This promotion represented both a challenge and a learning opportunity for our team which was made up of all our returning players and a couple of new ones.

It was a rocky start with back to back losses which the boys had never experienced. We had to learn from our losses and how to re-group. The training intensified, we tweaked the positions and formation and stepped up the technical ability. The hard work soon payed off and the results improved. Once we clicked, we won three in a row and became a force to be reckoned with!



The highlights of the season were playing the likes of Sans Souci and Connells Point, who were unbeaten for years, and coming out on top.

In tough conditions the boys rose to the challenge and came out ready to play hard against a strong and powerful Connells Point. The team's resilience and never give up attitude handed them a memorable win. It was truly a proud moment for coach, manager and parents!

After a major defeat the first time round, our second meeting against Sans Souci was a whole different ball game. It was a powerhouse performance by the boys which led to another hard fought victory.

The 2016 stats were as follows:

Games Won	5
Games Lost	8
Games Drawn	3
Shots on Goal	183
Goals scored	26
Goals against	41
Blocks / Intercepts/ Clearances	634
Strike rate	7 shots/goal
Average goals For /game	1.6
Average goals Against /game	2.6
Blocks to Shots /game	3.47

This year we also introduced a 3,2,1 point system for the 'Player of the Match' each week. The results were as follows:

- 1st – Nikolas
- 2nd – Henry
- 3rd – Callum and Hugo

The team consists of:

Hugo: Our team Captain is a fearless defender who continues to put his body on the line.

Jonathan: Displayed a good attitude, a great character and always came ready to play.

Christian: A great player who always followed the Coach's game plan and kept his position.

Peter: A solid right-back with great passing, creating attack from the back.

Callum: One of our new players, was able to cover the entire field with his energy and speed.

Nikolas: 2016 Coach and Managers Award winner and highest goal scorer. He taunted defenders all over the park.

Sammy: Played wherever needed and excelled in all positions. He was a true champ this year.

Nicholas: Was always eager to fight and work for his position in the mid-field.

Javier: Scored some sensational goals with his skilled left boot and bagged the Goal of the Year.

Henry: After a positional change early in the season he made the mid-field his own.

Ali: Developed well as a mid-fielder with a great football mind.

Willis: Another new player, loved the wet weather by winning two Man of the Matches with stellar performances in the rain.

James: A fearless defender who joined our team this year and continually put his body on the line against much bigger opponents.

This year was truly a learning curve for all the players, the coach and the manager. We learnt to play on a bigger field against bigger, better, faster and stronger opponents. Well done boys for rising to the challenge. We are immensely proud of your hard work, team spirit and effort this year. We look forward to another great season next year.

Also a great big thankyou to all the parents, grandparents, families and friends who came out every week to training and the games.



11B 1

Coach: Michael Donati

Manager: Betty Dimitrakopoulos

What a great season this team had, from the first trial game to the last, the team gelled together and improved with every game played. Not always a winning result but always a winning attitude.

Thanks to our awesome manager Betty and our team of parents for their cheering from the sideline.

Jack: Solid effort all year. Great all rounder. 100% enthusiasm, saw him score and save many goals.

Paul: Reliable goalkeeper, always directing his team. Played with determination.

Daniel: The team's silent assassin. Always there when needed in defence. Our human brick wall.

Dominic: Showed great improvement this year. Always eager to play and train.

Gabby: Every game played, he played with heart. Played to win, gave 100%.

Sebastian: A welcome addition to the team. Showed great skill with the ball, creating many opportunities.

Harrison: Another new recruit. Brought the team many goals and also has great ability. A very determined player in attack passing many players.

Josh: Another new addition to the team. He improved with every game and scored his first goal. A reliable player covering many positions.

Meg: A pleasure to coach. She played with a smile that was infectious to all. Very determined in defence and attack. We will sadly miss her next year.

Arianna: A positive player. She proved to be very versatile, played with lots of energy. We will also miss her next year.

Thanks to all.

Coach Mick



11B 2

Coach & Manager: Mark Sandilant

Season 2016 and our U11B2's - what a great year! We started the year with some real promise as the boys were just getting to the age where it was more than just a kick and chase game, both from individuals and as a team. Fitness was also playing a part with the boys starting to move the ball quicker, also lifted the speed of the game which in turn meant they covered more ground.

As a coach, all I can ask is the boys take on some of the ideas we practice at training and take it to the game day and try and execute these plans to see how they develop, and I feel we did that most of this year as, again both individually and as a team, the group improved all year.

It has also been great to start to see the boys develop their own skills and see how that fits into the group and the position they play and, for the most, I feel moving forward we have set some very strong building blocks for position play as they move to the full size field next year.



This year saw the development of our playing segments within

the group, starting with the back third and probably the strongest defense line we have had - **Sean, Nathan, Liam, Luke** and **Tommy**, were a tackling machine but what was also an important improvement this year was not only to dismantle the oncoming attack but reverse into a counter attack which delivered plenty of rewards - I have a great belief that defense is where the party is started and, if we get that right, it is a very strong foundation moving forward in all areas of the game.

The middle third was also an area of huge improvement. This is the area I call the engine room as this is where the defense line is started and the attack is developed. The engine room requires fitness and vision and controls the speed of the game. We worked on this all year and for the most we played our strategy well. **Cody, Ross, Jonathan** and **Daniel** were strong here and the mix of speed and strength was well worked and delivered plenty of scoring opportunities throughout the year.

Our front third, both **Zack** and **Alexander** were clinical at the front this year and when opportunities presented they rarely missed. It is important we have confident finishes as you can spend 10 to 15 minutes of a game working the ball to get into a position for a striker so the conversion rate is very important and I feel they both were very strong this year.

Throughout the year we played all variations to that set and found the boys all very adaptable when asked to play varying roles within the team and that is a real skill.

Now on the other side of things, the kids not only developed their physical skill set but also developed as friends, which to me is just as important. They all looked to enjoy themselves throughout the year and forged some strong bonds that if they continue with soccer should support them throughout their playing career.

Often teams try to develop from the top grade down and I find this not quite the positive environment needed to develop players - my preference is always develop the group as a team and start from their level, wherever that may be and work up to the level that they are competitive and enjoying their soccer.

I would also like to thank those that helped throughout the year as it is not always easy to find the time needed and I often need to lean on a couple of people for assistance, and the great thing is that came and the kids did not miss a beat.

Last to my U11B2's - I am sure the parents would agree, but from my perspective you have made me very proud of the way you have conducted yourselves throughout this year, taken on new ideas and skill developments, player conduct on and off the field and just being a great bunch of kids. I have enjoyed coaching you this year and the memories will stay with me for life so thank you boys and keep playing soccer!

U12 C

Coach: Rob Fonti

Manager: John Thomas

It was a topsy turvy season for the U12C team.

The season commenced in the 12B competition resulting in a run of 6- nil losses, six in a row in fact. At this point the team was regraded to 12C's. Given that several players had never played football, their first match in 12C's was one of total jubilation when the team scored their first goal and had their first win against the second placed 12C team.

The kids had rediscovered their appreciation and enthusiasm for football and as such, continued to win their next few matches which placed them second on the ladder. Unfortunately, the wins became fewer with losses to the lower ladder teams resulting in the team narrowly missing the playoffs.

Zane ARGENT, Adam BENZEROUK, Mitchell BONEHAM, Ryan COURTNEY, James ELAZZI, Nelson FENG, Anthony FONTI, Alex FOSTER, Markus LONCAR, Ryan THOMAS, Jayden ROBINSON, , Markus LONCAR, Ryan THOMAS, Dion VALIS.

U13 Girls A

Coach: Ben Petanceski

Coach/Manager: Hagop Tchamkertenian

The 13GA team had another successful and memorable season falling just one game short of a grand final appearance. Some 16 games were played by the team resulting in eight wins, seven draws and only a solitary loss. The team scored 33 goals in the process for an average of 2.1 per game and conceded 13 goals for an impressive 0.8 goals per game producing a positive goal difference of 20.

Defensively the team was very strong having achieved seven clean sheets. The strong defence can be credited to

Madelen Giannisis, Monique

Velovski, Nadine Younes, Charlie Argent, Celine Renno, Anastacia Stamatelatos, Alana Petanceski, Mia Barbara and Josephine Konjarski. In midfield **Capri Bishop, Alanna Caracoglia, Tamar Tchamkertenian and Tiana Samardzioski** made creative and positive contributions while in attack **Jade Renno, Stephanie Konjarski and Taylah Samardzioski** took the game to the opposition and looked dangerous.

After five rounds when the team had managed to win five games in a row to be equal first, the Association re-grading process saw the 10 team competition split into two five team competitions with Lugarno being placed in the top division. With the competition recommencing once again under the new format, Lugarno continued to maintain their winning streak registering another win to make it six wins out of six. This was followed by a frustrating period of three consecutive draws with Lugarno dominating games but failing to turn ball possession and goal scoring chances into goals



and wins. The only loss of the season came in the 10th game when the team missing some key players went down 3-1 to the eventual Premiers Bexley North.

The following six games saw Lugarno remain undefeated, winning two games and drawing four including the preliminary final 0-0 draw against Oatley RSL that resulted in the team being eliminated from the finals series, despite remaining undefeated during the finals.

It was an unfortunate end to the football season and for the second consecutive season Lugarno was eliminated from finals football despite not losing a game. The unfortunate finals elimination emphasises the importance of finishing as high as possible as third placed Lugarno were eliminated by drawing with second placed Oatley RSL.

What is also remarkable is that the Lugarno team was the only team to have lost one game during the season as both the grand finalists – Bexley North and Oatley RSL lost two and three games respectively.

All players need to be congratulated for their outstanding efforts during the season. When the season commenced nine of the core players returned featuring Alana P, Alanna, Capri, Charlie, Madelen, Mia, Nadine, Tamar and Taylah. Seven new players joined the team – Anastacia, Celine, Jade, Josephine, Monique, Stephanie and Tiana. Despite the fact that some of the new players had not played football before the team managed to play in a structured and organised manner and in the process produced some great football.

The team goals were spread amongst eleven players with Tamar finishing top goal scorer with nine goals, just ahead of Stephanie on seven and Taylah on five. Anastacia, Alana P, Capri, Mia and Monique all scored inaugural career goals during the season.

Coach Ben and coach and manager Hagop had a great working relationship despite supporting rival teams in the EPL – Manchester United and Liverpool. No doubt the players and the team benefited from having two dedicated team officials to guide them during a very competitive football season.

There is no doubt the experience of season 2016 will make the team more formidable next season and both Ben and Hagop look forward to the commencement of season 2017 with great anticipation and hope.



*Left to right back row: Alanna Caracoglia, Monique Velovski, Mia Barbara, Jade Renno, Anastacia Stamatelatos, Alana Petanceski, Celine Renno, Nadine Younes and Charlie Argent.
Front row: Tamar Tchamkertenian, Madelen Giannisis, Taylah and Tiana Samardzioski*

U13 C

Coach: Octavio Montoya

Manager: Adem Ametson

The 2016 13C team finally came together after juggling player numbers across the 12's,13's and 14's age groups where there were too many for 1 team and not enough for 2 teams across these age groups; as well dealing with the Association around playing up rules.

What resulted was a 13's team made up of U11's, U12's and U13 players; some who had come back to the club after a couple of years absence, some new players and some playing 13's again this season after playing up last year.

The administrative pain at the start of the season was

put behind us and we were able to start preparing for the 2016 season. What we ended up with was a team that went all the way to be crowned **U13C Champions**.

Some reflections of the 2016 season:

Key Stats:

Shots	Goals	Assists	Offside	Free Kick	Corners Won	Goal Kicks	Foul	Yellow Card	Red Card	Shots Against	Goals Against
181	43	28	30	44	121	110	9	1	0	59	18

Most Memorable Moment: Clearly winning the Grand Final was what we were working to all season and hearing the final whistle blow was fantastic. The family support at the game was awesome and the chant of "Go Lugarno Go!" rang loudly throughout Scarborough that morning!

Most Memorable Game: Round 5 against Carss Park probably demonstrated what the 13's were made of. With only 1 player on the bench and the wind against us in the first half, our boys were 5-0 down at half time. However, they didn't give up and pulled off an unlikely result by drawing the game 5-5 with Alex scoring the equaliser at the death. The celebration on the pitch and from the parents on the sideline was grand final stuff!

Most Forgettable Moment: Our only loss of the season (1-2) came at the hands of Ramsgate who were at the bottom of the ladder at the time. It was a scrappy game where we couldn't find our rhythm.

Most Frustrating Game: Our game against Bexley North 2 where we created a lot of chances but were wasteful with our finishing. The game was refereed by the Bexley North coach who disallowed 2 blatant goals (one which would have won us the game at the end) and after awarding a penalty, made our penalty taker take the penalty from the edge of the box!!! We appealed the result to the Association, but it was rejected and the final result of 1:1 stood. The lesson out of this game for the boys was that if we don't decide the game ourselves with all the chances we have, someone else will decide the result for us.



Most “Owned” Team: with all due respect to our grand final opponents and Minor Premiers, we owned Bexley North 1 all season. We played them 4 times in total and beat them every time; in our first encounter we beat them 3-2, in the second 4-1, in the grand final qualifier 1-0 and then again in the grand final 1-0. I wonder what the Bexley mum that was overheard saying that our boys “didn’t look very competent” before the 4-1 whitewash is thinking now? ☺

Biggest Missed Opportunity: Taking out the Minor Premiership. We fell short by 2 points to Bexley North 1 in the ladder after not closing out games that we should have won. In total, we drew 5 games effectively forfeiting 10 points (it would have put us 8 clear points ahead). We were at times frustratingly wasteful in front of goals. Our draw against Souci (0-0) in round 2 should have been an 8-0 spanking if it wasn’t for the heroics of their goal keeper and we also threw away a 2-0 lead in the last 10 mins against Arncliffe and were lucky to take a draw at the end.

A total of 15 boys contributed the team’s success this year, a short summary below of the boys.

Player	Goals/ Shots	Season Overview
Alex Jovcevski #6 Striker	4/14	Scored a total of 4 goals and demonstrated what it was to start defending from attack. A new member to the LFC club this year and made an impressive contribution.
Andrei Esdaile-Watts #9 Centre Midfielder	5/34	Andrei had another great season working tirelessly out of midfield, contributing 5 goals and an endless supply of through balls for our forwards.
Bailey Russell #3 Left Back	0/2	Bailey was solid in his duties in defence this year. Demonstrated incredible amount of calmness under pressure. Great season and contribution.
Benjamin Matthew #1 Goal Keeper	1/1	Our man between the posts had a blinder of a game in the grand final dealing with a lot of tricky situations that could have turned the game. Had a 100% record for converting shots on goals. In his one time out of goal in defence he punted the ball over the opposition goal keeper from just inside the half way line! Great season Ben.
Benjamin Tie #24 Defensive Midfielder	0/4	Another new member to the club and first time playing competitively, Ben improved throughout the year and nearly scored on a couple of occasions.
Cooper Appleby #2 Centre Back	1/2	Always reliable, Cooper continued to mature in his defensive role and grew in confidence running the ball out from our zone. He saved our bacon on a number of occasions when it looked like the opposition had burst through.
Jaden Ametson #31 Right Back	1/2	Jaden was my man of the match for the Grand Final. He had an absolute blinder and provided so much throughout the season. It was a joy to watch Jaden transfer his confidence from the training ground to match day.
Jake Thompson #12 Centre Back	0/10	Jake commanded his defensive line well and his presence was missed when he was unable to play. Jake was a mountain in defence and was the cornerstone of it. Unlucky not to score this season as our free kick specialist, coming desperately close on a number of occasions.

Jordan Gonzalez #7 Defensive Midfielder	0/2	It is fair to say that before the opposition got to our back 4 in defence, they needed to get past Jordan, which wasn't often. Jordan had an ability to pop up at the right time much to the frustration the opposition. Jordan's season was hindered this year through injury and illness.
Josiah Montoya #10 Striker	12/42	Scored a total of 12 goals this season and got a hat trick in our 4-1 drubbing of Bexley North 1, as well as the goal in the grand final qualifier to send us through. He worked tirelessly all year and no better example of that than in the Grand Final qualifier where there was nothing left in the tank after 60 mins.
Logan Spindler #11 Striker	6/23	Scored a total of 6 goals this season including the winner in the Grand Final, a memory that he'll long remember. Logan was opportunistic in his goal scoring and had a knack for being at the right place at the right time.
Nathaniel Seeto #13 Left Midfield	4/17	Nate was the youngest of our team playing up two years, and a new member to the LFC club bringing with him great skill. Nate was superb in his duties in his position and had the ability to play defensively when required (as in, when we were parking the bus!). His efforts in attack were rewarded by scoring a total of 4 goals this year.
Peter Kladis #8 Centre Back	1/4	We're used to seeing Peter between the goal posts, but this year he applied his skills on the pitch and partnered with the other boys in defence and he was IMPRESSIVE. Peter's great ability was to confidently take the ball up from defence and just about run through the opposition team. He worked tirelessly this year and his goal against Forest Rangers to draw the game saved our butts from an embarrassing loss to cross Gannons Park rivals.
Spyridon Nikolas #4 Defensive Midfielder	0/0	After a few years out of the game, Spyridon re-joined LFC and improved his defensive role throughout the season, especially in his pressure of the ball.
William Finn #5 Right Midfield	5/27	I don't think that any other player in our team finished every single game with nothing else to give. Billy worked so hard all year and was always happy take the bull by the horns when we were down. An incredible contribution to our success this year and saw a personal tally of 5 goals. Great season Billy.

I must acknowledge that the success of this team was really built on the strength of our defence. They were encouraged to be confident running the ball up and they executed that really well. No other team in our division demonstrated that level of agility from their defence and we reaped so much reward because of it.

Finally, a "thank you" to the following people:

- **Adem Ametson** for managing the team again this year. It takes a lot of effort to manage a team, especially around canteen and field duties and for also providing the detailed stats for the year.

- **Nik Jovcevski** for helping me with training every week. A much appreciated help.
- **David Seeto** who so eloquently wrote up the match reports every week.

To all the parents, family and friends who supported the team throughout the year, a massive thanks - your presence was felt and so was all the encouragement and support for our kids and me as coach.

U14 C

Coach: Michael Kabalan

Manager: Chantal Boustani

It was a real pleasure coaching the U14s who really turned things around during the year. After a slow start to the season, the boys knuckled down at training and results improved accordingly. Their fitness levels improved which led to greater enthusiasm and execution in both attack and defence. The boys really played as a team and gained greater confidence during the year as their results improved. The



highlights for the year were the final game where we drew 1 all against Connells Point (who were coming first) on the same field we lost 9 nil to them earlier in the year, and game against Forest Rangers where we had only 9 players (due to school holidays) and came back from 2 nil down to level at 2 all.

Joshua Orlando: Attacking Midfield/Striker - Josh always posed a threat to the opposition through his speed and skills. His ball control and link up play with his team mates was a joy to watch.

James Kabalan: Midfield - Always solid in the midfield showing moments of brilliance with his vision and passing. Showed leadership qualities through his ability to read the game and positive talking to his team mates on the field.

Samuel Pezzutti: Central Defence - Sam was the “Rock” of our defensive line who saved many precarious situations through his pace and strength. Improved his defending by taking greater control of the ball in the air.

Dimitriy Esdale-Watts: Midfield - Dimitriy was an important part of our midfield with the ability to cover a lot of ground and clean up any loose balls. His positional play improved markedly during the year.

Anthony Azzi: Striker – Anthony demonstrated excellent attacking and dribbling skills always posing a threat to the opposition. His link up play with his team mates improved during the year which enhanced our attack resulting in a number of our goals.

Alexander Athanasopoulos: Defence/Midfield – Showed leadership through his strong tackles and marshalling of his team mates in defence. Also proved a good attacking threat when he was pushed forward into midfield. Scored a cracker of a goal against Bexley North to win the game.

Jake Talakovski: Striker – Jake was back playing soccer this year after a few years break. Jake’s main asset was his pace which made him a real threat to the opposition defences. His commitment

and dedication to training was excellent which saw his skills and confidence improve during the year.

Connor Higgs: Defender – Connor was the most improved player during the year. His commitment to training and willingness to listen showed on the field. Connor started to take greater control on the field through more aggressive defending and improved dribbling and passing skills.

Kevin El-Azzi: Defender – Kevin always gave 100% on the field. His skill level and execution certainly improved during the year.

Joshua Fong: Defender – For someone playing their first year of competitive soccer, Josh was a real revelation. He demonstrated strong defensive skills and improved his ability to read the game as his confidence grew during the year.

Michael Crimmins: Midfield/Goalkeeper – Michael had an excellent season in both goals and on the field. He demonstrated strong dribbling and passing skills on the field that led to many attacks on goal. His positional play improved during the year.

Louis Crimmins: Defender – Louis never let the team down in defence. Always gave 100% and showed a real commitment in defending any attacking threats.

Lachlan Martin: Defender – Lachlan was very solid in defence during the year. He showed strength and ability to read the play in dangerous situations.

U15 A

Coach & Manager: Hagop Tchamkertenian

Courtesy of finishing minor-premiers the season prior, the team was promoted to the 15A competition. Three-quarters of the team returned to form the core of the 15A's featuring **Issac Cagigas, Omar El-Debel, Mitchell Frost, Jonah Hopping, Peter Katsoulas, Harris Kostanti, Mark Martinovic, Alexander Pejovski, Will Simmons, Kane Spiteri, Raffi Tchamkertenian** and **Stephen Theodoridis**. Four new players joined the team - **James Arfanis** and **Harrison O'Brien** Lugarno FC juniors who returned to the club having played in recent seasons for Connells Point, **Nickolas Giannisis** who decided to play in his age group instead of playing up as in previous seasons and **David Graham** a new player to the club from Connells Point.

Pre-season training commenced in early February and as the team assembled for their weekly sessions on Wednesday nights, coach Hagop kept on emphasising the challenges that lay ahead in division A football. A dedicated fitness training session was also introduced on Monday nights run by fitness guru Chris O'Brien.

The season as expected proved very challenging and, despite the team winning their opening game against Connells Point, successive competitive losses resulted in the team slipping down the competition ladder. Despite great effort and commitment from the players on the field, the team started being psychologically impacted by the failure to win games despite their competitive nature. As a consequence, the score line in three games blew out causing some embarrassment to all involved but, to their credit, the team responded in a positive manner to produce a number of character defining results.

The game against Kogarah Waratah is one such example which, due to various factors, Lugarno had only 10 players available which later was reduced to just nine for a significant portion of the game. Despite being down on player numbers Lugarno not only scored the opening goal but also equalised to make it 2-2 with 15 minutes to go in the game. Eventually superior opposition numbers and tiring Lugarno legs allowed the opposition to run out 4-2 winners.

Then there was the last game against the eventual Premiers Banksia Tigers. The game was locked at 0-0 at the half-time break and it took Banksia Tigers second half dominance to produce a narrow 1-0 win for the opposition.

These games plus the close losses at the commencement of the season demonstrated that the team is capable of playing competitive football in the highest division. Unfortunately injuries to key

players such as Mitchell, who was ruled out for the season after breaking his leg in the fifth round, and Omar, who spend several weeks on the sidelines due to a fractured foot, deprived the team of player resources and also height advantage.

Will, always great in goals, was mostly used as goal keeper but also got game time as a striker towards the end of the season. Jonah, solid in defence, was at the core of the defence and in several games was also used as a defensive midfielder. David was at the centre of the defence and was also used in midfield for a number of games. Harris started in his favourite position as right back before playing in more advanced roles in midfield, while Harrison, who played with great determination as a specialised left back, also had stints in midfield and in attack.

Raffi being versatile played in defence, in goals, in midfield and even in attack when he scored two goals against Kogarah Waratah. Peter played in midfield to control the game and also scored a number of great goals for the team. Nickolas shifted from midfield to right back as the season progressed and was also used in midfield for some games. James made the left midfield his own using his elusive speed to deliver great crosses and make incisive runs. Mitchell, until his season ending injury, was deployed in midfield and he connected well with the attack.

Mark played in a number of positions as well including left back, defensive midfield and in attack. Alex, another versatile player, played in numerous positions during the season as did Issac who played in all three zones – defence, midfield and attack. Omar mostly played in attack due to his speed, size and ball distributing ability while Stephen, being an experienced player, also played in multiple positions during the season. Kane who ended up as the team's leading goal scorer played as striker for the majority of the games but was also used in midfield and for half a game he deputised in goals managing to keep a clean sheet in the process.



15A's team trophy presentation:

From left to right back row: Raffi Tchamkertenian, Mitchell Frost, Mark Martinovic, Nicholas Giannisis, Peter Katsoulas, Jonah Hopping, David Graham, Issac Cagigas and Omar El-Debel. Front row: Harris Konstanti, Stephen Theodoridis, Hagop Tchamkertenian, Kane Spiteri, Harrison O'Brien, Will Simmons, Alexander Pejovski and James Arfanis.

The experience in the top division will no doubt prove beneficial to the team during season 2017 and some of the encouraging performances displayed in some of the earlier games should make the team both mentally and physically tougher for the challenges that will eventuate next season. While the previous season was successful from a footballing perspective with the team being crowned minor-premiers season 2016 was more about team and character building. Hopefully the football rewards will materialise next season.

Key football indicators for season 2016 – Lugarno FC 15A's game averages

	Lugarno FC	Opposition teams
Total shots	10.5	13.5
Shots on target	5.4	7.4
Goals	1.4	3.8
Corners	2.6	3.9
Possession %	43.1	56.9

U16 Girls A(1)

Coach: Bill Krkovski

Manager: Rob Petancevski

TRIPLE TREAT - The U16G1 are champions for the third straight year – 2014, 2015 and now in 2016.



They started the season on fire and scored 17 goals in 1 game with Sophie scoring 10 goals in the match. Then they lost 2 nil in their first night match and then scrapped through with a draw in their next match, the wheels seemed to be falling off! They dropped from 1st to 3rd on the ladder. Coach Bill, then re-ignited the fuse, by first changing focus at training to fitness, explaining to girls that their effort needed to improve and adjusted the playing structure. From that point onwards they did not lose a game and won the minor premiership by 5 points.

Bring on the finals, but lucky we came first, as we fell asleep in the first final vs Connells Point, who scored 3 goals in the first half. The girls came back in the second half with 2 goals, but the lead was too great and the girls lost 3-2. Then in the final they had a hard fought 2-2 draw with Rangers, and qualified for the Grand Final as a result of finishing above them on the ladder during the regular season.

The Grand Final was at St George Stadium with a 9:00am start (not the best time for 16 year old girls) - after the 2 hard fought battles in the finals the girls were ready to play. It was a hard fought game, we dominated the first half and most of the second half but it was still nil all. Then with about 12 minutes to play the girls turned defense into attack, with Annalise playing a through ball to Sophie who scored, 1 nil. Then in the last 10 minutes the girls held out as Connells attacked continuously until full time, with our girls winning 1 nil.



The Final Whistle:

The girls are:

Sophie Hilton: Captain, striker and top goal scorer (3 years in a row) with 28 goals for 2016 and the Grand Final winner, awesome effect.

Ruby O'Connor: Goal Keeper, striker and great all round team player, saved the team week in and out, set up goals and scored a couple - a great year.

Gabby Potter: Midfield and attack – scored crucial goals with great runs through the middle of the park, well done.

Isabella Parisi: Midfield and striker – very feisty on the field, great passing game and set up many goals, great season.

Chloe Petancevski: Midfield and attacker. The long range bomber, set up many goals from corners and scored many from long range, great second half to season and was awesome in the finals.

Gaby Lakos: Midfield, Miss Perpetual Motion, this girl never stops when she is on the field. Her most consistent season yet. Well done Gab.

Gabrielle Koutsoukis: Midfield, her best season in years, the passing was better than ever and her positional play has really improved, great effort.

Annabel Stojanovska: Midfield and keeper. Never give inches to the opposition, tough, strong, uncompromising, another great year.

Laila Renno: First year with the team and wins a title, once she found her feet in the middle, she was a solid performer, improved with every game.

Ashley Krkovski: The last line of defence, played strong all year. Really improved the management of the defensive line, another great year.

Lauren Radcliffe: Defender, strong contributor, turned many defensive efforts into attacking raids and combined well with the middle field.

Maddy Williams: The Speed Machine – nothing gets past her and, if it does, it gets caught in a couple of strides. Will never forget her battles with the Connells forward, fierce unforgiving and in the end she won the war and trophy.

Carle Younes: Played well all season, was tough on the ball all season, saved her best for the grand final, one of the most consistent performers all year.

Loren Alcevski: Defender and midfielder was impressed to see her clearance kick, turn defence into attack, and improves with every season.

Coach Bill and myself, have nothing but praise for these girls. To play at the same high level, year after year, is a hard task. It is even harder to win 3 titles in a row, but they did playing positive football with great spirit. They are a great team.

Thank you to the parents, families, friends and to the club for all the support they give the girls.

Most of all we would like to thank the girls, hopefully we'll see you all again next season and we can go for 4 in row.



Dabbing (coach needed some help)!!

U16 Girls A(2)

Coach: Paul De Lucca

Manager: Bev Thompson

What started out as a terrific year with the girls starting very well, scoring goals, leading the competition in the 15-16s age group.

Then the Association kicked in and put the girls, after 4 rounds, into the 16As.

Most of our girls are 14 turning 15 and the age difference and size of the opponents really hurt us.

The girls were very competitive and fought right to the end of every game but lack of size and experience went against us.

It has been a great privilege to work with the girls this year and look forward to next year when we play in our right age group and get the results we deserve.



U17/18 A

Coach: Claudio Rispler

Managers: Ana Martins & Sera Diakovasilis



What an enjoyable 2016 season. The boys supported each other week after week throughout the comp, coming 2nd out of 15 teams in a long first part of the season. They made it into the 'A' grade where they reached the finals, knocking out a good Rangers side in a local derby. Unfortunately the long season took its toll, and at the second half of the final the boys ran out of energy and fell one game short of the Grand Final. I hope we can use this as motivation to go one better next year!

Sad to say we had many injuries which made some games tougher than others as we had a shortage of players due to injuries, holidays and only one suspension.

Samuel Attard was injured early in the season and had to have surgery. Even though Samuel was unable to play, he still supported the team by turning up and cheering his mates on almost every week.

Julian: What a top player. He showed excellent dribbling skills and exceptional speed, playing mainly as a right winger. Julian scored 13 goals throughout the season.

Brayden: Our goalie who saved many goals. He performed extremely well and unfortunately missed a few games after risking his leg diving to save a goal. Brayden even scored 2 goals for the team when he played on the field as striker.

Iavor: Is a very skilful player with a great vision. He played in defense when needed and also as a midfielder, excelling in both roles. He seemed to be everywhere on the field, scoring 4 goals.

Adeen: was our main striker. Unfortunately he suffered an ankle injury mid way through the season and missed several games, yet he still managed to score 15 brilliant goals in 19 games.

James: One of our defensive pillars, showing 100% commitment every week. He played defender and was still able to score a sensational goal. With his skills he would also make a good midfielder.

Sebastian: The other half of our CDM duo. In addition to his excellent defending skills, he wears his heart on the shirt. He played the game with passion and tried to keep the boys in line when on the field.

Matthew: What a great player, with polished passing skills that makes him a very good midfielder. He worked hard every game and showed strong ball skills and positive team work Matthew scored 5 goals.

Jordan P: Missed a few games while on vacation but still managed to score 4 goals. He is a player that adapted well to a defensive and midfield role. He displayed determination and passion in every game he played.

Daniel: One of our trusty wingers. He is a role model team player, he supported his peers week after week and was also an excellent captain. Daniel scored 7 goals and set up many more.

Jordan D: He was one of our key midfielders and had a great season scoring 9 goals and also setting up a few. Jordan showed commitment every game and sometimes became a little too passionate.

Cameron: Had a brilliant season giving every game 110% He passed the ball and was always in the thick of the game. He showed good skills to play both in defense and midfield.

Nicholas: Was our quiet achiever, started the season as defender and grew into a trusty midfielder. He always worked hard on the field passing the ball to other players and running down the line with speed.

Fletcher: Tried so hard every week. He played a vital role in the midfield as well as striker, working with the players to move the ball forward, keeping opposition guessing with his moves.

Anton: A versatile player that did his best in defense, but also played a part as a midfielder showing continual determination throughout the season. He scored 4 goals and proved to be a very skilful player.

Blake: Only had a short season with us, playing as a right back. Blake showed great passion on the field and encouraged his peers at every game.



Thanks to Claudio our coach for his inspirational speeches and dedication to the team, to Sera as the main manager ensuring all paperwork was done week in and week out and keeping communication with the boys and parents, as well as Ana who was a model assistant manager.

Finally many thanks to all the families for your continuous

support to all the boys and the boys that gave it their best throughout the season.

Well done boys for a great season and hopefully we can have one more go before you get to the HSC and move into the next stage of your lives!

AA(Women) C

Coach: Tony Lynch

Manager: David Hanneybel

Season 2016 started with 11 returning players from the U16G stepping up to the AAW competition and 4 new players to the club, giving us 15 players overall. The season got off to a slow with player injury and girls overseas - for the first 5 rounds we couldn't field a full team with 1 win and 4 losses, but to the girls credit they never gave up.

Games 5-10 we also had 1 Wins and 4 Losses but games were much closer as their fitness improved and they started to form combinations.

Games 11-15, 2 Wins 2 Draws and 1 Loss with the loss to the eventual Premiers Hurstville ZFC. Our Defence in this period was now more organised.

Overall the season was punctuated with injuries and playing games short. This was the first year in AAW for all the girls and was a real eye opener but by the end of the season they were not only holding their own but starting to dominate their opponents.

The team comprised:

Abaigeal BROOKS

Bianca JOULIANOU

Bianca TORRISI

Claudia ALDINI

Eliza TORRISI

Georgia BEADON

Jessica HANNEYBEL

Lea BENJAMIN

Meg BIANCO

Stefanie LYNCH

Staci KOTZAISSIS

Tiana MOLLICA

Alexandra NELSON

Alexandra BEADON

Kelli LYNCH

AA B

Coach: Simon Galluzzo

Manager: Jason Stamenkovic

This year the Lugarno Lions All Age B's side took to the field to achieve back-to-back Minor Premier/Premiership success. However, management knew that we had a quality side, so an extra challenge was put towards the team before a ball was kicked. Can we go throughout the regular season without losing a game? The answer...we achieved 48 points out of a possible 48.

The 2016 Lugarno Lions were not only undefeated Minor Premiers but we attained a truly remarkable goal difference. At the end of the regular season our side had scored 51 goals and only conceded 5. While statistics like this would highlight a star studded XI, this wasn't necessarily the case. Our team has a squad of 21 players that is envied by many others in the association. We did not field out best XI all year, except for the Grand Final. Six of our regular starting players were missing for 6-8 weeks throughout the year. This meant we had guys playing out of position every week and playing inconsistent minutes. Yet we still managed to win all 16 games with a goal difference of +46. It truly is a remarkable feat and the entire squad should be congratulated. Special mention to our defensive line/goal keeper. I think it speaks for itself, but conceding only 5 goals in a year is an amazing achievement.

The final series posed a challenge for our team that we had not yet faced. Often coming into a final series, our team embraces the "underdog" status with open arms. However, this was the first year that we were indisputably the "team to beat". We narrowly lost the first game of the final series but this was the wake-up call we needed to go on and secure another premiership. We carried the loss into the following weeks, especially the Grand Final.



The final game of the year was an outstanding game and supporters from both sides were treated to a game of the highest calibre. We went on to win the game 4-2, with Ben Vella securing a brace in the final 10 minutes to clinch victory. This makes it 4 successive Grand Final appearances for our side with 3 Premierships and 2 Minor Premierships. It just goes to show you that great teams may be able to win a premiership but great mates can create a dynasty.

Even though our team has been fortunate and successful over the last 4 years we are looking forward to the challenges ahead in the hope of continued success. So I would like to congratulate the following players who made this year unforgettable: **Gerry Mastrelli; Marco Triani; Tomas Lee; Lucas Kiosidis; Jason Stamenkovic; Daniel Lee; Jordan Djoeandy; Alex Furka; Will Clairmont; David Bell; David O'Connor; Ben Galluzzo; Scott Luff; Peter Galluzzo; Alex Galluzzo; Tory Pizzolato; Steve Holt; Ben Vella; Richard Kellert; Paul Galluzzo and Timothy Edwards**. I would also like to congratulate the following boys who took out the individual honours this year for our team:

Player of the Year: **Lucas Kiosidis & Scott Luff**

Most Improved: **Simon Galluzzo & Tomas Lee**

Best Newcomer: **Simon Nardo**

Team Spirit Award: **Marco Triani, Adrian Elias & Alexis Agathocleous**

Thanks to everyone who made this year incredible!!!

Simon Galluzzo

Manager, Star Winger, Round 4 Leading Goal Scorer, Jason Statham

AA F(2)

Coach: Sam Kartambis

Manager: Peter Georgellis

Going into season 2016, there was only one word on every player's mind – REDEMPTION. A brilliant 2015 season was marred by a heart-breaking grand final loss where a crossbar 'DING' was all that separated the boys from some much deserved silverware. But in the early stages of pre-season, it was soon apparent that a different word may be on the agenda – INJURIES.

A warm autumn night greeted the boys for our first pre-season hit out. A strong session where everyone blew out the cobwebs after first swapping some Puma King boot sale stories. As we moved towards a game to finish off the night, new signing Dougy 'I step on nails' went down after rolling his ankle. It's a lesson to all the young kids out there...when you play in brand new thongs at soccer training, make sure you wear them in first! Things got progressively worse. As the session was about to close, our Wonky Donkey Jihad went down like a sack of potatoes with something even more serious. Extensive damage to his hoof and suddenly, our squad was down to 14.

After a couple more sessions, it was becoming abundantly clear that training was not for us. A lack of commitment, coupled with the fact that permission slips from the wives were hard-earned at this time of year, saw another premature end to the training charade. Training for the year was over before March.

Being back in F grade, we knew the standards would be much higher and we got off to a great start in Round 1 earning a hard fought 1-0 win against Rangers. From there the wheels started to fall off. Tuesday to Friday became a game of 'who is playing this week and who is not?' If we somehow managed to get 11 players, we had a team at least...a team with no subs, many smokers and questionable diets. Manager Pete G, with his famous clipboard from high school year 1991, got through a mountain of work on game day preparing the match sheet as he sat on the Gannons grass looking at the various car parks for some orange jerseys making a last minute dash to the field.

The season was fast escaping us in a fog of planned holidays, ski trips and zero commitment. We had guys miss games due to refraining from playing so they can save themselves to snowboard, guys conducting logistically difficult house moves and even guys doing Woolies shopping. Frustration was kicking in and we were quickly losing the love for the game. One of our better dressed players even threatened to retire. On a plus side during this tumultuous period, some of the potato chips supplied on game day were top shelf...saffron, vintage cheddar & balsamic all took some heat off post game, but this is a very competitive squad used to winning oz-tag premierships...so being the whipping boys of the comp didn't sit well.

As we progressed to the latter part of the season, the boys got a few results to go our way. Our general Sam 'Defect free' started getting more and more game time. His inclusion was imperative if we were to do anything this season. Add to that, he was also the only one who could speak the language of our keeper Laki. An ancient dialect from the Neanderthal era, Laki often looked to Sam to pass messages onto the team. Irrespective, we needed both on the park to make something of this season.

At the conclusion of the regular season, we had snuck into 4th spot. Not sure how, but we did. Our never angry coach Eddy 'Maaaattttteeee' made a subtle positional switch before the last game of the season, creating a back 4 by moving our multi-millionaire, 2015 player of the year Coxy to centre back to shore up the defence. We also now (conveniently) had our full 16 man squad available for the first time all year...and our left back Yare even did his Woolies shopping the night before to make sure he arrived to the game 10mins before kick-off instead of his usual 3.

The finals series shaped as a real uphill battle. All 3 teams above us had beaten us convincingly on numerous occasions. We're not talking 3 or 4 nils, rather 6 or 7 goal margins. So it was hard to blame Rangers if they took us lightly when they came out for our elimination semi-final. Our new structure and existing team spirit kicked in and we played them off the park to win 2-0. Goals came from our lucky charm Zok and the game was over when the unpopular Eddy rounded the keeper and put the ball away into the back of the net. During this game though, the team suffered a blow losing Pete our striker who ruptured his Achilles while doing something he just didn't want to do – run.

Week 2 of the semi-finals saw us take on an Oatley side who also supplied the ball boys. The Oatley boys were incredibly confident and this game had all the trademarks of an origin match. End to end play and we were down 1-0 until the Wonky one stepped up with a great shot/cross from the corner of the box finding the net with great precision. Game on. The match was locked at 1-1 deep into the second period of extra time. With no penalty shootouts in finals matches, we needed a goal to advance, given our inferior regular season placing. And this is where it all came unstuck for the minor premiers. Number 19 from Oatley made a comment that our left back Yare has got 'Nothing'. So Yare took it upon himself to make a marathon run down the left side of the field. As he closed in on the box, he crossed the ball with his left foot into the goalmouth...and when the dust settled, the ball somehow went into the net. 2-1 Lugarno and hello Grand Final!

Back at Kareela's synthetic pitch once again, the boys all knew we had a job to do – REDEMPTION. Carss Park were a young side who were well coached and hadn't been kept scoreless in 18 months. Some of us had cheese in our fridges that was older than most of their team. Our defence had it all to do. Both teams had some great chances but our keeper Laki saved a couple of beauties. The match was destined for extra time where the same stalemate ensued. And after 110 minutes, it remained 0-0. Penalties. REDEMPTION.

Sam calmed the team's nerves and told us who he wanted to take the spot kicks. Nothing more, nothing less. It was our time. Carss would go first and got off to a good start. 1-0. Our keeper Laki took our first one. With his 38 second run-up, he calmly placed it to the left of the keeper. 1-1. Carss delivered again. 2-1. Then up stepped our UFC representative Frank, who put away an unstoppable penalty, high top left corner. 2-2. Carss again, 3-2. Next was Jez who asked if he could back-heel it in (but was denied). Another strong penalty by Jez and it was 3-3. Carss once again converted, although Laki was getting closer. 4-3. Then Coxy stepped up for the fourth. The dollar notes were falling out of his pocket as he made the long walk to the penalty spot. Thinking about which yacht to take out the coming weekend, Coxy's penalty was shaky...with the Carss keeper getting hands to it. But thankfully it went in. 4-4. This was Laki's time now. With some of the boys starting to hide behind each other in the centre circle to avoid taking a potential shot, Carss stepped up for kick 5. They kicked it to Laki's left and the big jovial fella was all over it like a rash, knocking it clear. 4-4, Lugarno kick in hand. REDEMPTION.

It was now left for Sam, the leader, the general, the man. He calmly walked up to the spot. The boys on the field linked arms and some of the smells were horrendous...it was a long day. The bench gathered in anticipation. Pete on the crutches issued a warning to Foti not to trip him if he runs onto the field. Zok was quiet, Jehad thought of his favourite chocolate and Dougy lit up a smoke. It was

now or never. Keeper moved first, Sam put it away effortlessly. Lugarno FC 2016 Champions. REDEMPTION complete.

Scenes of jubilation bestowed Kareela as the boys ran to Sam and Laki. The bench came on and for a moment there, it sounded like a pack of wild turkeys were released onto the field. Everyone was going nuts and Laki smiled for the first time this year. Hagop led the way in celebration, a can of Diet Coke in each pocket. He beat the rest of the bench to the middle celebratory huddle. His inclusion as team official in the finals was a welcome one. The boys who put away the penalties did themselves proud in the most challenging of circumstances. Outstanding effort.

Overall it was a year to behold. The boys had a brilliant end to the season. Most of us are new to this soccer caper. We're used to winning Oz-tag premierships but when it came to soccer, we were/are battlers. But in 2016, it was more than enough. REDEMPTION.



Thank you to everyone at the club, particularly Hagop for their support and at this point, we would like to announce that we are joining Forest Rangers next season....Just joking! See you in 2017.

O35 B

Coach & Manager: Tony Thompson

Thank God that is over!!! What a tough year for the 35s.

After showing such promise last year Lugarno was promoted to the top grade. Off season saw a couple of old timers in Marty and Nick come of age to join the 45s. Our man Kladis won a trophy and disappeared. Another stalwart in Phil Wilkie decide to 'rest' his boots and gloves. We missed him dearly as we struggled to find the bottom of the esky without him.

We welcomed back Goran from his golfing sabbatical. I think he was glad to be back although his ribs may feel otherwise. The core group returned. Thommo the gaffer, Dom & James the penalty

taking specialists, Mezzy & Morlo the injury specialists, Keith & Mikey the baby making specialists, Portuguese imports Carlos and Jimmy, Mario the journeyman, Ricky the aggressor, big bad Pete and Bash (who had the toughest gig of the season). We welcomed to the team Steve, Matt, Dave & Suresh who have not yet earned themselves nicknames but I am sure in time they will.

As for the soccer.....well there were many goals. Some for, many against. Some good games, some not so much. In the end as always were good times with a great bunch of blokes.

See you again next year boys!!!

Premier League

Coach: Paul 'Irish' McIntyre

Manager: Ian Faulkner

The 2016 season was a tough one for Lugarno FC in Premier League. For only the second time in our long and proud history, we finished in last position in 1st Grade. This means that the Club will lose its Premier League status and the squad will be playing in the "All Age A" competition in season 2017. But the pleasing news is that the team was relegated with its head held high and not after one hell of a battle in every game during the year.

The last few seasons have really been a struggle for Lugarno FC in Premier League. The retirement of many experienced players and the need to blood a number of young players, has resulted in the squad being at the lower end of the table for a number of seasons. Also, the emergence of Clubs such as Arncliffe Aurora and Banksia Tigers over the past 5/10 years has really strengthened the overall standard of the 1st Grade Premier League competition. As a result, the competition has become very even and every year a good team will end up at the foot of the ladder and be relegated. In recent years, we have witnessed strong Clubs such as ASOW, Oatley RSL and Hurstville Glory all relegated and unfortunately this year it was the turn of Lugarno FC. On the positive side, both ASOW and Oatley RSL have managed to fight their way back into Premier League and there is no doubt that we have the players at Lugarno FC to also achieve this goal.

Premier League 1st Grade – 10th

The Premier League 1st Grade competition is so even and competitive that getting the season off to a good start is vital to having a successful year. Whereas last year when we won three close games out of our first four to start the year, this season it was three close losses and a draw in our first four games. With only one competition point, we were clearly under the pump from early on. A couple of bad injuries and a few undisciplined suspensions hit us hard over the remainder of the first competition round and five consecutive losses followed.

Despite the run of losses, there was a notable improvement in performance and attitude of the team in the latter part of the first round, but when you are down things just seem to go against you. For instance, we played three of the top teams to finish the first round and could easily have won any or all of these games. But missed penalties, conceding unlucky goals and having not much luck ourselves, saw us with three close losses. We ended the first competition round isolated at the bottom of the table on 1 point. However, these three games showed the true spirit of the team and gave us some hope heading into the second competition round.

The second round started with our season highlight, an extraordinary 9-1 victory over Carlton Rovers, followed shortly thereafter by a courageous 0-0 draw against Banksia Tigers. But a further run of bad injuries followed and with the other lower teams all continuing to pick up points, we never got quite close enough to put pressure on the sides just above us. We ended the year with one further win against Scots FC (to end their finals hopes), but 8 competition points was never going to be enough to avoid relegation.

Even though we finished on only 8 points and clearly at the foot of the table, our statistics show that we were very competitive all season long. We only conceded 38 goals all year (just over 2 goals a game), but only managed to score 18 goals ourselves. Unfortunately, you don't get competition points for close defeats and there were plenty of those during season 2016.

Premier League Reserves – 10th

I can only say that our Reserve Grade team had a very disappointing 2016 season. With a number of new players on board and younger players having experienced a year of PL football in 2015, our expectations were quite positive for Reserve Grade. This expectation seemed to be justified as the team started the season with a win and 3 draws in the first 4 games. Unfortunately, from then on it was all downhill and we did not collect another point in the remainder of the season.

There are number of reasons that could be put forward for the lack of Reserve Grade success in 2016. Firstly, the injuries / suspensions in 1st Grade resulted in Reserve Grade losing a lot of players to 1st Grade as the season went on. But this is part and parcel of what Reserve Grade is all about for all Clubs and cannot really be used as an excuse. However, there is no doubt that many players seemed to become increasingly disinterested as the year went on and this really put a strain on those Reserve Grade players who turned up and gave 100% effort each and every week. Playing Premier League is a challenge and all players need to make a real commitment if they wish to compete at this level. This season, some players simply did not do this.

2016 will go down in history as the season when Lugarno FC was relegated from the Premier League competition for the first time since its inception in 1987. We must now regroup and look forward to the different challenges that await the squad in the All Age competition in season 2017. There is no doubt we have a core group of players who will be successful in 2017 but it will take a lot of hard work and commitment to ensure the success level is maximized. While promotion back to Premier League has to be the ultimate goal, generating and maintaining a successful culture is the first challenge and I'm sure the rewards will follow on from there.

Finally, thank you to Paul McIntyre (Irish) for your efforts as Coach this season. It was tough year for all concerned, but I know that all players are better off for having experienced your coaching this season. Also, congratulations to all the award winners from Premier League. To Peter Stamataros on being the Premier League Player of the Year (for the 2nd time in three years), this is a great reward for your consistent performances all year. I have no doubt that in 2016 you proved yourself to be the No. 1 goalkeeper in the Premier League competition. Congratulations also to the two Coach & Manager Award winners, Damien Price & Conor Robinson, who both played extremely well all year and established themselves as regular 1st Grade players.

See you in 2017 !!

Cheers

Ian Faulkner

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