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A special shout out to James and his team at Mardon Meats, Kings Langley. Mardon Meats are normally an in-kind sponsor and provide discounted sausages and minute steaks for the BBQ each season, just like they do for a small number of clubs in our local area. James saw that grassroots clubs were struggling in 2020 due to COVID restrictions on food preparation. Mardon Meats ran a Father's Day raffle and split the proceeds with their regular club customers as their way of supporting grassroots sport in this difficult time.



Thank you to McDonalds Blacktown Third Avenue for all of the Encouragement Award certificates handed out at MiniRoo games this year.



Thank you to Cherry Apparel, our exclusive apparel provider for the 2020 and 2021 seasons.

### **2020 IN REVIEW - PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

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As a committee we were well organised coming into the 2020 season with a full 12-month plan in place. Registrations were strong with around 210 players registered for the start of competition.

The Pre-season started solid with lots of trial games organised. Then 2020 threw bushfires at us, with all games cancelled due to air quality.

We remained optimistic with the season due to start a couple of weeks later.

No-one really understood the significance of the COVID juggernaut that was lurking in the shadows. As new information was starting to come out regarding management, our season was suspended due to lock down.

Our Secretary and Publicity team were amazing during this time. Communication was exceptional, with regular posts every few days keeping our membership up to date. Our home challenges were fun with some cool videos of our kids training at home.

There is no better time than the middle of a pandemic to commence a major renovation of our clubhouse. Our committee and their partners were amazing, coming together to clean out, demolish and re-floor the clubhouse ready for cabinetry. The project was full of challenges, coordinating everything while trying to comply with social distancing laws. The feedback we have received from our community and visiting clubs has been a great boost for our club. Our administration now has a space that is fitting of the outstanding job they do each week. Committee meetings have been able to be held comfortably in the clubhouse again for the first time in many years. As lockdown started easing, preparations started for commencement of the season. The BDSFA and Football NSW were outstanding in their work with the NSW Government to get us back on the field before anyone else. The BDSFA allowed families the opportunity to withdraw their registrations for a full refund. We were sad to lose our All Age Ladies team and several other players throughout the club. 24 players made the decision not to play this year. We hope to see them back next season.

As our season started COVID rules were in full force. Again, Michelle as Secretary and Dominic as Publicity Officer were outstanding in their organisation and communication to get us training a full week before any other club. Our families were exceptional in their understanding and adaptability to the COVID compliance rules that were enforced. We got through the season without issues and while we had families that were required to quarantine under guidelines, as a whole our club and our families were exceptional in getting us through.

We were encouraged to see more players register during the COVID break and boost our players back up to 209.

With all of the delays and changes our Registrar worked harder than ever, going above and beyond what her role should typically entail. Bec Broker: thank you for your hard work and commitment to detail to put the teams together this season.

Our Over 35 Men Division 6 team joined forces with Doonside Hawks and quickly became a great playing unit. It was fantastic to see our boys join forces with players typically our opposition. Their hospitality and camaraderie was second to none.

We have been excited all year to finally be able to host our first ever Friday night games. It was a great night with an excited team. Our new lights were fantastic, and we were excited for more games a couple of weeks later.

It was devastating to see our club burst into flames less than a week later. We were incredibly lucky to have been onsite to call the fire brigade and contain the damage to the meter room. NSW fire brigades were responsive and professional. Blacktown Council were also very responsive, sending someone

out within an hour. Unfortunately, the fire brought an end to our Friday nights and game hosting.

Michelle again was outstanding in securing space for Open Goals for the remainder of the season and Saturday's games were relocated by midday the next day. Lourdes FC have been very gracious hosts with Marg in the canteen being very welcoming, and Phil and Chris re-marking lines and setting up for us. It is fair to say our club has made some new friends in Lourdes, developing a relationship we hope to continue for years to come.

It is appropriate to finish a summary of this season with some acknowledgements

Firstly, to our community, thank you for your support this season. Everyone came together without complaint and made this year possible.

Secondly, to our Committee. With COVID compromising our ability for volunteer help, our committee stepped up across the board with training nights, match day set up, pack down and canteen duties. Our regular meetings, often running extra-long due to COVID discussions, were well attended with great contributions from everyone.

Thirdly, to all of our Coaches and Managers. Without each of you stepping up, nothing would be possible.

As our season comes to an end, preparations are well underway for our AGM and planning for 2021.

Registrations for 2021 open on January 1, 2021. It would be great to see everyone registered by January 31 so we can start planning trial games and grading.

Have a chat with your friends and neighbours. It would be excellent to see everyone back, with a few extra mates, to see our club family grow even stronger for 2021.

Dale Coleman

President

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

## The focus of 2020 from a treasury perspective was investment in the future.

We contributed to this goal through the continued improvement of finance procedures and cash investments into tangible assets.

The most notable financial outlay this year was the clubhouse refurbishment. We were able to complete this project with the financial assistance of an Australian Government grant which, along with club funds, resulted in a functional, modern clubhouse fit out.



Significant financial investment was also made into the club with new jerseys and new training equipment, all thanks to the NSW Office of Sport.

2020 also saw the financial impacts of COVID-19. The impact of this pandemic to our club was significant. Health restrictions meant that we were not able to run our BBQ this year, as well as a significantly pared back canteen offering. In previous years the canteen income was a major contributor to the club's financial health and there is no doubt that the restrictions this year were evident. COVID-19 also meant that the club was not able to run its traditional fundraising activities such as MiniRoos Disco raffle and Gala Day.

Along with the loss of income there were also additional expenses that the club had to absorb in order to remain COVID safe. However, I am pleased to say that despite these challenging circumstances the club remains in a sound financial position ready to kick off the 2021 season.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our players, sponsors and grant providers, the Australian Government Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources Stronger Communities Programme, and the NSW Government Office of Sport Local Sports Grants. Without your patronage we would not be able to run our amazing club.

I look forward to seeing the club continue to grow in 2021!

Emily Pemberton Treasurer

### **GRANTS UPDATE**

## Amidst all of the bad news in 2020, there were some shining lights for Kings Langley SFC.

At the end of 2019, the club was successful in obtaining a grant of \$12,000 from the Australian Government Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources through the Stronger Communities Programme. This grant contributed to the refurbishment of the main club room at the clubhouse at Lynwood Park, and helped turn our functional but cluttered and ageing office into a clean, modern and far more efficient space we were excited to unveil to members at the resumption of football activities in July. Many thanks must go out to the office of our local Federal Member, Ms Michelle Rowland MP, who put forward our project to the Department during the application stage. Without the support of Ms Rowland and her team, this application could not have been successful.

More good news was to come in June. The club was contacted by the NSW Government Office of Sport to inform us that we had been successful in three of our applications under the Local Sports Grant program:

- \$2,500 to go towards to the purchase of our new goalkeeper jerseys (the brilliant new design our keepers have been sporting this year) and new alternative strip (for when we play teams from clubs with similar coloured jerseys such as Lourdes and St Pats)
- \$2,000 towards the cost of a complete redesign of our club website (something I think every club member would agree is long overdue)
- \$3,800 for training equipment for our goalkeeper-specific training sessions. This application specifically included the purchase of a ball launcher machine which some of you may have seen in action during sessions with our competition team keepers. Look out for more widespread use of this fantastic training aid in 2021 as specific programs for all players are developed.

Thanks to these grants, the club has been able to continue to renew and refresh parts of our clubhouse and equipment during this difficult time without turning to our community for help through fundraising activities.

We have been particularly fortunate given that we were unable to run the BBQ all year, and had no canteen for the final few weeks following the fire in the electrical room of the clubhouse building (which thankfully left our refurbished club room untouched).

Kings Langley Soccer Football Club is grateful to the Australian Government Department of Industry, Innovation and Science Stronger Communities Programme, and the NSW Government Office of Sport Local Sports Grants for their support during the 2020 season.

#### Shane Perris Grants Coordinator





Second Row L-R: Suzanne Allen, Shane Perris, Dale Coleman, Stephen Broker, Sarah Waite

**First Row L-R:** Myles Toomey, Michelle Clarke, Victoria Ballantyne, Caireen Young, Emily Pemberton, Alethea Walker, Maev Higgins, Bec Broker, Dominic Andreacchio

Absent: Misty McDermott

### **OUR COMMITTEE**

President: Dale Coleman Secretary: Michelle Clarke Treasurer: Emily Pemberton Competition Secretary: Victoria Ballantyne Registrar: Bec Broker MiniRoos Coordinator: Maev Higgins Sponsorships Coordinator: Suzanne Allen Canteen Manager: Sarah Waite **Newsletter Coordinator:** Shane Perris

**Publicity Coordinators:** Dominic Andreacchio and Myles Toomey

Grants Coordinator: Shane Perris

**General Committee:** Stephen Broker, Alethea Walker, Caireen Young,

Member Protection Officer:

Misty McDermott

### **GAME LEADERS UPDATE**

## In 2020 we were blessed to have an abundance of game leaders, with 10 game leaders completing the courses early this year.

It's exciting to see our young people stepping into football leadership roles and developing their understanding of the game.

As a club we aim to continually work with our game leaders, improving on their knowledge and application of the rules, and growing their confidence every week.

Refereeing is a difficult job: you are in the middle of 2 teams, coaches, managers, and parents with pressure to make the right calls. Getting everything 100% correct is rare.

It is a little more challenging for our game leaders than for competition referees, as they have to deal with variations in rules, ball size, match duration and field size at each age group. On top of that, they do not get the support of assistant referees running the lines.

As parents and spectators, it's easy to forget that our game leaders have a lot to remember, and the huge effort they put in is not always appreciated when they make mistakes. We also need to remember they are 11- 15 years old, and having to make decisions that may upset an adult is not easy. Hearing negative comments from adults on the sideline can be disastrous for their confidence. Despite these challenges our game leaders strive to improve themselves each and every game! As parents and spectators, we should aim to encourage our game leaders in their development just as we do our players, and be mindful that they are children and need to be nurtured and grown into maturity.

As a club we aim to increase the responsibility, and complexity of game leading as they develop in confidence and understanding.

It was great to see our new game leaders working with our under 5s -7s, and our more experienced working with 8s-11s. Our game leaders also ran lines for our competition teams which is a great way to get a better understanding of offside rules and watch a black and white referee and learn from them.

Enjoy the Summer break. We hope to see you all again in 2021.



### **OUR GAME LEADERS**

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

Your service is appreciated, and we hope to see you back again next year!

Matilda Benton Savanah Broker India Rose Longhurst Leah Miles Elijah Perris Shreya Rao Jeremy Thomas Kaelan Waite Shayla Waite Aiden Walker

### **SERVICE AWARDS**

#### **5 Years Service**

Atif Ahmed - U12/5 Luka Bastalic - U10/1 Dean Ferguson - U9/1 Geo Jabbour - U11/5 Travis Jones - Open Goals Kaden Laing - U9/1 Christoper Pemberton - U9/1 Kieren Petersen - U9/1 Aryan Rana - U9/1 Brody Simpson - U9/1 Jo Sofrenic - U10/1 Manager Lukas Sofrenic - U10/1

#### **10 Years Service**

Dale Grumley - U14/4 Shane Lott - O35/4

Rebecca Thorn - Open Goals Coach



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

#### MiniRoo Female Player of the Year



Katija Zuvela, U11/5 White

The Lisa Thorn Junior Female Player of the Year



**Charley Fredericks**, U12/5

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

#### MiniRoo Male Player of the Year



Kaden Laing, U9/1

The Stewart Hungerford Junior Male Player of the Year



Nicholas Andreacchio, U12/5



### The John Aquilina Senior Male Player of the Year

Andrew Tye, O35/6

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

#### MiniRoo Standout Player of the Year

#### MiniRoo Rising Star



Levi Solomona, U9/6



Layla Berjawi, U8/5

### **TEAM AWARDS**

MiniRoo Team of the Year

U6 Sharks

**Best Attacking Team** Under 12 Division 5

**Best Defensive Team** Over 35 Men Division 6

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

U13 Division 4

### **CLUB AWARDS**

**Coach of the Year** Daniel Clarke

**Manager of the Year** Myles Toomey

**Club Person of the Year** Dominic Andreacchio

#### **Linda Grant - Club Spirit Excellence Award** The Kings Langley Soccer Football Club community



### **UNDER 5 KANGAROOS**

It has been a wonderful season with this troupe of disciplined young footballers.

The COVID restrictions made it difficult at the beginning of the season to introduce them all to the game. Before the first round, the kids hadn't had much game practice. For the first couple of rounds, the refs had an extra tough time with many of the eight kids on the field not sure where they were supposed to be standing.

It was enjoyable to work with the team each week as they got more familiar with the game and got better at defending, attacking and passing.

**Mikey** has improved a lot during the season. At the beginning he was a bit distracted at training, but by the end he has been very attentive and coachable.

**Zac** really, really likes defending. During the season he has managed to block out lots of goals just by being there in a defensive position.

**Loki** is equally capable of being silly and playing football. His moment of the season was when he threw the ball away from the field as far as he could when his older brother was the ref.

**Madison** was very effective at neutralising any girls on the opposing team by chatting with them. She has also been good at kicking the ball in for us.

**Emma** has been chasing the ball every game and been getting plenty of kicks. She is always super excited when our team kicks a goal.

**Lexi** has been a super star all season. She is always focused and trying her best to get the ball, move it forward and kick goals.

Thanks so much for the great season!

Coach: Tim Hutton Coach: Shayla Waite Manager: Amanda Piriu



### **UNDER 5 KOALAS**

#### An amazing year from 5 absolute superstars!

#### Kyan "The Architect"

A strong all-rounder who is always willing to put in a 100%. Has shown great goal scoring ability and team play.

#### Gianfranco (Frankie) "The Producer"

Has developed amazing passing and finishing skills over the season. Always giving his best efforts to support his teammates in attack and defence.

#### Jett "The Infiltrator"

The speed machine! Is everywhere for his teammates. Passing and team play are 2 areas of amazing development seen this year.

#### Blake "The Explorer"

Looking for an advantage. Always looking for an opportunity to get into a scoring position but never leaves his teammates to defend alone.

#### Joel-Luke "The Guard"

Our defensive rock. Always tracking back to defend the goal and has developed an awesome passing game.



An amazing year from 5 absolute superstars! They all have come so far since the start of the season and have gelled together forming a well-oiled machine. Even with the year of 2020 providing more than its fair share of interruptions these boys turned up at training and on game day with smiles on their faces, their listening ears on, a team first mentality and a fantastic attitude to always give their best. It has been an absolute pleasure to be the Coach of this side and watching them come together week in week out with a culture to be proud of. Bring on 2021! Congratulations to these 5 little KINGS!!

Coach: Joe Lofaro Manager: Rosemary Evans Manager: Renette McGovern



### **UNDER 6 SHARKS**

#### Nothing will stand in their way...

The Under 6 Sharks have proven yet again that nothing will stand in their way to play and succeed in the sport they love so much.

**Connor**, **Sienna**, **Madison**, **Mason**, **Jeremy** and **Zayn** have all proven that even at such a young age determination and focus is never out of reach.

Soccer this season has been unpredictable, but it didn't stop these champions giving 110% each and every game. Always listening to direction, looking for guidance and constantly striving to improve. Our team showed passion for the sport and compassion for one another and the opposing teams and that is to be admired.

For the members that are moving on next season, you will be greatly missed but I am sure whichever club you end up with will be just as lucky and proud to have you play with them as I have been.

It has been an absolute privilege coaching this team.

Excellent work this season!

Coach: Bessima Berjawi Coach: Michael Pemberton Manager: Shaun Nelson





### **UNDER 6 WOMBATS**

#### It's been a good season for the Wombats.

While a couple of us played last year, most were new to the joy of soccer. We've learned to kick, trap, dribble, pass, tackle, shoot and, most of all, have fun. We've seen some great goals from the team – even a few stunners into our own net – and we've had a lot of fun together learning to play the beautiful game. We've also developed a team spirit of caring for each other and for our opposition – special shout out to all the players who were willing to play for our opponents when, on a couple of occasions, they didn't have enough players.

**Aakash** was our top scorer this year, with 8 goals (and at time of writing still a couple of games to go). We've loved seeing his long dribbles and his increasing accuracy with shots. He's always full of energy and ready to get into the fray.

**Cassius** has really grown this season. And any time a player is hurt – on our team or the other team – Cassius is there to make sure they're ok. But Cassius' soccer skills have also come a long way. Week by week he's more than happy.

**Evie** is always eager to be on the field. Her highlight of the season was probably scoring a goal from behind the halfway line! When she gets going with the ball it's hard to keep up with her, and she has a great ability to pass to a player in scoring position!

**Josh** has really grown in confidence. It's been a great to see him finding his space on the pitch and developing his all-around soccer skills.



**Katie** has really developed her soccer skills. She was a bit timid at the start but has been willing to get in and make tackles and pass the ball to team-mates.

**Macie** has developed an outstanding kick. She has become our go-to player for taking kick-ins, with increasing accuracy. It's been great to see her developing an ability to turn on the ball.

**Nathaniel** has been our go-to defender. Always keen to stop a promising attack from our opponents, he's put his body in the way of quite a few shots that would otherwise have gone into our net.

**Sebastian** is always keen and eager to go. He's always enthusiastic, whether it's getting into the mass of players around the ball or just booting it away when a clearance is needed.

Well done Aakash, Cassius, Evie, Josh, Katie, Macie, Nathaniel and Sebastian. We hope to see you all next year in U7s!

Coach: Tim Macready Coach: Andrew Tye Manager: Brooke Langford



### **UNDER 7 DEVELOPMENT 2**

#### A good season for old faces and new.

For the majority of the team, this was the 3rd season in a row playing together welcoming back Suravi, Jaxon, Liam and John-Paul. Lucas returned after starting with us last year and we also saw two new faces join: Nishant and Obie.

My target for this year's training and development has always been for next year, getting ready to play in a larger field with more going on. With this in mind, the focus was primarily on passing, controlling the ball and moving confidently with the ball. What I didn't expect, was to see such a huge improvement in the first game, giving me huge hopes for the rest of the season. The "wow" moment didn't stop at the first game though. Over the season, I've been impressed on many occasions with some impressive teamwork in passing and also not fighting over who gets to kick the ball in when it goes out.

For those of you following at home, we were in no way a dominating team, but I'm incredibly proud of the ability for no one to be bothered by that. Instead, we looked to what can be done to improve for next time. We have no heroes, no one who thinks they are "the best", and that makes me super happy to be part of the team.

Hopefully the match reports have been read each week (because I spend a good 5-10 minutes on those after each game). For those who have, you'll notice that I haven't been calling out individual performances each time. That has been intentional, but the good news is that this is where I get to be able to write about everyone individually.

John-Paul is coming across to be a natural defender. He has an ability to put himself between the player with the ball and the goal every time. He has a fearless attitude, which has resulted in a great number of opposition goals being prevented. Of course, he has the odd run up the field as well, but needs a bit more practice to get him more confident moving the ball up by himself and getting that shot on target. Definitely something to work on next year!



**Jaxon** has continued to perform really well this year, and has actually been our leading goal scorer (just), averaging about one a game. He's incredibly good on the ball, able to move really well and deliver a powerful shot on goal. He has, however, been reluctant to get close to the goal this season, preferring instead to shoot from long range (the cause of many a frustration). He has been able to distribute the ball to other players really well, setting up for a shot on goal regularly, really making him a fantastic team player.

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**Lucas**' second season with the team has been, like everyone else, a great improvement on last year. He's not afraid to get in amongst the game and challenge for the ball when he's not getting distracted and watching instead of playing. He's very much a part of the game, frequently taking the kick-ins and distributing to other players. It would be great to see how he progresses with more experience. **Obie** has been one of our new faces this year, bringing with him some amazing skills on the ball. It's been great to help him work on those skills and ensure that they also translate into teamwork on the field, using them briefly to get out of a tough spot and distribute to another player. He has an incredible ability to keep running almost the entire game, moving from attack to defence and back again in quick succession.

**Suravi** has shown more involvement in the play this year than the previous two, but is still a little shy. That said, she has delivered more than a few instrumental plays and contributed to the team's defence. I'm hoping the more open, and less crowded, play next year will improve her confidence and see her demonstrate the skills I see she has at training.

**Nishant** is our other new player for the season and has made quite an impression, fitting in well and making his own mark on the team. While he's on the field, he's usually seen wherever the action is, either defending, supporting or in control of the ball. He has some amazing potential that is just waiting to be brought out, and hopefully he'll be back next year to realise it.

**Liam** has been playing amazingly this year, both in defence and attack. When he's not falling over, he's been able to control the ball really well and win the ball from the other team in a challenge. He's also been able to support the team well through assisting ahead of a goal, or being in the right position for someone to pass, leading to a shot on goal. There is some work to do in making sure he's looking while running with the ball and before shooting, however this is easily something to work on next year.

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Coach: Alex Woodhouse Manager: Daas Jabbour





### **UNDER 7 DEVELOPMENT 7**

#### **COVID-19 took its toll from winter soccer.**

The number of trainings and matches were cut short and the MiniRoos even missed their Gala Day.

The season saw individual players performance and teamwork improving with each match. There were plenty of proud moments when the team played hard, tirelessly and with determination to win over strong opponent teams.

**Yettilla'**s great confidence and passion for the game combined with his hard work enabled him to bag many of the goals scored by the team in the season. He exhibited consistent performance throughout the season. Many of the opposition team coaches appreciated his amazing performance which in turn earned KLSFC a respectable position among the same age group teams.

**Jaxon** is a very powerful and passionate player in the team and he demonstrated excellent team work. He was the best scoring player in the first game of the season. Though that confidence didn't persist, he continuously showered immense support to all his fellow players in the season.

**Amay** is the best allrounder of the season. He showcased some great examples of tackling skills and also scored some beautiful goals. Working on his confidence level will be beneficial for his future matches.

**Ryker** showed off a great deal of power and passion. His performance at the start of the season wasn't remarkable but his potential started to reveal towards the end of the season. He is a diamond in the rough and will be a great asset for the club in the next season.

**Angom** is a passionate player with a vast amount potential. Her sharp focus on ball is commendable. Her future matches can make use of some improvements in the speed while forwarding the ball but her speed while defending was just perfect. The way she defended her goal post with ease astounded the opposition teams.

**Abeer** is an awesome player exhibiting a lot of passion and desire to win. He was constantly putting in effort every minute he was on the field. Abeer is a remarkable team player who cheers up his teammates with his positive attitude.

**Stella** is an aspiring player with a lot of potential waiting to be unveiled. She is very friendly to her teammates. She maintains good focus on the ball and shows great interest in the game during training. Though her future games will benefit with some more practice in certain areas, the impressive effort and excellent timing in defence that she exhibits during training is appreciable. It will be a pleasure to see her trying to show her skills while playing in matches.

**Patrick** is an enthusiastic team member who has been endeared by all his teammates. More practice and hard work on the game will be an awesome way for him improve his soccer skills and to score for his team.

Coach: Roshi Madav Manager: Jane Shields





### **UNDER 8 DEVELOPMENT 5**

#### Under 8 is a year of transition.

After three years of playing on a small field in a small team with not too many rules getting in the way of having fun, everything changes. The field and goals are bigger. The squads are bigger too, and often teams are merged so suddenly everyone has a bunch of brand new teammates. To top it off, there's a heap of new rules to keep track of: corners, throw-ins, goalkeepers. It's a lot to digest.

It was a particularly challenging year for the U8s. Some of the team had been together since U5 and U6, while others had never played before. There was a wide range of skill levels and experience across the group, and initially they struggled to gel. The delayed start to the season made it that much more awkward as they had only one training session together before lockdown. The interrupted start showed on Saturdays, and there definitely were some weeks where heads were down with fewer smiles after a game.

However, I was incredibly impressed with, and proud of, their resilience. They all bounced back each week and continued to work hard at training. They learned each other's names, worked out how each person liked to play, and as the season went on they put together some excellent team performances. I can honestly and happily say that by the end of the season, they had all improved both individually and as a team. As a coach, I can't ask for more than that.

**Addison** continued to grow and progress. Each week she chased the ball a little bit more, and kicked the ball that bit harder and further.

**Aislin** was a dynamo, constantly following the action. She always tried to get involved, whether in defence or attack.

**Angelo** clearly enjoyed his first year of organised football and was like a sponge, soaking up as much about the game as he could.

**Dom** was a quiet achiever. As the season progressed he took on more and more responsibility on the field. He was an excellent dribbler with a powerful kick.

**Gabriel** was super passionate and loved to defend, equally at home in the goals and on the field.

**Jet** was eager to learn and tried every new thing I asked him to do. He gave 100% in everything he did.

**Layla** was a rock on the field. She was strong on the ball when attacking, never once took a backward step and always had a smile on her face.

**Liam** was a good dribbler and passer, but really shone when given the opportunity to show what he can do in defence.

**Oskar** took a little while to settle in, but developed a great positional awareness on the field, and his dribbling and tackling was much improved. A handy goalkeeper too.

**Yara** was ultra-reliable and tireless on match day. She read the game well, and had a knack of always being exactly where she needed to be on the field, and at precisely the right time.

It was an honour to be the coach for this fantastic group of kids this year, and I hope that this is just the start of their football journeys.

Coach: Shane Perris Manager: Caireen Young



### **UNDER 9 DEVELOPMENT 1**

#### Under 9s is a year where the field grows in size again.

This year we saw the team returning from last year's U8s Development league 2 with a couple of new faces to fill the roster of 12, and the team was moved to the top Development League. As the core group of players returned for this year, it made it much easier to inject the 2 new recruits into the squad, who jumped in and didn't take long fit in.

Also this year we focused on positions for players and set about working with them in those positions to improve their game individually and as a team. As the season went on, the players really grabbed hold of those positions, taking on any advice given by the coaches, manager and teammates. With many skilled players in our arsenal, the focus was put on playing as a team and building the cohesion required to successfully play as a team. And learning that every position and every touch of the ball by anyone is key to succeeding, and this could be seen during training and during games.

As the season progressed we could see each player taking their positions on and really showing great ability and progress in a team environment. Showing a never give up attitude when they were down or behind in a game and learning that you can still play a great game and lose, was one of the biggest achievements with these boys and was a big learning curve for the players, as they competed and kept up with the best.

**Tommy** - Took on the role as 1 of our 2 goalkeepers, with many saved goals and some sharp defence when placed as a back or in midfield, his cover defence and kicking abilities greatly improved each week.

**Muhammad** - our 2nd goalkeeper, would put his body on the line each week with amazing reflexes and play in any position required when not in goals. He would always be asking questions to learn more and improve in any way he can.

**Brody** - Each week has seen him try harder and harder, his confidence growing in our backline, his ball skills improving each week. He also understood being left footed meant we needed him on our left side. He would listen to any feedback and go straight back out and do his best.

**Mason** - Was the backbone of our backline, the captain of our backs as we would say to him. His ability to show patience in defence, and make very clinical decisions, proved to be a great strength to our team. His kicking strength improved week by week.

**Lucas** - Another of our backs. Each week would see his efforts improve. He would show more hunger to chase down players, and try to intercept the ball, his footwork improved and so did his speed. He was happy to do his job as a back and get the ball moving up field.

**Brian** - His 1st year with the team, and boy did he fit in. A very fast player with good footwork, Brian was a strength in our midfield, chasing hard and working the opposition to the sidelines week in and week out, getting the ball to our forwards, a real workhorse who gave his all each week.

**Dean** - He started the year in our backline, looking to run and help where he could. But the biggest change this year was moving him to our midfield. He was soon chasing down players, getting up close in defence, starting our kick offs and passing the ball. He has shown great improvement each week and always tries hard at training and during games.

**Chris** - The key to our midfield, yet he can strike with the best of them. His speed allowed him to cover in defence when needed or take the opposition on in attack. This year we asked him to play many positions when needed. His thirst for knowledge was there each week, always looking to improve his repertoire.

**Nicolas** - Also new to the side this year, he slotted straight into our midfield/ forward positions. With a bag of good footwork and skills, his confidence grew each week as did his understanding of positional play. Another with a thirst for knowledge, taking on feedback with a smile. **Kaden** - Played mostly in our forwards. His improved skills could be seen each week. He would often leave the field exhausted, leaving everything on the paddock. With a bag of skilful ball work, and striking ability along with his ability to pass, meant we saw many assists from him this year.

**Ary** - A great striker of the ball and also able to run rings around an opponent, this year we saw the growth



of a team player within. His partnership with Kaden really grew as each week went by. Showing good positional play, looking to put himself or a teammate in the zone to score.

**Kieren** - His skill set allows him to play any position required of him. Forward, midfield or in the backline, a strong utility player. Always high energy and high intensity and often the coaches' messenger. He would take on any messages or orders onto the field. A strong physical player, showing up and putting his body on the line each week.

We would like to thank all our parents for sticking with us through the tough year that 2020 has been. Without your support we wouldn't have such a great bunch of kids turning up each week to play and represent the Kings Langley Soccer Club.

We would also like to thank Emily for her work as Team Manager. Keeping us organised and up to date each week with what was happening and what was required from all of us.

Great work team, you all should be proud.

Coach: Daniel Clarke Coach: Dave Ballantyne Manager: Emily Pemberton

### **UNDER 9 DEVELOPMENT 5**

What a year we had as a team.



Almost nobody knew each other when we met for the first time and the boys were eager to start and to learn how to become better players. But then all stopped...

Thankfully we live in Australia meaning we were able to return to the pitch after a short while. At the beginning we lost some matches and we won some. More important was that week after week we saw all the players improve in their skills

and grow as a team with the result we won almost all our matches. Halfway through the season we became an even better team when Jasmine and Frankie joined us.

With a bigger team we always had enough players to conquer the opposite sides and to show how we play soccer at KLSFC. Our compliments to all the players for giving their best and more important for the fun we had as a group. Well done Lucas, Aadvik, Terry, Krishev, Kyle, Ryan, Jasmine, Frankie, Julian, Ahaan, Steven and David.

Coach: Peter Liebeek Coach: Rajesh Patel Manager: Jodee Vincent




## **UNDER 9 DEVELOPMENT 6**

#### What a year 2020 has been.

Our whole team has put in an immense effort this year and we are seeing the rewards come through with an unbelievable run of good results throughout this disturbed season.

We started the year with an intent to focus on positional play and determining what positions suited each player best. We have seen all players grow into their roles in a positive way and have seen each player's strengths shine through. We have a solid backline with **Lily** the centre-back organising **Levi** on her left and **Elijah** on her right. If an opponent makes a break through our midfield we have full confidence in either of the three backs to cover off the opponent's run and fill each other's exposed space.

**Shayan** has proved instrumental in the centre-half role and being the lynchpin in our side's organisation. His distribution has been very good and he has an innate ability to send through passes to allow us to attack. On his right, **Jordan** has been a standout player, always hungry to attack the goal but needing to look around for support a little more. **Nilay** has been fantastic on the left and has scored more than a few goals himself.

**Marcus** and **Caitlyn** are normally starting up front and whilst there is still a little work left to be done to get them involved in the game a little more, they are showing great signs of improvement and should be proud of their progress.

**Lovekirat** has been fantastic when in goal, with some ripper saves. He has also contributed with some great goals when he's played in the outfield. **Brylee** has been an absolute gun on the field and runs her little heart out every game, filling in positions all over the field. **Harrison** has been a great addition to the team, also filling positions all over the park and getting close to scoring his first goal a few times. **Hardit** has shown promise with some good performances also.

We have had an incredible run of good performance with only losing one game due to low player numbers and a draw with another team, both of which we then beat convincingly in the return fixtures. With only three games remaining at the time of writing we won't let up and will keep pushing to finish the season strongly.

Thank you to all the players and their families for the efforts put in this year.

Coach: Dale Coleman Coach: Stephen Mison Manager: Myles Toomey



## **UNDER 10 DEVELOPMENT 10**

Coach: Gavin Woods

Manager: Jo Sofrenic









### **UNDER 11 DEVELOPMENT 5 RED**

#### Well. What a season.

I had the privilege of coaching some wonderful young Ladies and Gentlemen this year, whom improved as each game went on. We started in Development 4, where we struggled to find our rhythm. To the children's credit they didn't lose heart and kept playing hard regardless of the score. Coming down a grade they were able to compete more and play a great brand of football.

Now some words about the players:

**Ethan "Chook"** - Ethan played well and improved as the season went on. Never one not to speak his mind, he has developed into a dangerous mid fielder and when needed a strong striker.

**Rasheek "Rock"** – Rasheek again had an impressive year. Nicknamed the Rock, he is solid in the backs and often repelled attacks from the opposition. He was also a fantastic goalkeeper

**Geo** - Geo was often Rasheek's partner in crime in the backs. Geo again improved this year and was often in the top 2 or 3 players for a game and always put his body on the line when stopping the opposition

**James "Fonz"** - James was a player that I could throw in the backs, midfield or up front. He has some great passing skills and has the honour of scoring our first goal of the season.



Jayden "Little J" - Jayden came to us just as we started out of COVID. While the youngest in the team, it did not stop him from standing out. Another that I could play in any position, he was often used in the backs with Geo and Rasheek, making a fantastic combination

**Isabella "Bella" or "Me"** – I had been trying to talk Bella into playing soccer for us for the last 5 seasons. Finally, she came around, playing in the centre mid position, she showed skill and determination as she

played. Another that was often in the top players on the field

**Kate** - Kate come to us new this season. She played amazing in the midfield, backs and up front. She scored her first goal this year and has played outstanding all season.

**Charlotte** - This was Charlotte's first year playing soccer, and what a year. She scored a goal in her second game and was a revelation out on the wings. For someone who did not want to play she impressed a lot

**Arka** - Arka was another who could play anywhere. Often up front, he created opportunities for the team. Always with a smile on his face, he played hard and well

**Paul "Paulie"** – Paul came to us late in the season. An old player from last year he slotted in well with the team. Another one not shy in speaking up, he improved as the season went on

**Caedan "Irish"** - What can I say, our main goalkeeper this year, played well and with a smile on his face. Caedan improved as the year went on and did everything he was asked of. Solid in any position he played, he was the first to put his hand up to keep goals, especially when we were getting beaten

**Jayden F** - What can I say about this player. I have coached Jayden for 6 seasons (1 at West Ryde Rovers, 6 at Kings Langley) and managed him for a season. I have not seen him play better than he did this year. Playing up front, he passed, he had shots, he directed traffic and most of all he did it with a smile on his face.

On behalf of the players I would like to thank Caireen for managing the team this year. The season would not have been as fun as it was without you. I would also like to thank all of the parents for coming to the games and supporting the children this year. We all know how hard it has been for everyone and to allow the kids to do this I hope they enjoyed it.

One more thank you also needs to go to all those people who made this



season possible behind the scenes. I of course mean the volunteers on the committee, those who volunteer around the club and the game leaders. Thank you all for making this an enjoyable season

Coach: Josh Ferguson Manager: Caireen Young





### **UNDER 11 DEVELOPMENT WHITE**

# The kids of U11/5 White had a great season and hopefully had as much fun as I did.

We had a few who had never played before and also a few who were playing up an age group but they were competitive in most of the games we played. They are a great bunch of kids who have a real team spirit and are well mannered on the pitch. Right from the start they listened to how we wanted them to play and from the first game (to my surprise) you could start to see it on the pitch... as we worked on different things in training it happened more regularly. The positional play and passing we practiced really paid off and there were some great moments when many passes up the pitch led to goals – you can't beat that! Here are a few words on each player:

**Hunter**: Was our goalie for most games, he did a brilliant job and made some great saves throughout the season. He was also solid in defence when he was out on the pitch.

**Akon**: Had never played before this season but got stuck in wherever she was asked to play and is now not afraid to go in for a tackle!

**Bryen** & **Torika**: Sadly they were only around for the start of the season. Both were a key part of or defence and were both missed once they moved away.

**Kaden**: A rock in the centre of defence – led the other defenders well and we often relied on his big boots up the pitch to get us out of trouble!

**Josiah**: Great in both defence in midfield – is good at catching players and winning the ball from them, stopped opposition scoring on many occasions.



**Jade**: Always busy in midfield - a highlight was seeing her score her first goal and then roly poly all the way back to the halfway line.

**Katija**: Very solid in midfield and great at moving the ball up to attack - not afraid to take on defenders which resulted in some good goals.

**Dom**: Had a great season on the wing - went past players on lots of occasions getting us in good positions in attack.

**Naomi**: Always can rely on her to stick to her position on the wing which often leaves her in space to start an attack. Also scored her 1st goal this

year which came from a great passing move by the team.

**Sameer**: Listened well to instructions on where on the pitch to be as a striker and worked on his shooting which resulted in him scoring in more games towards the end of the season.

Special thanks to our manager Sam who did a great job with all the organising and also helped with coaching... also thanks to Ethan and Ben (10/1) and Mohammed, Mason, Lucas and Tommy (U9/1) who all helped us out when we were short of players during the season - you all did a great job!

Coach: Neale Benton Manager: Samantha Consiglio



# OPEN GOALS

#### A fantastic year for Open Goals

A fantastic year for Open Goals. Without the slightest doubt, every single member of our squad had their best year ever. Every match was hard fought, and we saw some tremendous games, witnessed by the most enthusiastic crowds. The commitment, sportsmanship and social interaction was something that every player should be incredibly proud of. There was never a shortage of volunteers to act as mentors for younger, less experienced players. There was also an envious level of empathy for those players injured or just out-of-sorts.

Now the thank yous:

- co-coaches Beck and Jacob who exhibited outstanding skills and great understanding of our players
- manager Sarah did a great job after being thrown in the deep end (and



juggling her role as mum of 4 kids and a demanding role within the club)

- all parents and carers who acted as taxi drivers for the season. These are all incredible people who have provided such fantastic support both for their kids at games and for the program generally
- all other helpers (you all know who you are)



Finally, a tribute to Lisa Thorn. Lisa singlehandedly founded this program well over 10 years ago and acted as co-ordinator every year since the foundation year. This role encompassed player recruitment, liaising with parents and carers, organising our participation in the annual state-wide gala day and even organising an international match. The program was amongst the first in NSW and she had always had incredible support from past KLSFC committees, the BDSFA, Football NSW and the FFA.

Coach: Steve Thorn Coach:Rebecca Thorn Coach: Jacob McClen Manager: Sarah Waite

# **UNDER 12 DIVISION 5**

#### An impressive season without a doubt

A team that came together to gel very well and come out on top almost every game. Gaining knowledge, more and more with great ball skills, technique etc with various plays and execution of and what to do with various challenges with successful outcomes. Our 1st game was all over the place, BUT with a hard talking to and set structure in place, ShootingStars were in the Top 3 of the competition right through the season, moving into 3rd, 2nd, 1st, 2nd, 3rd. Some big challenges with a few oppositions who thought it was Soccer/Rugby obtaining some big injuries yet they all stayed STRONG, showed Great Sportsmanship and kept the fight in them to soldier on with a BRING IT ON ATTITUDE! I am extremely PROUD of the team they have become as they never gave up even though at times they thought things were against them especially with decision on the field that were not pulled or justified numerous times. We have made the Semi-Finals, Hooray Hooray Woot Woot- Congratulations ShootingStars, hold your heads high, it was an honour to have Coached You ALL in 2020. Thank you Dominic, Suzy & Alethea for your contribution and hard work for a successful season, it is very much appreciated.

#### #14 **Aiden**

Our Goalie for 2020 season! Dedicated but very hard on himself need not as had applied himself in hard work, goalie training which resulted in many great saves, thrilling moments, Aiden's allocation of players during defence set ups etc with penalty goals was just great to see. Aiden didn't get on field of play much yet when he did he gave his all. Well Done Aiden!



#### #26 **Alan**

Sparky little player always quiet and shy, sneaks into play with an impact in every game. Alan has some great ball skills and technique, pressured the opposition very well with some great crosses for successful plays, good goal assists, great goals scored, attacking, defence was on the mark with being a threat always with being a valuable player. Great Work!

#### #15 **Arunav**

Always wanting to improve every game played, straight off the mark picked up speed when needing too with some good ball skills, control and technique with some great goal assists, great goals scored, good supportive player for his team and always a threat to the opposition and pushed himself for the team in every game. Great Great Work Arunav!

#### #6 **Atif**

Great player that had effective technique and flow of ball control skills almost every game, a great surprise to the opposition with the weaving in and out of players was terrific, causing much frustration and always a big threat and great to watch his skills and gave his all no matter what the challenge. Always a big bright smile of satisfaction. Great Season Atif!

#### #50 Charley

Wow Wee Great supportive player with great balls skills, technique, terrific on the field of play and huge threat to the opposition whilst in defence, taking on the best of them always for them to come off 2nd best almost every time. Impact in every game played, great goal assists, passing, shielding skills that gave an advantage to our team every time. Terrific Work Charley!

#### #18 Himinake

Serious effective player, big kick especially long distance taking out hard work for the team with execution of play into the goals, great goal assists and goals scored throughout the season. Good ball skills, technique threatening the opposition almost every game, played games with injuries but still gave his all. Bring It On Attitude Himinake!

#### #30 **Ismail**

Speedy and effective ball skills, technique that had the opposition on their feet in every game. Ismail had slippery moves that made a good impact, annoyed and frustrated many players throughout the season with the successful goal assists and great goals scored. Always gave his very best no matter what, Splendid Season Ismail!

#### #3 Jeremy

Great ball skills, technique and control with the power behind every kick to take out hard work whilst in play, always a threat to the opposition that frustrated them almost every game. Jeremy has speed that surprised many but successful for the team which was great to see every time, even played with injuries too but stayed strong. Great Work Jeremy!

#### #23 Mark

Wow a player that was quiet as a mouse but gave his all against the opposition every game, he was fantastic in defence and took on the best of them no matter what with successful play in his games. Great ball skills and technique that shined always giving his best and more every time. Impact plays throughout the season, a very supportive player. Congratulations Mark!



#### #36 Mohamad

Gee a feisty player that gave his all full on play every game without hesitation and more very persistent until the end. Always a fighting attitude and a big threat to the opposition every time, some great ball skills for successful goal assists and great goals scored throughout the season. Pressured the opposition goalies continuously without a doubt. Great Work Mohamad!



#### #19 Nicholas

Mr Smiley himself gave a great season, always up the front pressuring the defence and more every time, some terrific crosses that were successful execution in goals, some great goals assists and goals scored. Great ball skills and technique with always giving his best even when the tank was almost empty, big impact every game. Awesome Season Nicholas!

#### #33 Oliver

Pocket Rocket! Oliver gave his best every game no matter what the challenge even with injuries, energy just kept rolling out onto the field of play. Great ball skills and technique with that surprised the opposition every time coming off with frustration and annoyed as he was too fast for them. Weaving in and out always with successful crosses, goal assists and some great goals scored throughout. Fantastic Season Oliver!

#### #31 **Simon**

Wow a big big difference from start of season, a player that no matter what or how hard things got, gave his best and more every game. Simon really come up with some great defence that frustrated the opposition which made Simon smile big time. Taking on the best of them almost every game, some great kicks that took out the hard work for the team, pushing himself with some good goal assists and goals scored. Impressive Simon!

Coach: Suzanne Allen Coach: Dominic Andreacchio Manager: Suzy Hamade Manager: Alethea Walker



# **UNDER 13 DIVISION 4**

#### What a year!

What a year! We started the year with 15 players and while we had some new players we had some players return from the other under 12 team. All looked good until COVID-19 hit. We lost players and ended up with a bare 11. Sickness affected our first round and even with some upgrades to make an 11 side we suffered a big loss. It took a while and some tweaking before the fitness and skill level started to develop. We had some big losses during this time but the team was resilient and a pleasure to coach.

With a fully fit side and a reorganisation of the team you could see the results of training starting to show itself on the field, passes were starting to stick and we came up with our first win. **Aidan** in goal improved out of site and our back line of **Ethan** at right back, **Kaelan** at centre back and **Arielle** at left back started to find their feet and were instrumental in stopping opposition attacks. **Savanah** at right defensive mid field and **Josh** as defensive left midfield were outstanding as they provided the link to the attacking midfield and our strikers.

Our attacking midfield started to also find their feet. **Chris** as left attacking midfield combined with **Malakai** as centre attacking midfield to feed the ball to the strikers. **Indigo** as right attacking midfield rounded out our attack with some sensational attacking runs. **Tyrell** as our striker bagged a number of goals and was massively support by **J** as support striker. **Ahmen** filled in either at left full back or defensive midfield and became a sensation as the season matured.

We suffered a number of injuries with Chris suffering a buckle fracture of the wrist, Savanah a fracture to her arm and Indigo a suspected fracture to his leg as a result of a training mishap.

The team has progressed really well during the year and it has been a pleasure to coach. A big shout out to our awesome parents for supporting the team during the dark days as well as when things started to gel. Thank you to Peter as co-coach who has been an enormous help and also to our stalwart Manager Ben who has been a godsend in our administration and support.

Coach: David Lind Coach: Peter Monger Manager: Ben Monaco





### UNDER 14 DIVISION 4 A great season

With two games to play at the time of writing we are still in the hunt for a semifinal - shows everyone gender has nothing to do with quality soccer as there are only two other girls in the entire comp and our team is even with 7 girls and 7 guys.

A great season - we have had number of injuries and yet keep showing up and competing every week with class and some great team football - I have been extremely proud of the team and their efforts against some very aggressive teams which have been poorly 'policed' by the refs - we play the game in the spirit of fair play - a testament to the players and their parents who have engendered this respect and class. Thank you.

Players -

**Jamie** - one of our two wings, he has been beat on all year - you name a body part and Jamie has been hit there and yet he keeps coming back. In one on one contests you know Jamie will win that battle 9 times out of 10. Add to that a stronger boot and he has hit the back of the net over a dozen times and is in contention for the Golden Boot.

**Indi** - the other of our wing bookends. There is not a player who can match her pound for pound. She shows no fear and is tenacious. I still believe she will get that elusive first goal - she deserves it because she has been instrumental in creating chances for all the rest of the team.

**Kevin** - our striker normally but Kevin has branched out this year and had strong games filling in at midfield and on the wings. He has hit the net in a number of games and as he keeps making passes like the last game he will create chances for himself and the team.

**Hayden** - after quarantine Hayden has gotten better each game. She is by far the best person in the comp at throw-ins and this has led directly to 3 goals. A great team person, any time she is off the field she is cheering her team on and leads by example.

**Leah** - one of the best backs in the league last year, this year I asked her to try midfield and even striker when we had players out and didn't she do well. She scored three goals so far but more importantly learned new positions and never once complained. Another example of a great team player she now is one of our most versatile and will only keep getting better.

**Eva** - one of our new players, like Leah she kept getting better and played midfield, as a striker and then as a keeper (what a blessing to have two players who wanted to keep!). She kept creating and getting chances and will only get better as she learns the position and as a keeper she showed great hands and a willingness to be aggressive. Look out next year!

**Elijah** - the 'other' of our keepers, we got to see Elijah in field when Eva took the nets and he showed he has a nice touch and understands the passing lanes well. It was great to have him from game 1 ready to be in the nets - as we know, you have to want to be there - and he really works on his skills.

**Matilda** - another of our casualty ward, Matilda couldn't start the season after her operation but once she came back each game she has been a little stronger and gained in confidence as she 'trusts' the knee. She is playing her best football now and will finish the season ready for next year right from the start.

**Henry** - our roving sweeper, Henry as well was injured early but his play has gotten stronger week by week. As he trusts his own ability and takes the shots from the top of the box and beyond he is going to be tougher and tougher to stop. He has one of the goals of the season anticipating a quick tap from Dale and then blasting it into the top left corner for a spectacular goal.

**Ben** - another of our walking wounded, Ben played through pain that very few would have even noticed. He was always there as one of the best stoppers in the comp. The team knows that very few balls are going to get past and it gives them the freedom to attack. Ben also made some nice runs from the back to add to his arsenal which was great.

**Akshat** - by far the most improved player on the team. From game 1 with Ben very few beat us down the right side as Akshat was aggressive - always attacking the ball whether in the air or on the ground. He won more possession for us at the back and very few goals came from his side. A great season and it was fantastic to see the improvement.

**Dale** - the last of our wounded, Dale started the season with a hip fracture and like others had to learn to trust the hip as he played. He has made it through and has led the team in assists and battling for the Golden Boot. He is our 'calm' in midfield and completely unselfish as he creates chances for others when he could take the shot. He embodies on the field a team player.

**Shayla** - she joined us halfway through the season and then battled illness and with two games to play we hope she can finish the season strong. She showed in the Polonia game that she can strike the ball well and has potential.

Shreya - unfortunately she could only come to three practices and three games.

The 'other' coaches - thanks to all those who helped at practice or before/after games - Tony, Neale and David especially - really appreciate your support and wisdom.

Maree - the 'coolest' manager on the planet. While the rest of us are biting nails or groaning, getting grey hairs (me), Maree is always unflappable - always cool and she keeps us in line and always lets me know the time for subs/tactics etc. Thank you is not enough but for now - thanks from all of us.

Coach: Larry Grumley Coach: Tony Richardson Manager: Maree Shepherd

# **OVER 35 DIVISION 4**

Manager: Shawn Debrincat









### **OVER 35 DIVISION 6**

#### This team demonstrates that with crisis comes opportunity.

The delayed start to the season drastically reduced registrations for both Kings Langley and Doonside Hawks O35 teams and neither club was going to be able to field a team in Division 6 on their own. As there has long been a good relationship between the clubs, it was the logical choice to see if two groups of 8 players would be able to combine into a joint team and keep everyone's season alive during a pandemic.

The season started off a little reserved, but it didn't take long for the two to come together as a unit. The early games were promising, and by mid-season results were starting to come. A rash of injuries dragged the momentum to a halt, but things started to build again in the lead in to the finals (at the time of writing, there was one round to go with a spot in the semi-finals guaranteed).

Joint teams between clubs are inherently risky, as they require players from different clubs and club cultures to share a common goal. It was immediately clear with this group that this was not going to be a problem. Right from the start the camaraderie and chemistry was there, and each and every player wanted the exact same thing - to just get out there on the park and play some football. There have been no training ground bust-ups, no finger pointing at fulltime when mistakes meant results didn't go our way, no arguing on the field. Whether King or Hawk, everyone has had each other's back. If you made a mistake, someone was always there to boost you back up, and everyone has always been quick to credit the team effort for every success. It's been a genuine honour and pleasure to play alongside each and every one of the boys from both sides this year, and on behalf of **Andrew**, **Anthony**, **Craig**, **Matt**, **Mher**, **Tim**, **Simba** any myself at Kings, I would like to thank the Hawks **Cam**, **Jeff**, **Marcel**, **Marcus**, **Mick**, **Sean**, **Sid**, **Steve** and coach **Roger** for one hell of a fun season. The season couldn't have happened without you. We may not have finished on top of the table, but we definitely made the other teams work for every point they got, and had a good time while we were at it.

Coach: Roger O'Keefe (Doonside Hawks) Manager: Shane Perris (Kings Langley SFC)

