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LUGARNO FOOTBALL CLUB Inc

President's Report 2018

This is my second year serving as Club President and I am proud to highlight Lugarno FC's achievements this past season continuing on the positive trend set in the previous year.

Lugarno FC achieved the following milestones which I would like to briefly share with you.

- Creation of Coaching Coordinator role to run pre-season skills clinics, school holidays clinics and provide support to Lugarno FC Coaching Director.
- Pre-season skills sessions launched for non-competition players.
- Re-introduced goal keeper training sessions.
- Club LinkedIn account created.
- New club website launched.
- New customised Mitre club gear introduced featuring hoodies, jackets, polos, and bags and customised scarfs.
- Strong increases in player and RTO registrations.
- Introduction of a "welcome day" for all players.
- Eftpos facilities introduced at the canteen to provide payment options.
- Record breaking under 8's Gala Day held featuring 40 teams and almost 400 players.
- Highly successful Trivia Night fund raiser.
- Following intense lobbying, NSW Government announces multi-million dollar program for Gannons Park that will see all fields being re-turfed and irrigation installed.
- New club jersey selected after a competition for jersey designs.
- Skills development pathway proposal which aims to offer talented and aspiring non-competition players an opportunity to develop and refine their skills submitted to the St George Football Association (SGFA) for endorsement
- Joint funding application submitted with SGFA proposing the construction of a new amenities block for Lugarno FC.
- More than doubled sponsorship income and welcomed CrossFit Hurstville as school holidays football clinic jersey sponsor.
- Signed up with global football brand Umbro to deliver the new Lugarno FC playing strip for season 2019.

Season 2018 witnessed 582 players and 110 team officials register with Lugarno FC representing increases of 13.5 per cent and 7.8 per cent respectively on the preceding season. Lugarno FC fielded 45 teams up from the previous seasons 42 teams ranging from the under 6's to the over 45's. Twenty three of these teams comprised of non-competition teams while the balance comprised of competition teams.

Player demographics breakdown shows there were 327 juniors (increase of 8.3 per cent) and 255 senior players (increase of 20.9 per cent). The gender profile confirms 481 male and 101 female players.

The following Lugarno FC teams qualified for finals football:

- 12A; 12C; 13C; 16B; 16GB; AAC; AAD(1); AAF(2), AAG and PWL.

Three teams progressed to the grand final comprising of:

- 12A; AAC and AAF(2).

Whilst there were no premierships winning teams, the 12A team had a successful season finishing as minor-premiers and participating in the FNSW Champions of Champions tournament. The 16B, AAC, and PWL teams all finished the season as runners-up.

At the annual Life Member's Day, Paul McIntyre was admitted into the ranks of Lugarno FC Life Members becoming the 70th Life Member for Lugarno FC. Paul (Irish) McIntyre has had a distinguished record with the club as a player, coach and past President.

Sadly, the club suffered the loss of two life members Ken Straney, who received his Life Membership in 1974 and was a key figure in shaping the club during the 1970's, and club legend Cyril Henness, one of the original founders of Lugarno FC and who had become Life Member in 1964.

Lugarno FC Life Member and Premier League Coach and Manager Ian Faulkner received the club's Banks Volunteer of the year Award after I nominated Ian for this prestigious award. Other awards that I was able to confer were the SGFA Club Member of the year which went to Non-Comp Liaison Officer Kristy Parmeter, and the Lugarno FC President's award which went to our Social Coordinator Georgina Frost.

Future club plans and priorities include:

- Strengthening junior teams.
- Increasing female participation rates.
- Working with Council, state and federal governments to improve the fields, lighting, constructing a new amenities block, and introducing permanent seating facilities.
- Introducing a skill development pathway for non-comp players.
- Securing new sponsorships.
- Attracting volunteers to fulfil and support club related roles and responsibilities.
- Ongoing engagement with the local community and other key stakeholders.

The club, during the past season, has been very active in lobbying local government representatives as well as State and Federal Members of Parliament. Discussions have focussed on the state of the grounds, lighting needs and upgrade of amenities at Gannons Park.

Club wide communications with players, officials and supporters were conducted by various channels such as the club website, Club Team App, emails, Facebook and Instagram pages.

The canteen, a key club activity, had another successful year raising critical funds to help finance club wide operations and activities.

Naturally all these activities are not possible if we don't have a group of dedicated volunteers who continue to put in numerous hours on a weekly basis for the benefit of Lugarno FC. A special thank you goes to the 2018 committee members for their ongoing support and love of the club.

Sue Dick once again performed the role of Club Secretary with distinction and also played a major role overseeing canteen operations and was part of the Social Committee that organised another successful Trivia Night and club presentation days.

Georgea Theodoridis assisted Sue with the Club Secretarial duties and also was in charge of team issues in her role of Junior Liaison Officer.

Ivan Jersek professionally executed his role as Club Treasurer and was able to report a return to surplus.

Octavio Montoya stepped into the role of Club Registrar and, utilising his IT skills and experience, performed the role exceptionally well.

Katie White, along with Colin Cuthbert, was responsible for Club Sponsorships. Katie also shared the Communications role with Domenic Cuda, who had a pivotal role in launching the new club website and establishing new communication platforms. Katie also had Girls/Women's Liaison responsibilities which kept her pretty busy.

Kristy Parmeter, in her role of Non-Comp Liaison Officer, oversaw a record breaking U8's Gala Day which was superbly organised. She also was in charge of the pre-season Skills Clinics and School Holidays Football Clinics.

Rebecca Radcliffe, along with Sue Dick, once again managed the canteen operations which involves hard work and commitment.

Our Grounds Manager, Giovanni Giraldi, was up in the early hours every Saturday morning during the football season helping teams with their field set-up duties.

Club coaching director, Tony Agioski, helped deliver templates of structured training sessions, ran the popular goal keeper training sessions and developed the concept of introducing skill development pathways.

Michael Martinovic, in his role as Coaching Coordinator, helped deliver the pre-season skills clinics and the fun and highly popular school holiday football clinics.

Atef Elassi continued in his role as Trustee/Equipment Officer, helping to upgrade and modernise the club gear and equipment. Once again Atef played an active role in securing new sponsorships for the club and introduced the Umbro brand for season 2019.

Georgina Frost, in her role as Social Coordinator, hosted another highly successful Trivia Night which remains the Club's main fund raising event. The other ladies who helped Georgina in organising the Trivia Night, which involved weeks of planning and organising, comprised of Georgea Theodoridis, Mary Tchamkertenian and Sue Dick.

Maria Radcliffe prepared the canteen and field duty rosters allocating the responsibilities amongst the various Lugarno FC teams. Maria also continued with her role of finalising player award lists, and preparing the end of season report.

Mary Tchamkertenian performed her duties as Member Protection Officer and took an active interest in other club activities such as regularly helping out with canteen operations, the under 8's Gala Day, Trivia Night, Life Members Day, and club presentation days.

Senior Men's Liaison Officer, Michael Jarevski, through his brilliant organisational skills, helped to dramatically increase senior player registrations.

Laura Butcher took on the Recorder responsibilities ensuring game scores were entered by their designated time. She also checked match sheets for errors to ensure Lugarno FC does not attract fines.

At the time of writing this report the Lugarno Executive Committee had met eleven times, deliberating on some 170 agenda items covering diverse range of club and football related matters.

To all our players, team officials, parents, and supporters once again thank you for your involvement, support and for being an integral member of the Lugarno FC family. Lugarno FC promotes and advocates the virtues of fun, friendship, football and families.

A special acknowledgment goes to all our sponsors: Club Grandviews, Ayers Management, McGrath Hayden and Olivia Duncan, Mr Water Plumbing, PaintCorp, Alpha Nobis, Lugarno Deli, Mr Sparky, Lugarno Cellars, Lugarno Pharmacy, Brabond Automotive, CrossFit Hurstville, Sportsworld Indoor Peakhurst, Elgas, and Better Vending Options.

Please remember to keep an eye out on the Lugarno FC website at www.lugarnofc.com.au as online registrations for season 2019 will open in early January. All players and team officials are encouraged to **register early and pay online** by **end of January** to facilitate the process of allocating players and team officials to Lugarno FC teams.

Enjoy the summer break and see you back in 2019 in Lugarno FC colours.

Yours in football

Hagop Tchamkertenian
President Lugarno Football Club
30 September 2018

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Perpetual Trophy Winners 2018

TROPHY	CATEGORY	WINNER	TEAM
The Bruce Cardow	Outstanding Under 12	Henry Denton	12 A
The Roger Harradence	Outstanding Under 13	Harrison Vlachos	13 C
The Phil Wilkie	Outstanding Under 14	Zane Argent	14 A
The Doreen Potter	Outstanding Under 14 Girl	N/A	
The Ken Straney	Outstanding Under 15	N/A	
The Warren Del Grande	Outstanding Under 16	Christian Petrovski	16 B
The Four Fathers	Outstanding Under 16 Girl	Tamar Tchamkertenian	16 Girls B
The Mark Booth Award	Outstanding Under 17/18	Lachlan Debono & Stephen Theodoridis	17 A
The Mike Chaytors	Outstanding PL Squad Player	Conor Robinson	PL
The Bill Moore	Outstanding All Age	Mark Thorsby	AA A
The Greg Harris	Outstanding Over 35	James Perez	O35 A
The Cyril Henness	Outstanding Over 45	Bassam Masri	O45 A
The Greg Monaghan Memorial	Outstanding Senior Woman	Penny Rizgalla	AAW A
The Paul 'Irish' McIntyre	Outstanding Premier League Woman	Kaitlyn Bell	PWL
The June Harker	Leading Competition Goal scorer (Saturday)	Matthew Denson (40)	16 B
The Ron Benjamin	Leading Competition Goal scorer (Sunday)	Bryana Kostoska (13)	16 Girls B
The President's Trophy	Awarded by the President	Georgina Frost	Social Committee
Around the Grounds	Awarded by the Executive	Maurice Bortorlin	13C

Coach / Manager Awards – 2018

TEAM	PLAYER	TEAM	PLAYER
6B 1	Christopher Peisley	12 A	Cory Butcher-Burke
6B 2	Nate May	12 C	Patrick Daly
6B 3	Leni Dellas	13 C	Alex Peisley
6B 4	Antonio Vassilopoulos	14 A	Josiah Montoya
6B 5	Harry Cordingley	16 B	Jake Thompson
7B 1	Antony Guirguis	16 Girls B	Alanna Cogle
7B 2	Ethan Guo	17 A	Ross Green
7B 3	Jarvis Parmeter	PL (Squad)	Kane Spiteri
7B 4	Paige Limberis		James Naumovski
8A	Isaac Wright	AA A (Res)	Brendon Sacilotto
8B 1	Leni Tandek	AA A (1sts)	Stephen Holt
8B 2	Zac Simmons	AAC	Eric Kotopoulis
8B 3	Levi Ferreira Leau	AAD 1	Daniel Martins
8Girls	Gabriella Moutevelis	AAD 2	Joshua Sale
9A	Jett Beare	AAF 1	Sam El-Debel
9B 1	Lennox Kotevski	AAF 2	Mark McCormack
9B 2	Elouise McMahon	AAG	Sean Daley
9B 3	Leo Simmons	AAH	Nicholas Borovskis
10I	Emmanuel Todarello	O35 A	Mark Lewis
10B 1	Billy Huggett	O45 A	David Messner
10B 2	Emma Forgione	PW L	Annika Debono
11B 1	Jayden Cassar	AAW A	Fiona Lambrou
11B 2	Ryah Helou		

Banks 'Most Improved' Awards – 2018

TEAM	PLAYER	TEAM	PLAYER
6B 1	Elijah Sabra	9B 1	Joshua Mohr
6B 2	Molly Boyle	9B 2	Charlie Arandale
6B 3	Christian Moutevelis	9B 3	Joshua Youhanna
6B 4	Stefan Jokic	10I	Ridon Karatasoulis
6B 5	Lachlan McNaught	10B 1	Elle Van Rheeden
7B 1	Angus Grounds	10B 2	Adrian Guirguis
7B 2	Lucas Guindi	11B 1	Aaliyah Tirant
7B 3	Lucian Kotevski	11B 2	Samuel Limberis
7B 4	Todor Kandic	12 A	Ali Elassi
8A	Samuel Evans	12 C	Cameron Appleby
8B 1	Elizabeth Forgione	13 C	Gabriel El-Debel
8B 2	Xavier Hare	14 A	Ryan Courtney
8B 3	Angelo Vlachos	16 B	Kevin El-Azzi
8Girls	Ivana Trpkoski	16 Girls B	Zena Masri
9A	Thomas Longbottom	17 A	Mark Martinovic

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Years of Service Awards

20 years	Glen Farrelly	Tim Faulkner	
15 years	Nathan Corkin Conor Robinson Lachlan Straney	Georgina Dick Jordan Sharan	Chris Ilardo Mitchell Slater
10 years	Alanna Caracoglia Olivia Florance	Louis Crimmins Calli Tsipidis	Michael Crimmins
5 years	Leo Simmons Eamon Hennessy Emma Forgione Oska Astuy Cooper James Joshua Shore Owen Beer Markus Loncar William Clairmont-Lonsdale Paul De Lucca Peter Georgellis Frank Kontrafouris Vlado Mazevski Jeremy Peisley Dominique Rosario	Angus Graham Joshua Preziosa Charlie Clay Tristan Pengue Anika Whitten Abbie Clay Ryah Helou Tamar Tchamkertenian Sam Ferrone Michael Jarevski Bernard Li Simon Nardo Eddy Poh Ben Vella	Emmanuel Todarello Daisy Perez Brodie Moore Lucas Naumcevski Sam Cordingley Zulfikar Abdulkarim Hugo Wilson Samuel Pezzutti Andrew Cox Aaron Fidge Nenad Kandic Jehad Matar Foti Papoulis Mark Perry

2017

5 years Tony Bedingfield

2016

5 years Jarrod Miller

2015

10 years Jack Williams

LUGARNO FOOTBALL CLUB Inc

Champions 2018

U12A – Champions & Grand Final Runners Up

Coaches: Atef Elassi / Jason Seymour

Manager: Petros Midis

Eric Broekhuis

Cory Butcher-Burke

Henry Denton

Christian Digiglio

Ali Elassi

Sammy El-Debel

Peri Leftakis

Javier Leiva

Brodie McDougall

Nikolas Midis

Jake Mers

Riley Myers

Callum Seymour

Hugo Wilson



TEAM REPORTS

6B 1

Coach: Eddy Poh

Manager: Michael Jarevski



What a great season the U6B1 team and their families had. We started the season with 6 players, the team already penned in from 2017, 5 new players to the game and 1 returning from the mighty U6B4 team of 2017. After the skills sessions and trial games, we added an additional player after finding out games had increased to 40mins from the 30mins of previous years.

After a solid start to the season, we found ourselves playing mostly second year teams and we suffered some heavy losses, but by the end of the year we were competing very well, including against the second year teams and either pulling out a result or suffering a close loss - in the end our season tally was 4 wins, 3 draws and 10 losses, but considering most of our players didn't turn 5 till well into the season, I was happy with the team's progress and improvements we made as the season went on. Coach Eddy had even found players strengths and worked with them to make the team as strong as possible and introduced positions by year end.

Before we introduce our little champions, a special thanks goes to Jeremy Peisley who was an additional RTO, but also helped throughout the year with training and game day duties, Elaine Kwan for taking photos nearly every game for the newsletter and Hussein & Fatima Sabra for been our bi-weekly breakfast supplies with plenty of Lebanese pizzas being consumed on match days thanks to them. Overall we were lucky not just to have a great bunch of kids (with the odd tantrum), but great parents and siblings which made our team feel like one big family. And without further ado here are the LFC U6B1's 2018 Squad:

Benjamin Jarevski (No 6) – A boy without fear and a massive clearing kick. He played every game and was 4 years old through the whole season, but age didn't matter, he would take on the bigger boys from opposition teams (even made a few cry) and saved many goals with his no fear attitude. He was a specialist defender by the end of the year and also the team's protector, anyone upset a teammate and Benji was there to protect them.

Christopher Peisley (No 7) – Our superstar, he was our gun player from the start. With his two older brothers and dad also playing for LFC, you could tell he was put through many hours of play in the backyard. When Christopher was on his game, so was the team, he scored the bulk of our

goals, including 2 hat-tricks and a few braces. He was by far our most ball dominating player and Christopher has a big decision to make in the off season, will he stay an U6 player or move up to the U7's as he is good enough.

Cooper Kwan (No 13) – Our tallest player (thanks to his dad) and great support player for both Christopher and Elijah, and was also a great ball dominating player in his own right who scored a few goals throughout the year too. During a few games he was unlucky not to score more goals after many great runs and just missing the finishing touch, but that will come with experience as he proved to be a very valuable player to the team and always worked hard - he would even call himself off for a drink due to going that hard during the game.

Dylan Jarevski (No 15) – Playing his second season for Lugarno FC, we were hoping for Dylan to take the next step up and lead the team, unfortunately with results going against us, he sat out a month in the middle of the season, but after playing keeper in the playgrounds of LPS, he gained a new calling in football and he became one of our defensive specialists like his brother above and dad, who also plays for LFC. He knew he couldn't pick up the ball and needed to stand outside the semi-circle, but he saved plenty in the back end of the year.

Elijah Sabra (No 9) – Our 7th & last member of the team was discovered at an LPS birthday party just before round 1 by Manager Michael, and boy what a player he is. He was our 2nd most dominating ball player who also grabbed a number of goals throughout the season, trained hard every week and didn't like been subbed off, that's how much passion and love he has for the game. By season ends the team needed either Christopher or Elijah on the park to be at our best.

Julian Macchia (No 12) – Our team comedian, who loved nothing more than making his teammates have a laugh, but by the end of the season he had improved out of sight after struggling early in the season. His dribbling and ball control developed nicely and he almost scored a great goal when he made a great run from the backs towards the goals, but as defenders closed in from behind, Christopher popped up and finished it off, a great assist from Julian.

Liam Poh (No 11) – He might have been the smallest player on the park, but boy did he have a great understanding of the game. Another son of an existing LFC player, Coach Eddy must have run some private sessions as he was in the right position nearly every time towards the back end of the season, by giving great support just behind our ball dominating players, especially if they lost the ball, as he was usually tracking just behind them and saving a number of goals when the opposition would attack.

Thank you to all the players and also the families of our little champions for making the 2018 season such a great experience.



6B 2

Coaches: Peter Shearer

Manager: Natalie Shearer

The Under 6B2's all had a fun and positive start to their football careers and what a great year it has been! I remember after we played our first game, the coach of the opposing team came up to me and commented on what a friendly team we had and that he had never seen a team 'high five' the opposition when they scored. This was something we heard on a few occasions throughout the season, which is a real credit to the team. They played for the love of the game and scoring was fun but never the sole purpose.

I can honestly say that it has been one of the most pleasurable years of coaching I've had and that I'm really proud of how the team played and competed each week, especially against some very dominant teams. Our team were never upset or put their heads down. Each player contributed to the team and they all played well together.



Under 6 B2's- Atilla, Emma, Molly, Annabelle, Nate, Otto and Samuel

Nate: led the team around the park all year and was nominated as their Best and Fairest. He made the most of every opportunity and punished the opposition defence with some great ball skills, agility and goal scoring.

Molly: received most improved and was always in the action creating chances for the team. She provided great passes to the other attackers and displayed awesome defence. Molly worked hard in the middle and always gave her all with a never give up attitude.

Atilla: showed pace and perseverance all year and was a constant threat to the opposition's goal. He too was always in the middle of the action, unsettling the opposing teams with his ball skills and movement as well as speed work and high work rate with a great boot.

Emma's: determination in practise reflected her improvement in skill and confidence this season. Emily was a constant in the backline and grew in confidence each game, always taking her time with the first touch when not under pressure.

Annabelle: was a constant in the backline and grew in confidence each game. Her enthusiasm and powerful kick helped the team create many chances for her teammates. Annabelle has a beautiful strike from a dead ball, especially from goal kicks.

Otto's: courage and selfless defending skills were inspiring to all. He is a dynamic player who never gives up and can stop goals as well as score them. He could always be counted on to stop a play down the field with his top defence, and great skill on the ball.

Samuel's: power and passing skills created many opportunities this year. He is a consistent performer and developed his game. He improved even more as the season progressed and was always a reliable player around the park.

The team should all be proud and I would like to thank the players for an enjoyable year. I would also like to thank the Mums and Dads who supported not only their child, but the team each week by cheering and encouraging them from the sideline.

6B 3

Coaches: Michael Moutevelis & Nick Paras

Manager: Caitlin Fowler

The 6B3's had a wonderful start to their soccer careers in a season that was full of fun, laughs and new friends. It was the first official season for all members of the team, with many never having played before at all.

Whilst it was not a season filled with winning scores, players showed so much growth and development under the guidance of coaches Michael, Nick and Con.

Leni: was the super star of the team. Guided by his three older brothers, Leni showed Ronaldo like skills scoring huge amounts of goals and mastering the art of the public celebration.

Christian: showed up every week with the biggest smile around and showed great improvement in his tackling skills and confidence throughout the season.

George: was away for the second half of the season but showed great skill development and focus early on. These skills will stand him in excellent stead for next year.

Daisy: showed great tenacity and determination, whilst she was often the smallest player on the field she often took on older and bigger kids with no fear at all. It was a delight to watch her growth throughout the season.

Simon: mastered the art of the power kick early on, frequently kicking the ball across half the field or more, which was fantastic to watch.

Shiza: had a wonderful season showing dedication to her team and showing such impressive improvement in tackling skills and setting up some excellent goals.

Owen: showed impressive improvement in marking other players and super speed and agility. A skill that will stay with him for years to come!

Emily: worked hard during the season to improve her focus and speed on the field; she had some excellent saves in the last few games.

It was a privilege and a pleasure to watch the kids work on their skills during the season and it was even better to watch their friendships develop. Every game was filled with smiles and laughter. What a wonderful introduction to soccer for all involved!

6B 4

Coaches: Dean Vassilopoulos & Peter Jankulovski

Manager: Natasha Jankulovski

What a fantastic season 2018 it was for the Lugarno 6B4 team.

All children never having played soccer before were excited for their new adventure.

Pre-season started out strong against Padstow Hornets, then the following week against Sylvania. Considering this was the team's first games, they played really well and enjoyed each other's company.

Pre-season training must have been working as the team recorded big wins in the season. The coaches were certain that this would be a successful season. All children in



training were excelling at a great pace with their dribbling, passing and shooting skills.

The excitement on the children's faces after these wins will always be cherished.

The first few rounds were exciting games. The team recording big wins. Training was going well. The children listening to the masterful coaches. Learning tactics that even Juventus would be envious of.

The team, full of confidence, were winning big, but were letting in quite a few goals, so training then consisted of learning to defend. This proved valuable for the rest of the season.

The team did a fantastic job throughout the season. Making new friends. Learning new skills and most importantly having lots of fun.

17 games were played throughout the season. Lugarno U6B4 team won 13 of their games, drew 2 games and lost 2. Which is a phenomenal achievement. It's not easy to win any game, but to win that many in the season is credit to the children for their never say die attitude. They came back a few times from 3 nil down to then win the games.

A total of 120 goals scored by the team and 27 goals against. (not that I was keeping track). That is a fantastic achievement.

We would also like to thank all parents, grandparents, brothers, sisters, aunts and uncles that came and supported the team and also for bringing them to training and to the games. Without you, this great season wouldn't have been possible.

A big thank you to the team.

Antonio Vassilopoulos: (Coaches/Manager Player of the Year award winner) Antonio was our leading and lethal goal scorer for the season. Always running for the ball and getting in the right position to score or help the team. Hard work ethic. This all paid off with Antonio receiving Coaches/Manager player of the Year award. Congratulations Antonio.

Stefan Jokic: (Banks Sporting Achievement award winner) Stefan was the team's defensive rock. We could always rely on Stefan to stop any attack. Hard working defender and midfielder. His progress from the start of the season to the end of season was fantastic and this earned him the Most improved (Banks Sporting Achievement)_trophy. Congratulations Stefan.

Mason Bowyer: Mason was an absolute pleasure to coach. Always doing his best in training and on game day. Getting to the ball when needed. Whether it be running back in defence or stopping the opposition. We could always rely on Mason.

Taha Benzerouk: Taha was our mini playmaker. Doing his best to get forward for the team and scoring crucial goals and running back to defend hard as well.

Lyam Jankulovski: Lyam was the team's driving attacking midfielder. Always able to rely on Lyam to get to the ball or score those crucial goals when needed. When the team needed a lift, Lyam provided it.

Jamie Lumakovski: Jamie could also be relied upon to score the goals needed for the team. Hard working attacker who never let up. It was fantastic to see Jamie enjoy and improve so much throughout the year.

Amelia Fowler: Amelia could always be relied upon to stop the opposition's attack. Amelia improved a lot throughout the season and it was great to see how much she enjoyed the game.

You all made coaching fun, easy and entertaining for the 3 of us. We wish you all the best for your future endeavours.



6B 5

Coach: Scott McNaught

Managers: Tarah Kyrios & Belinda McNaught

Our under 6B5's had a very enjoyable year and should be very proud of their efforts over the season. For the bulk of our players this was their first season, and most could have played under 5's. It was a season of many challenges but the players were up to it and we're sure that we now have many life members in the making.

We started the season with seven smiling faces, all were keen to run and kick and learn new skills. Luckily **Harry** and **Ryan** had some experience already and led the way for our newer, younger players in **Brody, Aleck, Zane, Lachlan** and **Alexia**. We enjoyed a few short preseason training sessions and it wasn't long until friendships were made.

The translation from training to the game was quite a shock to the system where it became obvious at our first game that some of the players struggled with the idea of being on a field with big kids running everywhere. Keeping some of them on the field playing was difficult as the bumps and knocks resulted in some very shocked children. What showed was the resilience of the players as they all came back onto the field after every cut, bruise and fall and that was what it was all about. Everyone had a go and that was a joy to watch.

All of the players showed great development over the season. Considering many of them had never kicked a ball before, never mind played in a team, it was remarkable to see them help each other on the field. Some of the standout efforts really showed when we had the bare four players available and everyone was able to stay motivated and help their team out for the whole match.

None of the players could be faulted for their effort each week. Our standout players, Ryan and Harry, both worked well together and were great role models for our beginning players, tirelessly working to earn the ball and passing well to get us down the field and score. Brody, Aleck, Lachlan and Zane also showed great support and improved their skill in passing and movement, even scoring a few goals!

Regardless of the challenges in both size and skill, the team persisted and grew over the year to work together and enjoy many goals and even a couple of victories (not that we kept score). Most importantly everyone had fun and hopefully we will see all their smiling faces around the club next year. We wish Ryan and Harry all the best as they move up to the U7's, they will both be an asset to any team.

7B 3

Coach: Mark Winney

Manager: Kristy Parmenter

As another season comes to its conclusion, we can look back at a great year of exciting football and great friendships.

As we prepared for U7's, we returned with the same players as the previous year. This year we were hoping to further develop our skills, work on some positional play and most of all keep having fun.

It was really a season that could be divided into thirds.

We started the year really well. We breezed through our trial games, and then went on to convincingly win our first 4 games. The highlight being a 10-1 victory over Connells Point. All the boys were improving, and we were clearly seeing the results of their continued passing practice.

It looked like we were unbeatable, until we ran into some tougher competition in Carss Park. They were a tough opposition week in, week out and we struggled to match their aggression and skill at times. To their credit, the boys never gave up and we always tried hard each and every week.

The final third of the season saw us regain our confidence and in-game concentration, and the boys were competitive every week. We had a lot of exciting, close games which saw plenty of top quality play and class goals. Over the last few weeks we started to really hold our defensive positions, and as a result we were a tough team to beat. By the end of the season, I felt like we could easily match

it with any team and I was proud of the boys efforts (regardless of the results). I was also impressed with the way the boys conducted themselves during (and after) our match against the St George Warriors team.

It has been a pleasure to coach the boys over the last 3 years. They are a great group of friends, and I hope they all continue to remain buddies as they progress with their football through the older age groups. Thanks to Paul, Kristy and all the parents for creating a fun and encouraging team environment. Thanks also to all the siblings of the boys, for being loads of fun at practice and on game day.

To the boys... keep playing hard (but fair), and always have fun whilst you're at it. All the best.

Zachary Boyle: Mr Consistent this year. I could always count on him to give us solid minutes. His U7 season was filled with plenty of aggression, pace, and a determined focus during games. He scored a number of exciting goals and was a player that was easy to coach week in / week out.

Zachary Longbottom: Always one of our most skilled players, Zach had another great year. His highlight came in game 3 where he scored a treble in a big win for Lugarno. He has good size, strength and a sharp eye in front of goal. He was a very supportive teammate to his friends during the year and will be a force in the U8's for sure.

Jarvis Parmeter: Jarvis excelled this year. He seemed to have really grown in confidence, and this translated onto the pitch week in / week out. He dominated games at times, scored plenty of goals whilst also showing a natural inclination to drift into a strong defensive position. He has plenty of pace, and his dribbling and shooting are at an excellent level. Another one to watch in U8's.

Samuel Wainwright: Samuel is one of our quickest and most determined players. He attacks the ball with aggression and is a handful for opposition attackers. A great teammate, he is always first to congratulate and show sportsmanship to others. Great job Samuel.

Aidan Hawkes: Aidan improved as the season went on, capping off his play with a few goals at training and another in-game. He was really our go-to guy for kick-ins, and for me had his standout game in the 2nd last game of the year... playing as primary defender. He was on a mission and everything Sans Souci threw at our goal, Aidan was there to repel.

Lucian Kotevski: Lucian was one of our most improved players from last year. Starting right from the outset of game 1, we could see he had improved his aggression immensely. Not only that, his passing was direct and accurate, and he also managed to score a few awesome goals throughout the season. He showed me plenty of skill at training too, with classy stepovers and sidesteps. Well done.

Hunter Winney: Hunter was consistent all season. He worked hard on his aggression, passing and shooting this year and he saw results as the season went on. I could always rely on Hunter to give his all, and he was a real handful for the opposition defenders. Good job.

Mark

7B 4

Coach: Marcus Rayner

Manager: Sondra Rayner

What a year for the mighty U7B4's with no second-year syndrome to be seen and a massive uplift in both skills and fitness on show for all the fans to see.

The bulk of the team came back together for a 2nd tilt at the title, Kagan, Paige, Sabella and the siblings Tamara and Todor but having a noticeable European style something was lacking. After extensive searching and scouting, the deficiency was identified and so it was the team added some South American flair, welcome to our new recruit Orlando. Job done and so it was our transition to the entertainers commenced.

The team statistics for 2018 showed that our new mantra around, 'just score more than the opposition' was successful.

Played 16, Won 7, Lost 7 and 2 Draws, Scored 59, Conceded 56.

AROUND THE GROUNDS – Season 2018

On an individual basis all the players impressed with their willingness to learn, their focused approach at training and unparalleled sportsmanship toward their opponents.

Kagan – After a stellar season the year before, and then deciding to move up to the Under 7's although still eligible for the Under 6 competition, expectations were high and boy did Kagan deliver. After hitting a personal goal scoring record of 41 in the 2017 season, Kagan was able to better that mark to 43 while also setting a new bench mark for goals in one game at 9.

Not only was Kagan able to hit the net regularly but most pleasing was his interconnecting play and passing that enabled several team mates to record goals. Kagan is becoming a valued team player and these passing skills will be necessary in the Under 8 competition next year when the field size increases and goalkeepers are introduced.

Orlando – Always tough to settle into an established side but Orlando managed this with ease and made a huge difference to the team dynamic. Tough in defence and a good eye for goal, Orlando produced his record goal scoring haul for LFC at 3 and brought with him some much lacking flair.

Orlando arrived at the team with a very direct style of play however, over the course of the season, through hard work at training and executing these skills during the game, he was able to adapt into a fantastic all-round box to box player that contributed to the team's overall success. Orlando just needs to remain focussed for the entire match to be even more influential next season and I am looking forward to seeing considerable development in season 2019.

Paige – What can a Coach say about our little Bulldog, pound for pound one of the toughest kids ever to play the world game, coupled with skill, determination and a never say die attitude, Paige shone throughout the season.

Paige increased her skills throughout the year, particularly in the areas of passing and vision, and time and time again shut down opposition attacks like she was swatting flies. Paige recorded 4 goals this season and was equal 2nd on the goal scoring list, a little less than her first year and moving forward I would like to see this tally steadily increase by encouraging Paige to attack a lot more while ensuring her defensive efforts are maintained.

Sabella – Once again Sabella was our mother hen continually caring for injured or tired team mates often while the game continued around her, much to the Coach's frustration, however these attributes contributed greatly to our team harmony and spirit and made me extremely proud as the Coach.

Sabella was our equal 2nd top scorer along with Paige on 4 goals and, like Paige, this was slightly down on season 2017. Sabella continued to be a student of the game, always looking for perfection, often assessing 37 scenarios that may occur before passing or shooting which meant our actual game time instead of being 40 minutes was often about 20 minutes, however as the season progressed the execution time dropped and Sabella's confidence in her ability increased dramatically. What we now have is a fantastic base to build on next season.

Tamara – After being our final signing in 2017, Tamara was our first in 2018 and her enthusiasm and love for her team mates was on display again throughout the year.

Tamara transformed her game this year and was our primary weapon in closing the opposition down in their own half, post any goal kicks. Tamara was not afraid to get stuck in and mix it with the boys and her speed off the mark and direct running traumatised many opposition players. Tamara scored one goal this season, but this should have been many more if not for a mid-season trial in Russia.

Tamara worked hard at training, particularly in relation to her striking the ball technique and this was on hand for all to see with her one and only goal - a long-range strike that made the goal with ease and was hit as straight as an arrow. Tamara also improved her overall coordination and balance which contributed to her being a much-valued member of the team.

Todor – Unlike the beginning of last season where Todor was a little shy, this season he hit the ground running and clearly had done a lot of work over the off season as he dominated training in preseason and carried that form into the competition proper.

Todor scored his personal best goal haul for LFC with 3, including a memorable double mid-way through the season. Like Tamara, Todor also had a mid-season trial in Russia and if not for that

absence could well have gone close to a double figure season. Todor was again a sponge with regards to training and took onboard all feedback provided throughout the season, and this showed in the final few games with his positional play and eye for disposing the opposition becoming his trade mark. With another off season ahead 2019 is shaping as Todor's break out year.

In closing, the class of 2018 was an absolute pleasure to Coach with special thanks to all the parents for ensuring the kids attended training and games, this really does help when it comes to their development and enjoyment of the game. In addition, thank you all for your assistance with our team commitments for the Club with regards to canteen and pitch pull down and set up, this is a major part of being part of the Club and your willingness to chip in was outstanding.

Finally, all great teams need support staff, so thanks go out to Sondra our team Manager for the 2nd season in charge, for without you none of this is possible. To all, enjoy your summer and start preparing for 2019.

Coach Marcus

8A

Coach: Domenic Cuda

Managers: Deb Markou & Kate Graham

Thank you to all the players and families of U8As for a fantastic 2018 season. It was a fun year for new beginnings, new team, new rules, new friends and new competition. They were a bit of a rag tag mob at the beginning, especially during the trials, but once the season started officially they began to hit their straps. Players emerged in all the new positions and it wasn't too long before we started playing proper football. Special mention goes to Isaac, Sam E and Annie - they were the goal keeping volunteer squad at the beginning of the season and I think everyone is grateful for that, especially considering Goalkeeper was a new position this year.



The team really gelled after a few training sessions and, after a couple of shaky trials, the first game went like clockwork - they played in positions, did throw-ins, goal kicks and mastered short and long corner kicks. Now that they had the basics down, the following games provided the team with the familiarity needed for chemistry to happen. The team showed great heart week-in-week-out to scrap to some great hard-fought victories and cruel narrow defeats, proving that as the great Pele once said, *"Success isn't determined by how many times you win, but by how you play the week after you lose."*

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

Introducing the 2017 U8As

Samuel: Adapted well this year settling in the middle of the park. One of two players to score a hat trick this year. He continued to develop his eye for goal and added assists to his repertoire. Samuel loves being with his teammates at training or on game day. His enthusiasm is infectious, and he tirelessly pushes himself and his team mates to keep going to try score that next goal, whether it be helping to get the ball out of the midfield or going on an attacking run. Just like Roma's **Edin Dzeko**, he is strong and dominates the park while providing help and support for his teammates.

Isaac: New to the club and team, Isaac proved to be one of the pillars of defence for the 8A's. One of the best listeners in the team, he was always the first to training and always put in 100%. He defended our goal every week with gusto and when asked to jump on the field and help the rest of the team, he took that task on and gave it a red hot go. Just like Liverpool's **Alison Becker** he shows a solid work rate, a keen goalkeeping instinct and has great consideration for his teammates.

Annie: Stepped everything up this year, she learned how to adapt and play in all the positions and fill the gaps when needed. Bagging a handful of goals this season and saving three times as many, Annie always had a smile on her face, no matter where she was on the field. Her versatility proved invaluable, she covered all roles across the park with aplomb. She would also scrap in the midfield, lead the line in attack or save some cracking efforts on goal. Just like Australia's **Samantha Kerr** she was the 8As everywhere girl.

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

Ben: once again was the 8As pocket rocket, Ben and his lethal left foot were introduced to a new game this year and he stepped up to become one of the key corner takers this season. 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 Manchester United's **Alexis Sanchez** he worked hard up and down the left side of the field.

Sam E: if games were won on effort, Sam would win every week - he would fight tirelessly in defence and the midfield to win the ball. Every time he was on the field, he was like the washing machine of the Lugarno 8As backline - every time a dirty ball would come in he would send it out clean. Sam also proved himself to be a handy goalkeeper and was the team's most improved player. He made some cracking saves and saved our bacon on several occasions. Just like the Netherlands **Kevin Strootman** he puts in a tremendous effort and is there to support his team.

Jonas: Head down and go forward, a Juggernaut, that's how Jonas arrived at the beginning of the season, however he was super quick to adapt to playing with the team and made some great friends. As the season wore on he adapted his style and started to play the beautiful game, he had a go at all the positions and even make a handy goal keeper in the last few games of the season. Just like Manchester City's **Kevin De Bruyne** his tireless effort and constant go forward helped to round out the team.

Kai: His beaming smile and infectious enthusiasm are his trademark. Kai always puts in a huge effort and always brings his listening ears to training. Every week he came to training and the games and tried to do a little more than he did the week before, bombing down the right hand side of the field he not only scored goals but set them up too. He was also one of our designated Corner kick takers with his seeming effortless crosses towards goal. Just like Real Madrid's **Gareth Bale** he steps up when needed and makes arduous work look effortless.

Riley: Wants to be a Striker! The only problem is that he loves playing in the back line, no matter how hard we tried this season, Midfield was the furthest we could get him up the field. Riley is fiercely competitive and reads the game really well, he anticipates what his opponents are going to do then stops them and wins the ball back. He is super keen, doesn't mind running and knows what

it means to lead from the back. Just like Real Madrid's **Sergio Ramos** he shows a solid work rate and has great consideration for his teammates.

Marcus: took some time to adapt to the bigger field this year, but once he figured out that the ball would make its way to him, he took to it like a duck to water. No one could ever question his work rate as he would run all over the park to advance the ball, he loved training and playing with his mates. After a shaky start he showed great versatility covering all positions throughout the year and scored important goals, even bagging a hat trick this year. Just like Napoli's **Lorenzo Insigne** he springs into action when needed and makes it count.

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

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

See you again in 2019!

Domenic



8B 1

Coach: Katie White

Manager: Laura Butcher

Our U8B1's had a great season this year with lots of laughs and a very CRAZY bunch of kids. This year our team consisted of 4 boys; Elijah, Kale, Jackson and Luca, slightly outnumbered by our 6 girls Elizabeth, Gabby, Kiarna, Leni, Maddy and Victoria.

As a first-time coach with no children in the team, it was great to not have to separate myself from parent to coach which was certainly a positive as everyone had equal game time throughout the season and no one was unhappy.

The biggest achievement this year was strengthening our team's skills but also ensuring that every team member felt like they were a part of the team and had FUN. Not to mention a slight bribe here and there with some lollies goes a long way when you need 10 U8's to pay attention at games and training.



It's been such an enjoyable season and must make a special mention to Troy Parmeter for stepping in whilst our Coach was away – Thanks Troy it's so greatly appreciated and the kids loved having you around this season!

Our team improved and can be highlighted individually below:

Elijah: AKA Our STAR Keeper! - What a great season Elijah has had - he has shown so much improvement and even participated in our goal keeper training which only strengthened his abilities. He was also a great forward making multiple great speedy runs down the field.

Elizabeth: AKA Our DEADLY Defender! – Elizabeth improved weekly and was such a strong defender. Even when she filled in throughout the middle of the field we would always see Elizabeth as the last player always ensuring our goalie was safe. Although tiny Elizabeth has a great kick and made some great kicking saves throughout the season.

Gabby: AKA Our MIGHTY Mouse! – Gabby was great in the middle of the field this year, really mixing up her positions as the season progressed. Although very quiet Gabby has a great right boot on her and will develop over the next couple of years.

Jackson: AKA Our COURAGEOUS Champion! – Jackson was such a crazy yet caring character who loves a hug and continuously tried his heart out this season! He had a great few games in goals and made some equally as great saves. Much like Elizabeth; Jackson was very happy to protect the goalie and goals to ensure no one got past!

Kale: AKA Our TALKATIVE Tiger! – Kale is a great team member and always makes sure he is in the thick of every tackle. Kale however at times...ALL times throughout the season LOVES to talk until he gets on the field. Kale is a great player and will continue to grow as long as he listens at training and talks ON the field. Always happy and a real team member.

Kiarna: AKA Our FEARLESS Footballer! – Kiarna has had a great season. Unfortunately missing a few of the first season games Kiarna appears timid but is fearless on the field. She does not give up and always gives the opposition a surprise. Kiarna has great skill and scored a cracking goal chipping the keeper, even she was impressed!

Leni: AKA Our RAGING Rookie Recruit! – Leni's first year of soccer has been an epic one! She has improved every week and can be related to the energiser bunny as she NEVER gives up! Leni was tenacious in her tackles and never let the other team win in ANY tackle.



Luca: AKA Our LEGENDARY Lion! – Luca had a great season up front, he always managed to set up some great opportunities whilst having fun in the process. He has great ball control and never gave up in his attempts to score this season.

Maddy: AKA Our FANTASTIC Forward – Maddy is such a lovely team member with amazing skill. She was certainly a force to be reckoned with. Maddy scored some great goals and has an amazing kick finding the back of the net multiple times this season. She never gives up and has an admirable calmness when she plays.

Victoria: AKA Our AWESOME All-Rounder – Victoria is such a great player and has improved so much this season. She is a great team member and always tries her hardest! Victoria was great in every position she played this year; kicking some great thru-balls and saving our keeper on multiple occasions.

All in all a great season and an awesome bunch of kids who have improved their footballing skills and have had fun in the process!

Special Thanks to Laura Butcher for managing the team this year ensuring everyone was aware of game times and making sure all the kids were prepared. Thanks Laura - we all appreciate you!

Katie White - Coach

8B 3

Coach & Manager: Jeremy Peisley

With the majority of the team still together from the previous season, it looked to be another great season by 8B3 but we only seemed to have 7 players and, with the step up this season, we were in a little trouble after the completion of the trials. We ended up securing the signatures of 3 more players just as the transfer window shut and so the season was ready.

We started the season well and, with committed training by the boys, their confidence and performances grew as the season went on. Slowly but surely the efforts put in at training with positioning and why they were important was starting to take shape.



Congratulations to all the boys for their huge efforts in 2018 and they should be proud of themselves. We saw some amazing goals scored and some incredible defending. It was an absolute pleasure coaching the team this season.

Once again the team were too strong in the annual Team Vs Parents game on the last training session of the season, easily taking care of us.

Levi: Was a constant threat in attack and scored a mountain of goals for his efforts. Backed this up by always getting back to help defend as well.

Lucas: Levi's partner in crime, was always there when the ball was put through and scored some great goals.

Ethan: Another strong season in attack and defence with some great individual play which lead to some awesome attacking raids

Angelo: "The Running Man" prided himself on being a defender and backed it up with his tireless performances each week.

Jacob: A big performance this season. His confidence grew so much that at one point he asked if he could be the coach. Jacob scored some important goals

Nicholas: A very strong performance in defence and put his hand up to go in goals and made a number of great saves. Scored a couple of goals as well for good measure

Alexander: Became the regular goal keeper and whilst it was something new to get used to, he thrived in the role. Unfortunately, he missed the last few games due to a broken arm whilst on holiday

Andrew: A new addition to the team in May and he hit the ground running, literally. Very fast, he made countless runs down the flanks from inside our half and getting the ball into the middle.

Henry: Was new to football in 2018 and whilst it was a learning curve he caught on quickly and his confidence grew. Made some great runs and had to make some late saves with solid defence.

Hudson: Another of the boys new in 2018 who was learning on the run, who put in a lot of effort to play his role. Was always challenging and keeping the opposition honest.

9A

Coach: Paul Wainwright

Manager: Justin Graham

The 2018 season was a competitive one for our U9As team, it was our first season together and our draw certainly required us to bring our 'A' game every week. The boys quickly became acquainted with each other, and under the competent leadership of Paul were instantly competitive.

The boys quickly settled into positions, and while we did have a common formula to each week, the boys were all able to take a multiskilled approach to their game each week - happily slotting into a different position to try something new.

Our back line mainly consisted of **Max, Tom and Aiden**. Max and Aiden were solid in the backline saving many goals in some very trying circumstances, towards the end of the season Aiden proved to be solid in goals. Tom proved to be a natural goal keeper and a tenacious defender.

Justin Alag proved to be an excellent all rounder, we often needed his vision in the backline - his pinpoint accuracy while clearing the ball set the forwards up well for some great finishes.

The mids/forward combination was mixed weekly consisting of **Jake, Remi, Jett, Sam and Angus**, all players proved to be adaptable and competent in any position. Jake and Remi were always aware of the ball and the task at hand, proving to be natural midfielders in both attack and defence. Jett, Sam and Angus generally moved between forward and midfield, using both speed and drive to push the ball forward for some successful finishes.

I look forward to seeing this team progress into the next season, to add some new friends to the team, and continue to build on the friendships that we enjoy week in and out. A fabulous group of parents have helped ensure this season was enjoyable and successful.

9B 2

Coach: George Devet

Managers: Derek Laney & Nicole Devet

What a great year of soccer, this year the matches became skilful and gripping, we had great contests every game and brilliant individual work started to make way for team play, use of space and passing.

Ashton the lion heart, you left nothing on the pitch having given your all. You made a strong contribution to both goals and defence again this year, thank you.

Oli the hound, when the whistle blew you switched on bringing tenacious energy into your tackles and a new level of accuracy and strength in your passing, no loose ball was safe.

Zoe the enforcer, strong in tackles and always in the thick of the action, your skills developed and your character never failed, we love having you in our team, well done.

Charlie this year you brought a new man to the game, you showed maturity at training and on game days and this was reflected in your soccer as you were a key solution in our defence as well as keen as mustard to move forward and put heat on the goal. Well done and keep it up!

Elouise the pro, the diligence you showed at training, helping George and listening, paid off in the games. You were the key to our midfield, always thinking to make the right pass, bringing a much needed goal or moving into space at the right time. Most importantly always smiling and bringing your spirit.

Emma the chaser, we loved watching you chase down your opponents in defence and through highs and lows you showed resilience and courage, well done.

Harley you were the base on which we built the team, reliable in defence and able to get us out of trouble with the big boot. You are also diligent and kind.

Emersen the dynamo, quick and dynamic your play continues to improve, you partnered well with others mastering 1-2 passing, and on the sideline you were great fun too.

Magic **Miles** our top goal scorer this year, you were always hungry to play and poured all your energy and focus into the game. Keep up your love of the game and you will continue to master it.

Hugh the dart, you were frequently seen bursting out of the pack, running down a player at back, passing with accuracy and making a strong contribution to the goal tally.

I loved every game watching you all, especially when I got to run around on the pitch to ref and get so close to the action. Thanks to George and Nicole for another year of service to the team.

9B 3

Coach: Damien Hennessey

Manager: Lisa Hawkes

What a great season. We started the year with a great bunch of boys and a whole load of talent. We set out to learn our positions, get our heads up, look out for each other and play together as a team. By the end, we had improved out of sight.

Finn added passing to his fantastic dribbling skills and eye for goal. **Will** came so close to scoring a goal in our last game and is certain to score next year. **Leo's** football brain is just as nimble and gifted as his feet, and he would always do just what his coach wanted him to do. **Alex** is an asset to the team with boundless energy and enthusiasm. **Oliver** settled into the



team's 'genius' position, spraying passes all over the field and turning defence into attack. **Levi** always knew the way to goal, and was just as good as scoring them as he was at setting them up. **Eamon's** control and touch delighted his dad and thrilled the fans. **Josh** preferred to play at fullback, where he could get the ball from deep, look up and slot it through to the winger. **Brooklyn** starred when he was goalkeeper, where he was fearless. **Joseph's** other skills are starting to match his blistering pace, and he is always hungry for goal.

Thanks to Lisa and Stephen for looking after our management duties, and to the parents for making coaching your boys a breeze. See you all next year.

10B 1

Coach: Colin Cuthbert

Manager: Rebecca Clay

Well, what can I say...

I've always loved football, however it's even more enjoyable when you are surrounded by not just a great bunch of kids, but also a great bunch of parents!

During a football season, you see the best and the worst in people... luckily for us, it's been the worst in some of the other team's supporters and coaches.

Yes, we all want to win (me more than most) but never will I play to win at all costs!

I'm so proud to stand on the touch line and hear all your comments of encouragement not only to your own child, but to each and every one of the kids that has played in the U10B1's for us this year which has really made the season a special one again.



Bec and I worked hard in the off season to bring in some players to bolster the squad and, with the help of a few packets of Tim Tams and a few \$5 transfer fees, we bagged ourselves some top talent. With Chop, Billy and Malachi joining the squad, not only did it give us some additional silky skills to add to what we already had but a 'little bit of height' also 😊.

After what always seems like a long summer away from the park, we all joined back up in March to start our pre-season with the nucleus of the squad remaining and the 3 fresh faces too! A little bit different to last season as the rain gods didn't have their say.... Last year if you recall it rained non-stop for 4 weeks!

It took us a few games to get started, but when we did we were on a roll. None more so than the game when stand in coach Rick took the reins where we won 11 nil! I had my work cut out to stay in my job after this fine performance.

The overall season went very well with each player gaining in confidence, bettering their skills and, with each game that went on, the players started to understand their roles on the park and began to trust each other as a team.

We won more than we lost, we scored a lot of goals (some absolute crackers as well), we drew, we let some goals in and we made some mistakes which we learnt from. The game that stands out to me the most is a game which we lost down at Brighton Le Sands. It was probably the best team we came up against all season where we lost 2 nil, however it could so easily have been a result the other way. Chop just missed the post, as did Josh, and Malachi had a shot that just sailed over the cross bar. The overall performance that day was brilliant to watch – the tackling, the passing and the team work was amazing to watch – it all clicked together that day 😊

So, from the team to an individual little write up of each player (and manager and stand in manager of course):

Bec – thanks so much for all your help again this year, you are an absolute god send with all the work you do behind the scenes – Manager of the Year 3rd year running!

Rick – thanks again for standing in for when I've not been able to make it to training and of course for your 100% record this year with the two games. 2 wins / 0 losses / 18 goals for and none against.... Great work mate, really appreciate it!

All the parents – thanks so much for all your support from the sidelines, it's great to see and I know your kids love it! We've had our fair share of canteen duties and pitch duties too – to those that helped out, thank you all so much!

Billy – A new joiner to the team with some exceptional skills and passing ability, scored some cracking goals this year mate. You should be proud of yourself. Well done 😊

Malachi – another new joiner to the team who just never stopped running. Immense in defence and a safe pair of hands in goal that saved us many a time! Big well done 😊

Lily – The left foot extraordinaire. Always tough in the tackle and there aren't many players that get past you. Another great season. Great work 😊

Romeo – was great to have you back after your long holiday, but when you did get back you certainly got straight into it. Some great skills, tough tackling and running. Really improved again this year. Nice work 😊

Tristan – and other great year from the 'drag-back king', some great skills and passing again this year and some fine goals. Keep up the good work in the off season. Well done 😊

Lachie – grown again in confidence throughout the year and your passing and tackling has come on in leaps and bounds. Always proud of you buddy, keep up the great work! 😊

Josh – Another fine season, whether it's been on the pitch or in between the sticks. Some super skills and some great goals scored. Keep it up, great season! 😊

Abbie – grown in confidence for sure this year. Some great tackling and great passing and another thing that changed this year. You asked me if you could go in goal. It's not that bad is it!! Well done, keep smiling 😊

Elle – What a super season, great all-round game, tackling, skills, running back and passing – big well done and you always play with a smile on your face! Great work 😊

Oska – Had to sit the first few games out due to injury, but most impressed that you still came to the games to support your team mates! Another commanding season wherever you played. Great leadership qualities when you played at the back. An absolute rock! 😊

Chop – For the cost of a packet of Tim Tams and a \$5 note – best money I've ever spent! Some great skills you've got up your sleeve and a real eye for goal. Deserved your golden boot award this year with all the goals this year. Keep enjoying your football, well done 😊

Michael – Not too sure about your Premiership Team choice – it should be Westham, but I'll forgive you! 😊 Another solid season, your skills have improved again and you scored some really important goals for us, also solid in the tackle. Great season, well done 😊

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

Must be time for another lemonade boys and girls! 😊

10B 2

Coaches: Steven Forgione & James Perez

Manager: Daniel Forgione

Well what a year it was for Lugarno U10B2's. First of all a big thank you to all the players and families for a fantastic 2018 season. A few players from the team have been together since the U6's, when we were the only all-girl team in the competition. Times have changed and we now have a few boys in the mix, but we are truly a mixed team with 6 girls and 5 boys.

This was the first year the team had to play on the half-sized field, which was a big step-up from the smaller mini field they were used to. Their first game together you could see how out of breath they were with all the extra running they had to do! The improvement we have seen in the playing group has been unbelievable this year. We now pass with purpose and play in a very structured manner, holding our positions very well - and we even managed to score a few goals!!! Whilst we didn't get a win during the season, we managed to get a few draws and there were some very close games that we probably should have won, where we just missed that finishing touch in front of goals. But even

when we were down on the scoreline, we still managed to push forward and trouble the opposition in their defensive third. It was a great effort from the team, especially considering we had half the team playing their very first season of football!



Introducing the players of the 10B2's for 2018:

Anika Whitten - showed the talent she has with her strong defence and her great passing ability, which really improved towards the back end of the year. Her performances improved each week and she finished the season strongly, becoming a great wing-back for the team. She was up and down the right sideline all game, showing both great attacking skills and strong defence. And when she did get down the side-line, she managed to put in some good crosses that troubled the opposition defence. Well done on another great season Anika!

Aydin Muzaffer - one of our most improved players this season - each week he came out with a new trick or idea that he had learnt, including the jumping header. If he keeps up the improvement he will definitely be a player to watch next season. He was so close to getting his maiden goal for his career this year, and you could see great improvement each week as he played in the striker role for the team. A great effort for his first year in the game!

Daisy Perez - our very own sleeping beauty, when she was awake she was on fire! Daisy occupied the sweeper position, and was fantastic in maintaining our defensive structure. When she came off you really noticed that she was missing from our defence. She started the season slowly but finished strongly, her last game in particular she was into everything. She would confuse the opposition by doing a pirouette and then the splits, before smashing them in a tackle! A great finish to the season with some really strong performances and some great defensive efforts. Well done Daisy!

Yushra Bhuiyan - still one of the toughest players we have come across, she was a crucial part of our defence. A few times she came off injured, but would then tug on our shirt asking to go straight back on. She improved significantly from her first season last year, and was a great asset to the team. Excellent effort!

Adrian Guirguis - i think we have found the next Mark Schwarzer! Whilst he was always a talent on the field, and made some great barnstorming runs through the defence, Adrian showed some great skills in goals and pulled off some fantastic saves that even had opposition parents clapping! He even managed to get a goal for himself during the year, and was certainly one of our most improved players. A great effort and well done on a fantastic season!

Ari Bowyer - this was Ari's first season of soccer and we played him in the striker's positions. As an incentive to get his first goal of his short career, his dad promised to get him a Playstation if he managed to score a goal. It actually became a great incentive for all the players to try and make sure Ari got that goal - and he managed to finally score a great goal in his second last game of the season that had everyone cheering (in fact he nearly scored 2 in that game!). Ari made great improvement from his first game and what impressed us most was his unselfish plays in passing to his teammates. Great to have him in the team this year - well done!

Emma Forgione - our little "Thunderboot" was our goal-kick, corner-kick and free kick specialist. Probably has one of the biggest kicks in the entire competition, but what she did very well this year compared to previous seasons was get on the attack more. She was our central midfielder and they key cog between attack and defence. She also managed to become our leading goal-scorer for the team with 3 goals for the season, which could have been more had she not been denied by woodwork a few times. A fantastic effort during the season, she was involved in everything in both attack and defence. Well done Emma on a great season!

Sharlene Ferreira Leau - a late starter for us, Sharlene only managed to play the 6 games of the season, but what a difference she made. She was certainly the "find" of the season, and will be a great asset for next year with a full season under her belt. She has great natural talent and speed and will be a great player in years to come, as she has an excellent instinct for knowing where the ball is and making a difference when she is on the field. Fingers crossed she straps on the boots next year, as her first year of football was fantastic!

Aydon Whitehead - another player who was playing in his first season of football. Aydon showed some great speed, and his skills got better with each game he played and he was a great asset to the team. He was shy at first, but really fit into the team towards the back-end of the year. Tremendous effort Aydon and well done on your first season of football!

Bailey Tandek - we welcomed back Bailey this year after having a season in league, and it was great to have him back. He was a tough little bugger that was just about everywhere in both attack and defence. He was a pleasure to coach as he always listened attentively and had a great attitude to playing. He was fantastic in defence and had one of the biggest throw-ins in the competition, which would often get us back on the attack after we were struggling to get out of defence. Well done Bailey on a great season, it was fantastic to have you back!

Zoe Wood – a new member of our team, having played for another Lugarno team last year, Zoe fitted right in. She was a great player for the team across pretty much all positions, including in goals! She even managed to get on the scoresheet with a cheeky chip over the goalkeeper. She made some excellent tackles and great passes that would often put us back on the front foot. She got better with each game she played and was fantastic to have in the team. Tremendous effort Zoe and well done!

As the coaching group, we are extremely proud of all the kids - they showed tremendous spirit throughout the year and improved with their performances each week. The fact we had a few draws in games this year



and could have actually won a few highlights the improvement we made. Thanks also to the great effort from all the coaching staff for all the hard work they put into coaching the team each week. Well done to all and bring on 2019!

Signing off, Steve James & Daniel

11B 1

Coach: Peter Stojanovski

Manager: David Matruglio

What an inspiring season for all involved in our team. There were many surprises from the players throughout the year. The players got the chance to explore their potential during the season and we witnessed their confidence grow each game.

During the competition the team was tested by the opposition in all the peculiarities of football. The players reacted very well to their triumphs and losses and showed excellent sportsmanship.

Both the Coach and Manager enjoyed their time with the players and their family members and recommend other parents to enjoy the experience of Coaching & Managing.



A great gesture by the Lugarno 11B2 Coach to have a group team photo

Rookies: Both **Cooper Abel** & **Christopher Stojanovski** were new to football and keen to return.

Force de resistance: Both **Sebastian Matruglio** & **Aaliyah Tirant** broke away during the season to be a force of their own, and **Zulfikar Abdulkarim** got in the action.

Energizer: The ever-ready **James Boneham** would play at 100% capacity each game

Captain: Our captain **Lachlan Weeks** showed true leadership throughout the season, well done.

Power Player: The strength in **Lucas Zarich** was evident in his kicking and passing game, along with his excellent goal keeping skills.

Playmakers: Both **Jayden Cassar** & **Anthony Arfanis** are well rounded players that can play in any position on the park. They can set up plays and are a potent attacking force when together.

It has been the utmost pleasure to coach and to be part of such aspiring footballers in 2018 and coach alongside their families. Hope your 2019 football season is bigger and better.

11B 2

Coach: Nick Belcheff

Manager: Leonie Welstead

The opportunity to play football in the mixed boys and girls competition will come to an end this season, as our players will turn 12 next year, which means that this will be the end of an era for the under 11 B2 team – I say an “end of an era” as many players have been part of this team since it formed as the U6s.

It has been a real privilege to coach this team over the past 5 years. It’s made up of players who are truly committed and put in the hard work to make it the great team that it has been over the years. Many real friendships have been formed at both the children and parent level – which is a reflection of the families who make up this team and have supported myself and this team over many years. I must acknowledge that my job as coach could not have been done without the great help and patience of our manager Leonie Welstead over the past 6 years! Leonie kept us all on track with weekly announcements re games, working out substitutes (and that’s really hard when no-one wants to get off the field!), timing, field set ups, canteen, and anything else she could do – with a smile!

Two sets of twins who have been in the team together over the past 6 years is also a distinguishing factor of our team! I tried very hard to tell Jamie and Vinnie apart – even though Leonie would buy them different coloured soccer boots, or cut their hair differently – it didn’t work, so I just ended up calling them both “JamieVinnie”, which I’m grateful they always answered to. I finally worked out who was who when Jamie became our goal keeper ☺! Luckily, I knew who each of my twin daughters were!!

During our team “end of an era” celebration, we acknowledged each child and identified them with one key football factor that distinguished each of them – here’s what we came up with:

Zack Athota	Our very own “Marathon Man”
Diana Belcheff	Our #1 “Thrower”
Olivia Belcheff	Our #1 “All Rounder”
Ryah Helou	Our very own “Ever Ready Battery”
Samuel Limberis	Our #1 “Blocker”
Jayden Lo	Our #1 “Trickster”
Linden Pike	Our #1 “Goal Attacker”
Michael Vikatos	Our #1 “Striker and Goal Scorer”
Jamie Welstead	Our very own “De Gea”
Vinnie Welstead	Our #1 “Corner Kicker and Back Heeler”

Thanks for giving me the opportunity to be a coach of a super special team. I wish each one of the children all the very best in football and in their future.

Nick Belcheff

U12 A

Coaches: Atef Elassi & Jason Seymour

Manager: Petros Midis

A memorable year to last a lifetime

Pre Season

So finally, after 6 long years of playing non-competitive football, we are now finally playing for competition points. After years of dominating every team in our age group with nothing to show for it but a participation trophy and a McDonald’s voucher.

But it was time to start all over again - bigger field, bigger goals, more players, offside rules.... I think I was more excited than the kids, I couldn't wait for the season opener.

Famously named by a past parent Mr FIFA, once again we began our pre season training in late November at Evatt Park, and straight away we met our first hurdle - we lost our star striker to St George SAP and, in my opinion, a future Socceroo. The search was on to find 4 new players that would fit into our team and could play a high tempo brand of football. After putting the word out, we managed to secure the signing of 4 great boys - Brodie, Eric, Jake and Riley who quickly gelled and hit the ground running.

I managed to organise, with the help of our coaching director Tony, trial matches against a tough opposition - Bankstown United and Miranda Magpies - it was definitely the wakeup call we needed!

After weeks of tweaking and working hard on our fitness, we had our final trial match against Sylvania, a 5-0 victory and a great performance to end a long pre-season.



2018 campaign

Once again, for the 3rd year in a row, Hurstville Minotaurs was our first opponent and, once again, we did the job on them. And just like last season, we continued our unbeaten streak, unbeaten in 10 games with 6 clean sheets, Lugarno A was lighting up the competition.

On a windy miserable day at Claydon Reserve and up against 5th placed Sans Souci, the boys expected to just turn up as usual and leave with the chocolates, but by now our boys had a massive target on their heads. Sans Souci played extremely well and showed lots of courage, the ball just would not go in, I think we hit the post 3 or 4 times that day. Nearly 2 seasons undefeated, winning 28 games in a row, has finally come to an end.

But, as the saying goes, in sport you learn more from a loss than a win and we needed that loss. I felt the weight lift off my shoulders after that loss, it was a strange feeling leaving Claydon that day - bitterly disappointed but also a sense of relief. That week in training I saw the pain in my boys - they were hurting from the loss but still had fire in their eyes, they trained the house down ready for a double header against 3rd placed Oatley and 2nd placed Minotaurs on Sunday. The game against Oatley on Saturday was a nervy one but we managed to grind a 1-0 victory. Not knowing how we

would back up from the previous day, I was nervous playing our arch rival Hurstville Minotaurs. We changed the formation and went in with a game plan – it was a high quality match with end to end football - both teams love to attack, but our boys put in an unbelievable performance to come away with a 2-0 victory.

Finals Football

With 3 games remaining, we secured the Minor Premiership and qualification for Champion of Champions - the first for a Lugarno FC boys team for many years. But we still had our eye on the prize and once again we would be playing Hurstville Minotaurs in the Preliminary final at Claydon. I looked at every weather app praying for no wind - I don't think I had much sleep that night. On a glorious winter's day with an amazing Lugarno support, the stage was set 1 game away from the Grand Final. My pre-game talk was an easy one, I did not have to say much, I could see how much they wanted it. And they went after it alright - we dominated every second of that match and, if not for a top-class keeper, the score line would have been a lot bigger - 3-0 victory and a Grand Final berth. I don't usually get emotional, but that day I was the proudest coach in the world - 6 years of hard work, preseason training, cold nights were all worth it they deserved every bit of it.



Grand Final Day

Grand Final week was awesome the only team remaining at Gannons Park and we had it all to ourselves. The whole team and parents were buzzing all week, especially when told Grand Final will be at Kogarah Jubilee oval. For the fourth time this year we will be versing Hurstville Minotaurs, after they beat Bexley North 7-1 the week before.

Being the Minor Premiers, we got the home dressing room and having a few Dragons supporters just added to the excitement. Before I knew it, there was a knock on the door signalling 1 minute to get ready – the boys lined up in the tunnel and in that moment, they could have been anywhere in the world - Anfield, Wembley, Old Trafford I don't think it mattered it was just a club game. We had our very own Billy Moore in Javier, deafening the tunnel letting the opposition know who we are and where we come from.

But unfortunately, what comes with the highs also comes with the lows - football can be cruel sometimes, from kick off I sensed the nerves. Uncharacteristic mistakes lead to an early goal which just added to the nerves and a second goal followed shortly after, we managed get one back after a solo effort from Niko.

We lifted in the second half - these boys don't give up without a fight. Much better play saw the ball hitting the post twice, but it was not going to be our day. Unable to bring it home this year, I won't lie, hurt like hell however the low we all felt that day can't come close to the joy these wonderful boys have given all of us this season we all loved every minute of it. I was hoping to hang up my coaching boots this year, but I feel we still have unfinished business.

I just want to say a massive thankyou to every single player, it's because of you guys I have the love for football. Let's learn from this year and come back next season even stronger.

To all the parents and grandparents, you guys have been fantastic this year - I'm sure at times during the season I wasn't on the Christmas gift list! I don't always get it right and never will but I always felt I had your support. Also special thanks to Jason Seymour, appreciate all the hard work this season.

Lastly to my Manager of 6 years, Petros, I don't know if I can do this job without you - everything this team has achieved is also because of the passion and hard work you put in to getting the boys prepared for game day.

BRING ON 2019

U12 C

Coaches: Hamish Solomons & Bernard Worner

Manager: Brett Puckeridge

Well what an intriguing season 2018 turned out to be for our mob. It was a difficult start to the season but once we hit our most suited grade, the boys started to turn their season around in the most emphatic way. Technically speaking we were the only undefeated team in the Finals series, knocked out after the nail biting nil all draw in the Semi against the eventual winners Sans Souci.

We were lucky ... no, actually more like blessed to have **Toby** and **Riley** come into the fold, and with them came an amazing soccer coach in Bernard. This gave the boys the opportunity to train twice most weeks but it was Bernard's passionate match day knowledge and training set ups which was really invaluable to the team. A huge thank you from everyone Bernard.

Toby was instrumental in staving off our opposition attacking structures in every game thus underlining the importance of saving a goal being as important as scoring a goal. He was a wonderful team leader as well. In saying this our defenders deserve a big wrap in helping to win so many games. **Nick**, our leader at the back, was reliable as ever and the emergence of **Cameron** and **Patty** as starting defenders, alongside Nick, was wonderful to witness. Both deserve Most Improved awards.

We scored a major off season signing in young **Austin** as our goalkeeper, and there's only one word to describe his debut season. Majestic! What a skillful and brave young man.

We welcomed **Finlay** back to the fold and he was always solid, and some games just brilliant, such as the time he knocked in 3 goals. Also reliable in the midfield was **Nicholas** and **Jono**. Jono dropped back to give the defenders a hand in the big games and our 0-0 draw against the eventual winners was testament to the quality of the games he turned in. Nicholas was a pleasure to coach and showed wonderful improvement in the back part of the season.

Then we had our attackers. **Owen**, as always, was a constant threat when he was on and shows beautiful skills for a boy playing above his age. Then there's speedy **Riley** who at times was a goal scoring machine, even though he was playing up. We had some good utility players who played with great flexibility in many different positions when required by the coaching staff and obviously did a great job considering we were so close to making the grand final. This included **George**, our two **Josh's**, **Ashton** and **Hunter**, all of whom always gave 100%, turned in some invaluable performances and scored some crucial goals. Really proud of the improvement in all of these players.

Special mention to another one of our players who was also up an age group in **Max** who had some wonderful moments throughout the season, always fought hard and also filled in at GK when Austin's skills were required in attack towards the end of the season.

A real team effort by the boys on the field and it was great to see them getting on so well by season's end. But I have to add it was a wonderful effort off the field by so many of the parents - in particular Brett as manager, Rebecca as stand in manager, John as an extra hand at training and many more of the dads and mums in all different manners, including the simple task of supporting these great kids in so many positive ways. Great banter too on Whatsap.

Bring on 2019.

Hamish Solomons (Co Coaching)

U13 C

Coach: Maurice Bortolin

Manager: Kathy Crimmins



At the first training session I could see that the team was eager for the start of the new season. The team was still coming off the high of making the grand final the previous season.

The team did lose some players from last season and at the start only had 13 registered players. With the knowledge that Ross and Zack were both embarking on overseas holidays in June/July we knew we needed to recruit more players.

Our aim at the beginning of the season was to be competitive, have some fun and learn some new skills along the way.

We were fortunate to have Ray and Shane join the team relatively early into the season. They both adjusted well into the team.

The team played 18 games with 9 wins and 5 draws. Therefore for 14 of our games (ie: 78%) we did not lose. For most of our games we were the first to score.

We eventually finished in 4th spot. An awesome effort by the entire team. The team played their best game of the year in the Elimination Final. They gave their all and were all exhausted after the match. The match ended 0-0 after extra time but unfortunately we bowed out to the team coming 3rd.

An almighty effort by each and every member of the team exceeding all expectations. Every player contributed to a great season.

Player profiles

Noah (1): Great year in goals. Many incredible saves. Long punt kicks making it to half way. Fearless when coming out to attackers. Highlights: The great save he made against Arncliffe Aurora in the first round, the great save he made against Oatley in the second round which changed the game and the point blank save he made in the Elimination Final against Carss Park.

Daniel C (27): Solid at right back. Very composed and made a lot of good passes out of defence. Highlights: Combined well with Tim and Ray on our right hand side to put us in some good attacking positions.

Nathan (62): Very tough and fearless defender. Most headers in the team. Great long passes and long throw ins. Highlights: Timed his tackles well, good anticipation and vision.

Sean (5): Did a great job for us at left back. Good ball interceptions and long kicks out of our defence. Enjoyed his time in the midfield. Highlights: Great long throw ins and never gave up.

Shane (49): Blessed with lightning speed. Chase down attackers with ease. Defended very well. Can play either right or left back. Great passes out of defence. Highlights: Excellent long runs with the ball.

Adam (65): Very composed and relaxed on the ball. Excellent close ball skills. Great long kicks and free kicks. Highlights: Cool penalty against Oatley, excellent long range goal against Rockdale Raiders in the first round and great control of a high ball in the Elimination Final against Carss Park.

Harrison V (26): Good all round player. Great composure on the ball. Did a lot of running and tackled well. Great distribution to Zack, Ross and Alex up front. Scored some great goals for us. Highlights: great lob goal against Carss Park in the first round, his brilliant left foot goal against Rockdale Raiders in the second round and his excellent piece of skill which bamboozled the Carss Park defence in the Elimination Final.

Gabriel (50): Super fit. Ran himself into the ground in every game. Very reliable in defence. Great runs with the ball and passes. Highlights: his resilience against Arncliffe Aurora in the first round when he was being targeted by them. Gab got the last laugh by scoring a penalty.

Harrison C (57): Had a great year. Ever since getting his new boots he played like a professional (private joke between coach and Harrison C). Tackled and passed the ball well. Highlights: linked up well with Ray at right wing against Sans Souci creating a number of scoring opportunities.

Tim (33): Our quiet achiever. Surprised all with his bursts of speed on our right hand side. Tim timed his tackles perfectly and linked up well with Ray on our right side. Highlights: Great poacher's goal against Bexley North and his very excellent game against Carss Park in the Elimination Final. No attacker got past him.

Daniel B (42): Tried hard throughout the year. Made some good interceptions and passed the ball well. Highlights: Has to be the great goal he scored against the Warriors in the first round (against his old team), seeing his old school friends again and making new friends.

Ray (22): Very thrilled to have Ray in our team. Our Japanese international import. Ray impressed everyone with his great dribbling skills which bamboozled our opponents. He made a lot of great runs with the ball. Highlights: great long range goal against Oatley in the second round, great thunderous goal against Arncliffe Aurora in the second round and great crosses (on our right side) into the box in our Elimination Final against Carss Park. A big thanks to Ray's grandfather for his support at training.

Alex (53): A very versatile player. Made great appearances for us as goal keeper, sweeper and striker. Our leading scorer with 6 Goals. Highlights: All of Alex's goals. His great control and speed on the ball. Great game against Carss Park in the Elimination Final where he cleaned everything up.

Ross (64): Also blessed with lightning speed, Ross made some great attacking runs at our opponent's goal. Ross teamed up well with Zack up front. Highlights: his great long running goal against Carss Park in the first round which won the game for us. Pity the cameras were not rolling at the time. Another highlight would have been his overseas trip.

Zack (60): Also has great speed. Zack made some excellent attacking runs at our opponent's goal all season. Teamed up well with Ross up front. Highlights: Great world class goal against Oatley in the second round. Zack's other highlight would have been his overseas trip.

A huge thank you to Daniel C's mum Kathy for taking on the manager duties for the team this season. Thank you for taking care of the match sheets, referees fees and attending the coaches and managers meetings.

A big thank you to Ross' dad Jimmy and Zack's dad Steve for their help training the team when I was not available.

Thank you to all the parents for your support and help with canteen and field set up duties.

Regards

Coach Maurice 

U14 A

Coach: Octavio Montoya

Manager: Katharine Montoya

The squad that took out the U13B Premiership in 2017 mostly held together in 2018 as we were promoted to the 14A competition. The 2018 14A squad was made up of:

Chris Christodoulou (Goal Keeper), **Marcus Loncar** (Right Back), **Adam Benzaruk** (Centre Back), **Zane Argent** (Centre Back), **Ryan Courtney** (Left Back), **Mitchell Boneham** (Defensive Midfielder), **Nicholas Kladis** (Defensive Midfielder), **Ryan Devet** (Defensive Midfielder), **Christian Barisic** (Defensive Midfielder), **Andrei Esdaile-Watts** (Defensive Midfielder), **Saul Robinson** (Right Midfield), **Nathaniel Seeto** (Left Midfield), **Will Nicholson** (Attacking Midfielder), **Anthony Fonti** (Attacking Fielder), **Eric Athanas** (Attacking Fielder) and **Josiah Montoya** (Striker)

Knowing that the competition was going to be much tougher than previous years, we set ourselves a goal of aiming to finish up mid table. Unfortunately, we had a tough run at the end of the season that saw us drop from 6th after a strong middle of the season, to finish 9th.

Our year was unfortunately a year where we missed many of our starting 11 week on week due to injuries, holidays and other commitments which meant we failed to really find a rhythm as a team and our stats finished as 4 Wins, 4 Draws, 10 Losses, 28 Goals For and 57 Goals Against.

It was a baptism of fire at the start of the season where in round 2 we met last year's champions Connells Point and, with our keeper missing, they put 10 past us. It was a tough game to watch, but it also provided for the back story for the biggest turn-around of the season. In the return home game against them in round 11, we held them off to 0-0 draw and actually had the better of chances. This demonstrated the potential that our team had to compete in the A division. We also had the better of Sans Souci throughout the season (who came 4th overall) as we drew with them in the 1st round 5-5, and then beat them 2-1 in Round 10. We also took care of Bexley North both times we played them throughout the season.

For some of the great performances that our team found, we also let several games slip through our fingers (vs Hurstville Zagreb, Rockdale Suns, Scots FC) where we were leading then the wheels falling off in the second half. Had we converted these leads into points that would have seen us achieve our mid-table result.

Regardless of Win, Loss or Draw; or where we landed in the table, I'm incredibly proud of the boys for the effort they put in this year.



Top Row Left to Right: Mitchell, Ryan C, Chris, Anthony, Adam, Zane, Saul, Christian
Bottom Row Left to Right: Marcus, Ryan D, Andrei, Nicholas, Eric, Nathaniel, Will, Josiah

Individual Team Honours

This year's individual team's honours for Perpetual and Coaches and Managers awards were voted by the players, coach and manager using a voting system at the end of each game with the David Coleman award for Most Improved being awarded by the Coach.

- **By Votes - Perpetual Award – Zane Argent.** Easiest of choices. Coach, Manager and team members clearly voted for him by a factor of 2:1. Stand out performer in the team, saved our bacon I don't know how many times as our centre back. Like last year, I had many coaches rave about the lanky, curly long haired centre back who no opposition striker ever saw coming.
- **By Votes - C&M Award – Josiah Montoya.** Not because he's my son, but he received the second most votes from Coach, Manager and team members. Over and above the voting result, he was a real team player, helped anywhere on the park, unselfish in his play and was again our top scorer with 10 goals for the season with 2 hat tricks (against Hurstville Zagreb and Bexley North) and also scoring a brace against Scots FC.
- For the **Banks Award for Most Improved**, I've chosen **Ryan Courtney** who stepped up massively this year. I was really impressed with his overall improvement and earned his position in the starting line up in left back.

U16 Girls B

Coach: Ben Petanceski

Coach/Manager: Hagop Tchamkertenian

Trainer: Jordan Petanceski

The Lugarno 16G team had another successful season making the finals series appearance for the fifth consecutive year.

Despite losing six players during the offseason, the team recruited five new players – **Beth Evans, Bianka Pagliuca, Kamuran Guerra, Tahlia Wise** and **Zoe Calleja** to commence the season with

15 players and a third way through the season the team was at full strength when **Jasmine Thompson** joined.

The returning players comprised of **Charlie Argent, Mia Barbara, Capri Bishop, Alanna Caracoglia, Alana Cogle, Bryana Kostoska, Zena Masri, Alana Petanceski, Taylah Samardzioski**, and **Tamar Tchamkertenian**.

The team got off to a flying start winning its opening game 5-0 against a Sans Souci team that would go on and make the grand final. This game was followed by a comfortable 3-1 win over Kogarah Waratah before the team registered consecutive single losses by a single goal to Ramsgate RSL and Connells Point despite dominating both games. The team got back on track with three consecutive wins against Rockdale Suns, Forest Rangers and ASOW, scoring 10 goals during these three games and conceding none.

The fine run was followed by a draw against Bexley North and consecutive narrow 2-1 losses against eventual premiers Peakhurst United and runners-up Sans Souci. A win against Kogarah Waratah was followed up by a draw against Ramsgate RSL and then another fine run of four consecutive wins that yielded 17 goals scored, only 2 conceded including three consecutive clean sheets.

Last two games of the normal competition saw a narrow loss to Bexley North as the team failed to capitalise on numerous goal scoring opportunities and a mountain of possession, and another loss to Peakhurst United.

With the team limping into the finals series having finished in fourth place after giving up their much higher placing of second only two weeks prior, the semi-final game against Bexley North saw Lugarno deservedly open the scoring in the second half with 21 minutes left to play before conceding an equalising goal 10 minutes later. As the game went into extra time the team conceded a goal from a free kick, then Bexley North were awarded a penalty kick with two minutes of extra time left, which they successfully converted to run out winners 3-1.

The team played 19 games during the season winning 10 games, drawing 2 and losing 7. Lugarno scored 46 goals, conceded 25 for a positive goal difference of 21 and in the process produced 7 clean sheets.

Three players shared goal keeping duties during the season - Alanna Cogle, Mia and Kamuran all putting on the gloves. The strong defence was led by Taylah, Charlie, Capri, Alana Petanceski, Mia and Zoe. The midfield duties were shared amongst Bryana, Kamuran, Tahlia, Bianka, Jasmine, Alanna and Zena, while the attacking roles were rotated amongst Tamar and Beth.

Eleven players scored goals during the season with Bryana finishing top goal scorer with 13 goals followed by Tamar with 12 goals. Beth scored 5 goals, Zena 4 goals, Jasmine 3 goals, Alanna, Alana Petanceski, and Taylah each scored 2 goals, Capri, Alanna and Kamuran each finished up with a goal.

Having occupied second spot with just two normal competition games to play, the slide to fourth place no doubt played on the minds of the players entering the finals series. The team should have finished much higher on the competition table and should have at least progressed to the grand final based on the overall strength of the teams in the competition. So from this perspective the team performed below its potential.

However, given that six new players joined the team and all players, except for two, had to play either one or two years up from their normal age group, including one player who was given special permission to play three years up from her age group, it was a great achievement for this very young Lugarno side to make the finals series for the fifth consecutive time. The credit goes naturally to all the Lugarno players but also to the team officials comprising of Ben and Hagop and their trainer Jordan.

Well done team and looking forward to seeing you next season when we play again in the under 16's.



Standing from left to right: Tamar Tchamkertenian, Kamuran Guerra, Taylah Samardzioski, Alanna Caracoglia, Bryana Kostoska, Zena Masri, Capri Bishop, Beth Evans, Mia Barbara, Alana Cogle and Jasmine Thompson.

Front row from left to right: Charlie Argent, Tahlia Wise, Zoe Calleja, Alana Petanceski and Bianka Pagliuca.

U17A

Coach & Manager: Hagop Tchamkertenian

Trainer: Michael Martinovic

The 17A's welcomed back half of the team from the preceding successful season when the team finished Champions and Premiers becoming the first Lugarno FC team to win a title at the historic and iconic Kogarah Oval following their 3-1 grand final win over Connells Point.

Players returning from the previous premiership winning season comprised of **Issac Cagigas, Lachlan Debono, Mitchell Frost, Peter Gazilas, Mark Martinovic, Will Simmons, Raffi Tchamkertenian** and **Stephen Theodoridis**. With half of the team not returning, including leading goal scorer of the past three seasons Kane Spiteri, who joined the Premier League squad, the team faced some serious challenges during the preseason. Eventually eight new players were recruited – **Ross Green, Patrick Lynch, Luke Palmer, Aristides Papageorgiou, Jai Pentland, Joshua Pepping, Alexander** and **Christian Ristevski** to replace those who had departed.

While the team showed plenty of promise during the pre-season with high attendance and great commitment on display at training sessions, the U17's are a very difficult age group to coach and train due to the existence of a number of non-football priorities such as school, work and other distractions. As a consequence, the promising pre-season signs failed to materialise into results during the football season, and the team had a disappointing season finishing well below the position it was capable of finishing had the players maintained their commitment and focus throughout the season.

The squad was reduced from 16 players to 13 players and for a number of games the team played with less than 11 players due to players not being available due to a variety of valid reasons - school and work commitments, injuries and family holidays. During other games the team played with no substitutes so naturally the players were exhausted playing 90 minutes without having a break. When circumstances permitted, players such as **Matthew Denson**, **Alex Jovcevski**, and **Christian Petrovski** were borrowed from the under 16B team to help form a team.

There were some memorable performances such as the 3-1 loss to Connells Point when Lugarno scored the opening goal and played with 9 players for the whole game, leading Cars Park 1-0 despite playing the game with just 8 players, and the 7-1 and 10-1 victories over Oatley. The team also opened the scoring in 5 other games during the season but on each occasion ended up losing the game. On the rare occasions that the team had either 11 players or the luxury of substitutes for a game, they played competitive football including the 3-3 draw in the opening game of the season against Forest Rangers when the team led 3-2 and conceded an unlucky deflected goal with 90 seconds left to play.

Will was the main goal keeper for the season. Raffi and Alex played in defence and as back-up goalkeepers for some games when Will was not available. Christian became the regular right fullback while Stephen started as a regular left fullback before transitioning to striker late in the season.

Mark and Mitchell played in defence before also transitioning to midfield during the second half of the season. Jai played in midfield along with Ross, Luke, Peter and Lachlan who later was successfully deployed as a striker and finished as the team's leading goal scorer. Joshua, who played less than half of the season before deciding to return to his former team, and Patrick were deployed as strikers, while Issac was deployed in a number of different positions.



Left to right back row standing: Hagop Tchamkertenian (Coach and Manager), Patrick Lynch, Alexander Ristevski, Joshua Pepping, Mitchell Frost, Christian Ristevski, Mark Martinovic, Issac Cagigas, Michael Martinovic (Trainer).
Front row seated: Lachlan Debono, Raffi Tchamkertenian, Stephen Theodoridis, Will Simmons, Jai Pentland, Peter Gazilas and Ross Green. Missing from team photo: Luke Palmer

PWL

Coach: Matt Gorman

Manager: Katie White



What a season it's been for our PWL team in 2018. With a team of 20 talented females we kicked off with intense pre season training consisting of only fitness. As much as the team unanimously dreaded the thought of running laps around Gannons Park, we pushed through and allowed us to benefit as a result being the fittest team in the competition.

With new recruits to our team we welcomed - **Katie Bell, Laura Disibio, Jacqui Mowday, Katerina Meliss, Sophie Burt, Sarah Masri** and **Sophia Roy** along with our current and returning players - **Annika Debono, Calli Tshipidis, Caitlin Wallace, Jessica Dick, Lauren Cassar, Laura Dalby, Maeetal Gounder, Nicola and Karlie Jersek, Rebecca Radcliffe, Jasmine Schillert, Sarah Watt** and **Katie White**.

Round 1 saw us take on the reigning premiers Banksia Tigers, It was a great benchmark to determine our areas of improvement and where we would position ourselves throughout the season. The game was positive, only conceding one unlucky goal but most importantly we set a great benchmark as a team and left a lasting impression on Banksia.

The following rounds were positive and happy to report in our local derby of Lugarno v Forest Rangers we were successful in a 4-1 win and never losing to them throughout the season.

It was evident how strong our team was; Sophia, our keeper, was a cut above the rest showing no fear in making those imperative dives to save the ball. Our backline with Katie Bell as our sweeper really controlling the tempo and ensuring that we were well positioned and marking at all times. Nicola, our Captain, featured in a central role and always encouraged the team at all times especially towards little sister Karlie. Our frontline featuring Bec, Sarah Masri and Sophie Burt continued to make great passes and score some amazing goals that sometimes even surprised themselves!

One of the highlights of the season was the women in football round where we were fortunate to play Connells Point at Kogarah Jubilee Oval. Such a sporting highlight to showcase women in the

SGFA and how far we have come. It was a great game and spirits were high as we went on to win 3-0 with a hat-trick of epic goals from Bec.

Towards the pointy end of the season it was evident how far we had come and how close the table was, to the extent that it came down to our final regular season game against Dolls Point to determine who would finish second or third. We all knew how crucial the game was to secure a second chance going into finals. It was such a great effort by all team members as we had fun and managed to hold off Dolls Point to secure that spot.

Going into finals, we were up against Banksia at the newly opened synthetic turfed field Ador Avenue. The game saw us go up 1-0 first only to concede just before going into half time. The whole team really pushed in a very competitive match and unfortunately in the 92nd minute the ball managed to slip past Sophia's fingers and find the back of the net, going down in the first Semi 2-1.

Our second Semi against Dolls Point was just not our day. We all tried so hard but unfortunately Dolls Point were just too good on the day going down 3-0 in some great goals on their behalf.

Overall such a successful season and I'm sure on behalf of all the team we are proud of our achievements and can't wait to go all the way in 2019!

Special mention to our coach Matt for continuously pushing us throughout the season to be better and making us the fittest we have been in a very LONG time. Putting up with 20 females is never easy but we as a team appreciate all your efforts over the season!

Katie White - Manager

Premier League

Coach & Manager: Ian Faulkner

2018 was a tough year for Lugarno FC in Premier League. After finishing 2017 as Premiers in AAA, we looked forward to another successful year in the AAA competition in 2018. However, when ASOW dropped out of Premier League only a few weeks before the season started, it was Lugarno FC who were "promoted" to Premier League along with the AAA Minor Premiers, Rockdale Suns.

Given such late notice, we were always going to face an uphill battle to survive in Premier League. Preparing for a season in Premier League and a season in AAA is completely different. In AAA you can build up as the season goes on (as we did in 2017), but in Premier League you need to be ready to go from Round 1 as there are no easy games. On top of this, the Association certainly didn't help our cause when they announced the draw and we had to play the top four PL teams from 2017 in the first 4 rounds of the competition. Talk about being thrown in at the deep end!!

Premier League 1st Grade – 10th

Against the odds, Round 1 against Banksia Tigers (the eventual 2018 Premiers) started on a bright note when Jarrod scored after only 5 minutes. Unfortunately, things went downhill from there, with Jarrod injuring his knee 5 minutes later and being ruled out for the rest of the season. A 3-1 loss to Banksia was followed by 3 more losses and we were already struggling for survival. But despite all the adversity, the team battled away all year and, although we ended up clearly at the foot of the table with no wins and only 4 draws from 18 games, the team never turned it up and were competitive in almost every game. In the end, the statistics indicate just how competitive we were, with 20 goals scored for and 58 goals against (an average score-line of around 1-3).

Even though we finished the season a clear last on only 4 points, there were a number of close games during the year that could have gone our way with a little more good fortune. Unfortunately, you don't get competition points for close losses!!

Premier League Reserves – 9th

As with 1st Grade, things looked bright for a successful season in AAA Reserves in 2018, after finishing the 2017 season in 3rd position. We welcomed a number of new young players and a season in AAA was just when these players needed to develop. These plans quickly changed when it became a season in PL in 2018!! PL Reserves is a really tough competition with the stronger Clubs having teams almost of 1st Grade standard. For this group of players to finish the year with 4 wins and 2 draws was a great effort.

It didn't take long for the players to become aware just how tough the year was going to be as we lost the first 3 games heavily, albeit against 3 teams who would end up in the finals. No goals for and 16 against in 3 games was a tough initiation for many of the players to Premier League football. But the team regrouped and 4 wins and 2 draws from our last 15 games was a commendable effort. The statistics for the year showed 30 goals for and 63 goals against, clearly indicating that the team was competitive and far from disgraced.

Most Reserve Grade players also experienced some time on the field in 1st Grade during the season. In fact, 32 players within the squad actually played in a 1st Grade game during the season. This experience in 1st Grade can only help these players going forward.

In summary, this was certainly a very tough season for everyone in the squad. While it is a return to AAA in 2019, the squad can hold its head high after giving their best in 2018 and proudly representing the Club in the elite competition in the Association. Importantly, discipline was really good and all players will be the better for the experience of playing in Premier League this year.

Special congratulations to the award winners from the PL squad. To **Conor Robinson** on being the Premier League "Player of the Year", this is a great reward for your efforts this year, both in 1st Grade and Reserves. Conor was the only player who took the field in all 18 1st Grade games during the season, but he also helped out with time on the field in 14 games in Reserve Grade. Congratulations also to the two Coach & Manager Award winners, **James Naumovski & Kane Spiteri**, both young players experiencing PL for the first time. James quickly made us realise he was a 1st Grade quality player and by year's end, he was without doubt one of our key players. At 16 years of age, Kane had an incredible season in Reserve Grade and he was also always happy to help out in 1st Grade when needed.

I hope to see all players back in 2019!!

Cheers, Ian Faulkner

AA F 2

Coach: Michael Jarevski

Manager: Peter Georgellis

The All Age F team, better known as *Hecklers FC* embarked on their 5th season of football (ruck and maul soccer) in 2018, having made the Grand Final the last 3 seasons. Not a training ball was kicked in anger prior to the season or throughout as the team got into their regular routine of high drama, injuries, holidays and heckling.

This was also a season of firsts as we finally had a member of our team join the LFC committee. Michael 'Yare' Jarevski who holds the official record for most hands shaken in the Lugarno district, took up the post of Men's Liaison Officer and boy did he liaise. Jackets were shopped around and mutual Facebook friends were shared. But the one constant remained on game day, he was late.

We lost a couple of stars from last year's team in Sam and Harry, and the Faceless man was hoping to replace them with a few new ones with the recruitment of Irishman Mark, big dog Rob and little Johnny who made little Franky seem like a giant. All 3 exceeded expectations and contributed significantly to our team's success in 2018.

The team started strongly and it was obvious from early on that it was going to be a top 4 side. The team navigated its way past an early quitting (Nesh), a language barrier (Irish is the new English), Russian holidays (with some of the best dancing you will ever see) and suspensions, but the team stayed strong and finished the regular season in 3rd place.

A few weeks prior to the end of the regular season, the team was dealt a heavy blow. Our mild-mannered striker cum keeper cum profuse yeller Eddy 'Rambo' Poh copped an 8 week suspension for a double fistful push into an opposition Glory player. The angry man was harshly done by with the 8 weeks meaning that even if the team reached the Grand Final, he would still miss out on the game. Fortunately, Atef also joined our team at the same time to cover for the Eddy suspension. Similar speed, similar aggression and similar 'striking' ability. He fitted in well, made easier by Michael's man crush on him.

Our final series played out like the ones before. We played tough, we intimidated and we pre-game huddled like the Golden Girls before a bingo tournament. Whatever worked. We beat Carlton in extra time to progress through to the Grand Final qualifier against Hurstville Glory. Again, in true Hecklers FC style, we proved too much for them and took them out 2-0 to continue on and qualify for our 4th Grand Final in as many years. Not bad for a team of mental patients.

The Grand Final was to be against the old arch enemy Forest Rangers. This Forest team in particular definitely owed us one or two. We had knocked them out the last 2 final series and their team this year looked particularly strong. The match was fiercely contested and Rangers hit a 2-0



lead in the first half after a couple of errors from our team. Their second goal was something to savour as the ball moved towards our keeper and a miss-communication between our keeper Foti, and our everywhere man Jehad, led to Jehad hooking the ball backwards over his head, bouncing into our goal. Not sure if we needed to laugh or cry. Many laughed.

After a stirring speech from Kotta at half-time, the boys came out with a lot more aggression in the second half. The first 25 mins was all LFC and eventually we pegged one back when Medium Frank headed home. We had numerous other chances but couldn't get the job done. The fight was near over after 30 mins when we conceded a goal on the counter. Rangers also knocked in one more for good measure. A 4-1 result, not reflective of the performance and the team will rue conceding the 2 cheap goals in the first half. Disappointing finish but a great season regardless.

2018 will also be known for the sheer amount of spectacular own goals that the team scored. Seven players put the ball in the back of their own net in a record feat. But 3 own goals in particular will be remembered.

Coxy scored one of the most impressive own goals we've seen for some years as he chased a ball that was trickling wide of the post. As he tried to prevent the corner, he tripped over his kransky and put the ball back into our net. Nesh, known as our Own Goal Specialist, pulled off a pearler early in the season also as he skyed a clearance with more top spin than a Nadal forehand, then followed it as it bounced towards our goal. He then proceeded to jump to header it away, only resulting in putting the header over Foti's gloves and into our goal. Seals in SeaWorld couldn't perform that trick with such accuracy. And lastly Jihad, saved our best for last in the Grand Final with his cut shot over his head, our keeper's head and straight into our net. Fortunately, it wasn't a really important goal giving the opposition a 2-0 lead in the Grand Final.



Our team is unique. We come in all shapes and sizes, nationalities and mental stability. But we unite when things matter. Here is an individual run-down of the team.

#30 Johnny Papaioannou: Small man, big heart, massive ... motor. 'Little Johnny' took a while to find his feet in the team. Was called a borderline midget early in the season by Rob which set him back a month but therapy worked wonders as he came out stronger on the other side. Johnny finished the season as defender of the year and a regular starter. Aggressive like a little terrier and a great heckler sense of humour. Fitted in effortlessly.

#29 Mark McCormack: One of the three new boys, it was obvious pretty quickly that Mark had kicked a soccer ball before. And it was also obvious pretty quickly to him that the rest of us couldn't. Mark's presence got us to where we did in 2018 and his "fookin hell"s were a weekly laugh. But most of all, his chats to the team pre-game and at half-time were emotional, knowledgeable and just what the doctor ordered. No-one understood a word he was saying but nonetheless.

#60 Rob Trposki: Big Rob was the third member of the new boys trio and had a great first season with the club. Was out for a couple of months after drinking expired milk early in the season but he also had a minor back injury. But he came back right when the team needed him most, lifting the side with his aggression and hurtful comments to his own players. Rob also had the added distraction of Kotta's man crush on him but still made a huge contribution towards the team's success. He also bought the most expensive wine at the team dinner with Pete G's ref money.

#1 – Foti Papoulis: Our keeper, our saviour, our toe basher. Foti played most of the season in goals and pulled off some good saves along the way. He has told the faceless man that he has aspirations to join the weather channel next year with weekly reports of wind knots a focal point of

his discussion. Dressed like a canary for most of the year, Foti is also responsible for Coxy's groin issue, handing him about 95% of the goal-kicks to take.

#16 – Bernie Li: Another season, another shoulder dislocated and another game ruined by his pursuit of the green whistle. Even though the team has gotten used to playing without Bernie the last couple of years, no one forgets his contribution to the team when he was fit. No-one can offer that speed in the mids that he does, nor the perfectly flowing Gangnam style hair.

#10 – Atef Elassi: Atef filled in for our team a few times throughout the season and took a permanent switch at the business end when Eddy was suspended. When he wasn't telling the opposition to calm down with a stiff right jab, Atef performed at a high level. He added some speed and aggression to the front line. Eventually we will all get to know him better when Michael stops talking to him and lets him speak to others.

#27 – Frank Kontrafouris: Big Frank was no longer in 2018. It was Medium Frank. The gentle giant who at times would grab the opposition like he's about to shear a sheep, played more of a striker role in 2018 and got himself the Golden Goal award. Most likeable guy in the team and also the best moustache.

#22 – Fotes Efthiamidis: With glutes that would make an Ugandan silverback blush, 'Franky' came into the season with a lot on his mind. The nerves of tying the knot in 2018 no match for the news that he was to be was getting a dog twice the size of him. On the field, he was his usual self, walking around the centre circle and then booting the ball forward hoping one of our team chased the ball. Scored a couple of pearlers but still hasn't lived down the 'ding' from the Grand Final in 2015.

#42 – Nick Kottaras: Our weekly hot-spots on 'Kotta' were something special. The only time he registered leaving the centre circle was when he thought Rob was injured. Kotta will be best remembered in season 2018 for his torrid love affair with new boy Rob. Rob tall, Kotta short. Rob Macedonian, Kotta Greek. Rob heterosexual, Kotta ... anyway. It was an odd couple but they made it work and the romance blossomed a special feeling in the squad which was contagious.

#43 – Vlado Mazevski: Vlado selfishly left for a month to ride Disneyland's teacup ride in the middle of the season and then came back into the team pasta heavy, turning slower than curdled milk. He loved a milkshake or 3 in 2018 and did not get on the scoresheet for the first time in 5 seasons, having had a handful of attempts blocked by the post, the cross-bar and Jihad's arse. He also celebrated a number of birthdays in 2018 which may have proved a distraction.

#47 – Ian Zafra: The Doctor was on call for most of the season and finished the season strongly on the left wing. More massages than the Swedish bobsled team, Zorba always came to the games loose. Spent the first half of the season being called Bernie by a few until he spoke up and said that wasn't his name. It was 'Zorba'. But it's really Ian.

#80 – Jihad Matar: Je had another great year. Has only got the one direction on his body movement which is forward. Like a tractor ploughing the field, he takes the ball, the dirt and any opposition players with him as he makes his way up the field. The last contribution in Je's 2018 season will unfortunately be remembered for his own goal in the Grand Final. But nothing that a bit of cheesecake with Nutella on the side can't fix.

#64 – Andrew Cox: The big German tank took up his usual position as our Berlin Wall sweeper and he was a tower of strength at the back. He also scored many headers for the team from set pieces. The richest guy in the team with yachts across the shire, 'Coxy' is looking towards a potential positional change from the faceless man for season 2019 and a chance to get away from taking goal-kicks and discussing wind direction.

#17 – Jeremy Peisley: One of our leading goal scorers in the club, Jeremy spent a lot of time on the bench this season after a fallout with the faceless man. Tragedy struck in the GF qualifier as 'Jez' did his ACL but not before he scored the sealer to take us into the GF. There's some uncertainty as to if Lugarno's biggest St. George supporter resumes his LFC career. Here's hoping for a quick recovery and many more back-heels and unnecessary fouls to come.

#48 – Nesh Kandic: After another early season quitting episode, Nesh took a Russian hiatus mid-season to re-charge, practice his dancing and perfect the art of avoiding Foti's selfie stick in Russia.

The Own Goal Specialist played everywhere for the team in 2018 and finished the season strongly despite the forearm soreness from all the ironing.

#81 – Pete Georgellis: The loud-mouth of our team, Pete G's bought his 4th car in 2018 with the left-over ref money. On the park, he was once again the colossus at right back, heading harder than a ram from Goulburn. Pete is a man of few words. But he lets his actions do the talking. Just not at the bar.

#69 – Eddy Poh: The man who takes 6-7 holidays per year had a forgettable finish to the season. A rush of blood late in the year saw the man without a jacket cop a hefty 8 week suspension and a sad end to the season. The suspension obviously had a telling effect to his approach to violence in future matches when he was overhead telling our team to break the oppositions' legs in the Grand Final.

#51 – Michael Jarevski: The only man to play with a football sock shoved down the front of his shorts, 'Yare' spent most of the year selling jackets. When he wasn't acting in the official capacity as committee member, he was playing left back, talking to Atef or shopping for tiny teddies at Woolies. Yare probably had his best season in 2018 despite the fact his first touch is still with his groin.

Jokes aside, the spirit in this team and the ease at which the players can laugh at themselves goes a long way into why we're so successful. We get onto the field as mates and get off it the same. Heckling is the new soccer training. And a lot easier on the body.

See you in 2019.

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Life Members

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