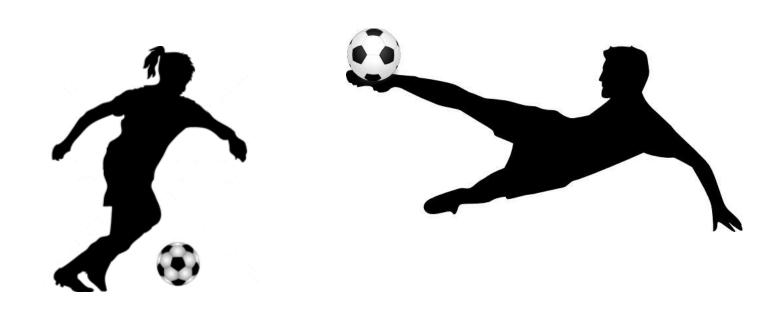


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SEASON	MINOR PREMIERS	PREMIERS	RUNNER-UP	FAIRFIELD CUP	KNOCKOUT	CHAMP/CHAMP REPS	STATE/METRO CUP
2000	UNDER 9 DIV 1 UNDER 10 DIV 2		UNDER 10 DIV 1 UNDER 9 DIV 2			UNDER 10 DIV 1	
2001	UNDER 9 DIV 5 UNDER 10 DIV 4 UNDER 15 DIV 1 14 GIRLS	UNDER 9 DIV 5 UNDER 10 DIV 2 UNDER 11 DIV 1 14 GIRLS	UNDER 10 DIV 1 UNDER 10 DIV 4 UNDER 14 DIV 1 UNDER 15 DIV 1 16 GIRLS	UNDER 9 DIV 3 UNDER 11 DIV 1	UNDER 11 DIV 1 14 GIRLS UNDER 16 DIV 1	UNDER 15 DIV 1 14 GIRLS	
2002	UNDER 11 DIV 1 UNDER 11 DIV 3 UNDER 12 DIV 1 UNDER 14 DIV 1 14 GIRLS	UNDER 9 DIV 2 (JP) UNDER 11 DIV 1 UNDER 11 DIV 3 UNDER 12 DIV 1 UNDER 14 DIV 1 14 GIRLS	UNDER 9 DIV 1	UNDER 11 DIV 1 UNDER 11 DIV 3 UNDER 12 DIV 1	UNDER 11 DIV 1 14 GIRLS UNDER 16 DIV 1	UNDER 11 DIV 1 UNDER 12 DIV 1 UNDER 14 DIV 1 14 GIRLS	
2003	UNDER 9 DIV 3 UNDER 9 DIV 4 UNDER 12 DIV 1 UNDER 12 DIV 2 UNDER 13 DIV 1 UNDER 15 DIV 1	UNDER 9 DIV 3 UNDER 9 DIV 4 UINDER 10 DIV 2 UNDER 12 DIV 1 UNDER 12 DIV 2 UNDER 13 DIV 1 UNDER 15 DIV 1	UNDER 9 DIV 1 UNDER 11 DIV 1 UNDER 16 DIV 1	UNDER 9 DIV 1 UNDER 9 DIV 4 UNDER 12 DIV 1 UNDER 13 DIV 1 UNDER 15 DIV 1	UNDER 12 DIV 1 UNDER 13 DIV 1 UNDER 15 DIV 1	UNDER 12 DIV 1*Winners* UNDER 13 DIV 1*Winners* UNDER 15 DIV 1	
2004	UNDER 13 DIV 1 UNDER 14 DIV 1 UNDER 16 DIV 1 ALLIANCE LEAGUE	UNDER 9 DIV 1 UNDER 13 DIV 1 UNDER 14 DIV 1 UNDER 16 DIV 1	UNDER 10 DIV 1 UNDER 11 DIV 2 UNDER 12 DIV 1 16 GIRLS ALLIANCE LEAGUE	UNDER 9 DIV 1 UNDER 12 DIV 1 UNDER 13 DIV 1	UNDER 13 DIV 1	UNDER 13 DIV 1 UNDER 14 DIV 1 UNDER 16 DIV 1*Winners*	
2005	UNDER 10 DIV 1 UNDER 10 DIV 2 UNDER 13 DIV 3 UNDER 14 DIV 1W UNDER 15 DIV 1 UNDER 17 DIV 1	UNDER 10 DIV 1 UNDER 12 DIV 4 UNDER 13 DIV 1 UNDER 14 DIV 1W UNDER 15 DIV 1 UNDER 17 DIV 1 ALL AGE LADIES W	UNDER 9 DIV 1 UNDER 10 DIV 2 UNDER 13 DIV 3	UNDER 14 DIV 1W	UNDER 10 DIV 1 UNDER 12 DIV 1G UNDER 13 DIV 1 UNDER 14 DIV 2	UNDER 10 DIV 1 *Winners* UNDER 14 DIV 1 UNDER 15 DIV 1 Winners UNDER 17 DIV 1	UNDER 14 DIV 1
2006	UNDER 10 DIV 2 UNDER 13 DIV 3 UNDER 14 DIV 1 ALL AGE LADIES DIV 2 PEMIER LEAGUE	UNDER 10 DIV 2 ALL AGE LADIES DIV 2	UNDER 9 DIV 1 UNDER 11 DIV 2 UNDER 12 DIV 1 UNDER 12 DIV 2 UNDER 13 DIV 3 UNDER 14 DIV 1	N/A	N/A	UNDER 14 DIV 1 PREMIER LEAGUE	UNDER 14 DIV 1
2007	UNDER 17 Div 1 UNDER 10 GIRLS UNDER 16 GIRLS DIV 2 UNDER18 LADIES ALL AGE LADIES DIV 1 UNDER 14 DIV2	UNDER 17 Div 1 UNDER 10 GIRLS UNDER 16 GIRLS DIV 2 UNDER 18 LADIES UNDER 14 DIV3 UNDER 14 DIV2	UNDER 9 DIV 1 O35 DIV 1 ALLIANCE LEAGUE ALL AGE LADIES DIV 1 UNDER 16 GIRLS DIV 1	DNP	DNP	UNDER 17 Div 1 ALL AGE LADIES DIV 1	U11S RUNNERS UP U17DIV 1 WINNERS
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SEASON	MINOR PREMIERS	PREMIERS	RUNNER-UP	FAIRFIELD CUP	KNOCKOUT	CHAMP/CHAMP REPS	STATE/METRO CUP
2010	UNDER 13 DIV 1 UNDER 14 DIV 1 UNDER 17 DIV 1 PREMIER LEAGUE PREMIER LEAGUE RSVES O35 DIV 3	UNDER 10 DIV 2 UNDER 16 GIRLS DIV 1 UNDER 17 DIV 1 PREMIER LEAGUE O35 DIV 3	UNDER 10 DIV 2 UNDER 14 DIV3 O35 DIV 1			UNDER 13 DIV 1 Runners Up UNDER 14 DIV 1 UNDER 17 Div 1 PREMIER LEAGUE	UNDER 14 DIV 1 Winners UNDER 17 Div 1 Runners Up
2011	UNDER 14 DIV 2 UNDER 15 DIV 1 UNDER 18 DIV 1 O35 DIV 1 O35 DIV 2 O35 DIV 3 PREMIER LEAGUE PREMIER LEAGUE	UNDER 12 DIV 2 UNDER 12 DIV 4 UNDER 14 DIV 2 UNDER 15 DIV 1 UNDER 18 DIV 1 O35 DIV 1 O35 DIV 3 PREMIER LEAGUE	UNDER 14 DIV 1 O35 DIV 2 PREMIER LEAGUE RSVES		UNDER 12 DIV 2 UNDER 14 DIV 2	UNDER 15 DIV 1 UNDER 18 DIV 1 O35 DIV 1 PREMIER LEAGUE	UNDER 12 DIV 1 Runners Up O35 DIV 1 Runners Up
2012	UNDER 13 DIV 1 UNDER 16 DIV 1 UNDER 18 DIV 1 OVER 35 DIV 1 PREMIER LEAGUE RSVES	UNDER 12 DIV 2 UNDER 13 DIV 1 UNDER 16 DIV 1 UNDER 21 DIV 1 OVER 35 DIV 1 OVER 35 DIV 2 PREMIER LEAGUE PREMIER LEAGUE UNDER 14 GIRLS	UNDER 11 FERRARI UNDER 18 DIV 1 ALL AGE LADIES DIV 3		UNDER 13 DIV 2	UNDER 13 DIV 1 UNDER 16 DIV 1 UNDER 18 DIV 1 OVER 35 DIV 1	
2013	UNDER 14 DIV 1 UNDER 17 DIV 1 UNDER 14 GIRLS OVER 35 (Blue)	UNDER 12 DIV 1 GIRLS UNDER 14 GIRLS UNDER 14 DIV 3 OVER 35 (Blue) UNDER 17 DIV 2 UNDER 14 DIV 1 UNDER 16 DIV 1 UNDER 17 DIV 1	UNDER 14 DIV 2 UNDER 15 DIV 2 UNDER 21 DIV 1		UNDER 18 DIV 1	UNDER 14 DIV 1 Winners	UNDER 14 DIV 1 Winners
2014	UNDER 15 DIV 1 UNDER 17 DIV 1 UNDER 14 DIV 1 GIRLS AAL DIV 3 UNDER 21 DIV 1 UNDER 15 DIV 2 (BLUE) UNDER 16 DIV 2	UNDER 15 DIV 2 (GREEN) UNDER 16 DIV 2 UNDER 12 DIV 1 GIRLS UNDER 14 DIV 1 GIRLS PREMIER RESERVES UNDER 15 DIV 1 UNDER 21 DIV 1	AAL DIV 2 AAL DIV 3 UNDER 12 DIV 1 UNDER 14 DIV 1 UNDER 17 DIV 1		WINNERS UNDER 15 DIV 2 GREEN RUNNERS UP UNDER 13 DIV 2 AAL DIV 2	UNDER 12L DIV 1 Runners Up UNDER 15 DIV 1 UNDER 17 DIV 1 UNDER 14 DIV 1 GIRLS UNDER 21 DIV 1	UNDER 15 DIV 1 Winners UNDER 21 DIV 1 Winners
2015	UNDER 13 DIV 1 UNDER 14 LADIES DIV 1 UNDER 15 DIV 1	UNDER 14 DIV 2 UNDER 14 LADIES DIV 1 UNDER 21 DIV 1	O35 DIV 2 WHITE UNDER 15 DIV 1 UNDER 16 DIV 1 UNDER 18 DIV 1			UNDER 13 DIV 1 RUNNERS UP UNDER 14 LADIES DIV 1 UNDER 15 DIV 1 RUNNERS UP	UNDER 15 DIV 1 WINNERS UNDER 14-1 L RUNNERS UP
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It's that time of the year again where we reflect on a very busy year for the AC United FC with great success for many of our teams.

Firstly, I would like to welcome our new committee members for 2017 and thank our outgoing committee members.

I would like to thank the entire AC United Football Club committee for their efforts in 2017 and most importantly for the support they have given me.

I would like to make special mention of our Secretary (Kylie Ojeda) and Registrar (Yolanda Spiteri) because without the tireless efforts of these two ladies we would not have had the successful year we have had. You are both truly invaluable.

Teams

As always, I would like to thank all the volunteer coaches and Managers who give up their time to ensure all the players have an enjoyable season as without you we do not have any teams. These coaches and managers give up their time for training during the week and game times on weekends as well as ensuring that the ACUFC rules and policies are enforced and also managing the fundraising administration. A big thankyou from the committee and we look forward to seeing you again in 2018.

Girls/Ladies Football

Another very successful year for our Girls/Ladies football.

- Our U12 Division 1 Girls were undefeated Minor Premiers and Premiers with only 1 goal scored against them all year. Not sure how that goal was scored...
- A special mention to our U12 Division 2 Girls that were asked to play in the Under 12's despite having most of the team being only 10 years old. Not only did they step up to the challenge they also made the semi-finals only losing on penalties and also making the Grand Final of the Knockout, again only losing in a penalty shootout. Great effort girls and we look forward to what you can achieve over the coming seasons.
- Our U14 Girls Division 1 were Grand Finalists.
- Our 16 Ladies Division 1 were undefeated Minor Premiers and Premiers.
- Our 18 Ladies were also Minor Premiers and Premiers.
- Our AAL Division 1, 16 Ladies Division 3 and AAL Division 3 all made the Semi Finals but unfortunately did not progress to the Grand Final.

The club will now be represented in the Champions of Champions by the U12, U16 and U18 Ladies teams. We wish you all the best!

Boys/Men's Football

We could see an improvement this year in the results of our Boys/Men's teams.

- Our Men's 17 Division 1 were Minor Premiers and Premiers.
- Our Men's 18 Division 1 were Minor Premiers.
- Our Under 15 Division 2 were Minor Premiers and Premiers.
- Our Under 16 Division 2 were Minor Premiers and Premiers. A Special mention to this team that finally cracked it for a Minor Premiership trophy!
- Our Under 14 Division 1 winners of the Grade 14 Knockout.
- Our Under 13 Division 1 Runners up in the Grade 13 Knockout.

The club will now be represented in the Champions of Champions by the U17 and U18 teams. We wish you all the best.

To close off my second report as President of this wonderful club, I would like to wish all the students participating in the HSC all the very best and to all our members, players, coaches, managers and the ACUFC Committee enjoy your break and have a wonderful festive season.

Frank Ojeda AC United Football Club President and Life Member



2017 AC United Committee

Back Row: Rossana Di Giandomenico, Susan Knafelc, Yolanda Spiteri, Kylie Ojeda Front Row: John Vlahadamis, Robert Mazzotti, Danny Di Giandomenico, Frank Ojeda, Robert Wilson, Robert Zanella

Absent: Max De Felicibus, Mark Cyron, Angela Biviano, Nicole Douglas and Colin Smith

SECRETARY'S REPORT

No sooner do we start a season and suddenly it's all over. And what a season it was! Despite a false start at the beginning of the season with wet weather, once the season finally kicked off, we had a great run of clear skies and a great season of football. We had some great results across both the boys and girls teams and I am sure our non competitive teams all had a great season also. Some experiencing their first ever games and others settled into teams they have developed long term friendships with.

In total we fielded 46 teams. Non Competitive Teams made up 20 of the sides, Junior Competitive Teams we fielded 19 and seniors made up 7 of the teams. We were excited to be able to field our first U6 girls team to continue the development and focus we have committed to women's football. And at the other end of the age group, we welcomed a new All Age Men's team and the re-introduced Alliance League allowed some of our long term players that exceeded the U21 age group to move up and stay with the club.

As a club we wanted to put some focus back onto the boys junior competitive teams and with some clever marketing and social media promotion at the end of last year and early this year, we experienced a great turnout for our trials in January with most age groups having some great numbers attending. We saw some strong Division 1 sides with most of them making semi finals. The lower divisions unfortunately suffered somewhat with grading issues at the beginning of the season as the District had to merge some divisions. But those teams have formed some strong bonds and we look forward to those teams continuing next season and being graded correctly to help them experience a more successful season than they have this year.

In all we have had:

* 7 Minor Premiers * 6 Premiers * 19 Semi Finalists * 8 Grand Finalists * 5 Champion of Champions Teams

I am proud to say that AC United has the most teams representing SDSFA in the 2017 Champion of Champions and we wish them all the best of luck! Those teams are the U12-1 ladies, U16-1 ladies, U18-1 ladies, U17-1 boys and U18-1 boys.

In all, we had over 550 registered players and 130 volunteer officials!!

After last season's fire, we made a pledge to 'pay back' the generosity of the Marc Arcuri Foundation who came to our rescue with the donation of a defibrillator to replace the one we lost. A trivia night was planned with an aim to try and reach a \$2000 target to donate to the Foundation. We had a great turnout, with everyone dressing up and getting into the spirit of the night and most importantly, digging deep! With the further assistance of some wonderful companies that donated prizes, we easily reached our target. We also managed to raise a further \$1000 for the club. During the year we were also successful in receiving grants from the Hyundai Goals for Grassroots (\$3000) and Stocklands Wetherill Park (\$1000). We also raised just over \$10000 in our chocolate drive. This is all money that will be pumped back into the club to provide the fantastic Junior Presentation Day that we all know AC is famous for and allow us to upgrade our training equipment and game day equipment for next season.

We once again have many of our members reaching their 5 year and 10 year service which is an outstanding achievement! In total we have 51 members marking their 5th year!! Another 8 Members have reached their 10 years of service and we congratulate them on such a milestone:

Chantay Basseotto, Elizabeth Crowe, Antonio Mirarchi, Stefano Mirarchi, James Musso, Michael Pediotis, Ron Sullivan and Dennis Petalas.

We also acknowledge the induction of our most recent life members from our 2016 AGM, Peter Di Giandomenico and Dennis Petalas for their ongoing commitment and dedication to our club. Peter was long overdue on receiving this prestigious award given his involvement with the development of the club in its early years and Dennis has been an ongoing support through his now 10 years of service.

A big congratulations also go to last year's President's Award Recipients Yolanda and Charlie Spiteri. Yolanda and Charlie have been highly involved in the club in many ways from playing (as well as all their kids at one point or another), committee, coaching/managing as well as being long term sponsors.

Last Senior Presentation night we also had the honour of introducing a new award for the club, "The Gianna Di Giandomenico – Junior Team of the Year Award". Gianna was somewhat of a mother figure, the matriarch of our club for many, many years. Even though she may no longer be with us, we know she's still looking over us all, watching what we do and hopefully proud of the way our club works in her memory. It was only fitting that the first team to receive this award was the 2016 U14-1 Ladies Team given Gianna's many years of dedication to building our girls teams in the early years. We would not be where are today with the success of our ladies teams without Gianna's passion for women's football.

At AC we are blessed year after year, to have a hard working, committed and fun loving group of people that make up our AC Committee. I quite often listen to stories from other club's whose biggest gripe is the lack of interest or support from members in joining and running their much needed committees. Thank you to all 15 members of our committee, your smiling faces make coming to the park for all those hours, enjoyable and I personally value all your friendships!

Until next season!

FOREVER AC Kylie Ojeda

> Always Loud, Forever Proud, You and Me, AC AC!!

> > - Claude Fradel -

AC UNITED FC TEAM: U5 BUDGIES

Coach: Dean Sekuloski Coach: Martin Sekuloski

What a great season it was for the U5's budgies. Both Dean and myself have both enjoyed this blissful season. From our first training session to the very last game.

Watching you all enjoy the game at your age has been heartwarming to see and teaching you all how to play the game, from passing and playing as a team to dribbling and scoring goals.

Dean and I have had the great pleasure of teaching you the basics of this game which has made us very happy as coaches. In our first few weeks leading up to our first game, the team were still learning each other's names and didn't quite know each other yet. To see these boys become friends throughout the season is great to see as each u5's budgy has become close and have had fun all throughout the year playing the game they love.

Dean and I enjoyed ourselves coaching you boys, we really do hope to see you all again next year.





AC UNITED FC TEAM: U6 DINGOES BLUE

Coach: Domenic Musumeci

Asst Coach: An Vu

What an amazing year we enjoyed together. A new team that really enjoyed each other's company. A year where we learnt so much about ourselves, our new friends and about playing quality team football.

Importantly, our focus this year has been on having fun, developing our core skills and building our team play. With so many brilliant individuals in our midst, I am sure that long enjoyable football years lie ahead for all. I have been delighted to share the year with everyone. Our special group always plays fair and win, lose or draw shows the opposition respect and dignity.

In the background there are people that make the year work seamlessly. I would like to especially thank An (Christian's Dad) for his support throughout the year assisting with training and game days. And a big thankyou to Massive Workouts for their continued sponsorship this year! Thanks James and Sonia

Some thoughts from our team about their year

Jacob Musumeci had a lot of fun this year with soccer. Enjoying training and the games with my team. Jacob said he was always thinking about the next game.

Christian said that scoring the first goal of the season for my team was the biggest thrill ever! Thank you team mates and coach for a super season of soccer.

Michael said that his favourite thing has to be working with new and exciting people who I've come to look upon as friends. Also I've loved improving my skill.

Isaiah stated that he enjoyed his friends company and that his skills have improved considerably through the year.

Jacob Mirza mentioned that it was great getting to know my new coach & team mates. I enjoyed the drills & new skills. I loved running around the field trying to score or pass & try to help my team win.

Thomas reflected that his favourite thing this year was training with my friends. I love football and will continue to play for years to come.

Also I think this has been the best soccer season ever especially since it's our first season together, can't wait for next year.

Regards

Coach Domenic



Inserts: Domenic Musumeci (Coach), Jacob Musumeci



AC UNITED FC TEAM: U6 DINGOES WHITE

Coach: John Barbera Manager: Luis Poblete Manager: Melissa Barbera

What can I say. 'WOW' what a season by the boys. They have really shown some great improvement individually and as a team, dominating most games and finished the season undefeated, both at the Galston Gala day and the season proper.

The Galston Gala Day which our team entered comprised of 3 games of 10min halves a semifinal and final. The day was quite a remarkable day for the boys and the parents. Having won the first 3 games we progressed to the semi final which we would win 5-1. The final was such an emotional roller coaster (FOR THE MUMS) as we were down 3-1 at half time, something our boys weren't quite used too, but come the second half the boys showed their character and resilience to fight back and win 5-4 and take out the gala day.

Through training and hard work, the boys have showed great personal improvement in their football technique and general love of the game.

Overall as a team the boys have showed a great bond and have showed just how well they can play as a team not just individually.

Thanks for the support from our team sponsor DISTINCT HEALTH & FITNESS and from the from the parents and their extended families.

Looking forward to another great season next year.

John Barbera





AC UNITED FC TEAM: U6 KOALAS

Coach: Angelina Giansante Manager: Pauline Camilleri

It was a pleasure to coach Johnny, Joshua, Marcus, Alex, Kristen and Yousep this year. The boys were very enthusiastic, dedicated and brought lots of energy to our training sessions each week.

There was a variety of abilities in our team, some boys had played before and others for the first time. The biggest challenge was to get them to understand the importance of team work and what you can achieve when you play together as a team. They got it in the end! And it was fantastic to see them use their skills during their games.

I wish the boys best of luck for next year.

I would like to thank Pauline Camilleri who was our assistant coach and team manager. Couldn't have done it without you.

Also I would like to thank the parents for their commitment this season.

Finally thank you to AC United and particularly Kylie Ojeda for your support this season.



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AC UNITED FC TEAM: U7 GOANNAS

Coach: Steve Zipevski
Asst Coach: Saso Istindioski
Manager: Caroline Zipevski

Congratulations to the Goannas this year.

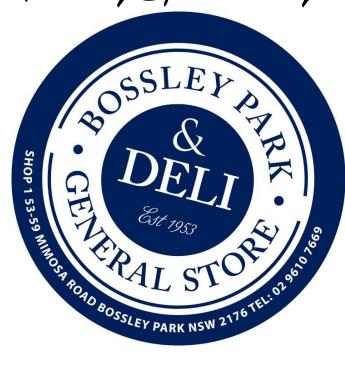
We won some and lost some, but we did our best and have definitely improved our game.

All of the boys made a great effort this year and had fun playing as a team.

We welcomed Anthony and Andre this year, Anthony D & Henry played like stars, and Finlay and Maxi have made great progress in improving their skills this season.

Well done Goannas, looking forward to a great 2018 season!





AC UNITED FC TEAM: UNDER 7 OPAL GIRLS

Coach: Greg Baldock Manager: Kirsty Baldock

Well it's been an enjoyable year for our team of super girls. Our team has showed so much enthusiasm at every game and never gave up which is what has impressed me the most about them. It was great to see those learning new skills and having fun throughout the year.

Here is the crazy bunch



Clarissa Leira



Felicity Baldock



Eva Govic



Sienna Macri



Ruby Moodie

All girls showed they know what to do on the filed ,either be shooting ,dribbling tackling, listening to instructions, but most of all they all knew how to enjoy each game and develop as individuals.

Both Kirsty and I would like to thank all the parents, grandparents and friends for attending noncompetitive games this session in support of these Fantastic young girls!

Thank you to the AC committee and finally we would like to thank our team sponsor Lombo Industries.

Go AC!





AC UNITED FC TEAM: U7 OWLS BLUE

Coach: Greg Baldock
Coach: Adrian Lombardo

Overall we had another successful year of improvement together. Team spirit was high from the start of the season right up to the end of the season. Training was very competitive between the young football stars.

All developed as individuals be shooting, dribbling, tackling, listening to instructions (majority of times), positional play, but most of all they all knew how to enjoy the game.

Football was a winner.

Our Team Marcus Baldock, Xavier Baldock, Christian Savva, Michael Gilgorov, Matthew Craig, Marco Lombardo

Both Adrian and I would like to thank all the parents, grandparents and friends for attending non-competitive games this season, this makes the game so much more enjoyable for the kids.

Thank you to Lombo Industries again for sponsoring our team this year.

Regards

Greg Baldock and Adrian Lombardo





AC UNITED FC TEAM: U7 OWLS WHITE

Coach: Michael Vagli Manager: Leonard Nastasi

Another great year of fun and learning new football skills for the boys. Four of last year's team Andrew, Gianluca, Noah & Mattias returned this year and were joined by new team mates Luca and Jacob.

The boys kicked off the season full of energy and enthusiasm. Training in the first few weeks was focused on practising some skills learnt in the previous season but quickly developed into learning new skills such as game positioning, passing and ball control. Training was lots of fun – the boys particularly loved playing fun games to develop their skills.

Weekend games were also lots of fun and the boys gave their full effort in each and every game. It was great to see them applying their skills learnt at training during the games.

As both their coach and a parent I'm very proud of the boys for their dedication. Thank you to all of the parents for their commitment – I know all the boys really appreciate it.

Thank you to the AC United Committee, in particular Kylie, for all of the coordination that goes into the season.

And finally thank you to Leonard for being the Manager again this year and the sponsor of the team.





AC UNITED FC TEAM: U8 CAHILL BLUE

Coach: Sam Stone
Coach: Domenic Luci
Manager: Catherine Stone

Wow! That's how I would describe the season in one word. When we came together as a team, we were a group of newcomers to the game of football with either a few friends in the team or not knowing anyone. We ended the season as a team that had improved greatly on the field in addition to having made new friends from our season long journey. While we never definitively won in the sense ending the game with the lead, the massive improvement from each and every person in the team is much more of a win than i could ever ask for. Before I get into the individual summaries for each person, I would like to thank the parents for their support and effort to attend the games and trainings each and every week as without your effort nothing would happen and this great season would have been non existent, so thank you for your season long contributions. I would also like to thank the coaches, managers and everyone else who helped throughout the season.

Samantha Stone - Coach

Luca D - Luca embraced the game of football quite well, and he played with great consistency throughout the season. Luca was an enthusiastic member of the squad and was eager to do as much as possible throughout each training session, a great sign for things to come. On the pitch, Luca was always involved during the games, allowing himself to fully maximise his development throughout the course of the season, while displaying a selfless approach toward the game by always getting his teammates involved. It was a privilege to coach you Luca and hoping for the best coming forward.

John F - John's overall effort towards the sport was something that is great to see. As a goalkeeper for the majority of the season, John became the last line of defence and played terrific when in this position. His effort each and every game was great and was only matched by his eagerness to improve. John was a team player and his continued improvement motivated teammates to improve. Thank you for playing John, It was an honour to coach you throughout the season, keep up the great work and good luck in the future.

Antonio B - Antonio's play throughout the season was phenomenal. No matter what position he played, he would attack the ball with a relentless effort and gave his effort every second he was on the pitch. Antonio's improvement was great to witness and he has a great chance to continue to develop his skills in the game of football. The effort Antonio gave throughout the season was at both a high level but was also consistently at this level was encouraging signs for the future. It was a pleasure to coach you Antonio and keep up with the great effort.

Riccardo B - Riccardo's growth from the first day of the season to it's last day was phenomenal to witness and as a coach it was a great feeling to be involved in. Riccardo's consistent efforts on the field allowed for him to improve his skills in the area of football. Riccardo also made efforts to improve himself at trainings and this determination was rewarded. Thank you Riccardo for your efforts this season, it was a pleasure to coach you and keep up with the great work.

Pasquale S - Pasquale's development from the start of the season until the end of the season was phenomenal and once Pasquale acquired confidence, his play was outstanding. He applied himself towards all areas of the game, including training, and if consistent, is a great quality to have. His play on the pitch was improved tremendously and if built upon, could become quite great. It was a pleasure to coach you for the season Pasquale, keep trying your very best in each activity you participate in and all the best in your future endeavours.

Antonio S - Antonio applied himself tremendously throughout the season. His consistent effort placed Antonio in a position to succeed. He tried his very best each and every time he contested for the ball, and his effort provided motivation for all the players every game he participated in. His determination to improve is noticed by all and is an admirable trait to have. It was great to meet you and help you develop your skills in the game of football Antonio, best of luck in the future.

Ethan K - Ethan's improvement throughout the season was impressive. His forging of new friendships helped Ethan to make himself comfortable, and when he became comfortable, he shined at a remarkable level. He applied himself in training and this also helped his development into the player he is now. His transformation on the pitch from the beginning of the season until the end of the season is a complete positive change. It was a pleasure to coach you for the full season and all the best of luck in your future endeavours Ethan.

Andrea T - Andrea's consistent effort throughout the course of the season is a great demonstration of character that this young man possesses. With managing some time as a goalkeeper, while playing majority of the time on the pitch. Andrea displayed a versatility during his playing time. His development and growth of his football skills enabled Andrea to become more confident on the field. It was a pleasure to coach you throughout the year Andrea, I wish you the best of luck in your future endeavours.

Phoenix SK - Phoenix's consistent attempts in the game of football throughout the course of the season, allowing for phoenix to maximise his development throughout this season of football. Phoenix attempted to maximise each session available to him, and consistently placed himself in a position to improve, an encouraging sign for all areas that phoenix applies himself to. His attempts to place his teammates before himself are solid representations of his selfless attitude. It was a privilege to coach you during this season and I wish you the best of luck during all your future endeavours.

Lillyarna S - Lillyarna's consistent effort to improve and develop her set of skills in the game of football was great to witness. It was Lillyarna maximised each training session by applying herself in each aspect of training each and every week, and this dedication was a great reason for her improvement. Lillyarna played a defensive type role throughout the season, embodying a team first mentality and allowed her fellow teammates to play to the best of their abilities. It was a privilege to coach you throughout the season Lillyarna, best of luck in all of your future tasks that you apply yourself to.







AC UNITED FC TEAM: U8 CAHILL WHITE

Coach: Robert Wilson

What a great first season playing on the bigger field the boys have had this year, our first year together being a great success, with all the boys contributing to some outstanding performances throughout the season.

Scoring hat-tricks and double hat-tricks have been a couple of boys who find the back of the net almost every week. A big well done goes out to Benny Oraham and Marco (Polo) Alessi. The boys contributing to over 40 goals this season between them. Outstanding boys. I want 50 plus next season though.

Well done to Benny and to Christian De Angelis playing down the wings. Some great performances from you both, showing lots of potential for the future.

Some great work from the boys at the back. Remember guys, winning games comes not only from scoring goals, but also from stopping the opposition from scoring goals. It's no good scoring 6 every game if we concede 7 every game.

Alessio (A-Bomb) Romeo, Joshua and Domenic (Big D) Grima all started the season playing regularly at the back and all of you did an outstanding job working together, with a big pat on the back for Joshua, not much got past you this year mate, well done. Coming to help out later in the season and making a big difference in defence were another couple of players in Fabian and Christian (The Whippet) Alessi. Christian found another gear this season and when playing at the back there was nobody could beat him for pace.

Well done to Gianni (G-man) Florio, taking over the reigns as team keeper. Made some outstanding saves this season with both hands and sometimes with his face. Well done G-man. And finally, his best mate Harley (The big H) Bonariggo. Big H by name and big Hearted by nature. Remember the chocolates Harley? Well done both of you.

Very proud of all your efforts. Big big thanks for the gift card. Some new GK gloves for next season.

Huge thanks to all the parents for bringing the boys each week to training and the games.

Big thanks also to our sponsor at Greendale Homes, Vince De Angelis.





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AC UNITED FC TEAM: U8 EMERTON

Coach: Louie Nassar Manager: Francesca Rossini

What a fun year it has been for this awesome bunch of kids!

A few of the kids were new to the club and some were first time soccer players altogether.

This was the first step up to a bigger field and the boys had to adjust to the extra space, which they loved.

On the pitch, the team played with a lot of heart and rarely put their heads down when things weren't going their way.

Putting in 100% is exactly what I asked for and week in, week out, that is precisely what was delivered by the boys.

Training was always a laugh with the boys taking the opportunity to not only learn new skills but have an awesome time with their new friends. Which is really what team sport is all about.

I'd like to thank Rob for helping out with the team when needed and Trish for taking training when I was away.

A special mention to Franca for her help throughout the year as the manager extraordinaire.

I look forward to under 9's next year and hopefully getting the boys together for another run.





AC UNITED FC TEAM: U9 BRESCIANO

Coach: Domenic Nascimben
Coach: Christian Nascimben
Manager: Denis Nascimben

AC AC......"ABSOLUTE CHAMPIONS"......is probably the best way to describe the season enjoyed by our team this year!

The 2017 season saw last years' former U8 Cahill team transform into the Under 9 Bresciano team, which welcomed new addition to the squad – Cooper Davino. Cooper fitted into the team well, as the ever improving U9s Bresciano team continued their form and progress where it left off from last season.

Playing our second consecutive season with 7 players on the mod. field, this year our team goals were to focus on positional awareness, keeping ball possession, playing out from the back from goal kicks with structure and attacking opponents' goals with emphasis on wide play, together with cut backs on goals.

In order to achieve these goals the intensity of training was lifted a notch. The drills and sessions became harder and more demanding for our troops and they responded very well. This was demonstrated on game days, with very dominant performances from the team, which was very pleasing and rewarding for us as coaches, to sit back and enjoy the team's progress and the football they played.

In parallel to tougher training sessions, we ensured the team experienced a variety fun drills with an emphasis on learning new techniques and ball mastery skills. It was most pleasing watching the bond, spirit and friendship within the team flourish from week to week. But more importantly we matured as a football team as did their love for the game.

Domenic, Christian and I have thoroughly enjoyed the season working with great, talented kids and can't wait for the 2018 season to commence. As both their coach and a parent I'm very proud of our team for their dedication and efforts at both training and on game days.

Thanks to all our parents, family and friends for your support throughout the year, which set the platform for another successful season. As coaches we appreciate all your help this season, but more importantly the team enjoyed the cheering and encouragement you provided from the sidelines

Thank you to Kylie and all the AC United Committee / family for all your hard work, coordination and dedication, ensuring our teams are able to play and train each week without any problems.

And lastly a special thanks to our team sponsor **EMR** "**E**pic **M**etal **R**oofing" for your sponsorship and support of our team / club.

Once again, many thanks U9 Bresciano team for wonderful memories of 2017 season!!

Kind Regards, Denis, Domenic and Christian Nascimben





AC UNITED FC TEAM: U9 GARNETT LADIES

Coach: Funda Celik
Assistant coach: James Wanna

Manager: Sonia Gonzalez Wanna

What a MASSIVE year the girls have had!

For some of the girls in the team, it was their first time playing soccer and how quick you all learnt the rules and flow of the game! For our girls that had played soccer before, what great leaders and motivators you were!

I am honored to see the team work and new friendship between you all. I am especially inspired by how you all bravely stepped up in playing against girls who are older than you.

We got to learn positions quickly, and each of you understood what your duty was. You all improved so much as the weeks went on.

Sandy, what an incredible defender you are! No one could pass you! Isabella, as any amazing defender would, you protected your goals at any cost! Alexia, I could not substitute you, you could play soccer for hours, ball of energy! Alyssa, you dominated the entire field this year, a born leader on the field! Martina, you literally took the ball and ran with it, always ready to score! Leyla, you learned to get up after falling, and scared the opposition with your courage! Sapphire, you were a solid player on the field, showing the older teams who was 'boss'! Hayley, you encouraged your team mates, a true team player and friend to everyone!

Words cannot describe how proud I am of all of you! We won some, we drew some and we also lost some, but most importantly we had lots of fun in-between!

I wish you all the very best. Keep smiling and don't forget to practice! I hope you continue playing, as you all are incredibly talented young girls. Thank you for being you and allowing us to watch you grow.

Thank you to the Parents for your commitment to the girls and your faith in the management of the team.

Also, a big thank you to the AC United Committee. Thank you for being a loving, organised, family oriented club. We've had a blast.





AC UNITED FC TEAM: U9 KEWELL

Coach: Dee West Manager: Amanda Ugwu

Wow!! What an amazing season, for many reasons.

Let me say I had the pleasure of coaching under 9's. We had some ups and downs, but mostly up, but no matter what we always united as a team.

We grew over the season building on our skills and learnt new ones.

There were ten players all of different talents.

Malique is a talented player, who built on his skills as striker throughout the season.

Angelo improved his ball skills and it showed on the pitch every Saturday.

Martin proved to be an all rounder, playing in goals and on the field.

Rocco had some great defending skills and gave his all every game.

George was an awesome goal keeper and improved every game.

Dante improved his skills every week, what a defender!!

Romeo was eager to learn new skills and improved every game, awesome defender!!

Matias you surprised me every game. Natural born defender!!

Jordan position!! position!! Great all rounder

Joshua put in 100% every game. Eager to learn. Improved every week.

Amanda the manager kept us all in line.

Dee the coach, someone give her a holiday!!!

The Parents and Families

Wow, what can I say. You brought our boys to every training and every game. Always there to cheer us on. Whether or not we won or lost we all showed great sportsmanship. Thank you to all.

I just want to cap off and say that I am extremely proud of you all. I am extremely honoured to have had the pleasure to coach each and every one of you.

Hope to see you all next season

Coach Dee





AC UNITED FC TEAM: U10 CARLE BLUE

Coach: Sandro Catanzariti

Assistant Coach: Charlie Borg Manager: Rosa Roa

On behalf of Charlie & I, we are extremely proud of the boys this season.

This year was more challenging as we had a larger squad on the modified pitch. We welcomed new players & that created an exciting new energy in the squad.

The team worked hard at training & on game day, playing some exciting football & having plenty of fun along the way.

We would like to thank our parents for the continual support from the sidelines, especially those that assisted on setting up the pitch on those cold mornings.

A big thank you to our sponsor Mimmo (AMP concrete) we sincerely appreciate your support this year.

We also want to thank our manager Rosa for her continual assistance during the season.

A big thank you to Kylie (AC United secretary) for her never ending support, it is greatly appreciated.

We are extremely proud of this squad & we look forward to welcoming you all back next season.





AC UNITED FC TEAM: U10 CARLE WHITE

Coach: Silvano Scotece
Coach: Valentino Scotece

Manager: Susan Strati

The 2017 season was the first time we have both decided to take on a coaching role, and we were delighted to experience this opportunity with such talented boys. From our first training session to the last training session the boys were eager to learn and were constantly full of energy in the process.

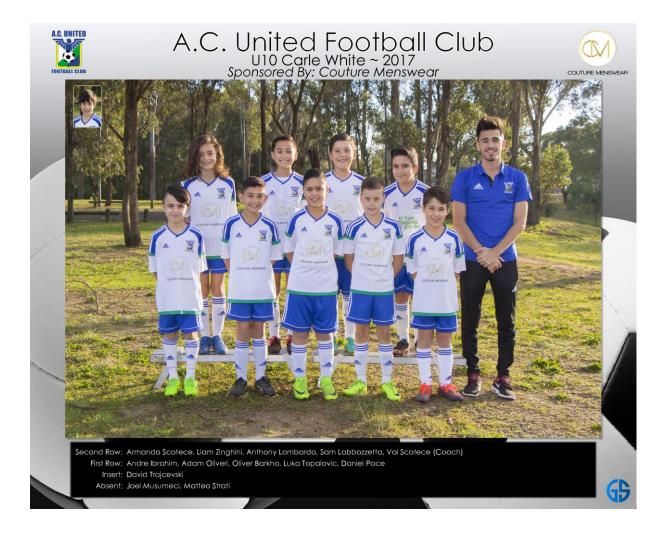
We are glad to have witnessed and been a part of the improvement in the boy's attitude, skill, technique and confidence toward football. We wish each and every one of the boys the absolute best for the future and to enjoy the off-season.

We would also like to thank Susan for taking up the role of manager and our team sponsor Couture Menswear.

We hope to see you all at AC United next season!

Thankyou,

Valentino and Silvano





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AC UNITED FC TEAM: U10 RUBY LADIES BLUE

Coach: Vince Capano Manager: Nicolas Rojas

2017 was a fantastic year of football for these girls. Some girls were playing their second year of soccer whilst most of the team were new to the sport. We had quite a big age difference in the team - some girls were 8 years old while others were 10.

The team improved immensely throughout the 3 rounds and were especially keen to play hard when they were playing teams who had beaten them in previous rounds and were bigger and older than them. The girls did not lose a game in the last 5 games of the season which showed how much they did improve.

The team spirit of these girls was incredible and increased throughout the season.

Special thanks go to the AC committee and especially Kylie who runs the club in such an organised way.

Thanks also to the parents of the girls who got them to training and to the games. Also thanks to the Manager, Nicolas for his commitment throughout the season.

Lastly, a big thank you to our team sponsor, Rakuten Marketing.

Looking forward to seeing all the girls again next year.

Thanks Vince.



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AC UNITED FC TEAM: U10 RUBY LADIES WHITE

Coach: Tony Romeo
Asst Coach: Frank lemma
Manager: Giovanna Romeo



We would like to congratulate each and every one of you for an amazing soccer season! It is so rewarding to see how you all have developed and improved individually and united as a team to perform so well every week.

During the season our ladies have formed such an amazing bond and have enjoyed every minute of their time together; from enjoying their team chants, to sharing little recognition treats, or mixing up their dance, gymnastics or hairdressing skills on the field just to make that game a little bit more exciting.

A very special thanks to Frank who stepped in as back up coach and to all the parents who made sure the ladies attended training and our games every week. Thank you for all your assistance; we appreciate all that you have done to support us in our roles as coach and manager.

We would like to thank our team Sponsor Property Partners for taking on the very rewarding role of sponsoring our lovely ladies in 2017.

We are all proud of the fantastic soccer superstars the ladies are becoming and are looking forward to leading them again in 2018.

Tony & Giovanna





AC UNITED FC TEAM: U11 PORSCHE BLUE

Coach: Pablo Munoz Manager: John Bevacqua

The 2017 season was an absolute standout for this remarkable under 11's football squad. From their first training session together it was always clear that this group of kids had something special. It is uncommon to find a set of individuals who possess such talent and skill, and yet remain humble in their attitude and gamesmanship. In addition to that, it is also very rare to have a group of kids from different schools and backgrounds that are able to create such strong friendships.

The first half of the season was a real test for our squad with a mixture of wins, losses and draws against some strong opponents. I always said to them that we had a special group of athletes who were second to none, and to believe in themselves because I felt as though we had a really special team. I was extremely confident that in time they would play to their potential.

After some shuffling of the playing order, setup and change in training methods, we turned it on in the second half of the season with a string of 4 wins in a row, and 5 wins in 6 games; not to mention an amazing final game against Freeman which demonstrated our true grit, competitive nature and our true fighting spirit.

Everyone in this team played a pivotal role in the overall success of this team. Our goal keepers were incredible; our defenders impenetrable; and our midfielders and strikers were solid.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank John Bevacqua for his support throughout the season. John will be the first to say that "he didn't do much" but without John, my role as coach would have been extremely difficult. His assistance throughout the year was a blessing and made my job a lot easier and enjoyable.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to thank all of the parents for their support in getting their kids to the training sessions and games. Many of the parents have multiple kids, and Saturdays are generally a circus act as they juggle their kid's game schedules jumping around from park to park throughout the southern district.

Finally I'd like to thank this wonderful group of kids who have improved so much throughout this season. Always determined, and always supportive of their team mates, they all demonstrated the key ingredients required to make a successful team. It has been an absolute pleasure coaching this group of kids and John and I look forward to the potential of coaching the once again next year.





AC UNITED FC TEAM: U11 PORSCHE WHITE

Coach: Andrew Bella
Asst Coach: Domenic Romeo

With their first season together done and dusted in 2016, season 2017 held much promise for the boys who gelled so well the year before – and the boys did not disappoint.

All set to get roaring with season 2017, the only thing that held them back was the rain... more rain... and then... more rain! Driving Andrew crazy for not being able to get the boys out onto the park for a run, the rain finally eased up and the season got underway.

It was great to see the boys go from stride to stride and improving with each game. Their individual ball skills and the passing around of the ball grew so much from the beginning of the season. Although not all games went their way on the score board, for the most part, they had a fire in their bellies to win each game. These traits will go well with the boys next year as they move onto the competitive stage of club soccer. If there is one thing Andrew wants the boys to remember it is to "Mark your player"! HAHAHA

Thanks to Joe and Peta Porley (Nathan's parents) from Brenan Park Tennis Centre for kindly sponsoring the team this year. Without the support that comes from our sponsors, the club would not be able to continue running as smoothly as it does.

Whilst on the topic of the club, I'm sure you'll all agree that being part of this club really feels like one big family and this is testament to the efforts that Frank, Kylie and the AC United committee members put in week to week to run the best club in the district – thank you!

It was a pleasure to coach and manage such a good bunch of boys who are passionate about the game. Having been passed the baton this year to write up the year book entry, I'd like to take this opportunity on behalf of all the parents and boys to thank Andrew for his undying efforts in teaching the boys how to play the beautiful game. He has such a great passion to see the boys grow their soccer skills and this has rubbed off on the boys who have gone from strength to strength each week.

Thank you to all the parents for entrusting the boys to Andrew's coaching and to AC United. Without your support running around all over the place and cheering in all sorts of weather, this team, and the great fun that was had would not have been possible. We hope to see you back next year trialing out for U12s!





BRENAN PARK TENNIS CENTRE

AC UNITED FC TEAM: U12 DIVISION 1

Coach: Richard McCaig
Coach: Robert Wilson

12-1 Kemps Creek United 12-1 Mt Pritchard Juniors

12-1 AC United FC

12-1 South West Wanderers

12-1 Bonnyrigg FC 12-1 Bossley Sports

Any year of football is going to be a tough one when putting together a whole new squad of players who have not played together before. Just ask any Wanderers fans. However, this squad of boys have done remarkably well considering it's their first year together. Some of the boys having to play in new roles, ones they may not like to play in, and some quite happy to take on the new challenge. Finishing 3rd in their first year is not a bad effort at all. It's a been a great taster for all as to how much work we need to put in if we want to be winning the competition next season.

Having this new team needed a good start to the season and getting the boys familiar with each other, so an early start to pre-season training commenced with a fantastic day out in the trees-tops above Western Sydney Parklands. It was an absolutely awesome day out getting to know everyone, a great bonding session for the season ahead.

Two weeks into the season and we are enjoying another great get together. We go a bit further afield this time, heading all the way down to Griffith for our state cup adventure. A fantastic night out with pasta, pizza and a stack of table football was enjoyed by everyone. Joy was short lived though, going down to a West Griffith side. Then for some, it's a long dash home to get to the A-league grand final. For others, it's a bit longer journey home and some unexpected detour via Wagga Wagga

A mid-season exodus of players on European vacations looked to really kill off the boy's season. However, they knuckled down and a few boys really started to step up and show how they can play, helping them gain a few outstanding results. A 1-1 draw away at Kemp Creek being one. Kemps having previously put 17 goals past us in 2 games. This exodus actually helped the team as it forced us to play some boys in different roles. One of those changes being our Player of the Season, Josh Ippoliti, who started the season as an out and out striker but wasn't quite getting the service and support he needed. This created an opportunity for him to drop back into a central midfield role where he really stepped up, combining well with captain Vice Govic. Well done to you Josh.

So our season has ended and the boys have had their first taste of competitive football. Overall a good effort from everyone. Let's look forward to working even harder next year, enjoying our football and making a difference at the top of that league. Thanks boys for all your hard work and effort.





AC UNITED FC TEAM: U12 DIVISION 3

Coach: James Musso Asst Coach: Milosh Jovanovic Manager: Nicole Douglas

12-3 Mt Pritchard Juniors 12-3 Canley Heights RSL 12-3 Sydney Juniors FC 12-3 Moorebank Sports 12-3 Fairfield Hotspurs

12-3 Cumberland City Football Club

12-3 AC United FC 12-3 Fairfield Bulls

The 2017 season started with 14 enthusiastic boys who were keen to get to know each other and form a strong team.

Training started with us meeting on Monday and Wednesday evenings. The boys were keen to listen and learn and each bought their own skills and talents to the team. When the competition started, it became clear where their natural positions were and by the end of the season, they were passing the ball, staying in their positions, and displaying all they had learned at training.

We saw some great defence by Riker, Ryan, Elee and Marcello. If by chance the ball got past them, Thomas our goaly was there to stop it. Aiden, Ayden, Luca, Ben, Valentino, Christian and Dean did a great job mid field and Joseph and James were up front. There were some great goals scored!

All boys played as a team, worked hard and had fun. It was a competitive year and the results weren't great but everyone improved throughout the season. And they never stopped trying!

It was a pleasure to be involved with this polite, keen group of young men. They were encouraging to each other and always displayed great sportsmanship to their own team and the opponents. They are a credit to their parents and AC United.

Hope to see you all next year.





AC UNITED FC TEAM: U12 DIVISION 1 LADIES

Coach: Andrew Loreggian Asst Coach: Jessica Mclennan

Manager: Brunella Parr (and Bianca)

L12-1 AC United FC

L12-1 Chipping Norton

L12-1 Bossley Sports

L12-1 Bonnyrigg FC

L12-1 Moorebank Sports

After a hugely successful 2016, the expectation for 2017 was high. There was 6 players remaining from the talented side of 2016. We would promote 3 younger girls from last year's under 11 side, and welcome 5 new girls into the squad. The enthusiasm of the new players mixed with the experience of the older players would make this team a good mix.

Training started in February. By the time our trials started it became clear that this team although less experienced, had all the hall marks of success. They were keen and had a great work ethic. We had 2 trial games for 2 wins.

Our season started in April and from that moment we never looked back. The girls played 12 games without a loss. Across the park left to right, they were strong. They scored a massive 56 goals and conceded only 1. During the season as the opposition improved, our girls simply improved even more.

The under 12 division 1 girls would finish the season as undefeated minor premiers. They would beat an ever improving Chipping Norton in the semi final to progress to the grand final. They would beat Chipping Norton again in the grand final to be crowned premiers. A title well deserved.

In goals we had Alissia. She was new and very protective between the sticks. In the backline we had Mary as sweeper. Fast and strong on her feet. She was the glue that kept the team safe. With Sophia, Chloe, Natasha and Giulia also in the backs, this line would only concede 1 goal through the season.

Across the middle would be Evelyn (left/right mid) Pia (Mid), Talia (Mid), Andrea (Mid) and Loredana (left/right Mid). Pia would ultimately claim the parents pick award for most consistent player in 2017. These 5 girls were the engine which drove the team to its overall success.

Up front with 11 goals there would be Lorena. New to the sport she was one of the smaller girls in the team but had a huge heart and was never intimidated by larger players. She would be selected as first runner up in the 2017 MVP award as judged by the referees.

Up front also we had Briana. Ultimately she would score the winning goal in our grand final. She was always a handful up front.

Leading this talented strike force was our captain Sienna. She would lead by example scoring 17 goals. As a result she would pick up the Southern Districts Golden Boot award for most goals scored. She would also win MVP runner up and on grand final day would win the presidents MVP on the day.

I would like to thank Jessica for her time as assistant coach. She was like a big sister for the girls and they loved her input. A special thank you to Brunella our team manager and Bianca her trusty off sider. Because of Bru, my job was so much easier. Thank you also to our army of supporters/

parents/ siblings. Ultimately these girls played for your enjoyment. A big thank you to our team sponsor "JDP Access Scaffolding". Your backing in 2017 was invaluable.

Finally on behalf of our champion team a special thanks to AC United FC, its dedicated committee and members. It is because of your continued support that AC United sets the standards for girl's football in our district.

Andrew (2017 Coach)





AC UNITED FC TEAM: U12 LADIES DIVISION 2

Coach: Domenic Badolato
Coach: Michael Herrera
Manager: Silvana Scamardella

L12-2 Austral Soccer Club L12-2 Mt Pritchard Juniors L12-2 AC United FC

L12-2 Kemps Creek United L12-2 Liverpool Olympic L12-2 Hinchinbrook

From what we thought was going to be the team's final year in non-competitive football (U10Ladies) suddenly became our First year of competitive football. Kylie believed in these girls and we were up for the challenge. Most of the team who are 9 and 10 years old were now to play for U12L Division 2 on a full field, play competitively and welcome four new players to the team. On the field, these girls bonded as a team, developed as a team and as individual players. Their "Girlie time" in the change rooms allowed them to bond off the field. (They polished their boots, discussed hairstyles, nail polish and headbands, they joked, sang, and danced)

Week after week, the girls became more confident, stronger and fitter. They were not going to allow the age and size of their opponents to intimidate them. Week after week positions, the concept of the game and what needed to be achieved.

It is absolutely outstanding what these girls have been able to achieve this season. They finished 3rd in the Comp. Out of the 15 rounds, they won 9, drew 2 and lost 4. They got through to the elimination semi final where they were up against Kemps creek. Although our girls dominated the game, we went into extra time with a 0-0 result and through to a gut wrenching penalty shoot out. What a devastating loss for the end of the season.....

BUT our journey did not end there. These girls had defeated Mt Pritchard Juniors in the knockout round and had the Grand Final to look forward to. It was a memorable Father's Day, to have the dads walk their girls onto the field. They were now up against Bossley Sports Div 1. It was one of the best games they played and it was an awesome game to watch. A full time score of 0-0 took us to penalties once again....They deserved so much more but unfortunately, their dream ended here.

These are our little champions:

- Firstly, in goals we had Isabella who was brave and fiesty. Great saves especially in the penalty shootout. She saved games for us and is only getting better.
- Thalia's first year in football was calm on the ball. She showed great leadership, maturity and skill.
 - Angelina was robust and safe at the back like her father. Great skill, always willing to go forward and fantastic through balls.
- Ella improved throughout the season with her new set of skills and went to a new level in football. Rita, in her own little world, produced some amazing skill. Great defensively and passing. Carisa was like a bull. Her passing and dribbling improved throughout the year.
- Olivia.R was strong in attack and defence. Scored some great goals.
- Olivia.D was always pushing herself to a new level. Outstanding skill, passing, vision and some great individual goals.
- Elisha came back after long injury and improved greatly towards the end of the season. Expect big things next year.
- Sienna played well on left wing but found her groove in her new role in the middle. Some wonderful assists and goals.
- Chiara our speedster. Improved dribbling and shooting throughout the year. More goals to come next year.
- Bela showed some great passing and determination. Improved throughout and scored.
 Indiana had a great first year in football. She played on the wing and produced some fantastic skill to beat players.
- Tatiana was unlucky in our first game. We wish her all the best in her recovery so she can show her true potential. Thank you for coming along to support the team.

A big thank you to all our supporters. Parents, grandparents, siblings, relatives and friends for their continued help and support. Your dedication and enthusiasm meant so much to us and the girls.

We would like to thank our sponsor Smallprint Sydney West that came to support the girls at their games and Knockout final.

We would also like to thank the members of the AC United committee for their ongoing support. Thank you Kylie for believing in our girls.

Lastly....As coaches and manager, we couldn't be any more prouder of these girls. It's been an absolute pleasure to coach each and every one of them. We are proud of what they achieved and how far they have come. Thank you for a wonderful season.

Dom, Micheal & Silvana

And lastly a huge thank you to our new manager Silvana. Silvana was recruited at the start of the year and what a magnificent job she has done. On behalf of Dom and myself we would like to thank Silvana for all her time and effort this year. Players, Parents and coaches were always well informed with anything relating to the team as well as the club. Silvana added a level of professionalism by helping out at training but more importantly on game by getting the girls ready in the change rooms prior to us coaches giving our pre game talk.





AC UNITED FC TEAM: U13 DIV 1

Coach: Steven Portolesi
Coach: Paul Michael
Coach: Thomas Macri
Manager: Angela Biviano

13-1 Bossley Sports13-1 Fairfield Hotspurs13-1 Mt Pritchard Juniors13-1 AC United FC

13-1 Sydney Juniors FC13-1 Kemps Creek United

13-1 Fairfield Bulls

We congratulate the 13-1s on a successful season, making semi finals and also being runners up in the Grade 13 Knock Out Grand Final.





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AC UNITED FC TEAM: U13 DIVISION 3

Coach: Cody Ojeda Coach: Antoni Spiteri Manager: Susan Knafelc

13-3 Liverpool Olympic 13-3 Moorebank Sports 13-3 Mt Pritchard Juniors 13-3 Kemps Creek United 13-3 Chipping Norton 13-3 AC United FC

First of all I would like to say thank you to ANJ concrete for sponsoring and supporting the boys throughout the year.

This season the boys were faced with a difficult challenge, having to go from division 5 to division 3. This meant that they were often playing against players that were much quicker, stronger and technically above the level of the boys. Despite this they still took every challenge set head on, and the final ladder is in NO way a true reflection of the effort the boys put in, on and off the field. To see how far the boys have come over the past two years, or even over this year for the new boys that joined us, it is amazing to see and Antoni and myself couldn't be prouder of them. As for on the field, the boys took every challenge set for them throughout the year, creating highlights such as turning a 7-2 loss to Chipping Norton into a 4-0 win the very next day, and also a well-worked last minute goal to earn a draw against eventual grand final winners Moorebank. Although other results didn't exactly go the way we wanted them to, the effort and determination was always there from the boys and that was all we were asking for.

Another thing that was pleasing to see was how well the boys have bonded over the year. Football at this level is about enjoyment and meeting new people and it was clear to see the bond the boys developed with each other throughout the year.

I would also like to say a quick thank you to the parents, who not only support the boys in everything they do, but have backed myself and Antoni, who before we started with this team have had 0 experience in coaching, to teach their children how to play the game. You're support has been greatly appreciated and has added to the wonderful experience we've had these past 2 years. I also want to give a special shout out to Sue, who takes the paperwork responsibilities off us so we can focus on the boys and also for ensuring the boys and their families are aware of where they need to be and when. The key to a well-worked team is a good manager and Sue has been great for us and the team.

Overall, I believe the boys can still walk away from this season with their heads held high. Any challenge they had in front of them they took on to the best of their abilities, including a massive game against a div 1 finalist.

To the boys, it's been an honour to coach you all these past years. You've been a great bunch of lads to coach and we are looking forward to achieving bigger and better things in years to come.





AC UNITED FC TEAM: U14 DIVISION 1

Coach: Caleb Gibson Manager: Maria Pediotis

14-1 Mt Pritchard Juniors14-1 Kemps Creek United

14-1 White City
14-1 Wetherill Park
14-1 AC United FC
14-1 Sydney Juniors FC
14-1 Chipping Norton

To Our Boys

Winning the Knockout cup final is a great reward & a great finish to a season where we played some quality football that even levels above would have been impressed by. It was the 2 losses to Sydney Juniors who finished below us on the table that cost you all a place in the semi finals, I still believe you deserved.

I know all that had the pleasure of watching you play this season, would agree if we gained a place in those finals Mounties, Kemps Creek, White City & Wetherill Park would have feared drawing us as on our day, we have shown them all we were more than capable of putting them to the sword.

I have said it before & will say it again, I am so proud to say I had the privilege to be your coach this season. I had an awesome time watching you all develop & thank you all for giving me your best & some, both at training & on game day.

Last but certainly not least Maria, to the best manager a team could ask for we all thank you so much for keeping us organised & especially for keeping me on the bench game day ①

Onwards & Upwards

Coach

Kind Regards Caleb Gibson



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AC UNITED FC TEAM: U14 LADIES DIVISION 1

Coach: John Araya

Manager: John Connaughton

L14-1 Bonnyrigg FC
L14-1 AC United FC
L14-1 Chipping Norton
L14-1 Bossley Sports
L14-1 Moorebank Sports
L14-1 Mt Pritchard Juniors

With a team comprising players from last year's U12 and U14 teams and a few new faces (including two "first time" players to the game), a change on the coaching side (we kept it simple and paired John with John) and the Club's expectations (AC has a strong reputation in the district for ladies soccer), it was always going to be an interesting challenge. And boy (perhaps that should actually read girl) did they meet it and then some.

The girls should be immensely proud of their achievement this season (second in the competition table and Grand Finalists), their on-field behaviour and their togetherness as a group. Whilst we ultimately fell to Chipping Norton at the final stage, the girls should learn from that experience and build on it for next year.

Regular expressions by the coaches:

"Melvina, listen up"

"Who isn't here yet? Allie, Natalia?"

"Outside the cones"

"Girls, go do a lap"

Best goal: Allie's equaliser in the semi-final comeback against Bonnyrigg

Best team performance: Re-scheduled game against Chipping Norton on a foggy

Wednesday night in Liverpool

Funniest moment: Melvina tackling her team mates in training ... and leaving them in a heap

A big **Thank You** to:

The girls first and foremost for their efforts over the whole season covering training, trial, state cup and league games;

The parents for their wonderful and positive support at games;

To the Dads that regularly did the Crowd Control duties;

The Club and Committee (especially Kylie) who kept us informed each week and provided assistance and advice when required





AC UNITED FC TEAM: U14 DIVISION 3

Coach: Frank Ferraro Manager: Brunella Parr

14-3 Fairfield Hotspurs14-3 FC Bossy Youth14-3 Liverpool City Robins14-3 Liverpool Olympic14-3 Bossley Sports

14-3 Fairfield Patrician Brothers

14-3 AC United FC

After Grand Final success last season the boys were up for the challenge of moving up divisions. With the core of the squad returning and a good understanding amongst the squad.

The season didn't start off well with the injury of goalkeeper Danilo during pre season which would see him sit out the season. Then robust midfielder Antonio would sit out most of the season with a broken nose.

So with the boys already on the back foot before the season started they dig deep but couldn't get the desired results. Matches with less than 11 players due to injuries and suspensions and a season with out a goalkeeper made things very difficult. The last few matches of the season were very promising with some very good results against teams on top of the table which puts us in good shape going into 2018.

Standout performers were James Pace who carried the team with some standout performances, Thomas who was a rock as sweeper, Gian Luca who helped out in goals and had some great performances in defense and Lucas who was outstanding towards the end of the season in goals and was a massive help to the team filling in for the injured Danilo.

Big thanks to all the parents who remained patient during a very difficult season and to Brunella for all her help again.

The end of the season performances were promising and put us in good shape for next season. With a fit team I'm sure the boys will get back to the type of performances that took us to the Grand Final last year. Bring on 2018!





AC UNITED FC TEAM: U15 DIVISION 2

Coach: Joe Jukic

Coach: David Vaiarella

15-Comb AC United FC

15-Comb Bonnyrigg FC

15-CombO Kemps Creek United-O

15-Comb Freeman Sports 15-Comb Fairfield Hotspurs

15-Comb Chipping Norton

What a Season. At the start of the year we were gifted with 14 players, all with their own individual technique and brilliance which I had the pleasure of coaching with the help of David Vaiarella. We had lost a few players from the previous year but we gained 6 new players from 4 different clubs from 4 different divisions. We were placed in the 15's combined competition which consisted of 12 teams from the 1st and 2nd divisions. With a lot of new boys added to the team and placed in a tough competition and with no form on the board this was going to be a challenge.

We started the pre season in good shape. To the boy's credit we had a couple of wins but with limited trials, it was difficult to judge how those wins would translate. We had 1 win 2 draws and 3 losses in the first 6 games of the competition, by midways through the season the competition was split into 2 groups which put us in the div 2 competition. While searching for the winning formula we started to change our positions and playing style. Morale was down and our backs against the wall, to make things more challenging we were not only in 1 competition but 2.

Enter the knockouts, after changing a few positions we finally started to gel and play as a team. Confidence was high and rightly so, the feeling of winning had such a big impact on the boys they refused to let it go. We made it into the semi finals but unfortunately we lost 1-0 to Liverpool Olympic. In a pulsating game. The boys and the coaching staff wanted more and the regular season would provide that opportunity. We went from strength to strength and win after win we became Minor Premiers. We played Bonnyrigg in the semi finals but we had 2 problems, we had a total of 11 players but that was shortly reduced to 10 after Massimo came off injured. To this day, I'll say it was one of the gutsiest wins I have ever been involved in. This would then place us in the grand final against opposition we had dealt with in the past. Complacency was my biggest fear, we had prepared for the Grand Final like it was a normal game and knowing this was it, we made it.

Grand Final day, we started the game and looked very nervous, we were second to the ball and Bonnyrigg were coming at us. At halftime, the score was 0-0, with a couple of changes we started to knock the ball around and started to play football. With 15 minutes to go Dean La Delfa had put a clinical through ball to Levi Doolub who scored an absolute cracker. The score was 1-0, we won the Grand Final, We are the Champions!

A big thank you to Frank La Delfa for your help throughout the season and for being the team sponsor (BTC Accountants and Business Advisors). A big thankyou to Michael Cavagnino of LJ Hooker Leppington for sponsoring the training strips and also a big thank you to the parents. Lastly Dave and I are extremely proud of all the boys, their commitment and never say die attitude. Well done boys you can all look back over this season and be proud of your achievements both as a team and individuals. Congratulations and Good luck.





AC UNITED FC TEAM: U15 DIVISION 3

Coach: Daniel Martinez
Coach: Sam Balestra
Manager: Nicole Douglas

15-3 Moorebank Sports
15-3 Mt Pritchard Juniors
15-3 Sporting Rovers
15-3 AC United FC
15-3 Fairfield Eagles
15-3 Liverpool Olympic
15-3 Liverpool Rangers
15-3 Canley Heights RSL

The 2017 season started with 14 enthusiastic young men, most who had played together before, all were keen to get to know each other and form a strong team. This year we welcomed Ricky, Ryan and Matias to the team.

Training started with us meeting on Monday and Wednesday evenings. The boys were keen to listen and learn and each bought their own skills and talents to the team. When the competition started, it became clear where their natural positions were and by the end of the season, they were passing the ball, staying in their positions, and displaying all they had learned at training.

We saw some great defense by Ricky, Matias P, Aaron and Christopher C. If by chance the ball got past them, Stephen our goalie was there to stop it. Julian, Cristopher M, Matias L, Massimo, Antony, Tommy, Ryan, Giuseppe and Emilio did a great job mid field and up front. There were some great goals scored! The boys were flexible and able to step into other positions when needed – many of our goals were scored by our defense.

All boys played as a team, worked hard and had fun. It was a competitive year and we made the semis! Unfortunately after a very close game we couldn't score and ended up losing the semi 1-0. So close! I'm sure everyone will agree that the highlight of the season was when we drew 3 all with the undefeated team coming first – that was our grand final!

Thanks to all the parents for your support and encouragement. If any help was needed, someone always put their hand up. A special thank you to all the parents who helped out with field setups and crowd controllers. We are lucky to have an amazing group of parents.

It was a pleasure to be involved with this polite, keen group of young men. They were encouraging to each other and always displayed great sportsmanship to their own team and the opponents. They are a credit to their parents and AC United.

Hope to see you all next year.

As another season concludes I have to say it has been a great year. You boys have shown that when you work hard you reap the rewards.

I would also like to thank you for the effort, commitment and respect you have given us (Sam, Nicole and myself) throughout this season.

My main goal was to keep this fine group of young men (last year's team) together and with the inclusion of Ryan O'Connor, Ricky Panella and Matias (Godin) Portela, Sam and I believed you boys were good enough to go further this season and you did. You played hard, tried hard and you never gave up and you have proven how hard is to beat the team that NEVER GIVES UP!

Making it into the final 4, shows you boys can match it with any top team. Next year we are going to believe bigger!!....

I sincerely would like to thank Sam, Nicole and parents for your support. A special thank you to our sponsor Andrew Lia of **Ace-One Security**

Proud of you boys!!....Daniel Martinez..





AC UNITED FC TEAM: U16 DIVISION 1

Coach: John Currao

Kemps Creek United – 16-1 Moorebank Sports -16-1 **AC United FC – 16-1** Liverpool Olympic – 16-1 White City Red – 16-1 Mt Prichard Juniors – 16-1 White City Blue – 16-1 Fairfield Patrician Brothers – 16-1

I would like to start by saying I am very proud of the way the boys performed this year. We started the year in good spirits with 9 players coming back from last year plus 6 new players to complete the team. Another season has come and gone and the boys showed spirit and determination as they took the field week after week. The season was not an easy one as each game we played was very competitive with five of the games we lost, four of the games were lost by only one goal. Although the season was something of a mixed bag in terms of results all the boys gave it their best and developed as players.

Unfortunately, even though the team played well in the Preliminary final and were the better team, we were beaten 1-0 in extra time. Nonetheless the boys should be proud of their achievements this year.

I would like to thank all the parents and friends for their support throughout the season. Thanks to John Fazio in assisting me when he could especially with the goal keeper training and warm up before the games.

An even bigger thanks goes out to all the boys for their commitment and effort during the season. I would like you all to remember the moments together. We had some tough times but we had some good times and many laughs too. I want you all to cherish the friendships formed and remember those good times. Thank you to the players that stepped up when I needed assistance. In a short time I saw a group of boys turn into young men and it was a pleasure to be part of it.



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AC UNITED FC TEAM: U16 DIVISION 2

Coach: Nick Stojcevski Manager: Angela Biviano

16-2 AC United FC

16-2 Mt Pritchard Juniors 16-2 Bringelly Brumbies FC 16-2 Liverpool Rangers 16-2 Austral Soccer Club 16-2 Wetherill Park

A very successful season for the boys. The team's honours include both Minor Premiers and Premiers for 2017. This was an outstanding acheivement and a credit to the boys for their efforts all year.

A year of maturity and the inclusion of a few new boys to the team, gave us the recipe for the successful season ahead. The season was built on the back of a strong team bond, focus on hard work, great attidude, discipline, patience and willingness to play for one another.

A gruelling 10 week Strength and Conditioning program set us up early. It not only helped in our physical preparation but it also taught the boys the ethics of hard work.

The season started positively and early signs indicated that the team was building to something special. There was a good vibe amongst the boys and a strong belief that they could win this competition.

The team led their competition from Round 1 and maintained the top spot throughout the entire season. Only dropping two games all year. This was truly a team effort with the incredible stat of the entire squad of 15 players contributing to the score sheet along the way.

Well done boys for your efforts both on and off the field during the year. Your hard work payed off, the rewards and joys of winning where there for us all to share and enjoy.

Also a big thank you to our loyal supporters of parents, grand-parents, brothers, sisters, uncles and aunts, who turned up week after week to support the team in big numbers. Much appreaciated by the boys.

Coach.....Nick





AC UNITED FC TEAM: U16 LADIES DIVISION 2

Coach: Colin Smith Manager: Roslyn Bella

L16-Comb Chipping Norton L16-Comb Bossley Sports L16-Comb Bonnyrigg FC

L16-Comb AC United FC

L16-Comb Sydney Juniors FC

L16-Comb Cumberland City Football Club

L16-Comb Liverpool Olympic L16-Comb Austral Soccer Club L16-Comb Moorebank Sports

This year, we started as a new team with 3 players from the 2016 Under 16-2 AC United team (Andjela, Isabella, Siena), 7 players from the 2016 Under 14-2 AC United team (Angelina, Carina, Elebra, Jessica, Micaela, Nicole, Stephanie), a former AC United player (Abby) and 3 new recruits from other clubs – Auriel (Liverpool Olympic), Bianca (Austral) and Julie (Moorebank Sports).

At the start of the season, we knew that we would be playing against many teams that had older, bigger and more experienced players. We also expected to be playing teams with less experienced players than ourselves. Nevertheless, we were confident that with our team, we would be competitive.

After early delays from rain affected weekends and re-grading of teams in our age group, our season kicked off. Unfortunately, we lost Isabella, our goalkeeper, through a training injury at the end of April and played the remainder of the season with 15 different goalkeepers. Thank you to the players in our team who took turns to volunteer as goalkeepers for most of the season, as well as to Alandra, Venus and Melvina from the Girls' Under 14-1's who filled in as goalkeepers in six other games.

At the end of the home and away season, we finished in 4th place with our biggest win being 8-0 and our heaviest defeat being 3-0. We actually scored the most goals out of all the top four teams which was a testament to the girls' attacking play and clever passing game.

In the semi-final, we outplayed Bonnyrigg to win 4-0. It was Bonnyrigg's only second loss of the season. In the final, we scored first against Bossley Sports but ended up losing 2-1, even though we dominated much of the game. We were grateful to have Isabella from the Ladies' under 16-1's playing goalkeeper for us that day.

To wrap up the entire season including pre-season, cup and competition games, we played 22 games, won 10, drew 3 and lost 9. We scored 48 goals and conceded 27. We played the season with 16 different goalkeepers. We had 11 different goal scorers. Jessica was our golden boot winner with 12 goals, followed by Abby with 10 goals, Angelina with 8 goals, Carina with 4 goals, Stephanie with 3 goals, Bianca, Julie and Siena with 2 goals and Andjela, Elebra and Nicole with 1 goal.

I would like to thank all the girls for their dedication and perseverance through a difficult season. I would particularly like to compliment the girls for your respect shown to opposition players and match officials throughout the season. You were worthy recipients of your FIFA Fair Play awards. I wish Isabella our goalkeeper, a full recovery from her ACL injury. I wish Andjela and Siena all

the best as they leave our Under 16 age group. I urge all the other girls to come back next year where you will be a formidable force playing in next year's Under 16's competition.

Thank you to Roslyn Bella, our team manager, for her support throughout the season. Thank you to Andrew Bella for coaching the girls on training nights when I had commitments with the Wanderers. Thank you to Kylie for assisting us in overcoming our goalkeeper dilemma at various times throughout the season. Thank you to our sponsor, Il Piatto Restaurant at Horsely Park, for your financial support. And thank you to our parents for choosing to send your daughters to this great club, AC United!

-Colin Smith (Coach)



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AC UNITED FC TEAM: U16 LADIES DIVISION 1

Coach: Frank Ojeda

Coach: Danny Di Giandomenico
Manager: Rossana Di Giandomenico

L16-1 AC United FC

L16-1 Chipping Norton

L16-2 Kemps Creek United

L16-1 Bonnyrigg FC

L16-1 Moorebank Sports

L16-2 Bossley Sports

L16-2 Sporting Rovers

L16-2 Mt Pritchard Juniors

On behalf of Danny, Rosie and myself, I would like to thank all the parents from our team. We set high standards for training and game days and we appreciate your support.

As for the girls, I would like to thank them for all the dedication they have shown during the year. We have set high expectations for this team and to date they have not disappointed.

This team have been undefeated all year scoring 65 goals and only conceding 4 goals. We were extremely unlucky in the State Cup and we have the opportunity to prove our ability in the upcoming Puma Champions of Champions.

A special mention to our award winners this year with Stephanie Knafelc taking out the Golden Boot and also the Most Valuable Player award for the season. Gabriella Bilaver was a runner up for the Most Valuable Player award for the season and the recipient of the Most Valuable Player in the Grand Final. I am sure these two players will be thankful to their team mates for making them look so good in the games.

I would personally like to thank all the girls for putting up with my overzealous attitude to performance and training. I may push you very hard and I may expect a lot but it is all due to my belief that you all have the capabilities to do better. I still stick by my motto to "Train hard and play easy" which was evident in your Grand Final Display.

I had a very intelligent man congratulated myself and Danny on the style of play the girls demonstrated on Grand Final Day and proceeded to tell us that we could not have had anything to do with this as the girls were all talented in their own right. Thanks Ben Maruca, and you are right...

We would also like to thank a special person that provided assistance to our squad in time of need where she played 3 games and scored 4 goals. Your support was truly appreciated and we hope that you will join us again at some stage, *Natasha Donati*. We would like to wish the girls all the best in the upcoming Champions of Champions.

Danny, Rosie and Frank





AC UNITED FC TEAM: U17 DIVISION 1

Coach: Tony Garreffa
Asst Coach: Domenico Garreffa
Manager: Frances Napoli

17-Comb AC United FC

17-Comb Sydney Juniors FC17-CombB Kemps Creek United-B17-CombO Kemps Creek United-O17-Comb Moorebank Sports

17-Comb Austral Soccer Club
17-Comb Mt Pritchard Juniors

On conclusion of an extremely successful 2017 season, we had some early concerns with players leaving and players not showing up to the first game. But as the season progressed the boys continually went from strength to strength only losing 3 games all season in all competitions.

From the first kick off, even though the boys had little time to gel, their footballing ability always kept them on the same page. That also became a problem as giving game time and allowing players in the positions they wanted was going to be difficult.

For me the whole team was exceptional but a few honorable mentions to my standouts: Dylan (who received runner up MVP), Marcus, Shaheel, Anthony Trimboli, Franses, Angelo, Jordan and also my two captains who showed great leadership throughout the entire year in training and the games; Aiden and Jack.

In amongst the success they were experiencing within the regular season competition, they were also making in-roads in the State Cup competition. Every fortnight the boys kept bringing it with the best in the state making it all the way to the Quarterfinals of the State Cup. Despite playing well they unfortunately lost in penalties.

As a testament to the hard work and dedication of the boys they became Minor/Major premiers, scoring 43 goals for and only conceding 11 goals in the regular season. Winning their grand final premiership and being State Cup Quarter finalists is nothing to be scoffed at. They are champions and we can't wait to see what the upcoming Champion of Champions competition holds for them.

A big thankyou as always to our fabulous group of parent's, your dedication and enthusiasm for the boys never ceases to amaze me, thank you for your ongoing support of Domenic, Frances and myself and making our job super easy.

Coach Tony





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AC UNITED FC TEAM: U18 DIVISION 1 LADIES

Coach: Rob Mazzotti
Asst Coach: John Vlahadamis

Asst Coach: John Micali

Manager: Lauretta Genovese-Mazzotti

L18/21 AC United FC

L18/21 Chipping Norton L18/21 Mt Pritchard Juniors

L18/21 Hinchinbrook

Congratulations Ladies! Another successful season completed, well almost.

We have had a great season which included going through the year with just one loss in the competition proper resulting in securing the minor premiership with a few weeks still to run. Booking our place in the Under 18 Ladies Champion of Champions for 2017. The team then has gone on to take the Grand Final with a great display of Ladies football on the biggest day of the year.

AC United and our team has been fortunate in that many of the Ladies have been with our Club for a number of years and have developed over that time into great footballers and even better young adults.

The core of this year's team has backed up from a successful 2016 seasons with either our 16s or 18s. With that, the team blended very quickly and from day one showed that we were in for a fun ride with high expectations.

A special call out to Shaisha who picked up a couple of individual awards for this season. Awarded runner up in the overall MVP for 2017 and MVP for her role in this year's grand final. Well Done.

The team also qualified for the NSW State Cup this year but unfortunately stumbled at the first hurdle and didn't get past the 1st round.

Putting that aside we are not done just yet as we now start to prepare for the NSW Champion of Champions competition. Another opportunity for our team to test themselves at the top level in the state and I'm sure they will not let us down.

I would like to congratulate and thank our club and committee members who continue to apply focus on Ladies football. The results speak for themselves in terms of the growth of the number of girls/ladies team within our club and the success that we have witnessed across all age groups and divisions.

Once again, our thanks to all parents, grandparents, family and friends who supported the Ladies throughout the season. We have been very lucky to have such support and I'm sure we all enjoyed the laughs and fun along the way.

Most importantly our thanks and appreciation to our great team sponsors, Ashby Scaffolding. Thanks to Peter and Antoinette and their team for their ongoing support.

I would also like to thank our two Assistant coaches, John M and John V. I'm sure those poor garbage bins around the grounds are still having nightmares. Thank you for all your help and laughs along the way.

And of course a big thank you and many kisses to our lovely Manager Lauretta. Along with the now famous wagon, Lauretta ensured our coaches stayed in line, our Ladies were looked after and ready to roll.

Lastly, as in my own experience and as I have said many times over. These Ladies have formed friendships that I know that through the strength of being part of this team and our club. They have formed and will continue to strengthen a bond of friendship that makes them part of an ever growing family and that will last for long as they will it to.

Our Championship winning squad:

The Brick Wall

Chiara (capt), Shanisha, Isabella M, Isabella D, Lizzy & Georgia

The Engine Room

April, Jessica G, Caroline, Cassidy, Isabella Q, Maria, Tori and Claudia

The Show Ponies

Carissa & Jessica M

Well done & Thanks, Rob.



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AC UNITED FC TEAM: U18 DIVISION 1 BLUE

Coach: Max De Felicibus Manager: Tracey Oliveri

18-CombB AC United FC-Blue

18-Comb White City 18-Comb Chipping Norton 18-Comb Bonnyrigg FC

Well what an interesting season!!! Again the team had to adjust to new players and majority of the boys doing there HSC. But with the coaching of Max and commitment of majority of the boys we soon came together as a team.

As in the past there is always high expectations for this team with its track record but the competition was combined Division 1 & 2 then split after, first round the boys started off quite strong but then they lost a couple of matches, but still managed to hold on to be minor premiers well done guys.

We played White City in our Semi Finals we won 2- 0 and progressed to Grand Finals but wow 4 weeks to wait is a long time and this impacted on the boys, trying to keep them motivated and Max left for overseas, so this was a real task. We had Peter step in as coach from Div 2, thanks Pete and we also had Charles one of the dads helping as we prepared for Grand Final day. We played White City again, this is a team that never beat us all season and they wanted it so bad, we lost unfortunately it wasn't our turn.

State cup we were knocked out after a couple of rounds with a loss to Pendle Hill. Although we lost, Max still talks about this being a great match. We are now off to compete in the Champions of Champions, last year we made it to Semi's so let's see if we can better it boys.

A special mention this year seeing two of our players receiving awards at the SDSFA Senior Presentation night. Golden Boot went to Jerome and MVP to Jordan. Congratulations boys and well done.

Thank you to the boys for a great season and to all the boys sitting there HSC exams soon good luck.

To the parents thank you for your ongoing support with the boys.

To Max thank you for a great season and hurry back we aren't finished yet.

Tracey Oliveri Manager



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AC UNITED FC TEAM: U18 DIVISION 2 WHITE

Coach: Peter Petrovski

Manager: Anna Capano-Rojas

18-Comb Austral Soccer Club
18-Comb Liverpool Rangers
18-Comb Bossley Sports
18-Comb Sydney Juniors FC
18-CombW AC United FC-White

This Season was always going to be a different type of season as we ended up in 1st Division as there weren't enough Division 2 teams in the competition.

Half way through the season the competition was split into Division 1 and Division 2.

Due to HSC commitments & work commitments we weren't able to reproduce last year's results and therefore we didn't make the finals.

Regardless of the fact that we didn't make the finals, we had a great group of boys who have built some strong friendships along the way and who had a lot of laughs throughout the season.

To our Boys, Joshua, Marcelo, Nicolas, Zander, Diego, Shane, Sam, Luke, Nicholas, Daniel, Corey, Bill, Martin, Luciano, Damien and Matthew.

Thank you, for being such a respectful group of young men.

For those of you completing the HSC we wish you all the best of luck.

To our coach Peter, thank you for all your support and dedication to the team through the 2017 season. You are a great coach to be a manager for.

A Big thank you to our sponsors II PIATTO.

Thank you also to our AC Families who were there to encourage our boys.

Anna Capano-Rojas Manager

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AC UNITED FC TEAM: LAA-COMBW WHITE DIVISION 3

Coach: Claudio Veliz Manager: Gabriella Reyes Manager: Anna Vlahadamis

LAA-CombB Moorebank Sports-Blue LAA-CombW AC United FC-White LAA-Comb Liverpool Rangers

It was a year complete with big moments and big events in the world of Southern District sports, and the AC United LAA-3 fairytale run to the Finals was one of them.

In what would become the definitive not-to-be sports story of year, there were reports of some bookmakers marking AC United LAA-3 at odds of 5000000-1 to win the title or even a prestigious AC United jacket. The coach, Claudio, took the form book and tossed it out the window of his beaten up Volkswagen and in the process scripted a stunning tale of 1 win, consecutive losses and a couple of draws. But what came next defied all odds – proving to the world of football that you can make it to a final on an impeccable losing streak – AC United LAA-3 did just that.

The AC United LAA-3 first Finals appearance in two years came with a side of controversy, with the girl's only goal being denied by a referee who should have gone to SpecSavers.

Rather than retire as some onlookers suggested by pointing to the nearest retirement village, the girls or Moles as they're affectionately called carried on, putting their arthritic bodies on the line in the hopes that they too, could land themselves an esteemed jacket and maybe a spot in the Grand Final.

Sadly, it was not to be as the referee made what can only be described as a highly contentious call – allowing a goal to a player offside. While the girls walked away defeated, but heads held high – they are undeterred and plan to mount a major comeback in 2018.

If you are over the age of 55, no longer working full time and would like to join the retirees of LAA-3 please submit your letter of interest to the AC United Secretary, along with your pensioner's card.



AC UNITED FC TEAM: LAA-COMB-B BLUE DIVISION 1

Coach: Rob Giansante Manager: Tony Divola

LAA-Comb Sporting Rovers LAA-Comb Canley Heights RSL LAA-Comb White City

LAA-CombB AC United FC-Blue

It was always going to be a monumental task to emulate the feats achieved by AC ladies teams of previous years.

This was only made more difficult by the fact that only 6 players returned from last season's minor premiership winning side and up until 7 days prior to the start of the comp we only had 10 registered players.

I was away overseas for 4 weeks which didn't help either.

Special mention must be made to my daughter Laura Giansante who did a super job as the stand in coach in my absence.

All that aside the ladies held their own in a tough competition where they finished 3rd place and were knocked out in the major semi final by the eventual winners. We were awarded the SDSFA Best & Fairest Team and Natalie Zamprogno took out the SDSFA Runner Up MVP for the year.

The Coaches Award for this year goes to Laura Mancini for her never say die attitude and effort week in and week out.

It was a pleasure to work with such a great bunch of ladies.

To Tony Divola my right hand man and the team manager thank you for making my job so easy!

Robert Giansante Coach



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AC UNITED FC TEAM: U21 DIVISION 1

Coach: John Micali Manager: Kylie Ojeda

21-1B Mt Pritchard Juniors-Black

21-1 FC Bossy Youth

21-1Y Mt Pritchard Juniors-Yellow

21-1 AC United FC 21-1 Horsley Park United 21-1 Freeman Sports

During trials we had a fairly good turnout which gave us the opportunity to really pick a strong 21s side. We had only a handful of players return from the previous season with most progressing in age up to the over 21 age groups. So the team was a relatively new start up team with some existing players, new players to the club and some ex players returning which was great to see.

We were happy to see a good response in nominations for the 21s competition from clubs so a stand alone 21s could be run and not a merged 21s/all age that happened last season.

The season was a bit of a mixed bag with some great wins, some very competitive games that we were unlucky not to win and some surprise losses where lack of a full squad, injuries or suspensions hampered us.

In all though, this was a very talented bunch of young men that made semi finals and were extremely unlucky not to make the second round of semi's after a shock loss to Mt Pritchard Yellow in the first semi. Dominating a game and losing 1-0 after creating a bagful of chances, it was just one of those games that the ball would not go in the net.

A huge thank you to these 'kids' (I will call them that as I am old enough to be their mother) for making my job as a manager one of the most interesting seasons I have had yet. It certainly was a different experience not having control over when they arrived – 10 minutes before a game was pretty much the standard – or late because, you know 'had to pick up my girlfriend on the way' lol!

I am sure I will forever be known as the provider of the oranges and lollies – what started as a joke to provide oranges on a 9am kick off to ensure a quick recovery from 18th birthday hangovers, became a standard expectation for the season. I don't know what they were more excited about some games, playing or eating the lollies and the oranges! You have all certainly provided many laughs and thank you for being a very respectful, polite and hilarious group of guys.

To our coach, John a big thank you for your dedication to the boys, you are a great coach and one that the boys hold great respect for.

A big thank you to our sponsors once again, Parkequip. Here's to a bigger and better season next year!



Squad: Dean Di Giandomenico, Silvano Scotece, Cody Ojeda, Stephen Sargon, Lucas Ruzic, Nicholas Violi, CJ Hallal, Dean Milenkovic, Marvin Alsabag, Valentino Scotece, Daniel Sunjic, Domenic Vaccari, Michael Micali, Nicolas Valenzuela, Ricardo Battista and Anthony Ferraro



AC UNITED FC TEAM: O35 WHITES DIVISION 2

Coach: David Dalfonso
Manager: Domenic Badolato
Manager: Adriano Herrera

O35-Comb Hinchinbrook
O35-Comb Bossley Sports
O35-Comb Kemps Creek United
O35-Comb AC United FC

When season 2016 ended, this saw half of the team move on which meant we needed to assemble a new team. We started our preseason training and slowly started to recruit new players. By the time the beginning of the season came around we had finalised our squad. We assembled a good football team with a great bunch of guys.

Season begun and it didn't take long for injuries to deplete our team. We experienced a higher number of injuries to previous years even though we were a younger squad.

Results were up and down but somehow we ended up in division 2 finals group. We lost the first semi final in golden goal extra time to the eventual grand final winners. We played our best game of the season and we were leading twice in this game but somehow lost 4-3. At the end of the game our opponents were relieved but confused how they didn't lose the game.

A special mention to Clint who finished runner up for both Player of the year and Golden boot.

During the season off the park we also had some great moments. From the post game drinks and game analysis to the BBQs at Bino's. We enjoyed some great games during this season. But more importantly 19 guys come together to form a team at the beginning of the season to end the season as great mates.

Thank you to the AC committee and our team sponsor Wetherill Park Physiotherapy.

Boys to next year let's do it all again bigger and better.

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AC UNITED FC TEAM: O45's / O35's BLUE DIVISION 4

Coach: Dennis Petalas Manager: Ronnie Sullivan

Subsitute Coach: Danny Di Giandomenico

There When Needed: Kylie Ojeda

O35-CombW Liverpool Warriors-W O35-CombB Liverpool Warriors-B

O45-Comb AC United FC O35-Comb Freeman Sports

Did it tough all year as we had a number guys coaching their kids and times clashed. Had fun, parking the bus in some games.

Won our semis, but should have practiced penalties before the Grand Final!

Thanks to all the boys and a special thanks to Kylie, Danny and special thank you to Ronnie.

Big thankyou to 2017 AC COMMITTEE for all their hard work.

And a big thank you also to Charlie and Yolanda from European Glass for sponsoring the team.

See you all next year!!



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U15-2 Boys



U18-1 Boys



U16-2 Boys



