

### **2019 IN REVIEW**

# As another season has drawn to a close, it is the perfect opportunity to reflect on the highlights for 2019 for our club.

We have maintained a healthy number of MiniRoos. Our strong foundation in the MiniRoos will help us keep growing in the years ahead.

Our U16 Girls and Over 30 Women teams represented our club with distinction in the Finals Series, with the U16 Girls making it to the Grand Final. It is exciting to see our Phoenix League female football teams doing so well.

Blacktown City Council overhauled our canteen in the off-season, presenting us with a larger and more modern space. Council also refurbished the outside of the clubhouse with new security grills and roller doors, making it much easier to get our equipment out on match days.

In a proud moment for the club, for the first time in quite a few years, every player from Open Goals through to Under 5 through to Over 35 ran out on to the pitch in the same playing strip. This was made possible by a grant from the NSW Government Office of Sport. Another Office of Sport grant enabled us to buy new goals for the Under 5 to Under 7 field, buy more training balls, and add some rebounders which were put to good use at the goalie training sessions.

The club is now working with Council to upgrade the lights. We look forward to hosting Friday night home games for our Over 30 Women and Over 35 Mens teams for the first time.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank: our sponsors for their support of the club; coaches and managers for giving their time; parents, carers, friends, and family for supporting the players and volunteering to help with canteen duty, working the BBQ and helping set up and pack down the fields; our MiniRoo Game Leaders and club referees, without whom games could not go ahead; and the club Committee, whose tireless efforts keep our club running.

May you all have a safe off-season, and here's to a cracking 2020!

Shane Perris President



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### **OUR COMMITTEE**

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### **CLUB REFEREES**

The club would like to the thank the following for their service as Game Leaders, Competition Referees, and Assistant Referees throughout the season. Being an official is not an easy job, but they have all represented the club with class and dignity.



Matilda Benton



Neale Benton



Savannah Broker



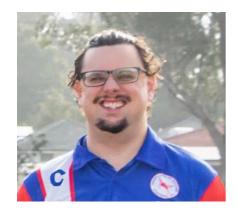
Dale Coleman



Amy Hine



India Rose Longhurst



Tim Macready



Elijah Perris



Kaelan Waite

### **CLUB REFEREES**





Shayla Waite

Kiana Woods

A special thank you also to the many coaches and parents who stepped in and helped out over the season to fill the gaps where needed. Without you, the games could not have gone ahead.

### **SERVICE AWARDS**

#### **5 Years Service**

Angad Ahuja

Paul Bagnato

Liam Dean

Akash Dey

Alexa Diaz

Jayden Ferguson

Joshua Ferguson

Timothy Heenpellage

Arka Mukherjee

Shane Perris

Isaac Shurety-Fox

Natasha Fox

Hayley Smith

Jordan Turner

Himinake Waa

Ethan Woods

Caedan Young

#### **10 Years Service**

Keith Boulden

Larry Grumley

Meru Rakkar

Garry Smith

Gavin Woods

Xiao Ming Wu

#### **15Years Service**

Lisa Thorn



### **PLAYER OF THE YEAR AWARDS**

MiniRoo Female Player of the Year

Junior Female Player of the Year

Keith Davidson Cup Senior Female Player of the Year



Lily Solomona



Bianca O'Brien



Jessica Duncan

MiniRoo Rising Star

### MiniRoo Standout Player of the Year



Chris Pemberton



Ibrahim Berjawi

MiniRoo Male Player of the Year





Himinake Waa

Senior Male Player of the Year



Dennis Cochrane

### **TEAM AWARDS**

#### MiniRoo Team of the Year

U8 Development League 2

#### **Best Attacking Team**

Over 30 Women Division 1

#### **Best Defensive Team**

Over 35 Men Division 4

# Lynwood Park Kings Langley Cup Team of the Year (James A Kay Founder's Award)

U16 Girls Division 2

### **CLUB AWARDS**

#### **Coach of the Year**

Gavin Woods

#### Manager of the Year

Alethea Walker

#### Kings Langley Lions Club - Club Volunteer of the Year

Todd Young

#### **Club Person of the Year**

Bec Broker

#### **Linda Grant - Club Spirit Excellence Award**

Elijah Perris



### **UNDER 5 KOOKABURRAS**

# It has been an absolute honour coaching the under 5 kookaburras this year.

A team of determined, ambitious and focused young players amazed me week after week.

Whatever the situation be it, the freezing weather, or just being under the weather, each and every one of these players gave 110% and it showed with their victories and their love for soccer.

For such a young team, their sportsmanship, camaraderie and ability to adapt to anything that got thrown in their way surprised me and made coaching this team an absolute pleasure.

From 'high fiving' each other's victories to opening the goals for the more 'shy' players, this season makes me look forward to what the future holds for these little winners.

Coach: Bessima Berjawi Coach: Emily Pemberton

## **UNDER 5 SHARKS**

Coach: Rodrigo Fierro Manager: Ivana Elice











### **UNDER 6 KANGAROOS**

#### The under 6 Kangaroos had a good season this year.

We were lucky enough to have most of the same team as last year, allowing everyone to get back to playing and improving straight away.

The team got off to a great start, enjoying a few great games before struggling to stay ahead of other teams in the middle half of the season. Unfortunately the flu season impacted us too, with a few sick kids during and the odd injury, meaning we didn't have our full team for a few of the games.

The gala day at the end was a fantastic finish to the season. Three great games and (eventually) fantastic weather making it a fun day for both players and parents.

Some fond memories of the season were watching **Jaxon** and **Liam** finally passing to each other, landing a few goals in the process; **John-Paul** continually pushing the ball through the middle of the field and not giving up; **Avnoor's** great footwork working the ball down the side of the field; watching **Lucas** take his first steps into the game; **Samuel** putting pressure on the other team when they have the ball; and finally **Suravi** take advantage of confusion after a kick off and walk the ball straight into the back of the net to score her first goal (I cheered so hard I almost cried)!!

Hoping to see the team come back next year to learn some more skills and watch them really grow into the game.

Coach: Alex Woodhouse Manager: Daas Jabboour

### **UNDER 6 WHALES**

#### 2019 was a great year for U6 Whales

We had a full squad of 7 this year and more often than not we had all 7 at the game. Our players were often wanting to play more minutes than the clock allowed.

The competition that we were in was good for us this year with a good mix of stronger, weaker and evenly matched opponents.

Maev has been a great manager and we had awesome support from the parents on the sidelines all year.

Training with Alex's team was great this year. With the extra numbers we could always run a productive training session even when half of our teams were away.

**Isabelle**. She chased the ball well, never missed a game and she made it to training almost every week. She became fond if kicking the ball backwards with her heel late in the season.

**Jack** has been a solid player for the team in defence and attack. He runs hard and it has been good seeing him looking for the passing option when he has the ball.

**Jaxon** has been a good all-round player this year. He gets stuck-in when on the field, he is passionate about the game and is a vocal cheerleader on the bench.



**Levi** has been a keen defender all year. Whenever we were up against some tough opposition, Levi was always there to make it hard for them to score goals.

**Patrick** has been getting more engaged with his football and has been getting plenty of touches on the ball in his games.

**Stella** has been a good defender, but a bit nervous in attack. She played every game and was at training almost every week. And when it's a bit chilly Stella also does a good T-Rex.

**Yatilla** has been excellent in attack with the ball at his feet. He can deceive and out-manoeuvre defenders. He has been great to watch.

Coach: Tim Hutton

Manager: Maev Higgins





### **UNDER 7 DEVELOPMENT 3**

#### A great season for a team that improved every week

A very wet autumn delayed the start of the season by a couple of weeks, but that just made everyone more excited once we got on to the field.

With some new players to the team this year, I took the opportunity to try some new things in training with the group. More games during training and fewer drills meant more opportunities for the kids to develop their problem solving skills, and working together as a team to come up with their own solutions to the problems they face on match day.

While sometimes the balance wasn't quite there, being promoted from Development 4 to Development 3 part way through the season was proof that things were moving in the right direction. It was clear to me that every person on the team finished the season a better player than when they started, and that's the most that a coach could ever ask of their team.

**Yara** showed she can run all day. She has excellent spatial awareness and a fantastic eye for the incisive pass, putting her team mates into space.

**Manvick** was ever reliable in attack and quick in defence, loved to run with the ball and enjoyed the thrill of challenging his opponents 1 v 1.

**Liam** was strong, confident and not afraid to take on the opposition. He also was a great team player, making sure his team mates got the ball as well.

**Layla** was always looking to attack and was hungry for goals. She loved to put in an extra special performance when she knew her dad was watching.

**Kanwarbir** was a new player this year. Kanwa was keen to chase the ball all day and never happier than with the ball at this feet.

**Gabriel** loved to defend. He is a strong tackler that enjoyed kicking the ball away into safety.

**Ella** was also new to the team this year. She was a quick learner that was not afraid to try new things, and has a powerful kick to go with it.

It was an honour to coach this wonderful group of kids, and I look forward to watching them continue to improve in the years to come.

Special thanks to our Manager Caireen, who made sure that we stayed organised and that every thing went to plan on match days.

Coach: Shane Perris

Manager: Caireen Young



### **UNDER 7 DEVELOPMENT 8 WHITE**

# The best place to start this report for 2019 would be a look at the last day of the season...

Though we don't officially keep scores (hee, hee), we won all three games at the Gala Day, scoring 19 goals and conceding only 3 on the day!!

I start here because this illustrates that commitment and hard work throughout the season, most often, eventually pays off. Well done to all who persevered and kept a positive attitude.

**Dominic** proved to be a key player, demonstrating skill and determination; he even developed some classy goal scoring celebrations! **Kobe** would have to be the team's most consistent - he never had a bad game and kept improving. If only I could be as relaxed as him!! **Evelyn** never stopped trying in her first year and had a fantastic attitude to training and wanting to be on the field. **Oskar** has all the makings of a determined, tricky and speedy midfielder or winger (but don't forget to get a good night's sleep before matchday!) **Aislin** has all the skills and knowledge to be a great asset to any team. The most powerful 'kick' award goes to **Ishaan! Elisabeth** continues to improve and was instrumental in stopping many goals with her positional awareness and even started to set up some goals.

Big thanks to Simon and Sarah (and their spouses) for managing the team, and special thanks to Kobe's parents for doing the lion's share of BBQ and canteen duties. Thanks also to parents and Simon for looking after the team in my absences.

Well done team, and good luck and have fun next season. Don't forget that football is a team sport; your team mates depend on you, so do your best for them as well as yourself.

Coach: Chris Munn

Manager: Simon Pace Manager: Sarah Waite

### **UNDER 7 DEVELOPMENT 8 RED**

#### I could still remember the day I volunteered as a coach.

I registered my kid Elijah to play soccer not expecting I had to coach him too. It was a nice afternoon and parents were grouped into 4 teams. No one knew each other in our team and when Michelle started asking who wants to volunteer as coach, everyone had reasons not to be one. I knew I had to do something because my kid is in that team , so I ended up volunteering forgetting the fact that I am doing night shifts.

Fast forward to our first game, it was a hot sunny day and the kids didn't know what to expect. We lost during that game and from that moment on, I might say I have pushed them a bit hard to be better players and taught them not to give up and not to be intimidated. I wouldn't say i never almost gave up. But every time I see the kids give their best shot in every game, I told myself I can't give up on these kids. They were so wonderful!



We as a team had issues, ups and downs but we were able to manage up to the end of the season. The issues made us stronger as a team. Parents were there to support me as a coach and were there to help me during practices. The last day of the season was the most memorable one. I felt the strength of my team and the kids were communicating to each other really well on the field and helped each other, and passed the ball to their teammates. We ended up winning all three games that day and the kids were so happy and they felt proud of themselves.

They have made a bond that is so special. A bond that will be part of their lives. They have gained friends for life which to me is the most important thing in joining soccer. **Aahan**, **Mann**, **Aadvik**, **Krishiv**, **Sabreen**, **Jashith**, and **Elijah** have been wonderful kids. Naughty at times , but you can see the determination and fighting spirit they had once they played. Thank you so much to my team and to the parents for a successful season! Kings Langley Mini Roos Red Go!

Coach: Claudet Indolos Coach: Abhisek Kumar Manager: Neeru Vig



### **UNDER 8 DEVELOPMENT 2**

# 2019 has proven to be another excellent season for this team that has been together since Under 5's!

This year we welcomed 3 new players in; Tommy, Muhammad & Lucas who each bring a new depth to the team's skillset.

**Tommy** has shown to be a thoroughly consistent and reliable player, **Lucas**' confidence has grown with many attempts being had along the second half of the season, and **Muhammad** joined **Dean** in our establishing goalkeeping force which was entertaining to watch!

I enjoyed my first year as coach for this amazing team, with our only defeat being the first game of the season it is fair to say that the U8/2's thoroughly deserved their promotion midway through the season.

Ary once again is an amazing striker who leads by example in both attitude & skill. **Kaden's** footwork along with **Chris**' speed make them be a force to be reckoned with. The teams defending was it's biggest improvement with **Mason** & **Brody** leading the charge. For the other teams to score they had to get past some solid defence-not many goals were conceded!!

We missed one of our originals in **Kieren** for most of the season on the field but his team spirit & commitment never faulted as he was cheering from the sidelines being the team's biggest supporter.

The U8/2's are a team in the truest sense of the word...team mates, supporters & true lovers of the game. With fantastic parents & a super organised Manager I Can't wait to see what next season holds!

Coach: Coral Mitchell

Manager: Emily Pemberton





### **UNDER 8 DEVELOPMENT 5**

The Team:

\*\* BELLA \*\* \*\* MANOA \*\* \*\* TERRY \*\* \*\*JULIAN \*\* \*\*BISMANJO\*\* \*\* RYAN \*\*

\*\*KYLE \*\* \*\* NICOLAS\*\* \*\* OWEN \*\* \*\* YATHARTH \*\*

A big thank you to all the club volunteers, including the referees, committee, canteen helpers, field staff and parents. A special thank you to our manager Hayley, who did all the texting, scoring, hassling, and general stuff I wouldn't touch with a ten foot pole.

To our parents who endured the cold at 6pm at night and 8am Saturday morning, thank you. Also those parents who helped out in canteen and BBQ, Jodee, Jaz, Mel, Simone, Pete, Dave, thank you. Sorry if I missed anyone.

To the team, well done on a successful year of soccer. A lot of new faces, but I'm very proud of how well we trained and played together. We had some good wins, including two from three on gala day, very impressed. We kicked and passed like pros and tried to include everyone during the game. Our gun strikers of Nic, Bish, Ryan and Tez set up and scored a heap. Everyone had a turn at goalie as well, and we saw some impressive saves. I hope you all had fun and thanks for letting me coach.

Coach: Trent Vincent Manager: Hayley Kingi

### **UNDER 8 DEVELOPMENT 8**

#### We had lots to learn this year...

We welcomed in 6 new players, giving us a team of 5 boys and 5 girls. We had lots to learn this year with increases in field size, on-field team size and the introduction of a goalkeeper. Learning how to play as a team and for our new players, how to handle a ball. Early in the season we lost all our games, but we learnt and had fun!

Once we settled on a playing format, working out some key strengths in players, we started seeing the goals conceded reduce dramatically and scored more of our own! We were moved to development 8, where the games became more balanced and we were able to score more goals.

In training early in season, we concentrated on basic kicking and running with the ball. Later focussing on passing, maintaining a playing structure, teamwork and ball control. This change in focus paid dividends for us as we started seeing more team goals, players holding position, and defending well.

**Elijah** - played his heart out this year, he is adaptable and willing to play anywhere on the field. Very handy for a coach.



**Chayan** - brought a tonne of energy to our midfield, Chay was everywhere, and had a hand in a large portion of our goals and anchored our midfield.

**Brylee** - brought positivity, no matter where she ended up Brylee was smiling and laughing the whole time, however also has a killer instinct she utilises whenever needed.

**Lily** - our enforcer, dominated the back line, with a natural ability to stand back, read the play and dissolve an attack at the right moment. Always willing to take a run and attack as needed.

**Makaylah** - a valuable utility player, playing full back and midfield. Maky provided valuable contributions in defence and attack, scoring several times and making great saves.

**Marcus** - played a lot up front, harassing the opposition defence, Marcus is quiet and sneaky, often popping up in behind the defence. Though he is small, when he winds up and gets a hold of the ball, he can pack a punch.

**Mila** - played all over the place, in the end we found she was great at striker. Refusing to be bullied by the boys, had a great year holding her own and helping us out across the field.

**Lovekirat** - provided some valuable speed and kicking strength up front and in the halves. Love had a solid year and was helpful in attack

**Caitlin** - starting of as a very shy young lady very afraid of the ball, as the season progressed, she grew in confidence, and began challenging for the ball. Transforming from a girl scared of the ball to a young lady that got smashed in the face by the ball, shook it off and played on!

**Jacob** - joined halfway through the season, fitted in very quickly and did a great job working with the team. Jacob listened well and began playing in formation.

Coach: Dale Coleman

Manager: Sarah Solomona

## **UNDER 9 DEVELOPMENT 1**

Coach: Gavin Woods Manager: Jo Sofrenic











### **UNDER 10 DEVELOPMENT 2**

#### The 2019 Season was an exciting one

It was the first season introducing the off side rule and additional positions on the field.

The off side rule worked well for us tactically this season, by the end of the season the majority of the team had the idea some better than others.

**Charley**, who along with **Jackson** and **Belmin** who were the most improved players this year and did a really great job in defense. Charley took to the center back position like a wild fire. Belmin was a great addition to the right back role which helped improve his positioning and movement, allowing him to have a go and hold good position in the mid-field too. Jackson at left back did very well with his positioning also. Jackson's attention earlier on at training showed through on game day.

All players really showed improvement in position and movement this year. All players had a go in goals, however **Caedan** & **Hunter** were both great when in goals this year.

I was pleased with **Brodie**'s efforts each week, through a little guidance and encouragement he was able to keep up in position and improved as the season went on.

Special thank you to **Atif** who played in the center of mid-field most games. We all know Atif loves to score goals, however when I asked him to help the team by playing center mid Atif just gave me his wonderful smile and said ok let's do it coach.

**Ibby** & Atif were the top scorers this year. With **Alan**, **Liam** and Atif in the mid field we were quick with either Ibby or Caedan in attack.

Liam & Atif were the speedy one's in mid field this year. Their tackling and pace was good to watch this year. The combinations between the mid fielders worked well. Great long range goal by Alan during the year. Big Thank you to **Taren** who's contributions this year were always 100%. His dribbling and tackling are impressive and his movement is coming along as well. Taren played all positions most consistently out of any one this year.

All in all a good season. All players should be very happy.

Coach: Oliver Dean

Manager: Caireen Young



### **UNDER 10 DEVELOPMENT 4**

#### Another season done and dusted

It was again an honour coaching these boys, all of whom gave their 100% of effort every game and training run. Most of the gang came back from last year and we gained some excellent new players. Changes to ground sizes, team sizes and the new personnel, had the team on the back foot at the start of the season, but soon they got into their groove.

Lead up front by our goal scoring wizard **Issac**, we soon started to put some games away. **Sameer** was an excellent addition to the team out wide and gave us a lot of run, while **Arka** was a great at linking up with other players and setting up goals. **Aidan** was strong where ever we put him, saving goals as goalkeeper or scoring goals from the midfield he has our x-factor. **Paul** was a most improved player this year, helping out in the mids, while **Jayden** offered great talk on the field and also enthusiasm at training. New player **Caiden** proved to be a blessing this season, one of a few boys that could play any position, he offered great passing in the mids, goals in attack and solid defence. He also took on the goalie role in the tough games. **Malachy**, another new player, was a keeper extraordinaire, and when he was out on the field, he was brave and solid, taking on players and winning. Old boys **Ethan** and **Rasheek** (or as they were nicknamed Chook and The Rock) were again players a coach



could count on. Ethan again proved why centre mid was his spot, however when put upfront or at the back his never say die attitude held him in good stead. Rasheek was one of our best defenders. It wasn't often players got past him as he was like a Rock, and was also asked to keep, where again not much got past him. **James** was again solid this this season, floating from up front and at the back he never let the team down. He linked up well with Issac for some great plays and saved many goals in the backs. **Geo** was probably the most improved player this year. Always in the top three players, he played well wherever he has put. He came into his own as a centre back this year and saved our team in a lot of games.

I like to thank Natasha and Kelly for managing the team this year, as always you both made sure everything ran smoothly. I would also like to thank all the parents, friends and family who turned up each week. The boys and I appreciated the support through the season and looked forward to next year.

The Team and I would also like to thank the Under 9 Development 1 team who helped us out with a few games this year when we were short players. We appreciated the help especially after playing a game before hand.

Coach: Joshua Ferguson Manager: Natasha Fox Manager: Kelly Collier





## **UNDER 10 DEVELOPMENT 6**

#### A great season for a brand new team

As a brand new team, we came together just a few weeks before the season started. Many of our squad had never played before, so we quickly worked on getting to know each other developing our core soccer skills.

Thanks to all the parents, who were always eager to support and help, and created just the right atmosphere for the kids. Whether we won, drew or lost, the parents were always supportive and encouraging - pushing us to get better and celebrating whether we got the result or not.

We endured a tough period in the middle of the season, where we lost seven in a row - often against teams that were then pushed up to a higher division. But we kept persevering, and towards the end of the season our training and teamwork started to pay off. It was a true accomplishment to play as well as we did, and to win our final two full games to cap it all off.

Everyone improved over the season - some of our highlights were:

**Arunav** gave us the kind of pace that most opposition teams found difficult to deal with. Over the season he grew in making runs down the wing and then being able to send crosses into the centre, and scored quite a few goals himself.

**Ben** took on his first season playing with enthusiasm. He enjoyed playing in goal for part of most games, and by the end of the season had really grown into the role, making excellent reflex saves and cutting promising opposition attacks with his positioning.

**Bryen** joined us midway through the season, transferring from another team. He quickly became part of the team, playing alternately in midfield and defence,



and forming a really good partnership with Josiah at full-back.

**Cooper** was our top goalscorer. Playing from midfield, he was involved in most of our attacks and also got back regularly to help in defence. His highlight was probably scoring a long-range free-kick in the derby against Parklea.

**Dominic** was playing his first season and really grew in confidence as the season progressed. He found a niche in midfield, improving in passing, courage and stamina.

**Jade** was always enthusiastic and eager to play. She played everywhere, always full of energy and eager to get back on the pitch when it was her turn to take a break. Over the season she improved her ball control and dribbling.

**Jasnoor** was only with us for a couple of games, but enough to make an impression in defence - always ready to make a clearance.

**Josiah** was outstanding in defence. Over the season he learned to jockey and to slow play down, and to shepherd attackers towards the sideline. What was most impressive was watching him learn how to read the game and anticipate where the ball might be going.

**Kaden** really grew over the season. He was great in midfield, but probably made his best contribution with frequent last-ditch tackles and clearances - always willing to run to chase down the ball and slow the attacked.

**Katija** was outstanding all over the field. She had many highlights and was always amongst our best players, and was rewarded with a few goals against different teams over the course of the season.

**Lucas** brought fun to everything that he did. Whether he was training, playing in goal, or playing as an outfielder he was happy and enjoyed being part of the team, growing in fitness and focus over the season.

**Naomi** was nervous at first, but really grew as the season went on, becoming a confident winger who was able to be part of our attacks and come back to support in defence.

**Vinny** was another playing his first season. Timid at first, it was a joy to watch as over the course of the season he became more confident, quicker and able to get into the play. By the end of the season he was making tackles and even a few passes.

Well done Kings Langley U10/Div 6! Congratulations to our goal scorers - Cooper, Arunav, Katija, Kaden and Ben, and well done to the whole team.

Coach: Tim Macready Coach: Sam Filipe Manager: Neale Benton

## **OPEN GOALS JUNIORS**

Coach: Rebecca Thorn Coach: Jacob Mcclen









# **OPEN GOALS SENIORS**

Coach: Steve Thorn









### **UNDER 12 DIVISION 4**

#4 **Christopher** - Mr Smiles! Full of fire and ready to bounce every time he took the field. He played sweeper as well as other positions, and did a tremendous job standing in as goalkeeper when needed. Christopher developed a great kicking skill that took the ball out of contention. He took the ball from the very best of them and didn't hesitate. Very much looking forward to 2020.

#8 **Sean** - Awesome little player! A fighting attitude in his bones, with a beautiful manner to all. Sean has come so far throughout the season, with a passion for the game that has definitely increased. He was always attacking and switching to defence in the blink of an eye with a no fear attitude. Terrific season, be proud!

#9 **Elhaam** - Quiet but effective player! Elhaam showed ball skills, body positioning and practices that he had brought to the team. He was a threat many times to the opposition. He would glide in and out with the ball and do what he had to do. He set himself up for scoring goals and goal assists. Elhaam played with hunger to score with his talent that was noticed by many. Great season Elhaam!

#10 **Nicholas** - Mr Cheeky! A little but mighty player, fast bursts, with a sheer passion. He put in a great effort every training and game. Nicholas brought much to the team. He was a valuable playmaker and was great reading the game each week. Nicholas shined playing right wing and didn't worry about getting injured. Every time he took the field he didn't stop until the last whistle was blown. Terrific season Nicholas, watch out 2020!

#13 **Oliver** - Little Pocket Rocket! Awesome little player, with bursts of fastness



on the field and a sheer passion for the game. No matter who the opposition, big or small, he didn't see himself disadvantaged with his size. He was in and out like a zipper going up and down on a jacket. A big threat when in possession being in opposition territory. A great season without a doubt and very much looking forward to 2020!

#15 **William** - Mr Golden Gloves! William made it known he was there for one reason - to play to the fullest no matter what happens. William was goalie 98% of the time with amazing results. He put his all into every training and game. He has an immense passion for soccer, putting in extra effort throughout the season with his goalie skills and knowledge. Took the ball from the best without hesitation or fear. Be proud, William! Wow factor! Fantastic season!

#18 **Himinake** - Mr Serious! Never failed to surprise. One of our main goal scorers, he also stepped up as goalkeeper a few times. Everyone could see his passion and how he wore it on his sleeve. Himinake read the game well, has a natural talent, moves into positions and encourages his team mates continuously to "Never Give Up". Always displayed a fighting attitude to take on the best and biggest players. Watching Himinake was awesome, lots of friendship for his team. Impressive season!

#22 **Joshua** - Great effective player! A great passion for the game without a doubt. His technique flowed through the season and skills improved continuously. Joshua would be bouncing around ready and reading the opposition, setting them up, going into their pathways then tackling with no fear. He kept his cool with a calm and no worries attitude when the heat was on. Joshua was great to watch and just kept growing with hard work. Terrific season Joshua!

#23 **Simon** - Wow great surprise! His confidence grew with hard work each week as he gained more skills, developing an "I've Got It" attitude. Great to watch and enthusiastic to play every week. Simon's passion and sportsmanship stand out. He gave his best playing in a number of positions in the backs and mid-field with great defence. Great season Simon! Watch out 2020!

#26 **Dean** - Our little champ! Wonderful player and delightful to watch. Dean would get in there fighting for the ball even if they were twice his size. I loved

watching his confidence build with a fighting attitude. He was a great choice as a good defence with a good kick to clear the ball. Always in the right place at the right time. Great season Dean - Very well done!

#30 **Angad** - Great determined player! Great passion for the game and thousands of "Energy Cells" that just didn't stop buzzing. Even though Angad was great in attack he some good defence moments too. Awesome sportsmanship no matter what happened on the field. Fantastic season Angad! 2020 Look out!

#31 **Anish** - Wonderful player! Anish trained hard every week and gave his best every game. A valuable player in the backs and attacked well when needed. He took on new drills to gain the skills he needed with technique to build more each week. Showed good sportsmanship and composure while staying focused on the task at hand. Great season Anish well done!

#32 **Aiden** - Little wiz! A bundle of surprises this season. Aiden constantly put his all in every training and game. A small player with quick and fast pickup when it was needed. Taking on bigger players that shoved him around, Aiden always did his best. A serious player that also brought many laughs with funny comments when things were down. Congratulations Aiden! A Great season!

#### #33 Kaelan

A great player! Kaelan was always ready to take the field rain, hail or shine, always giving a great effort, including stepping in as goalie a few times. Kaelan played with heart and soul and a "fire" attitude to do what had to be done. Kaelan played everywhere and was able to read the game no matter what position. He also took up being an assistant referee which was great to see. Terrific season Kaelan!

Coach: Suzanne Allen

Manager: Alethea Walker



### **UNDER 12 DIVISION 5**

#### This season became a rebuilding season...

The grading for the Under 12's resulted in the loss of 4 of our key players from last year. The team gelled well incorporating a number of new players. It became obvious that the team was graded in a division that was too high and we needed to be regraded. We had a core of good players but lacked a striker and goalkeeper which contributed to our early losses. After a further review by the club we received a number of new players including an established striker and goal keeper.

The team worked hard during the year on skills and positional play and you could see the result of this during the games. While we had a lot of losses the team was able to score some goals and we finished the season with two scored draws. The regrading down to Division 5 helped the team to be more competitive.

I was impressed with the keenness of the players to stay on the field despite the score which made the interchange of players during the match interesting. At training the team was keen to play two touch at the end of the training session so that the skills development from earlier on in their training could be practised in a real life environment.

Players were keen to try different positions in order to identify where they could best contribute for the team.

Our defence this year was anchored by J playing as our sweeper with Ethan, Preet and Reshwan filling up our defensive line. All of our backs adapted well to the offside rule while still positioning themselves to intercept the attacking plays from the opposition. Savanah filled in very effectively as our main goal keeper with Samer taking over duties as our second keeper. We used our other field players to assist in goals during the season. Our midfield players comprised of **Shayne** and **Dymon** as our left and right midfielders. Both of these players were dynamic as they chased down every ball that came within reach. Shreya and Navdeep completed the midfield with Shreya never giving up and Navdeep was impressive as our fastest player who was effective in turning opposition players around before they caused us too many problems. Karanveer was also an essential ingredient in the midfield as he intimidated the position team with his size and well placed defensive clearing kicks. Our attacking line-up included our central strikers of Mohammed, Mark and Indigo. The passing between these players developed during the year and we constantly threatened the middle third. Raghava was our most consistent utility player as he anchored our defence as J was placed into the midfield or he ably assisted Navdeep, Shreya and Karanveer in midfield when we were threatened by the opposition team. He also ably assisted in our attacking line as we restructured the team during our interchange.

A big thank you to all our parents for your support and especially to Uday our Manager.

Coach: David Lind

Manager: Uday Tirumala



# **UNDER 13 DIVISION 4**

#### An interesting year!

We struggled at the start with 9 and 10 players against full teams with subs, and yet we held our own. When we got the influx of new players we had reserves and it changed the whole team.

We were in every game and led many times in a very competitive division and we finished the season with two draws and two wins.

A lot of the players had their best season - **Hayden** became a mid-fielder who held her own against every opposition and was always in the right position, learning to move into space and being able to anticipate the play.

**Leah** who was one of the additions, found a home at right back and often she turned defence into attack with strong kicks.

Another player who had a break out year was **Henry**, who found a home as stopper in our revamped back line - he took on the role with great gusto and with **Ben** became a very formidable duo at the back that no one broke through when they were together. Ben was dependable as always and the two in tandem were the best in the league.



The rest of the back line **Emily** and **Akshat** had strong years. Akshat was another player who kept working at practice on striking the ball and it paid off in games when he often cleared the ball quickly and efficiently. Emily battled a few illnesses over the year but she was always there never backed down even against bigger and older opposition.

Another midfielder who had a great season was **Matilda**. It was great to see that through practice she kept working at timing her passes and really making strong contact in the games. Her hard work paid off when she scored one of the goals of the season - a 25 metre strike in the top of the net over the keeper - wow!

Our front line consisted of **Indie**, **Kevin**, **Jamie** and **Josh**. Indie and Josh show great potential if they use practice to hone their skills next year. Kevin had his best year as well. He scored a couple brilliant goals and he started to make the passes that started attack more often. Jamie had a tough year - he was injured three or four times in both games and practice. To his great credit he still kept on pushing every game. They have the potential to be a very powerful scoring machine.

**Elijah** was another who came into the team when we merged and even though he couldn't practice, the team was happy to see him in goals.

The final pieces of the team were **Aidan**, **Harshil** and **Dale**. Aiden was a movable 'piece' who played in every line and probably every position. He did each well and was especially good at taking his time and looking for the open player - one of the signs of a very good player is that they always seem to have plenty of time and Aidan did. Harshil was similar and had a tough time getting to practice but he always filled in wherever he was needed. His strength was as an attacking midfielder and he scored and set up a number of gaols.

Lastly Dale - the only player (or coach) who made every game and every practice - the kind of commitment that show what it means to be part of a team. He was the leading goal scorer, led the team in assists and played every position - even in goal when asked. He was selfless, passing the ball first and getting back to defend when needed. Well done!

A great thanks to the parents and grandparents, family and friends who supported the team throughout the year. There were a few less than pleasant incidents with parents and players from other teams behaving badly BUT our players and parents were magnificent. The players showed class and maturity well beyond their years and played the game.

It was often a very crowded half time with parents and grandparents there to support the team, and it was great to see and be a part of - people who genuinely wanted the kids to do their best and were there for them. Thank you.

Thank you to Russell, who also coached and was there for the kids. His help at practice and on game days was a positive voice and always in the kids' best interests - thank you.

Thank you to our other assistant coaches - Neale and David - they too were there to help both at practice and on game days both in the pre-game warm ups and throughout the game - we could not have done it without you - thank you!

Next to last is a massive thanks to Tina and my family. Not only was I out for practice and the games but they had to listen while I would replay the game in the car after and most of the weekend - thank-you for your patience and understanding.

Finally our rock, Manager Maree - the person who kept us all together - even when checking cards she up against pictures of dogs, Renaldo, a baby and a number of other idiocies. She did all the paperwork - all the entries for the scores, the players and coaches without any issue - which left all of the rest of us able to enjoy the game. It is a role that like so many, when it is done well no one notices - only when there is a problem are managers 'seen'. Maree was always there and yet in some ways 'never seen' because she did the job so well. The biggest thank you of all to you!

We hope to see everyone back next year - thanks.

Coach: Larry Grumley

Manager: Maree Shepherd



### **UNDER 16 GIRLS DIVISION 2**

#### **Grand finalists 2019!**

Well this was another fabulous season coaching these lovely young woman.

Over the past three years, I have seen them grow and mature into young footballers and develop their skills, also we have created some wonderful memories on and off the pitch. Hopefully they will take these skills and further develop them into their football future.

I found this year very rewarding when the drills we trained for were implemented on the field, like **Riley**'s runs down the side of the pitch and cuts back for a goal, when **Mya** traps the ball before kicking it to score or when **Bianca** thinks first before she shoots.

**Amy** and **Erica** were rock solid in the back line defending their hearts out, Erica developed the skill of giving herself time and Amy stepped up to centre fullback from left back. **Maria** and **Maddie** were also strong in the backline with Maria's strong clearance kicks and Maddie's nice 'one twos ' dribbling around her opponents.

After having a gap year **Annabelle** decided to return to her team and played midfield along side **Dolly** who both worked well together holding down the fort and assisting our strikers and also having success at goal as well. (Dolly still needs to work on her first touch)

**Savannah** has also stepped up and found her ability to hold her own against her opponents which at times were much bigger than her and also has a better understanding of the game and her position. Even new recruit **Shayla** learnt different positions as much as she didn't like me chopping and changing her position:) She was my allrounder I could rely on to cover injured or tired girls.

I must say **Mel** has been one of those girls that made me question what am I doing this for, but this year she showed positive signs of growing up (a little bit) and was quite a team player and stepped up in our semi final to save some crucial goals in the shoot out.

I find my self talking about these girls' individual successes and improvements to my family, friends and work colleagues because I'm truly proud of them and the joy they have given me being their coach. As much as they don't train hard enough and talk too much:) they are a great bunch of girls who play fantastic as a team! Which it's all about.

Hopefully the girls remember things I have told them over the years and continue to play the game we all love.

Thanks to our Manager Paula Docking for another flawless season.

And BIG thank you to the parents for your support and cheers!

Coach: Shawn Debrincat Manager: Paula Docking



### **OVER 30 WOMEN DIVISION 1**

#### A new team for Kings this year...

Half of us playing together a few years ago, some of us new and some of us we played against each other many years ago. So we thought we would see how we go, our motto was 'no training, just show up and on time would be a bonus'. We barely warmed up at times but it seemed to work for us. We are a bunch of competitive women and we were determined to win and get to the end, even when the nights were freezing cold.

We finished 3rd overall and made it into the Semi Finals. Winning the first semi was an enormous achievement from the girls and we were all pumped to continue our victory. Unfortunately the game did not go our way in the second semi and we missed out on the Grand Final.

Although we did miss out on playing in the Grand Final our season was phenomenal, the girls' skill levels are all at different levels but everyone played their part. We did an amazing job getting as far as we did and we are looking forward to next year.

Congratulations, Over 30 women.

Team; Michelle, Tanya, Shannon, Sarah, Jessica, Bronwyn, Kelly, Emma, Sheridan, Lisa, Sharee, Brooke, Natasha, Joanne, Ky, Naz, Lia, team helper/coach helper; Danny

Player/Manager: Emma Tuigamala



# **OVER 35 DIVISION 4**

### A year of rebuilding

This was a year of rebuilding the team as we gained new players Paul, Mark, Dan, Scott and Monish.

They were all great players who gelled well with the existing players instantly.

Our season started really well with a few wins and then the injuries crept in one by one, we were losing players and the losses were piling up.

We managed to draw with the two top teams Eastern Creek and Quakers Hill O45s while the other teams would get beaten by them, so this was encouraging to know we can match it with the best when we are all injury free.

Bring on 2020!

Player/Manager: Shawn Debrincat



# **OVER 35 DIVISION 5**

#### Having 11 on the park is overrated...

This turned out to be a bit of a nightmare season for the boys.

We started the year strongly with a good sized squad and some new players that would add depth to a team that was struck down with injuries the previous season. The first game started strong, but by half-time we had already run out subs due to injuries. We ended that first game with the 3 points, but it was one of the few high points as injuries, work and family commitments quickly took their toll.

Pretty soon it was considered a good night if the number of players in the runon team hit double figures, let alone a full team (and don't even bother hoping for a bench of substitutes). While everyone put in big shifts on the field, onesided score lines were inevitable when you have only half a squad available to play on any given night.

On the bright side, the short-staffed team punched well above its weight, and I'm sure that had we been able to field full teams we would have been one of the teams to beat in the comp. If nothing else, it was still good to get out amongst it and kick the ball around with the boys once a week.

2020 will be our year.

Player/Manager: Shane Perris