



**ST MARYS SOCCER CLUB**  
**2018**  
**YEAR BOOK**



# President's Report



Hello All, I hope you have all enjoyed season 2018. I would like to thank all the volunteers that include not just the committee members but the managers, coaches and also the parents and grandparents who make it a great season for all to enjoy.

The members who registered to represent St Mary's soccer club in season 2018 thank you and we, the committee, hope to see you back next year.

We have not had a very successful year on the field with juniors (competition teams) or seniors in 2018 mainly due to being graded wrongly. We the committee are proud how they have not given up and kept trying all season long. In the non-competition we have some wonderful teams coming along and we hope they can be the future of our club.

Of the senior teams only one team has been successful, winning the competition and also making it to the finals. Congratulations AMM11 team. Unfortunately they did not come away with gold medal, going down 2-1 in a very closely fought game against Wollemi.

Our junior grading is showing progress and good competition which is wonderful to see, and also a great development tool to move our club ahead. The grading will continue as we the committee and junior coaches agree that this is the process of junior team development.

To the wonderful committee who have had a tumultuous year with a lot of challenges and some very important results on St Mary's soccer club facility upgrades. As you have seen the light towers are up already, we are still waiting for the switches to be installed this will hopefully be completed soon. We have also been successful in getting the grants for canteen upgrade which we have been advised by the council will come to fruition over the off season.

Financially the club is in a great position and we have been able to secure sponsorship deals with St Mary's Leagues and Property Choice. The club has also purchased the new playing strips which you were all kitted out with and also with our two major sponsors insignia printed on it.

As a club we would like our members to be good ambassadors for St Marys Soccer club. We have been let down on few occasions in season 2018. I ask all please be mindful of your actions on and off the field that includes not just the playing members but the committee members, due to these actions we are penalised by Nepean financially and also members missing out on games due to suspension.

The future of the club is also based on a good strong committee and feedback from our members.

We also need new committee members to join the existing members to keep the club moving forward. We can only progress if we work together as one to become stronger and better for the club. No individual is bigger than the club, nor is a player greater than his team.

I would like to thank all our sponsors and all the volunteers who are very much appreciated for the hard work and commitment they give throughout the season.

I hope to see you all next year, keep safe and take care.

Afif Ali  
Club President.

**ST MARYS SOCCER CLUB INC.**

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Will be held on Monday September 17 at 7:30 pm**

**St Marys Leagues Club**





# Treasurer's Report

Firstly, many of our committee members this year have had major health issues which has prevented them from assisting our club throughout the season. I would like to wish them all a speedy recovery. We have missed them as they are all an important part of making this club a successful and enjoyable team to be part of. I hope you all take the time to relax and concentrate on your health, first and foremost. A big thankyou to ALL our committee members who take the time during the season to assist in the running of the club.

At the beginning of the year, a new rebate was announced to assist families with the cost of playing sport. There were a few hic-cups at the start, but we seemed to work out what was required to help families utilise this service. This was a learning experience for us, but we now know what to expect and will be able to help more next year.

We also purchased new strips for our club this year. We have had all positive feedback on the style and comfort. We were able to purchase these with the help of all our sponsors, St Mary's Rugby League Club – who has just signed a five-year agreement, Andrew's Corner Store, Cath's Cakes, Guido's Hair Care and our newest sponsor, Property Choice NSW – who has also signed a five-year agreement. If you would like to sponsor a team or the club, or know of any-one who would like

to advertise their business, please let any of our committee members know.

This season, our expenses were higher than our income mainly due to the purchase of our new strips. We are still however, financially stable. The sponsorship and canteen profits are our major source of income. We hold a non-profit event for juniors and this year, we did not hold our annual trivia night fundraiser, but tried something different. We held a mini trivia night along with the World Cup Soccer match, Australia V France. It was a very successful night. Thank you to everyone who came and made the night a very enjoyable one. A big thankyou to Joe Youssef and Maryanne More who organised the night.

A financial statement will be available at our AGM held at St Mary's Leagues Club on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2018. If you would like to know any more information, want to be a part of a club and can assist in any way, or even if you just want to know what is happening, feel free to attend.

Congratulations to the A/AM11 who were the minor premiers this season. Good Luck to you all. I hope to see all our players and members returning next year and continuing to have fun and play soccer.

Have a very Merry Christmas and A safe and Happy New Year.

Emina Herder  
Treasurer



Vanessa doing her thing!  
Could this be part of the reason our BBQs were so successful this year?

Our thanks go to all who helped cook for the masses – especially Teena, Vanessa & Sue who took over when Jamie & Les were unwell.





# Secretary's Report

Another year has flown by. I will keep it short and sweet....

It was a pleasure to watch the junior teams this year. I hope you all enjoyed the 2018 season!

I especially loved watching the little one's playing their games and seeing the spectators cheering them on! St Marys Soccer Club truly appreciate you and are proud of all your efforts, from coming to training and attending your games. You are valued members to YOUR club.

Congratulations to the AAM Division 11 for their Premiership win! Well done!

Special note to some of the senior teams (you know who you are), maybe you can take a page out of our junior teams 'play by the rules' attitude and play nice next year...!!!!

It was a rough year for a lot of teams. Please, please, please don't be harsh on your committee people who dedicate a lot of hours to make sure that you have a club to play in. The committee are here to help you. We are one and the same club!!!

I hope to see you all at your allocated presentation nights so we can all regroup as a club. Next year will be a bigger and better year, I'm sure of it!

Maria Feleks-Ianni  
Secretary



# Social Secretary Report

This is my first Social Secretary's report and I would like to start by thanking the committee for all your assistance, dedication and hard work with the events this year. It has been very much appreciated and the events could not have been managed without you, so thank you all, for a job well done.

Don Bosco was our first event for the year and was a great success with approximately 81 children in attendance. Everyone appeared to have a great time; also, the kids seemed to enjoy the Dominos pizzas and drinks on offer. The kids all gave the impression they enjoyed each other's company, the night of endless fun, games, laughter, also beautiful smiles were all lovely to witness. Thanks for coming and hope we all do it again in 2019.

The next event on the calendar was Australia verse France World Cup game on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2018. We had a mini trivia night before the big game commenced. Mr Chris Bragg did a great job playing game host on the night, asking soccer questions to members. Thank you, Chris you did an awesome job. At

this sold out event everyone seemed to enjoy the night, the function, the trivia and each other's company, thanks for your attendance. Everyone appeared to also enjoy Sam's Pizzas, the prizes also Cath's Cakes which were kindly donated free of charge. Many local businesses kindly contributed prizes at no cost to the club, such as Starco Jewellery Penrith, Rashays and Brokenwood Wines. I would encourage you all too kindly return the favour by supporting these companies and tell them you are from St Marys Soccer Club. The victory was not ours on the night, France winning 2 – 1 but was a great effort by our Socceros and an awesome game. Better luck in the next World Cup Socceros.

These events would not have been so successful without you, our club members; your support for the club is much appreciated, thank you. Hope to see you all at bigger and better events next year.

I wish everyone a Merry and safe Christmas and a happy 2019, and hope to see you in the New Year.

Maryanne Moore  
Social Secretary

Keep an eye on our website [www.stmaryssoccer.com.au](http://www.stmaryssoccer.com.au) over the off season for updates on what is happening at our club, including registration details.





## *Under 7 Alligators*

Another year done and what a year it was. The 3<sup>rd</sup> season most of the kids have been together. This year Koby joined the team and they came together really nicely. We had an awesome season which included many big wins and plenty of goals. The defence this season improved a lot and the Alligators put just as much focus on stopping goals as they did in scoring them. The most pleasing part of this season was the passing. Each player did their best to make sure that the ball was shared around and boy did we pull off some really great goals this year whilst passing the ball about, SUPER EFFORT ALLIGATORS!

ZARA- Wow what a year she had, managed a few goals for the season but it was her tackling this season that was most pleasing. She was always following the play and was not afraid to get in amongst the big boys and take the ball. Awesome season (hopefully you are not heading to netball next season). 😊

BENTLEY- Left off where he finished last season smashing in some good goals with that cracking left foot. Always eager to be on the field and had a really good season. I was especially proud of how he made an effort to get back and help defend this season. Good stuff mate, keep it up.

JACK- 2<sup>nd</sup> season with us and he looked a lot more comfortable being out there this season. He managed to jag himself a few goals this year but the most pleasing was seeing him get involved, chasing after the ball and making some awesome tackles. Super-fast

when he puts his mind in the game as well, top work mate, keep it up.

ADDISON- The big tackler of the team, feels comfortable to sit back and play the natural defender role which he does well. Has a really big kick which has resulted in some awesome long-range goals. Keep up the good work dude, that big kick will be needed on the bigger field next season.

GRAYDEN- Another cracking season filled with goals and lots of them. Defence was terrific always chasing back and stopping plenty of goals. One of the main reasons we scored plenty of good team goals this season was because of him wanting to help his buddies score. He was always laying off fantastic passes to them, really proud of that mate. Keep playing with that smile that you always have when you're on that field buddy.

BRAXTON- I was really proud to see him get more involved this season, made some awesome tackles and passes and also managed to get a few goals along the way. When he puts his mind to it and focuses on the game he really is a good player. Once he realizes how quick he actually is, he is going to benefit even more. Top work mate.

KOBY- The new guy in the team and what a 1<sup>st</sup> season it was. Scored some really impressive goals and was terrific in defence. He was also impressive with his passing, always trying to help teammates get a goal.



I look forward to seeing you in your 2<sup>nd</sup> season on the bigger field with more room to move. Awesome 1<sup>st</sup> season mate, keep up the good work.

So, another year done which will unfortunately be my last with the Alligators as my other son starts playing next season and I'll be coaching him. It really has been an awesome 3 years watching you guys grow and develop as teammates, but most importantly, seeing you guys become good friends away from soccer also.

I would like to thank all the parents for your support throughout the 3 years and hope that our friendships

outside of soccer continue. Also, a huge thank you to Bel for managing the team and always making sure they have their halftime fruit. Special mention to Dave and Riley for helping me out when I was away, and to Jackson and Liv for refereeing when we had no refs.

I look forward to watching you guys in the coming years and will always be cheering you on and helping out if needed.

GOOOOO ALLIGATORS!  
Adam Ralphs,  
Coach.

## 2019 Season Registration Dates

Registration dates & times for 2019 soccer season

Day	Date	Time	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>27/01/2019</b>	<b>10am – 2pm</b>	<b>Discount apply</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>31/01/2019</b>	<b>6pm – 8pm</b>	<b>Discount apply</b>
<b>Saturday*</b>	<b>02/02/2019</b>	<b>10am – 2pm</b>	<b>Discount apply</b>
<b>Sunday*</b>	<b>03/02/2019</b>	<b>10am – 2pm</b>	<b>Discount apply</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>07/02/2019</b>	<b>6pm – 8pm</b>	<b>Discount apply</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>09/02/2019</b>	<b>4pm – 7pm</b>	<b>Discount apply</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10/02/2019</b>	<b>10am – 2pm</b>	<b>Discount apply</b>

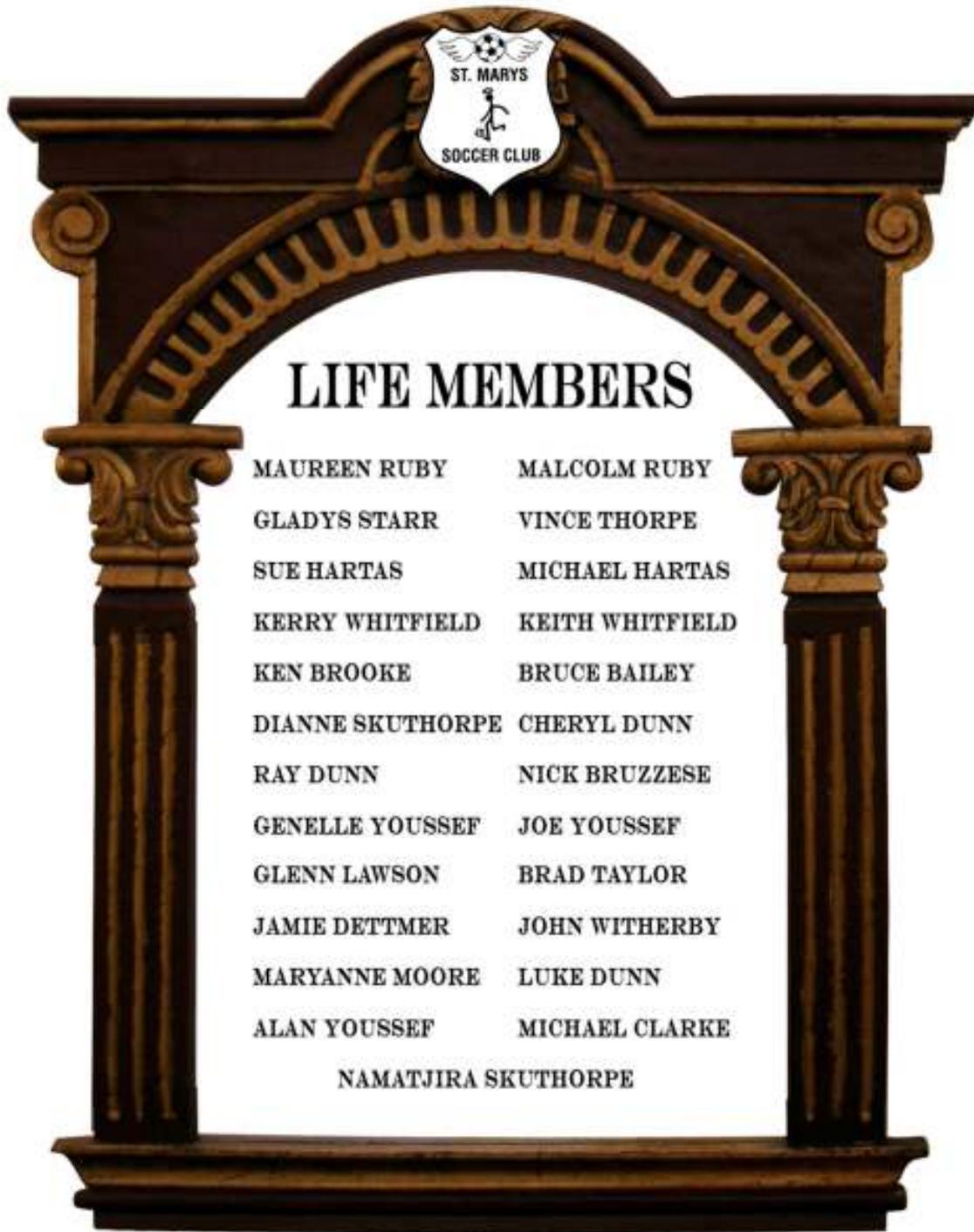
***\*Registrations in the Corporate Box at St Marys Leagues Stadium 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> February.***

Registration on line open on 1/01/2019. You must do your registration on line before you come to the canteen to make your payments. Discount will apply to the above dates **only**.

Meet your coach night (**muster night**):

1. **Wednesday** 19/2/19 for U/5-U/6-U/7 (6.30pm - 8.00pm)
2. **Thursday** 20/2/19 for U/8- U/9(6.30pm - 8.00pm)
3. **Friday** 21/2/19 for U/10-U/11 (grading if req.) (6.30pm - 8.00pm)
4. **Saturday** 22/2/19 for U/12-U/13-U/14 grading. (10.00am - 12.00pm)





The Don Bosco Night for juniors was a hit with young and not so young!





## *Under 7 Bears*

Another season draws to a close.

It has been a fantastic year for the U7 Bears. We welcomed 3 new players Skye, Jay and Yuvi whilst welcoming back 4 players from last year – Dekuan, Christian, Cameron and Ryan.



I am immensely proud of how all the kids have approached training and playing the games with a great spirit this year. They have all been very eager to learn and develop their skills on the football field. The progression of their dribbling, passing and shooting skills of the children has been obvious for all to see. In the last few weeks, it has been extremely pleasing to hear favourable comments from parents and opposition coaches on how the kids use multiple passes to create goal scoring opportunities.

Next year the kids will be able to spread their wings on a larger field and try to learn how to play with

goalkeepers on the field.

All this would not be possible without the help and assistance of Jess, our manager and all the parents and carers. They bring the kids to training and games week in and week out. Everyone provides lots of encouragement from the sidelines as well as healthy snacks for the mid game break. They also help the coach who can never remember whose turn it is to be substituted!!!



Thanks to everyone on the committee for all their help and assistance over the year– we all love the new goals. Thanks also to the referees for officiating at our home games.





## *Under 7 Kangaroos*

Where to start, well I haven't coached for 40 odd years and to make a comeback with under 7's was a real test but I have to say we did good, really good. The team consisted of Kaydan, Leilani, Adam, Rim, Deakin, Xander and Anai with only one of them having played before I thought "it's gonna be a long season" but after a big loss to start the season they bounced back and we were on a mission. Early in the season if one of them got injured or hurt they went straight off the field but to their credit we grew as a team, we developed a team mindset that got them thinking about each other, the team first and themselves second.



As the season wore on we had our share of injuries and sickness but this time if one got hurt on the field I couldn't get them off with a barge pole, because they didn't want to be taken out of the game, they even turned up sick ready to play if they were needed (great team spirit). Not every child was our best player but they sure tried their best and that is all anyone

can ask. Training wasn't our strength, they're 7 they just want to run around, have fun and have a game so that's what we did most of the time but there were times when I pushed them too far and I had the odd rebellion on my hands.

As the season progressed we improved noticeably with better positional thinking, ball passing and scoring options. At the start of the season they all only had one leg but with persistence at training towards the middle of the season and beyond a few of them were dribbling, passing and scoring with both feet, great to see. A big thank you to all the parents that were just



wonderful with their undying support and encouragement of our little band of warriors, the sharing around of the half time oranges roster worked a treat.

Thanks to Kate who helped at training and pre-game time when required, and also in choosing our player of



the week. Thanks to my daughter Jess who took on the roles of Team Manager, scorer and player rotation, working very hard to make sure all the kids got equal game time. Overall, we had a great season and statistically we did very well, from 18 games we won 13 of them with a very convincing “for and against average”. I know the kids enjoyed themselves this season as our team motto was to have fun, do your best and never give up.

There were a few times the opposition didn't have enough starters and as we had reserves, our kids were happy to play for them just to help out, strangely enough they played some of their best soccer when playing for the opposition against their team mates, (bragging rights I guess). Congratulations to all the kids for a wonderful 2018 season, it was a whole lot of fun coaching them.

Best wishes Glen



Deakin



Adam



Xander



Rim



Anai



Kaydan





## *Under 7 Panthers*

You Chong: What an outstanding season you've had and have developed your game with some remarkable performances.

Your style of play is similar to that of Javier Mascherano, Sergio Busquets, Iván Helguera. Research these players and you will find they have a similar style of play. Well done for a great year.

Zavier Galvez: Great season and only onwards and upwards from here. Follow in the footsteps of players like Alexis Sanchez, David Villa, Luis Figo, Fernando Morientes and you will become a valuable asset to any team. Well done for a great year again.

Panos Tzortzis: Such improvements are rarely seen in individuals often. Use the style of play as Fernando Hierro, Claude Makelele, Rui Costa, Gaizka Mendieta as a guide to keep pushing on. Well done for another great year.

Ryan Davies: Every great team has a Mr Reliable, research players such as Cafu, Phillip Lahm, Gary Neville, Michel Salgado and use your talents to your advantage. Well done yet again this year. Congratulations.

Christian Pracy: The world game has the ability to aid oneself to overcome any obstacles they encounter. This was clearly a life changing year for you as you've fallen in love with the beautiful game we have. Your style of play is similar to that of David Ginola, Harry Kewell, Daniel Arzani, Eric Cantona. Research these players and base your game off their style. Congratulations on a great season.

Hamish Bergman: You grew as an individual and as a player, focus on the style of play such as that of Frank De Boer, Ronald Koeman, Roberto Ayala and you will improve even more. Great effort this year.

Atem Mou: Houdini had fewer disappearances than you did this year. Follow in the style of play such as Daniel Amokachi, George Weah, Abedi Pele and if you put in the effort you can go far. Well done for a great year.

A big thanks to my Team Manager Jennifer Davies for all your efforts and help.

Best regards,  
Arthur Tzortzis

**A huge thank you to the coaches and managers who took the time to contribute your team reports for 2018.**





## Under 8 Cougars

What a change a year can make! New players, new coach, new rules but what a season we have had!

After being a side line parent for the last three years, I jumped on board as coach. We welcomed back Emily, Lucas, Jeremy, Ryac and Luke.

With the step up to the U/8's and needing a team of 11 - we were lucky to welcome Qasim, Joshua, Shaurya, Adut, Lachlan, Ryan and Daniel to the team. If you're good at math that's a total of 12 energetic kids but we worked well!

We continued to build on the skills the kids learnt in their foundation years. Soccer is a team sport with passing a key component of the game. Each week I was proud to see the kids improving their passing and

calling for the ball. By seasons end they were playing well together as a team, it was great to watch!

New skills were learnt as the kids took turns as goal keeper. Throw-ins and corner kicks were also an added challenge this year, but the kids are working hard to develop these skills.

Thank you to the parents for their support each week, washing jerseys and supplying fruit!

Thanks also to our team manager Bek for all the organisation. It was a big help.

Phil  
Coach





## *Under 10 Division 5*

Congratulations to all of the kids on an outstanding season! Aleks, Bailey, Jacob, Mitchell and Wyatt welcomed Aryan, Jenny, Lucas, Ryan and Sophie to the team and it was straight down to business!

It has been a season of growth, development and fun and the team should be very proud of the way they played each week. We have had some big wins, and throughout the season only had 2 losses and 1 draw! The goals were plentiful, there was a lot of goal assists, and some amazing saves from our goalkeepers!

Special thanks to each and every one of the parents for your support getting the kids down to training every Wednesday and Thursday night, and to our supporters, thank you for coming every Saturday to cheer the kids on!

The biggest thank you once again goes out from all of the kids and parents to our amazing coaches Justin and Walter for giving up your precious family time to coach our kids and help them develop both individually and as a team to become the great team they were this year! We really do appreciate the effort that you put in to developing the team!

Finally, Congratulations once again U/10 Blue! Thank you for trying your best every week – you are all growing into wonderful sportspeople! We hope you had fun, and we look forward to seeing you again next season!

Looking forward to next season!

Thank you,  
Justin, Walter and Emma



We wish all of our members a

*Merry Christmas*

And a safe and

*Happy New Year*





## *Under 10 Division 6*

First and foremost, my great appreciation towards Mr. Rajesh Lal to step up to coach the U10 team for the season. Cannot thank him enough for the time and effort he sacrificed for the team.

We started the season with just 9 players and had additions of Ater and Mark before start of season and Bilal from mid-season.

The Under 10 Green had a great and exciting season in 2018 with plenty great of wins and some close losses, where we were pipped at the post. At one instance we won 7 games on trot.

Most of the boys played together last year with the Hawks team (Aaditya, Dihan, Harsumeet, John, Parthiv, Josh and Ayden) and others played for other St Marys team (Sahil and Young) and others (Bilal, Gum, Mark and Ater) for the first time playing football.

Friendships were created during the season. Indiscipline and individualism at the start of the season turned to discipline and team work at the second half of the season. All kids worked very hard during the football season and have shown great improvements in their football skills, teamwork and game as whole. The team as a whole supported and encouraged one another at trainings and at the games. There was always a great enthusiasm at trainings on Thursday, also joining Mondays and Wednesdays when we had the extra day trainings with U11 side, which was reflected on our game days on Saturdays.

The biggest challenge for the team this year had was getting a full team on away venues. It was a

great plus if we had at least one sub. But never had the issue for home games.

Every player has been a champion in an aspect or another so will forward a report as a team. All the boys and girls put up a huge effort throughout the year, they grew from individuals to a team. I saw them giving everything they had during the games and still coming up with smiling faces at the end of the match. Particularly bigger smiles when getting their player of the match trophy.

The never say die attitude displayed by the kids was a pleasure to watch. Playing till the last minute. And on numerous occasions players going back to continue after coming off injured, showed a lot of character, maturity and team work.

It's been a great year managing this young team of boys who have excelled heaps in the football fields. A big thank you to all parents who were always there for their support, washing team jerseys and bringing fruits during game days.

Finally, to the team of champions. A tremendous effort throughout the year. To the coach, we would not have a team without you. To all family members who brought the kids to trainings and game days, you played a very important role in keeping the team going and made the year so special for everyone.

Hope you all enjoy the off season and see you next year

Regards and Best Wishes,

Your Manager Satya Naicker





## *Under 10 Division 7*

Welsher - What a man, what a coach. Thank you on behalf of all of the kids and all of us parents for your kindness, training, coaching and compassion. Time is the most precious gift and you gave us that.

Gandor - When we said we needed an extra hand, you were Welsher's right hand man. Thank you for adding your expertise, support and kick starting us with a second night of training. Thank you on behalf of all of the kids and the parents.

Derek - What a mini champion. We don't know how you felt when your Manager continued to call you by Tadiwa but either way, you consistently put 110% into every game and it showed. Look at all the runs and goals you scored as time went on. Well done Derek.

Mia - We are so proud of the confidence that has grown and continues to grow in you, young lady. Keep on kicking those balls, taking those runs, trialling new positions and not looking back.

Adi - The young man who puts his heart and soul on the field whether in goals or playing the ball. We could hear you from the sideline, displaying your emotion about the game. Continue to care, keeping talking to the team, this is an advantage.

Riley Fazekas - The young man who put his hand up to go in goal from the beginning and never wanted to leave. But you did, and didn't you go great as a forward using your balls skills, passing and taking shots.

Rohan - What to say about a young man who consistently defends our back line. Rohan you're amazing and everyone knows you're there to have their back.

Japjot - What a lovely, young, smiley man. What a team needs, is a positive and kind player and we have that in you. Well done, you had a great season on field and goal keeping.

Luke - What a defender. We could see you liked kicking away that ball whether in training or on the field. That's the role of a defender and we certainly saw that in you. What a great season Luke, congrats.

Taylor Lawrence - Unfortunately Taylor didn't commence this season, hopefully we see you coming back next year.

Ben - Every team needs someone with a sense of humour and knows how to do the floss dance. We're dancing with you Ben, at training or game day. What a great season, well done to you Ben.

Riley Russell - It has been amazing to watch you grow over the season. From the beginning where you would be really hard on yourself if you took a run and didn't get where you wanted to be to the end where you would take all of the runs and keep your head held high. Riley, your sprints are the wow factor. Keep it up young man.



Taylah Conway - Oh Taylah what a delight for you to have decided to join the team a little after the comp had commenced. To have watched you grow in confidence, understanding the game and believing in yourself has been delightful. We hope to see you back next year.

David - You really have a set of skills on you boy that could take you places if you wanted it to. And we are glad that you choose the place within our team to nurture this. Your tackles, the way you handle the ball and your giant kicks are out of this world. Remember your shin pads next year though boy!

Trippen - We acknowledge the challenges faced when coming into a team later during the season though welcomed you with open arms. We hope you enjoyed the time you had with us and hope to see you return next year.

Mehtab - We could see that you follow the steps of your bigger sister and how brave you are to step into

an Under 10's soccer team. We hope you enjoyed the time you had with us and hope to see you return next year.

Michaela - From the moment we saw you attend the first training session, we were like wow, this girl has got something. And then you joined us to make the team complete. We acknowledge the challenges faced joining the team later in the season, though we hope along with the support from your brother and the open arms of the team you felt apart of it all.

I would lastly like to acknowledge our weekly supporters who would come down to training or the game days to support our children and our coaches & Manager whether that was to join in, put the nets up or to compliment players. What an amazing season of learning, bonding, making friends and scoring goals. We hope to see you again next year.

Thanks Welsher.



## *Under 5 Monkeys*

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## *Under 6 Foxes*

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# 2018 SERVICE AWARDS

## 5 YEAR

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JOSHUA CARTER	U/10-5	CHRISTOPHER DI PIETRANTONIO		U/14-2
RYAN JOHANNSEN	U/10-5	JOSHUA HERDER		U/14-2
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## 10 YEAR

JAY BROUGH	U/17-2	NICOLE DETTMER	AAL/5
AAYNA WILLIAMSON		AAL/5	

## 30 YEAR



LUKE DUNN

AAM/11

*Congratulations to Luke Dunn on becoming the first member to achieve 30 years of service as a player with St Marys Soccer Club!*



## CAROL LEAVEY CLUB PERSON AWARD

AFIF ALI

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL AWARD RECIPIENTS!**





## *Under 11 Division 5*

A great season for all involved with the U11 team this year just losing a couple of games whole season. this enabled the team starting off in division 5 moving to division 4.

I would like to start by thanking the team manager Maria Feleks for professionalism shown in the end other aspects of team management and for taking care of jersey's washings most weeks. I also would like to thank Raul Villanueva (Mason's dad) for helping out during training nights.



Thanks to all parents, families and friends in assisting in setting up fields and removing for each game.

Our trainings nights, Monday and Wednesdays, were great. Never did we have to call off any training sessions. The benefits of trainings were shown with the results we had during the year, enabling us going up a division.

The biggest challenge I had for the season was having full team for away games, despite this we never lost a game when we just had 9 players. Hats off to these boys and girls.

Our 2018 season saw the majority (Antonio, Anthony, Milad, Rhylee, Toshani, Harjot, Pranav, Harshiv and Julian) of the players I had last year continue with addition (Mason, Mathew, Koshin, Ngor and Rukuzdo) of few more this year. A great and exciting season in 2018 with so many wins, 2 losses and 2 draws and a washout.

The whole season turned to be a disciplined and team work at the second half of the season really improved as the more matches we played together. All kids worked very hard during the football season and have shown great improvements in their football skills, teamwork and game as whole. There was always a great enthusiasm at trainings and the team as a whole supported and encouraged one another which was reflected as the team changed dramatically as the season went by.

The comments and feedback from parents, peers and opposition on how the team played, says a lot about how far the players had come along.

Their never say die attitude till the final whistle was blown won the hearts of each and every one watching the matches every week. All the boys and girl put up a huge effort throughout the year, they grew from individuals to a team. I saw then giving everything they



had during the games and still coming up with smiling faces at the end of the match.



It's been a rewarding year coaching this young team of boys and girl who have excelled heaps in the football

Fields which made me turn up at every training session and every match.

Also, to all the parents, grandparents, siblings, other family members and friends who offered their great support and cheers from sidelines on all our games whether it be home or away games. Also, to all the parents that had their kids in for training every week despite the adverse weather conditions. A big thank you to you all as without you would not have made the year we had

Finally, to all it was a great season and can always go better next year. Have a great off season and enjoy. see you all next year.

Regards and Best Wishes

Coach Satya Naicker



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## Under 12 Division 3

*2018 and what a year it was as our team placed their tenacious spirit fuelled by their strong passion for the game into the sport they love the most. Although it wasn't a year that returned high stats on the ladder, it most definitely was a year that provided a team of young champions. With a diverse range of strengths and styles, each team member brought something different to the game that made a successfully competitive and challenging season for their rivals which was always exciting to watch. With our dedicated parents cheering from the sidelines, coffees in hand and the smell of the club's bacon and eggs sizzling away in the background of the crisp morning air, what an enjoyable year it has been.*



**AJ-** From defence to attack, AJ's forward skills were fast paced, quick witted and he was always on the

ball, such a force to be reckoned with and was a great team player to watch, creating some of the teams most memorable kicks and passes, Nice Work!

**Ashton-** One of our strongest midfielders, Ashton could always be relied upon to battle his opponent for the ball and cover ground quickly. Speed is his best asset and like the 'Flash' and he used it for great advantage to confidently acquire the ball, challenging any opposition in his path. His consistent tackling abilities defeated most opposing players and were always exciting to watch! Congratulations on a great team effort!

**Ben-** Always keen to learn and improve, Ben's skills in defence and attack were developing well as he built confidence in his play for the ball. Ben worked hard in training and always listened well to directions. Nice effort!

**Chelsey-** In Mohammad Ali's words, this girl 'floats like a butterfly and stings like a bee' she is fast and competitive and quick to go up against the best! Chelsea is an enthusiastic team player always hungry for the ball and demonstrated consistent solid defence and excellent ball control this season, well done!

**Christian-** With only being his second year, Christian has a natural ability and prowess in his ability to run, sidestep and manoeuvre his opponent and has developed some great capacity for long kicks to get the ball past midfield. His confidence has grown immensely from the start of the season and will be great to see what he brings to next season!



**Curtis-** Curtis gave his game strong dedication when focused, with his little red face demonstrating his effort's each game. Curtis was building his confidence and developing his skills throughout the season, his improvement could be seen in his eagerness to defend and was always keen to learn at training. Good job!

**Daniel-** Unfortunately due to injury, this dedicated young player had to sit out for more than half the season, however this didn't stop him and his family coming to the games to cheer his team on, and to still be a part of his beloved sport in spirit. Once he returned to the game, his tactile and quick footed skills helped him out run and outwit opposing players, looking forward to the season ahead!

**Jayden-** A strong goalie who was brilliant at stopping those fast balls from passing into the net! Sometimes applied too much pressure on himself as he hated feeling as though he let the team down, which he never once did. Jayden was always 100 percent focused and committed to defending the net and had some fantastic power kicks through the season. Great Job and consistent effort demonstrated!

**Josh-** A player with a natural aptitude for the sport, Josh had an edge over the opposition when it came to outrunning and gaining control of the ball. He was a key team player who always gave his best. Fantastic effort!

**Krystal-** One of our most focused players, Krystal is always on the ball, with her speed and strategy at play, no boys stand in her way. Krystal is a super- star on field, capturing audience attention with her dribbling skills and ball delivery, many a time she covered the entire field alone with her tactile manoeuvres and consistent control of the ball. Always exciting to watch this team player excel on field.

**Marc-** Always exciting to watch when Marc took control of the ball, his signature zig-zag manoeuvres always left the opposition in a trail of dust, his headers were also a sight to see as he somehow bounced the ball from his head to exactly where it needed to go, a strong asset to the team with his scoring abilities, and 1 of our most impressive players.

**Mitchell-** A team player who always put his best efforts forward. Mitchell developed skills in dribbling the ball to secure team passes and had a great knack of sending the ball past mid field when opportunity presented itself. Keep up the great work next season!

**Tim Mubayiwa-** When this team player got control of the ball, he ran with quick footed techniques that left his opponents dismayed. He could cover ground quickly and developed great team passing ability. A superstar in the making no doubt!

**Timothy-** Our smallest player but by no means to be underestimated! No way was this player intimidated by those bigger than him, he achieved many fantastic headers, and with his fancy footwork, he achieved a most exhilarating goal when least expected and when most needed! He helped create an exciting and great season!

**Updesh-** This team player excelled in performance with his booming kicks and capacity to tackle the opposition. He managed the passes well and although 1 of our quieter players, it was his quiet confidence that made him an angled shooter not to be underestimated! Great work!

**Zabihullah-** This player has talent when focused, Zabi was strong in defence as a midfielder, and has developed great accuracy in sending the ball. He had created some memorable moments, not just due to his commitment to trending dance crazes on field, (which would encourage other players to bust out there moves, at 1 point of a game having up to 4 players lost to 'the floss dance') actually my apologies, yes, I do need to place this as a most memorable on field moment, Zabi provided the fun and laughter for the season no doubt!



*A special thank you to our dedicated Coach **Vanessa Shearer**, who committed to training our team twice each week and ambitiously cultivated a new team of players into a unified team spirit on field. Without your voluntary efforts, we would not have achieved the progress we made through the season. Thank you to our wonderful parents, grandparents and friends and family who brought fruit each week, washed the jerseys; braved the chilly mornings, the long mountain drives and the lack of Saturday morning sleep-ins to get their children to a sport they adore and learn so much from. The way the years have flown by, is rather like sand through a Sieve, the days can be long, but the years go ever so fast! On a personal note, I have adored being team manager over the last 5 years, and to see the children develop and grow into such lovely and unique individuals has been very special to me. Thank you it has been an enjoyable 5 years!*

**Melanie Cusack, Team Manager.**





## *Under 14 Girls Division 1*

WOW WHAT A SEASON!!

It started out well with a 2-1 win in our trial game.

After that trial game, we were notified that our team have been thrown into first division. The news of being in first division didn't sit well, with the players, families, coaches or Manager. We have a team of beautiful young ladies of varied ages up to 14 years and mixed abilities on the field.

Our girls came out week after week with their heads held high, even though the girls didn't win a game up until they drew the last game, where all their hard work and positivity payed off which got them their first points of the season.

With morale and self-confidence down, it was very hard to motivate and pick the girls up to play their best. We tried unsuccessfully to get the girls regraded on numerous occasions through the season, but Nepean Football Association let our

young ladies down continually not hearing our cries for help.

With all the negativity, lack of self-belief unfortunately, we lost a few of our girls early in the season, which also made it harder to pick the girls up out of the poor season.

With all this said it, unfortunately it wasn't about the game anymore but more about the girls rebonding as a team and believing in themselves and each other.

Throughout the season we saw some amazing skills come out learnt by the girls but sadly playing against such skilled girls within our division we were unable to get a win.

Throughout the season, losing a few key players we had to make the tough decision of girls playing in positions that they weren't accustomed too. We would like to



thank all the girls who put 100% effort in while playing these unfamiliar positions.

Despite having a disappointing season, Simon, Rocco, Rebecca and Justin were very proud of how the girls have come out at the other end and turned into stronger, more confident and resilient young women.

Thank you, girls, for all your effort, it was really appreciated. We hope to see you all next year, hopefully for a much more successful season.

Simon, Rocco and Rebecca.



No Photos or Reports were received for the following teams:

*Under 8 Tigers*  
*Under 17 Division 2*  
*AAM Division 5*  
*AAM Division 7*  
*AAM Division 8*  
*Over 35 Division 1*



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## Under 14 Division 2

If there is anything I can honestly say about our season it's that it was an enjoyable rollercoaster ride. Many ups and many downs but in the end, to those who stuck through and stayed committed to your team, I thank you. We lost quite a few at the start of the season causing the boys to play without substitutes and a full team on field for many weeks but this did not stop us. We still showed up knowing what our chances were but didn't let that drag us down. We still played with heart to the very end. We knew not to put our heads down or stop running until the referee blew that final whistle. This mentality although straining on the boys gave us spirit the same spirit that eventually led us to 3 well deserved draws and 1 incredible win that a coach could be proud of.

This season would not have been possible without the few boys that came to every game and training session, the few parents that came to have a chat and support the team. Vanessa Shearer deserves a special thanks

for allowing us to use her players. They made a huge impact on our game, it is much appreciated.

I would also like to thank Emina Herder for all her help throughout the season it cannot be repaid.

A very big thank you to my manager, Hayley McCarthy, who had never been a manager before, but showed the commitment and stuck through it all for this I thank her and appreciate the good work she put in.

But if there's anyone that deserves the biggest thanks it's those boys who never gave up on the season or turn their back on their team or club, without you we would not have come together as a team and played and fought for each other. When we took that field, we became a band of brothers defended each other and played together, as it should be.

John Sipsak

Coach.





## *AAM Division 11 - Premiers FOR 2<sup>ND</sup> Year*

The headline says it all! For the 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row this team has been crowned premiers.

Having lost only 2 games throughout the competition proper, both times to Wollemi, we again made it through to finals day.

With the best defence, conceding only 26 goals and the best goal difference of +34 over the 16 matches played, we were pretty confident of taking out the double.

The semi-final against Penrith FC was a thriller. Having skipped away to a 2–0 lead early on, Penrith hit back and took the lead 3–2. The score again see-sawed as our team again led 4–3, only for Penrith to again equalise.



The score remained 4–4 at full-time. The score line didn't change after playing extra time, which meant the game would be decided by a penalty shootout.



With Lukey in goals, we knew we were in the best position to win from there. He nearly saved the second shot, saved the third and almost saved the fourth. The final outcome was 5–3 our way. So, into the finals we go.



Last year we went down 1–0 in the final and we fully intended to go one better this year.

The game began at a fast pace. Wollemi have a few younger, faster players but we more than held our own. Then suddenly Wollemi hit the lead and we were down 1–0, but that just seemed to make the boys more determined.

Ando cracked a massive shot and we were back on even terms.

In the second half we started the better, but a goal scored from a probable hand ball and a few dubious

Calls set us back on our heels. For a period of around 20 minutes we struggled to gain the upper hand.



Our team finished the stronger but we just couldn't peg back Wollemi's lead. The boys deserved a better outcome, but it wasn't to be. The final score was 2-1 to Wollemi.

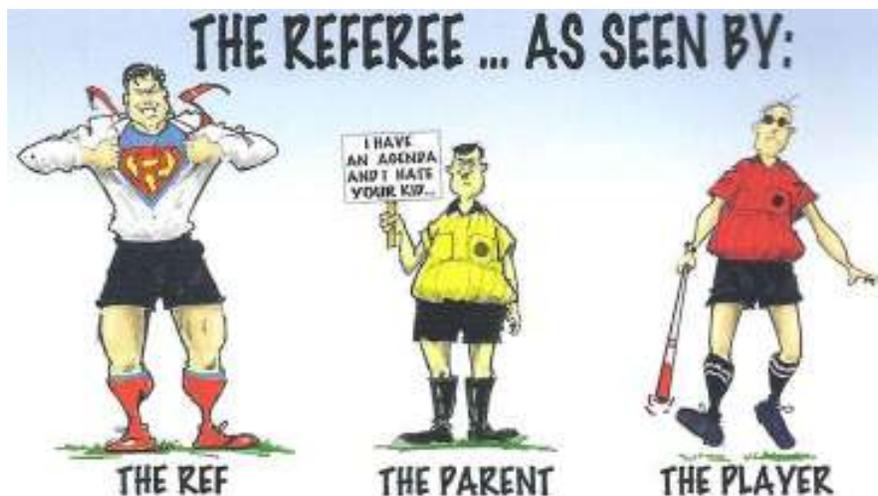
I am proud of the way the team took the loss on the chin, but I am even more proud of the reputation they gained throughout the season for playing hard but fair, fine ambassadors for St Marys Soccer Club. This was

the feedback from our opponents and it is a credit to the players – Lukey, Kev, Brady, Brookzy, Ando, Drew, Scott, Brewer, Gordo, Dan, Josh, Laurie, Brenton, Nick, Poppy, Andrew W, Pauly and Jake and to coach Sam.



Unfortunately, Poppy is retiring, but hopefully we will have most of the team back again and be rearing to go one better next year.

Ken,  
Manager.



The St Marys Soccer Club Committee

Hope you enjoy the  
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We wish all of our members and families  
A very safe and prosperous off-season.

We'd like to see you all back with us next year.

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