



# WESTLAWN TIGERS SOCCER CLUB



## 2002 REPORTS



## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Another season is over and I hope everyone enjoyed his or her soccer in 2002.

This year the club fielded 13 junior teams and 2 senior teams, 3 teams less than last year. Regardless of this, the club has had a very good year.

Whilst I expect we have come runners up in the Club Championship to Yamba, our least successful team has accumulated 12 competition points for the season which shows a reasonably high standard for the club. A major contributor to the good performance of the club is Rob Leek. His coaching sessions during the season have been great for players and other coaches. He has put a lot of time and effort into our club and I would like to thank him for it.

Also for the older age groups and seniors, they have been well organised this year thanks to Geoff Martin and Dennis Pearce. The bleeding of a number of the juniors into the senior ranks has been great for the club and this years good results will only improve.

However, these are not the only reasons for my enthusiasm. I consider this year a success in the organisation of the club. While last year we had a relatively new committee with a few teething problems, this year the club is now considered one of the best organised in the competition. For this I cannot take much credit as it is the efforts of the rest of the committee – Stewart Purser, Ann Pursey, Dennis Pearce and non-elected club persons such as the rest of the Purser family, Geoff Martin (Life Member), Lesley Wall, Jackie Walder & John Pitkin that have made the difference. They have been regulars at the club meetings and put in a lot of hard yards for the club.

The main source of complaints this year was again from the size of the fees. We were hit with further increases from above, this year mainly due to the Soccer Australia levy. However, it should be noted that we were able to minimise the increase to less than the cost of the levy. Our sponsorship committee of Jackie Walder & Dennis Pearce are doing a great job of finding sponsors to help keep our fees down.

The Parkview Hotel kindly provided their major sponsorship for this year prior to the fire. After an appropriate period of mourning and counselling sessions for some of the seniors, a new sponsor in the form of the Crown Hotel has been found.

The Westlawn carnival went well this year. I had a number of people from other clubs approach me to say it was one of the friendliest carnivals to go to (this was said last year as well!). This is a credit to the sportsmanship of the parents and officials that were there.

And thank you to all committee members, coaches, managers, parents and extended families for their participation, positive support and helping the club continue to provide games of soccer for the players. I hope you all will continue enjoying soccer with Westlawn again next year.

I will now give a plug for the **AGM on 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 6:30pm at the Crown Hotel**. I hope all teams will have at least one representative at the meeting as we need your presence for the club to function. There will be vacancies to fill so you need to help in some form if you want the club to do well.

I should mention that this term will be my last on the committee for a year or two. With the retirement of life member, Trevor Ellem, from the Ground Controller position a few months ago, this left me as the longest serving committee member with only 3 years service! I've had a great time doing the job this year thanks to the team work of the others in the club and their positive attitudes. I wish you all the best for the next few seasons.

Lindsay Nash  
President

## JUNIOR CLUB COACH'S REPORT 2002

I don't know about the coaches and players, I have learnt a lot in my first year of being a junior club coach. The difference between U/6's and U/12's is astounding, and I need to prepare myself a little better for next season. Hopefully I will be able to prepare a simple manual for the kit bags with ideas for coaching the basics of soccer, training drills for skills and movement, vision on the field, tricks and positional play.

Coaching any team is never simple, you need to be: a teacher, a diplomat, a mind reader, smile and be happy when your not, a mediator, a referee and a child and parent psychologist. I would like to thank every Coach and Manager for their effort this year and to remind you that it does get easier every year. My own coaching challenge this year in both Club soccer and Rep soccer has been trying to find training drills that will develop my new players and at the same time improve my better players skill level and vision.

### **Have you noticed an improvement this year in:**

1. **Locking your Ankle.** Hopefully you have notice that the players are kicking the ball further than before, have more strength when they are tackling, and controlling their trapping better. Locking your ankle is the first basic of soccer, it is tensing your calf muscle to make your foot stiff and is heavily involved in the three points above.
2. **Accuracy and Balance when Passing.** You must stand on one foot to kick a ball and being able to balance one both feet means you can kick with both feet. If you draw a straight line from your heel to your toe on the foot on the ground, this is the direction the ball will go **if** you lock your ankle and kick the ball with the inside of you foot. If this sounds too simple try it.
3. **The First Touch.** The most important touch is the first one every time you get the ball. One of the hardest things to coach a player is not to kick the ball away first time as far as you can but to trap the ball in the direction you want to go and to look up and pass the ball to a team mate. Remember if you kick the ball out you are freely giving the opposition the ball. Does your team try and pass or just kick and chase.
4. **Tricks or Deception.** Have you seen any players trying their tricks. I have seen a number of boys and girls try them. Remember as a coach we must praise the effort because it is very hard to get tricks right in a game until you try them a few times.
5. **Heading.** We have learnt this year what part of the ball to keep your eyes on The Bottom and which part of our foreheads to use. Have we improved.

Thank you for your enthusiasm. Robert Leek

## **6 YEARS TIGERS WHITE**

Firstly I would like to say a big thank you to a great little team and would also like to say thank you to our wonderful team of parents.

This was the first season for all but three players. All players developed their skills well over the season and had a great time.

This years team consisted of the following players:

Jordyn Daly, Adam Gordon, Nathan Grayson, Sarah Kitchener, Tiarn Lollback, Jacob Purser, Ally Gordon, Jarrod Williams.

Good luck next year in the under 7's.

Garry Williams  
Coach

## **6 YEARS TIGERS BLACK**

First off I would like to thank the team for such a great effort throughout the year, the parents for bringing the kids on time and the encouragement towards the kids. I would also like to give a big thanks to Teagan Pursey (Team Manager) for the effort that you put in every week.

The Westlawn Black Under 6's played a great first year of soccer, starting off with a few losses but worked out the game and there positions on the field and how to work together as a team.

It was a wonderful experience for us and the kids we hope they enjoyed there first year of soccer we hope to see that they will carry on playing soccer you never know they might even be the next Renaldo (without the haircut).

It was a great year thanks to,  
Michal Gillies, Billy Hayes, Jesse Benfield, Jacob Whitton, Sam Brien, Nakita Jhonson, Steve Austen, Jack Chard, Ian Hickey.

Brett Turner (coach) & Teagan Pursey (manager)

## **7 YEARS TIGERS WHITE**

Westlawn Tigers White are a fantastic bunch of kids who have thoroughly enjoyed their season of soccer.

The skills and involvement of each child has greatly improved. Our new players Bridgette Lynch, Hayden Waterson and Ben Bracken are to be congratulated on how quickly they picked up the game.

Our other players, power kicker Kyle Whiting, break-away Hannah Elliot, goal kickers Sam Barnier and Andrew Paine, master full-back Edward Hickey and tacklers Shannon Thompson and Lewis Cameron, should be proud of how well they played for their team throughout the season. The sportsmanship of all the children is to be commended.

A huge thank you to our fabulous coach Brooke Thompson, who's enthusiasm and encouragement never wavered. Brooke energetically shared her knowledge of the game with the players and along with Rob Leek clinics improved the children's skills.

A special thank you to our dedicated parents who supported and encouraged the children each week and helped out with the shirts and oranges.

A last thank you to Wendy's who rewarded the best and fairest player each week with an ice cream treat.

Karen Barnier

## **7 YEARS TIGERS BLACK**

A great year was had by players and parents. Although the team came third in each of the three carnivals they entered, they remained undefeated in all the Saturday matches.

The team was:

Courtney Blanch

James Butcher

Kirsten Nash

Dylan Blanch

Brent Law

Brodie Thomas

Martin Boyd

Zac McKenzie

Nicola Whitton

Thanks to Craig Law & Craig McKenzie for being Coach and Jenny Blanch for being Manager.

## **8 YEARS TIGERS WHITE**

This team of players has been quite consistent in their efforts on the field. Practice has been usually well attended and the "Team Spirit" has improved throughout the year. Passing the ball and awareness of other players, positions and rules have slowly improved as well. Player attitudes and sportsmanship come easy for some, others will need to continue developing these in the seasons to come.

Just a short note to thank the team players and also the parents of the team for their encouragement. It has been an enjoyable season for me as a first time coach and also new to the school. I can't say whether I will be available for coaching next year as the search for employment, now my music studies at TAFE are finishing, may take us out of the valley. Thank you once again.

Peter R Johnson

Best & Fairest – Josh Lollback  
Coaches Award – Callan Crapp  
Player's Player – Eli Fitzpatrick

## **8 YEARS TIGERS BLACK**

### ***Our team:***

Brady Ingram	Jacob Robson	Dylan Chard	Shay Fallon
Mitchell Baker	Rowan Butcher	Ronnie Hill	Ben Ryder
Bryce Gleeson	Anthony Wall	Coach: Darryl Chard	Manager: Lesley Wall

The boys this year played really well and by the end of the year showed us that they knew what team work was all about. Unfortunately half way through the season Shay suffered a broken leg in the middle of a game, but we hope to have him back with us next year. This is the second year in a row that our team has lost a player to a broken leg, let's hope our bad luck is now over. This left our team with no reserves and due to illnesses we quite often went on the field a couple of players short. A big thank you to Jack Chard and James Butcher for helping us out when they could. The kids still managed to pull together and had a great year. It was great to see them come off the field even after a loss and still be happy knowing that they tried their hardest. The highlight of the year would have to be winning the Westlawn Carnival. Great effort!!

The kids (and us) have learnt a lot of new skills from their extra coaching with Rob Leek, Thanks Robbie! Also thank you to the parents and grandparents for your help and support this year and for getting the kids to training and to games. Picking players this year to receive trophies has left Darryl sleepless at night as the kids have all shown so much improvement and so much team spirit and if we could give them all one we would. Well done boys, we hope to see you next year.

Lesley Wall, Manager.

## **9 YEARS TIGERS**

This year tigers formed one team. We competed in three carnivals, winning one and coming runners up in the other two. So well done team.

We have had a very hard year in the comp and the games have been very hard and competitive, the team consisted of:

JAKE, CARLTON, BRADLEY, MAT, FRAZER, ASHLEY, RHYS, NICHOLAS, BYRON, THOMAS, KIERRAN AND JOSHUA.

Three teams finished on top with 37 points, we finished second on goal difference. So congratulations girls and boys.

Thanks to all the mums and dads who help us with team duties and the decisions that had to be made when we could not be there.

see you all next year  
John and Robyn

## **10 YEARS TIGERS WHITE**

This has been another great year for Tigers White. We have had a great year of soccer and everyone has had a great time. It has been a good year with all the kids enjoying the sport and mostly walking off asking "Who won?" I have to admit it has been the same for me. This year has been a great learning year with many thanks to Rob Leek and Ann Pursey (who had a year off coaching to be a normal Mum, thank goodness Ann is unsure of how to do this) this comes from both Lindsay and myself as work commitments have prevented Lindsay being able to attend training every session.

One highlight was the City Carnival where with only 3 players from Tigers Black, they won their age division. It was a great effort as the whole team lifted for the event.

The team made the finals for the B division and had a great game, going down in the end by 1 corner to nil when nil all after extra time. Great effort for their first finals experience!

As for players' player it was a really tough decision with everyone in the team receiving a vote as being the one who someone enjoyed playing with most, which makes me extremely proud as a parent and a manager. The only other comment I have to make is "Congratulations" to every parent and player for the sportsmanship shown at absolutely every match we played. It is such a pleasure to attend the games and enjoy the camaraderie that the players have been taught since Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> Class, which once again Ann Pursey can take full credit for as well as the parents. Thankyou to all the team for being great kids, it has been a pleasure to be manager for the second year.

Jackie Walder – Manager  
Lindsay Nash – Part time coach



## 10 YEARS TIGERS BLACK

### MINOR PREMIERS & GRAND FINALIST (RESULT UNKNOWN AT PUBLICATION)

#### THE TEAM

Luke Bloomer	Shayler Cromack	Bradley Ellem
Liam Ellis	Danna-Lee Fallon	Sam Hartman
Mitchell Lollback	Jay Nott	Justin Stone
Cody Wallbank	Emily Wallbank	Sam Wicks

WHAT A YEAR 2002 WAS AGAIN - "5<sup>TH</sup> MINOR PREMIERSHIP IN A ROW"

**PLAYED 16. WON 14. DREW 1. LOST 1. GOALS FOR 80. GOALS AGAINST 19.**

Firstly, I would like to say thank you to the team and the parents for the wonderful support Sue and I have had this year. It is never difficult to coach and manage a team when you receive so much help from the parents. This season like the last 4 has been exiting and fun, even nail biting at times. It is so much better for the team to learn as a group when every one is at training and training is never easy to fit into parents schedules so thank you for the fabulous attendance record at training this year.

Where do you start? The proudest thing for me this year was to have so many opposition parents tell me how good our team is and opposition coaches ask me for advice on how to help their team play like ours. There is no magic all I can do is show the team how to do something then it is up to the players to practice what they are shown. I am extremely lucky to have such a committed team that they make me look good. Thanks guys.

My standout player this year has been Sam Wicks. His positional play has been great and always listens to game plans and tries to use them. Liams defence is improving and without him we would have let a few more goals in. Mitchell, Jay, Shayler, Luke and Sam Hartman have all had amazing years, Cody and Danna-Lee have both improved noticeably, Emily is going well in the goals, Justin scored some goals this year, but no one tries harder than Bradley at training.

Congratulations to: Luke Bloomer, Shayler Cromack, Liam Ellis, Danna-Lee Fallon, Mitchell Lollback, Jay Nott, Emily Wallbank and Sam Wicks for being selected in the Clarence River Representative Development Squads for 2002. Well Done Team.

Thanks for a fabulous year. Rob Leek and Sue Bloomer

## **12 YEARS TIGERS**

This year the team has given their all in what turned out to be a very tough and balanced u12 comp. A loss in the penultimate round of the competition saw them relegated to fifth place at season's end. As always the parents distinguished themselves in their participation and enjoyment of all the games. Congratulations and thanks go to Tony Harvey, who coached the first three rounds before work commitments ruled him out, and Paul Stockton who took over the reins with very little bribery required (coffee & bikkies at each game apparently). My personal thanks go to the girls and boys of the Westlawn u12 team for their conduct both on and off the field, it was a pleasure to manage such a great team of kids.

Warren Ford.

## **14 YEARS TIGERS**

Firstly, I wish to thank Dennis Pearce for giving up his valuable time to coach the boys and I know the players have benefited from Dennis's years of coaching and playing experience. i

It is disappointing to note the interest in Soccer for under 13 and 14 years in this club is diminishing with no Tigers under 13 years team for the season. As a result three 12-year-olds "played up a year" to form part of this under 14 team and two are yet to have their 13<sup>th</sup> Birthday. It is more disappointing when the Grafton Soccer Association give permission to another club to allow a player of 15 years of age to play down a year, to form a team of 13 players, yet we also had 13 players but 3 were only 12 years of age. Where is the justification, fairness and spirit of the game when this is allowed to happen? I know from the comments made, our boy's parents are not happy! We all know how much difference there can be in two years in a player's life as they grow complimenting their strength, improved skills and on the field experience.

On a more positive note, I wish to congratulate the young "Rookies", Rohan Hackett, Warren Cootes, and Greg Robertson for their 100 % efforts for the season. They had some "Big" opposition from the other teams, but did not let this intimidate them.

This team may not have been as successful as in previous years but all the boys gave their best and played the game "fairly" and in good sportsmanship to the opposition.

A host of talent exists within this team with plenty of comradeship and if we hold the majority of players for next season, I believe we can still be very competitive.

I ask the parents to encourage the boys to remain with the club and play for Westlawn Tigers in the new 2003 season.

Finally, I will be unavailable for the position of Team Manager for the 2003 season and ask if one of the other parents would consider taking their turn for this role.

Ian MacDonald  
Team Manager

## 16 YEARS TIGERS WHITE

Another season has been & gone but what a different year it has been.

This year the team was playing in the 15/16 years competition & the step up in age group has been a great experience for this team of champions. Although it has been a hard & physical season, these players often came off the field battered & bruised but still held their heads high.

After the second round of games, the teams were split into two divisions, with the team finishing in the top six. What a top effort from a team with 2 x 14 year olds, 3 young ladies & 9 x 15 year olds. This in the second year this team has been playing together and have improved with each game. Next season will be a bigger year of they can stay together.

This is the first time we haven't been involved in the finals, which is a strange feeling for both Coach & players, although many parents & players will all agree it was the stop watch & whistle that put us out, not our lack of ability. Be proud guys, you did great.

There was a number of these players who stepped up to play a few games with our senior teams on a few occasions. Those players being – Joel Gosson, Jamie Pitkin, Andrew Pollitt, Chris Geary, Brendan Fletcher, Tyron Morgan & Clint Ian Cootes. Well done guys. Senior coaches were more than happy with the top efforts you guys put in.

The team entered only one carnival this year, being South / Majos, and finished a very creditable runners up to a Coffs Harbour side. Great Effort.

To the parents & supporters, thank you from the Coach & Manager, as usual, you made out jobs easier with all the travelling to venues, shirt washing & just being there to give the team your support.

Thank you also to Steve & Jenny Livermore for their continued sponsorship which is greatly appreciated.

To Ray Morgan, the Team Manager, thank you for a never ending job you handle so well.

And last but not least I would like to thank these players for an enjoyable and trying season, they are a great bunch to Coach & spend time with:

Clint Ian Cootes	Matt Baker	Sam Connor	Jess Kziazek
Emma McGuren	Amy Blanch	Tyron Morgan	Jamie Pitkin
James Connor	Todd Butler	Joel Gosson	Chris Geary
Andrew Pollitt	Brendan Fletcher		

Ray Morgan – Manager  
John Pitkin – Coach

P.S. Team, I bet you, you lot lost against the parents again this year. Ha ! better luck next year.

## **16 YEARS TIGERS BLACK**

**The team:** David Black, Anthony Don, Jacob Don, Thomas Ebeling, Jared Ellem, Sam Johnston, Daniel Kelly, Chris Lawson, Terry Lewis, Ray Pace, Daniel Purser, Ted Robertson, Mitchell Singh and Dylan Tight. A great bunch of blokes.

Yet another successful year! We ended up as runners up minor premiers, but couldn't repeat last years' effort as major premiers, but, .... it happens.

The real success was the enjoyment the guys got out of the game and the camaraderie formed. The team played according to their opposition. There wasn't another team in the competition demoralised by us. They generally did enough to win, but never by large margins. After a loss the guys would get a little disappointed, but it wasn't the end of the earth. I will always remember after a real touch up in the major semi final, they were all smiling – I don't think they could get over the competitiveness of their opponents and how over the top they were.

I would hope that all those who do not qualify for 16's next year, will line up with the seniors.

Many thanks to Stuart and Trish Purser for managing the team. You seemed to do the job with a minimum of fuss. A big thank you to Geraldine Creasey for supplying the oranges each week and the moral support throughout the year. To all the parents – thank you for your support once again.

This was my last year of coaching. I have enjoyed it immensely. I didn't play the game as a kid. I run around in the backs with the seniors for a couple or three years when I was well past my prime. I got in the way and enjoyed it, despite being useless. Geoff Martin taught me a lot about coaching and the Level 1 and Level 2 courses helped out a lot. I have made lots of mistakes I guess, particularly in relation to substitutions, but I have enjoyed being around my children and their friends. I thank the Westlawn Tigers Soccer Club for the privilege.

Trevor Ellem

## **PARKVIEW TIGERS**

The Parkview Tigers were made up this year from the first division players from last year, some players returning to the club and number of players new to the club. The players picked up from where they left off last year and formed a great combination with some big wins during the season.

One highlight was winning the Coffs Cup in the Wednesday night competition with the Holiday Coast Association.

The team came in as runners up to the minor premiers and a good chance for a grand final win after knocking off the minor premiers in the major semi final 3-2 in extra time. Unfortunately we took the long way to the grand final after a week of appeals for a matter that had no impact on the result on the day.

Thanks to all the juniors that came to play for us and thanks to Geoff Martin for another great year as coach.

## **PARKVIEW PANTHERS**

Season 2002 proved to be a successful yet disappointing season for the Parkview Panthers, disappointing by the fact we had a slow start to the competition which eventually cost us a finals berth, but successful in the way the entire team played a role in developing the clubs younger players to ready them for the big step into senior soccer.

It was definitely a season of two halves. First round resulted in 8 games played for 2 wins, 1 draw, 5 loses whilst the second round produced 5 wins, 1draw, 2 loses thus missing out on a finals birth by 4 points. Of the 5 loses and 1 draw in the first round we were in a winning position in 3 times then let the game go.

Congratulations must go to Daniel Cheney and Aaron Taylor in their first season in senior ranks, both having very good seasons and have bright futures in the game, and to the new players to the team sneaky Peter Taylor, Ray Goodriche, Nicholas Duroux and John Nelson had fine seasons after taking a few games to find their feet.

The old brigade consisting of Captain chatter John Pitkin, Vice Captain Phil Browning, Greame Egan, Jeremy Black, Lindsay Nash, Chris McClymont, Paul Stockton and Mark Delaforce again played the way they trained – with much enthusiasm and dedication to the point were they didn't know when enough is enough.

The unlucky player this season was Brett Turner who suffered a season ending injury in the second game of the season which resulted in surgery. He was a major loss to the team and we hope he will be back next season.

Thanks and congratulations to all the 15and 16 years' players who played in senior ranks this season. All displayed commitment and competence and we are safe in the knowledge that the senior sector of the club is going to have some very prosperous seasons in the coming years.

Special thanks to those who looked after the strip and to Tracy and Amy who operated the canteen all season for senior games on weekends and midweek. The canteen in the past has not operated in the afternoons and through their efforts the club was able to add to the bank account much needed funds it normally would not receive.

2003 is already taking shape so we hope that you will all be a part of it.

Dennis Pearce.