

2021

**St Marys
Football
Club**



YEAR BOOK

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Neil Graham

For the second year running football and other winter community sports have had their seasons impacted by COVID 19. What started out as a season of renewal, promise and normality after the interruptions of season 2020 came to a sudden halt at the end of June when Delta became part of our lives.

The season had begun so well with increased registrations and teams to represent the club. We introduced a more streamlined and on line registration process that allowed us to open regos earlier and allow members to register at their convenience while still offering the choice of registering at the fields as in previous years. This will continue into next year and the future.

We introduced gradings for our teams from U10 to U14 and this was successful and will be part of our club going forward. Some lessons were learnt from our first year of the program and the process will be improved due to what we discovered. We also established a Coaching Philosophy for the club which outlines the values we want our coaches to have so an environment where players can have fun, learn and flourish can be created. It can be found on our website and I urge parents to read it.

Whilst talking of the website we also made changes in our communications this year with a new website and a new and improved Facebook page so we can communicate easier and more efficiently with our members and their families. We will continue to upgrade the website and use technology to make the club be more effective and efficient.

Season 2021 saw the club secure a new major sponsor, Raine and Horne St Marys. We are delighted to welcome them to the family and are very grateful for their support and commitment to our club. In addition to Raine and Horne we also welcomed Neds Butchery as sponsor and supplier for our BBQ. We also are delighted to continue our relationship with St Marys Leagues Club and the generosity of our sponsors has helped the club immensely in these difficult times.

On the field there was a real buzz around the club this year. New ground signage and sponsors signage dotted Potter Field and the smell of the BBQ was a welcome return. Increased juniors and the return of seniors who missed season 2020 bolstered our playing ranks. There were some great days at home this year and the season was so enjoyable. We were devastated when the lockdown came but we continue to work away and better times are to come.

To that end the committee are already planning next season when we celebrate our 60th year. A MiniRoos Kick Off program aimed at 3 to 6 year olds will commence at the club. A new playing kit is being designed and new sponsors are being sought. New relationships with suppliers are being developed and new equipment being sourced.

At our recent AGM the name of the club was formally changed in time for our 60th year. It was ratified that the club will now be called St Marys Football Club. This change brings us into line with our governing bodies from Football Australia to Nepean Football and the vast majority of clubs in Australia. *Continued next page*

I'd like to thank everyone for their efforts this year. To our players and their families thank you for choosing St Marys F.C and your ongoing support. To our sponsors for their support and belief in our club. To our life members for their continued involvement and advice. Lastly I'd like to thank the committee for their service and dedication and their fantastic efforts which go for the whole year and are often unnoticed but not by me. I'd also like to thank our retiring Secretary Bek Borg who has done so much for the club in the past few years. You will be missed but you deserve a rest!!

Enjoy the off season, the summer and the holiday season. See you next year when hopefully we will be living far more normally and can celebrate our 60th year in style.

Regards

Neil Graham
President
St Marys Football Club

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Bek Borg

Our 2021 Season was filled with activity and achievements, both on and off the field. I am forever grateful for the dedication of the committee and the tireless support of coaches, managers, players and parents.

The start of 2021, saw the launch of a new website with a fresh look coupled with an increase in our social media presence. Thanks to Aiden and Dan our members can complete their registration through our website and easily access club resources. Our Facebook page is updated by a team of members to ensure no information is missed.

A Coaching Philosophy was developed for our Club with the assistants of MiniRoos Coordinator, Phil. The aim of coaching at St Marys Soccer Club is to create an environment where every player can have fun, flourish, develop skills and fulfill their potential. As a club, we recognize, every player will have different abilities, learning styles and aspirations. Coaching at St Marys Soccer Club will always be Positive, Instructive and Encouraging.

We also developed a Grading Policy and implemented our grading strategy for U10's and above. Player & team grading fosters better skill development and adds to the enjoyment of playing. The aim is that each player is selected into a team that suits their playing ability. With the support of dedicated players and coaches we were able to run our grading nights. We will continue to build on the foundations of our grading policy over the next few seasons, with the aim to improve the quality of Football at our club.

The first round of soccer for the season is always an important milestone for me. Standing in the middle of Potter Field as our teams were about to kick off for 2021 was extra special.

Neil had worked throughout the off season to organise tear-drop banners to label each of our fields, proudly displaying our club's name and logo for all visitors and members. Our beloved BBQ also made a return for the 2021 season. Thankyou to everyone who volunteered their time to cook a sausage, some bacon, and eggs!

We partnered with Dreamtime Creations to develop a St Marys Soccer Club Merchandise line. Neil & Bec developed a Sponsorship Campaign and with the help of our Sponsorship Committee signed two new Sponsor's. Raine & Horne St Marys & Ned's Butchery joined the St Marys Soccer Club family. Thanks to their amazing support every player received a training shirt.

This season also saw the return of Fundraising for the Club, we held a Mother's Day Raffle, two Meat Raffles and hosted a Chocolate Drive. These events would not have been a success without the amazing support of our members. Our plans to host a Colour Run were sadly interrupted by the 2021 lockdown.

Jaz has worked tirelessly throughout the year to transition the Club across to the electronic financial management system of MYOB. A task I am sure all future treasurer's will be grateful for. We began the process of transitioning from the tradition cash register and eftpos machine to the 'Square Terminal' which will decrease our running costs and increase the easy of canteen work.

As a committee, we were devastated by the news of lockdown and the premature end to our 2021 soccer season. Even though we weren't out playing, the committee has continued to work together to plan the best presentation possible within the Public Health ordered lockdown. We are also well underway with our preparations to launch a Football Australia Endorsed MiniRoo's Kickoff Program in 2022.

2021 was an incredible year of change and progress for St Marys Soccer Club. I can't wait for the achievements of our 2022 season and celebrating the club's 60th Anniversary.

Stay Safe
Bek Borg
Secretary
St Marys Soccer Club

2022 Soccer Registrations

From Monday 3rd January
Register online & pay online
www.stmaryssoccerclub.com.au
Then we'll meet you at Muster Day!

OR

Need that extra help to navigate online?
Find us at the Club House (Potter Field, Shepperd St, Colyton)

- Sunday 30th January 10am-12pm
- Sunday 6th February 10am-12pm
- Saturday 12th February 2pm-4pm

Early bird discount will apply until Sunday 13th Feb

Registrations from Monday 28th February will only be taken where a vacancy exists in a team.

Team Grading

Players from Under 10s & above will be invited to grading sessions
Monday 21st, Tuesday 22nd & Wednesday 23rd February

Times will be advised via email

Player & team grading fosters better skill development and adds to the enjoyment of playing. The aim is that each player is selected into a team that suits their playing ability.

Our grading policy is available on our website at www.stmaryssoccer.com.au

Muster Day Saturday 26th February

Meet your team

Pick a training date and time

Nominate a Coach & Manager

Get your team kit

Time	Age Group	Age Group
10:00am	Under 5	Under 12
10:30am	Under 6	Under 13
11:00am	Under 7	Under 14
11:30am	Under 8	Under 15
12:00pm	Under 9	Under 16
12:30pm	Under 10	Under 17
1:00pm	Under 11	

TREASURER'S REPORT

Jaz Hodge

Despite the sudden end to our season I would have to say we have had a successful year. The year started on a high with the introduction of two new sponsors. We saw Raine and Horne St Marys join our long standing sponsor, St Marys Rugby League Club, as a new major sponsor. We also welcomed Ned's Butchery St Marys to the St Marys Soccer Club family. This was a perfect addition for this year as we were able to re-introduce our game day BBQ.

This year also saw some great fundraising events within our club. We started our year with our first meat raffle. We raised a total of \$340.00 in just one weekend down at the grounds. This money will be put towards future BBQ equipment.

Our Mother's Day was next up...This raffle saw all our Saturday teams selling tickets. We raised at whopping \$1679.00

Big Congratulations again to our winners –

Prize 1/Winner: Gourmet Getaway Package - Under 9 Reds

Prize 2/Winner: Basket of goodies -13/2s

Prize 3/Winner: Bag of goodies – Under 10 Greens

Finally we ended the year with our chocolate drive.

Unfortunately lockdown hit and we are yet to have a complete total. We will share the final total once we have collect all fundraising monies back. The predicted profit would be around \$6480.00.

Big Congratulations again to our winners –

Top Player – Kaiden C – 17 Boxes – \$100 Rebel Gift Card

Top Team – Under 9 Reds – 32 Boxes – Pizza Party at St Marys Leagues Club

Top Family – Andrew and Bella P – 10 Boxes – 4.5kg Toblerone

Special mentions to: Under 15/3, Under 6 Lions, Under 11/1, Elizabeth (Under 6 Lions) and Austin (Under 5 Tigers) on all your extra efforts. We are so thankful to all who went above and beyond with your support of the club.

Due to COVID restrictions this year, our end of year celebrations will now have to be next year. So all the monies from both the Mother's Day Raffle and the chocolate drive will now rollover to next year's 60th year!!

This year would not have been such a great success if it wasn't for our wonderful members. Thank you to all our players, coaches, managers, parents and family members for all your contributions to the club this year. We look forward to seeing what we can all achieve together both on and off the field next year. Stay safe over the break. Bring on 2022!!

COMPETITION SECRETARY'S REPORT

Satya Naicker

Highlight of the season



Lowlight, losing life member Jamie Dettmer



Finally 2021 began much better way than 2020 had been. Started with looking ahead for a great season ahead. Registration went ahead with normal except for hiccups here and there. GREAT APPRECIATION FOR FNSW FOR INVITING OUR ALL AGE TEAM IN FFA CUP. Our All team under guidance of David south great effort and enthusiasm during the fixture. Great appreciation for your dedication shown through your sportsmanship on display. Again many thanks to Linda Cerone (General Manager Nepean), Alicia Green (Competition Manager Nepean) and Eric Alvarez who never shied away from assisting throughout the season. Also the club secretary and registrar for assisting wherever needed. Thanks



Finally looking teams at the start of season. We struggled to make one Under 5's team as players pulled out after registrations. Great appreciation to coach and manager Jessica and Reece for their unwavering effort to get the team ready every week so the kids could enjoy the game.

2 Under 6's team (thanks to Nepean to allow us to have 8 players per team), 4 Under 7's team, 2 under 8's, 2 Under 9's, 3 Under 10's, 2 Under 11's, 2 Under 13's (second Under 13 team compromised players from under 12's as we couldn't get enough players to make a team. Great appreciation to Bob and Justyna for their effort to get all the mixed team of new players together and give them a run on the park), 1 Under 14's, 1 Under 15's, All Age Men's Div.3, 9,10 and 11 and Over 35's men team. Our O35's team moved from Sunday Div 1 to Friday night Div 2 competition. Pity we couldn't put together a Ladies Team.

All together we had 24 teams. We had to reshuffle players around at times to make some teams in lower age groups. And also competition teams were able to borrow players unlimited times as of change in rules.

A very heartfelt thanks to all coaches and managers who volunteered their precious times for the kids in general. Especially Mini Roos teams with some parents volunteering for the first time. Learning the ropes of the trade the hard. All of your effort is very much appreciated. And also to all parents, carers , siblings and families who assisted the coaches and managers at trainings and also game days.

To all coaches and managers, a very big thank you for your efforts, NO CLUB CAN OPERATE WITHOUT SELFLESS VOLUNTEERS LIKE YOU.

Trials

We had better season for trials this year. All miniroos had a run or two before season started. Our junior competition teams also had a run but our seniors were unfortunately not successful as the timing of availability of teams couldn't be matched.

Thanks to the teams hosting us as our fields were not ready, especially Band Club, Emu plains and Kemps Creek FC.

We still lost on trials due to weather and some grounds being closed, overall a much better outcome the previous year.

U8 whites after trials at Roper Road.



The Real Competition

The real high for St Marys Soccer Club was when our AA5 team Champions the previous year coached by David Spehar and managed by Alanna Steward-Ross was invited for the FA CUP qualifying rounds. We played IFS COMMUNITY WOLVES FC, unfortunately lost the game in dying minutes of the game 2-1. Great effort shown by the boys who were down in team numbers, Tim and Daniel from O35's assisted. Many thanks to club officials and team family members who made the trip to support the team.

Our All Age team warming up for the FFA cup



The real competition started on 9th of April for St Marys Soccer Club senior teams and juniors a week later. Despite a couple of weekends being washed out the competition teams were gelling together and getting stronger day by day and week by week. AA9, 10 and 11 team great effort by players put together to make a team. All coaches and managers Peter, George, Jacob, Nathan, Dylan and Chris great effort mate, very much appreciated.

The whole came to halt on the last weekend of June due COVID and LOCKDOWN.

All teams had started to perform to their ability and had the momentum but ended too soon beyond our control.

Communications

Communications has been improving from previous years. Continued with the WhatsApp group with all managers, coaches and committee members. This has made it much easier to correspond with all and vice-versa. It became much easier to pass information to all members/players via coaches and managers.

Also, it became a great tool during wet weather updates, notifying members about match cancellations, rescheduling and venue changes at last minute.

Appreciation to Rebecca (secretary) and Maria (registrar) in assisting in the coaches and managers handbook and also passing down the rules and regulations.

Electronic Match Sheets (EMS)

Second year for the Electronic Match Sheets full time, with the exception of network down allowing the use of paper match sheets. Finally coaches and managers had to pull their heads in to start using the system and the clubs realised the benefits as the infringement notices fines skydived. Some are still getting used to it while at times network reception plays a big part. Most of it should be ironed out as time progresses. Also great effort by new managers and coaches to get themselves in line with the system

The EMS has really made life easier with upgrades, notification of suspended players, recording extra data if the team wants and also statistics collection.

Weather and Fields

Nepean finally appreciated to condition of our fields and allowed us to host State Cup games. Great effort by all involved.

The wet weather ran havoc in some rounds. Together with the fields damaged by leaking sprinklers wreaked havoc to our scheduling. Real appreciation to all coaches and managers for their patience.

We had to request Nepean to reschedule some games due to sprinkler damaging our fields. Myself and Aaditya my son had to fill in the holes left by council workers repairing the fields.

Game Leaders

Had to get a group of young game leaders to smoothly run the Mini-Roos competition. U5 to U11's. There has been a lot of effort put in by these kids, some are ex-players (Toshani Naicker and Tanvi Naicker) and others are current players (Aaditya Naicker, Antonio Ianni, Aleks Worobiej, and Ryac Phillips, Mitchell, Emily, Isabella and Skye) Really appreciative of the ex-players for putting the time aside for our kids. And also slotting in the current junior players whenever they are available.

If you are 12 years and older and want to join NRG full time referring please contact me and I'll guide you through. Invite is all players, family and friends.

A big thank you to you all.

Finally thank you for taking pride in being associated with ST MARYS SOCCER CLUB. Let us always strive to improve ourselves and encourage everyone we meet to feel they are appreciated.

Satya Naicker
Competition Secretary
St Marys Soccer Club

CANTEEN AND SOCIAL SECRETARY REPORT

Maryanne Moore

Hi St Marys Soccer Club members. Not much to report due to corona virus lockdown. But want to mention support we received from Sam's Pizza St Clair and Grilled Penrith for their junior player vouchers. Much appreciated. Hopefully next year we can resume social activities and fundraising events again.

Our 2021 Teams

AGE

Under 5

Under 6

Under 6

Under 7

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Under 7

Under 8

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Under 9

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Under 10

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Under 13

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Under 14

Under 15

All Age Men

All Age Men

All Age Men

All Age Men

Over 35s

DIVISION

Tigers

Lions

Bears

Foxes

Sharks

Owls

Wolves

Whites

Greens

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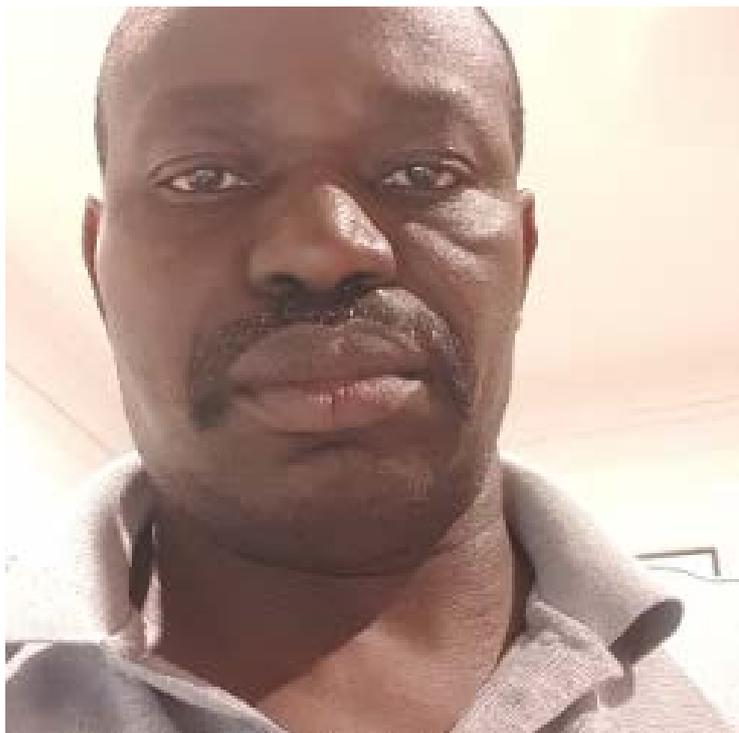
Division 9

Division 10

Division 11

Division 1

25 Years of George Osaghae



A TRIBUTE TO A CLUB LEGEND

George Osaghae was first introduced to the club over 25 years ago when his wife, Toni was approached by Joe Youssef at her travel business in St Clair whilst seeking a sponsorship for the club. Toni introduced her husband George to Joe & from the start of the next season George showed his superior skills to the senior teams by playing in the AAMens, Premier Team, Over 35 & Over 45 teams. George has now attained automatic Life Membership for 25 years of continuous playing service.

It is worth putting on the record that he has also served voluntarily on the committee as web master for a number of years beside Toni who has always been an active member of the club in various positions on the committee as well as many years as team manager. George has also coached his sons team & is always willing to help out anywhere he can with his I.T. Specialties as well as a general helper & handyman.

When George was first a player with this club his 2 eldest daughters were on the sideline in strollers and now they are both mothers.

One of Georges famous "claim to fame" was the time when Chelsea (his 3rd daughter) complained to her father about her hair so he shaved it off & when he was threatened by his wife not to come home, George sought refuge @ the soccer fields!!

But George's most famous fame was the envy of many clubs in the Nepean district seeking his services for their teams, his brilliant scoring & use of both feet or head to score many goals but he showed his loyalty to St Marys Soccer Club & remained with us for the past 25 years.



Vale - Jamie Dettmer



In the early hours of Saturday, 10th October 2020, Lisa Dettmer lost her beloved husband, the family lost their dearest Dad & Pop & the St Marys Soccer Club lost a committee man, a coach and our dear, valuable & irreplaceable friend Jamie Dettmer.

He could only be described as a true advocate, adviser, icon & everybody's mate @ the soccer club. He was awarded Life Membership of the Club many years ago of which he held very dear & with honour.

Jamie became involved with the club 23 years ago when Nicole & Michael joined the club as "little tots", and was soon encouraged to join the committee. Before long Jessica joined up & when Lauren reached playing age she was the 4th playing member from Jamie's family. His son-in-law Steve has played for the club for many, many years & now 2 of Jamie's grandsons have just completed their 1st year as players.

Families forged very strong friendships that will last forever throughout the club & Jamie was front & centre in all things good. He coached his kid's mini & junior teams continuously & tirelessly until they were in their teens then took over the reins of the All Age Ladies Teams in the club. There was not one player, game, score or event that took place that Jamie could not remember.

Jamie filled many committee positions over the years from vice president, social secretary, competition secretary, publicity officer, sports manager & of more recent seasons the canteen manager. He was always forefront in decision making & purchasing of the clubs new strips & merchandise when necessary & was always in control of the handing out & return of team kits. But I'm sure there would be no argument that Jamie is best known for his famous St Marys Soccer Club Canteen BBQ. For years he would be tirelessly cooking & overseeing the BBQ which was well known of around the association's grounds & local neighbourhood. You will be sadly missed Jamie by all members of the club but fond memories of you will be held by all who crossed your path.

"Vale" Jamie, (St Marys Soccer Club)



Club Persons of the Year

Jamie Dettmer Junior Club Person of the Year

Aaditya Naicker

Player - U14/1 & Mini-roo's Game leader

The committee has bestowed this perpetual honour in recognition of Jamie Dettmer and his family's dedication to the soccer club. Jamie was a friend, committee man, life member and team coach of this club for over 20 years. He was well loved by everyone and he sadly and suddenly passed away just 12 months ago. He was best known for his famous St Marys Soccer Club BBQ, running the canteen and looking after the clubs equipment and teams playing kits.

On the field Aaditya took on the role of Team Captain for U14/1. Aaditya always encouraged and supported his teammates. Aaditya showed great sportsmanship throughout the season, ensure game time was always stopped to assist injured players.

Off the field Aaditya has been an asset the club, helping whenever he has been at the grounds. On game days Aaditya would assist with preparing the fields; from taking out the bins, sweeping the canteen area, to helping set up fields. When Aaditya wasn't playing he spent his Saturdays as Game leader for our Mini-roo's teams. While on training nights he would assist with giving out and collecting training equipment. Aaditya assisted with our many Club clean up days with no complaints.

Club Persons of the Year

Carol Leavey Club Person of the Year

Chris Paskin

Player AA/11, Manager AA/11 & Parent U6 Lions, U9 Blues, U11/4 & U15/3

Chris stepped up as manager and leader for our AA11 team. Despite his team struggling on the field, Chris was able to build a strong culture within his team, one which strongly reflected the perception of SMSC that the club has been trying to build. He achieved the seemingly impossible of getting the team down for photo day. The AA11 were our only senior team to have team photos. Whenever there was a need for a player to upgrade in the senior grades, Chris was the first to volunteer to play.

Throughout the 2021 Chris has always found the time to pitch in to help with setting up, packing up, being team marshal, referee and utilising his BBQ skills. Chris supported the clubs 2021 fundraising activities, entering every raffle and for the chocolate drive purchasing a box of chocolates for every team his family is involved rather than taking up the 1 box per family opportunity.

Years of Service Milestones

Glory Osaghae - 25 Years
Adam Ralphs - 20 Years
Tim Denham - 15 Years
Antonio Ianni - 10 Years
Brad Gordon - 10 Years
Brodie Hile - 10 Years
Jacob Feleks - 10 Years
Jayden Collis - 10 Years
Maarten Van Brenk - 10 Years
Maria Feleks - 10 Years
Christian Worsley - 5 Years
Christian Laine - 5 Years
Christopher Marton - 5 Years
Dekuan Dekuan - 5 Years
Kaiden Collins - 5 Years
Luca Spacek - 5 Years
Riley Gibbons - 5 Years
Ryan Davies - 5 Years
Thomas Campbell - 5 Years
Vishant Kumar - 5 Years
You Chong - 5 Years
Zanye Villanueva - 5 Years
Antony Youssef - 5 Years
Ater Ajou - 5 Years
Nicole Collins - 5 Years
Panos Tzortzis - 5 Years
Ronald Spacek - 5 Years
Ryan Davies - 5 Years
Benjamin Stylianou - 5 Years
Bek Borg - 5 Years



Under 5 Tigers

First time players, first time coaches – What a season! We started the season off a little nervous and unsure, but we were quickly able to turn that around and give our opposing teams a good run.

Mohamed, Michael, Rowan and Charlie were always ready and eager to hit the field. Austin and Owen took a little more time to warm up to the game, but once they were ready – it was such a thrill to see them join their teammates.

The boys quickly became great friends, creating such a fun and energetic side.

The Tigers applied their newly found skills and understanding to the game each week. This allowed for some awesome plays and great teamwork.

Watching the confidence of our team soar was the highlight of our season and we couldn't be any prouder.

We would like to thank the parents and the club for the consistent support and encouragement throughout the 2021 season.

We hope to see the boys back in their boots and on the field again soon.

Reece, Jess & Skye.



Game plan 🏆

Under 6 Lions

The u6 lions had a fantastic year learning the game and becoming a strong team. With every game the team went from strength to strength both with individual skills and working together.

We had a fun time learning positions and scoring goals. The kids (and parents) all got into the fun during training nights and we really had a great momentum behind us when unfortunately the year came to an early end. I would like to thank Andy, Edward, Elizabeth, Kiara, Nour, Rich, Seyit and Skye for being a wonderful, friendly and happy team, it was great fun coaching you and I hope we can all team up again next year. (Coach Russell)

The under 6 Lions had a great year learning how to play football. As the weeks went by we saw great improvement as the team really started to grasp the idea of teamwork and friendship.

A big thank you to Coach Russ who really tackled the challenge of being coach. Also a big thank you to all the parents who made this season run smoothly and also made the training sessions good fun!

It was a great season and hopefully we get to team up again next year! (Daniel, Manager)





Under 6 Bears

What started off as such a great year of football, with the now U/6 Bears taking their skills from last year and building on them, ended so unfortunately and abruptly due to COVID. But we can only take the positives from the year use them to develop again for next year. We said goodbye to a few team members and welcomed new faces: Heidi, Tehan and Jordan.

- Conner - had a fantastic year really learning how to position himself in the backline and showing confidence bringing the ball forward, turning defence into attack. Conner seemingly had unlimited energy and looks cut from the same cloth as a few Dettmer's I've seen before.
- Charlie - built on his first year and on his day would always pop up with an important goal or tackle. Charlie has always shown that he is a good dribbler of the ball and with more experience and training can take this up another level.
- Lucy - took massive leaps forward this year with her skills, showing the confidence to get out there and put them on display. Lucy improved her tackling and made many tackles chasing back to save the day.
- Heidi - was Heidi's first year this playing with her big sister. This year will do her the world of good, introducing her to team sports and I expect next year that Heidi will show that progression.
- Rayan - was another who took a massive step forward with his play. Rayan stepped up in both attack and defence, showing great tenacity to tackle in defence and also an uncanny knack to put the finishing touches on a great team play.
- Jacob - played well again this year, mainly in attack. Would like to see Jacob's aggression in defence return - it's not always about scoring goals. Jacob showed good ability to bring the ball out of defence and often combined well in attack with Tehan.
- Tehan - was a new and very welcome addition to the team this year. Tehan is a very quiet, polite kid during the training and before the game, but once he steps on to the pitch he turns into an assassin, clinically finishing off the many chances the team creates.

· Jordan – this was Jordan’s first year and he showed great progress throughout the year. Jordan regularly featured in the backline and he certainly was a presence back there, often making that important tackle. I cant wait to see how Jordan progresses next year.

The only way the kids can come down an enjoy their football is with the help and support of the parents who drive them there early each morning, often braving some pretty ordinary conditions. I know it means a lot to the kids to hear the support and encouragement from the sidelines.

I would also like to thank Steve Lange the team manager who does all the paperwork and other annoying things that I prefer to avoid and Luke who is an ever present at training and on match day warming up the kids or helping set up training. They stepped up even more when I hurt my knee and rendered myself (even more) useless. Really appreciate the hard work you put in.

I know we said it last year but we say it again this year, let’s hope next year is better and we can enjoy a full and uninterrupted season. I hope everyone enjoys their summer and comes back ready to play.

Alan.

Under 7 Owls

2021 was a challenging but good year of soccer for the U7 Owls due to COVID 19. We are all sad the season did not resume but both Andrew and I are so proud of the commitment and camaraderie of the team.

Each player contributed to continually improving and growing and all players have displayed so much enthusiasm and a positive attitude.

Cooper, Isaac, Izaak, Jude, Monica, Prabhnoor and Sonny are a wonderful group of kids.

They are always so happy to attend training and games each week and we love watching them learn and grow together.

Andrew is Isaac's dad. He coached the kids with patience and kindness and with the support of the parents and family of all our players.

Natalia is the team manager and is Monica's mum. She has enjoyed managing this team again in 2021 and loves being a part of the St. Mary's Soccer Club family.





Under 7 Wolves

The under 7 wolves was a new formed team for this season coach Lawrence and i were truly blessed with an amazing bunch of players, they were dedicated and showed such enthusiasm to learn more. With a few wins and a few losses our team continued to work harder and harder every week.





Under 7 Sharks

The start of the 2021 season went off to a fantastic start. Many of the U7 Sharks continued into their third season together, with the new recruit Nicholas joining the team and Cooper coming back after a season off.

Our new Coach Nathan, made training sessions super fun, with games and activities to teach the boys how to pass and work together as a team on the field. Each week the boys turned up and played some impressive soccer. A highlight was the Sharkie's neck to neck match again Werrington Croatia FC in round 5. This was such a close game, with both teams showing their talents and passion.

Notable performances from the boys:

- Arjan was a standout improvement this season, with a his aggressive attack and big confident kicks onto the ball.
- Kash continued to play high, and was always ready and in position to receive a pass and score goals.
- Cooper listened really well to the coach, and impressed on the field with his tackles and defence.
- Thomas was a solid player in every game. He shows the ability to play across any position on the team.
- Nicholas showed more confidence as the season progressed. He enjoyed playing with his friends, and learning new skills.
- Huey used his speed on the field to run circles around the opposition.
- Morrison continued to kick some amazing goals off his left and right feet. He always looked to pass the ball, to share the goals with his team mates.

A big thank you to Nathan, who coached the boys this season. Our parents were the team's biggest supporters, ensuring everyone was at training and at the game on time each week. Whilst our season was cut short due to COVID-19, we look forward to a fresh season in 2022 on a bigger field in U8s!

Thanks for another great year.



Under 8 Whites

U8 Whites started off our 2021 season gingerly, with some seasoned soccer fans and some brand new to the sport.

But we quickly found our feet. With strong guidance and hard work, we grew in confidence.

We had so many great games, some close losses and spectacular wins, notably losses to Glenmore Pk, Cranebrook, Penrith RSL that kept us on our toes, followed by some blinding wins, against Penrith Rovers, Jordan Springs, Band Club.

We were led by great attackers, Chaise, Isaac, Nigam, who were supported with effort and tenacity on field by Brooklyn, Keshav, Cassie and tight goal defence by Corey and Evelyn.

Despite an early off field injury that prevented him from playing every game, Malav was there to cheer, support his team and assist in any way.

U8 Whites, supported by our Coaches and Parents, had an awesome season despite Covid cutting it short. We built team cohesion, learned about the game and most importantly made new friends.

Here's to 2022!





Under 8 Green

Second Row: Harper Tutill, Jake Mee, Amel Yelchan

Front Row: Michael Ragneb, Rueben Roth, Matthew Ragneb, Rami Issa, Shaun Ram

Coach: Amanda Jones



Under 9 Blue

Second Row: Ali A Hassan, Owen Kuzmic, Micah Mayo

Front Row: Richard Camilleri, Jacob Youssef, John Morris, Xavier Murphy-Paskin

Absent: Anei Diang, Eliab Mattias, Bryson Young

Coach: Adam Morris

Manager: Tamara Landsdell



Under 9 Reds

2021 has proven to be another unusual year for community sports due to COVID-19! Our kids were so excited to be back for another year of fun on the soccer field, we had a year of returned players to our team and are very thankful to the kids and their families for their hard work and commit to our beloved soccer.

The kids have done such an amazing job in participating despite the shortened season, they worked wonderfully as a team and have built strong skills in their preferred positions.

Both Nathan and I are so proud of how well the kids played this year as a team, our goal this season was for the kids to build strength in the different positions on the field. The kids found some of them, were stronger up the front attacking and others found they were stronger in the backs defending, however they all adjusted really well to being moved around to share the field with their friends.

Arther, Flynn, Andreas and Amelia have performed marvellously all season, they have all developed further skills in ball control, positioning and overall soccer skills and we are very proud of all of them. Thomas has been a true goalie and has built astounding skills in this area, he plays so well and found his rhythm with ball control along with defending his goal. Kaiden, Brianna, Allen and Andrew further built on their skills of working as team through passing and ball control to get the ball in the net along with team spirit in supporting their fellow players in defence when required. Again, each player contributed to the team in their own individual ways which is what we love to see in community sports.

As we say every season without our parents, families and friends our team would not be what it is, so thank you to all of our kids families for supporting them and their team, coming to training and games and just genuinely being a pleasure to spend our winter weekends with.

Lastly Thank you to all our kids – Soccer is a joy to be a part of because of all of you! Each year our team is getting stronger and stronger and we really hope to see you all back again next year ready for another fun packed season.

Thankyou,

Nicole Collins - Manager
Nathan Pressick - Coach



Under 10 Red

This year went way too quickly. The expansion of a bigger field and a few minor rule upgrades was a good distraction of the year that was and where soccer is going for us. I am happy to say the excitement of playing soccer helped our team to develop and push to the bigger game of soccer.

Stefano CAGLIOSTRO

Some great progression in positioning on the field and I have to say the enjoyment you bring to the field is excellent - not to mention some goals you scored. Keep it up

Dekuan DEKUAN

The expansion of the field was definitely something that favoured your skill set with your running of the ball and getting into open space for shots at goal. A special mention, as well, for your assistance on the field with backing up your teammates and building some solid defence. Plus putting in a big effort at training and helping your team mates to better themselves with techniques, skills and positioning.

Depiny DEKUAN

A good year as always, in dribbling the ball past players, showing your ability to see the value of passing the ball and keep moving to a better position. Your passion for wanting the team to keep control of the ball is great.

Bently FARRELL

Eager and persistent as always. You are developing a great ability to play and adapt in every position. Your attacking ability, plus seeing options for attack is standing out in the bigger field.

Braxton FARRELL

Your progression with positioning around the goal is developing well. Your continued energy to get to the ball and be in the best position to receive the ball is paying off.

Leo HORNE

Your advancement this year in defending stood out. You did very well developing the skill of keeping an eye on the ball and other attackers, keeping great field position and defending well, shutting down goal attempts

Grayden JARNET

A great year on the ball. Your defence is going well with watching the play and seeing the attack of the opposition. Then closing the play and turning defence into attack.

Jordan KYTE

Great work on the edges on the mid field, keeping in the fight for the ball, supporting team mates and moving the ball up the field. Also a mention for your enthusiasm as goal keeper as well.

Christian LAINE

Consistent and eager in defence and attack as always. The bigger field has progressed your passing and finding open space in attacking whilst never holding back.

Trent MARTIN

Your ability to position yourself and have goals shots, great as always. The bigger field is developing your skill of shutting clearance balls down so the opposition has to go wider and our team gets to defend earlier, boxing the opposition into the side lines.

Yuraj PRASAD

Excellent work with your presence around the ball in attack and defence. Your skills in watching and shutting down opposition attacks is continuing to improve. Also a mention for your enthusiasm as goal keeper as well.

As a team, St Mary's Soccer club and I are really impressed with the performance of Under 10 Reds because the effort and enthusiasm of every player is outstanding. With a few players short from the start of the season, a few injuries (hope they are healing well if not already) and sometimes getting on the field with out a full team - I just want to say outstanding!!

To Manger Belinda, as always great to work beside and covering the little things I forget whilst effortlessly being prepared and getting things done - thank you.

Then finally to the parents, thank you for the team support on and off the field to the team. Have a good off season - fingers cross for a normal season next year.

Thanks from the coach



Under 10 Green

Second Row: Jaxson LeFlay, Prince Ukpandi, Isaac Hmura, Ella Van Tussenbroek

Front Row: Ming Chong, Skye Widdows, Eli Cusack, Jasmine Mihova-Van Brenk, Daniel Bola, Ryan Davies

Coach: Arthur Tzortzis

Manager: Jennifer Davies



Under 10 Blue

Second Row: Prabhleen Kaur, Ranjot Singh, Gurnoor Kaur Ghumman, Patrick Franklin

Front Row: Adam Hijazi, Christopher Mendonca, Kapish Bangia, Talysa Johnson, Rim Hijazi, Illeesha Gurusinghe

Coach: Cory Franklin

Manager: Vinay Kumar



Under 11 Division 1

Congratulations to all the boys on earning a spot in the Division 1 side this year, following your first grading session.

While it took time to come together as a team and results to show in the goal count you never lost determination and spirit. Most training nights we had a full squad present and you worked hard. You all played soccer in the true spirit of the game, and we are proud of your efforts.

All the boys had a great season on the field, developing their skills, with each having a turn as Goalkeeper. Special mention needs to go to Luca, who has a talent both on the field and as keeper. I know the boys are grateful for the number of times you stepped up to Goal Keep.

Thankyou Skye, for always being available to fill in as Manager and to Phil for running the odd training and warm up sessions

To our parents, we travelled further than we ever had this season compared to previous years. Thank you for braving the cold and supporting the team.

An extra big thankyou for supporting the Club's fundraising efforts!

Boys - Work hard in the off season, practice your ball skills. You have a spot in U12 Division 1 to earn!



Under 11 Division 4

So here we have it, another season done and dusted and so many good times & achievements along the way. I know Covid put a dampener on the end of the season, but still a good year with an awesome team & some really great friendships formed. For many of our players this was their first ever season of club soccer, many of them girls, which is fantastic to see. You could tell many were nervous to begin with but could see the nervousness melt away as the fun began & the confidence rose.



Alak, is one of our players who is new to soccer but is always cheerful and happy to play whatever position Az throws at her. A very versatile player who will play wherever you ask her to and will just get on with the job with a smile on her face. You are especially good in the mid's and the backs & I can see your confidence & ball skills developing every single game. Great job Alak, hope to see you again next year!

Ayen, I know we are not meant to pigeon hole the kids into a single position, but what an absolute marvel in goals! Can not believe this is your first ever season. Complete natural. Its an absolute pleasure & super thrilling to watch you at work. Many comments from amazed coaches on the opposition too. Keep up the great work Ayen.

Michaela, again, don't want to pigeon hole, but what an amazing defender you are. Not much gets past you. You are our rock that keeps the back line in order. Another first time player that never ceases to amaze with her capabilities. You would never know to watch her play. This girl can clear a ball from one end of the field to the other, but is equally as good at taking possession in difficult situations and passing out to a clear team member, whatever the situation calls for at the time.

Justin, is super-fast and always in the right position when on the attack. He has scored plenty of goals just by being where he needs to be at the right time. An amazing winger. Again, he is one of our new players who had never played club football before, but you wouldn't know it to watch him play. An excellent team player.

Garang, what can I say. You are an absolute superstar. Always plenty of fancy footwork & a formidable opponent for the opposition. So glad you were on our team, but it was when you learned to work with the rest of the team that you really started to shine. Keep up the great work Garang, I am sure that you will be one of those players we see on TV one day, playing for the Socceroo's.

Faith is another of our players who is new to the game, but what an impression she has made & what a great example of a good sport. Doesn't matter how the game is going & whether the odds are stacked against us, she always puts her best foot forward and gives it her all with no complaining and a big smile on her face. She is getting more and more confident & skilful every single game & I very much look forward to watching her develop her game in the future. Such a pleasure to have in the team.



Mou whilst you might not have speed on your side, you are getting very good at reading the play & positioning. You are also really strong tackler as well as being really good at backing up the other fullbacks when defending. You always give it your all & such an amazing team player who always looks to pass wherever you can. Such a pleasure to have on the team.

Luke is super-fast but also got an astounding amount of stamina. He can at one minute be on the attack with an amazing cross over, then the next, belting up wing to help the mid's & defenders out, to then just turn it all back around and put the attack back on. Luke is exceptionally good at reading the play and being where he needs to be. Also has excellent ball control. A great team player.

Logan has plenty of passion and is always rearing and ready to go. He is especially good at setting up / assisting attacks and putting the pressure on the opposition. Your control of the ball and passing has improved every single week and you never give up if you lose possession. You are always working really hard and give it everything you can. Keep up the hard work Logan!

Isabella, whilst you might not have speed on your side, you are getting very good at reading the play & positioning which has helped your game immensely this season. You are also really strong tackler & goal keeper as well as really good at backing up your centre back when defending. You have also been an amazing support for the other new players in the team this year. Keep up the great work Isabella.

April, is one of our more versatile players who you can place anywhere on the field and know that she will do a great job & give it her all. Turns out that she is a bit of gun in goals too. Who knew you had that hidden talent. You kept that one quiet. Cats out of the bag now though. I have had the pleasure to watch April develop as a player over the last 3 years and she never ceases to amaze me. Can't wait to see where she goes in the future.

Marina, you brought the energy to the team. Your enthusiasm & energy really lifted the team & boy can you run. Fantastic mid-fielder who can run all game non-stop and still be able to cheer the team on & keep their spirits lifted. Great at tackling and never giving up, much to the annoyance of the opposition. Great job girl, keep up the great work.

So very proud of each and every one of you. You have all worked really hard and improved immensely though-out the year. You have given it your all and supported your fellow team members along the way. You are all super heroes in my book. Well done! I very much hope to see you all again next year.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all of our parents & families for their support. Our team would not be what it is without you and everything you do, for not only the team but also for the club. It has been an absolute pleasure to be a part of such a terrific team & hope to see you all next season.

Regards

Az & Bec





Under 13 Division 2

Coach: Walter Worobiej
Assistant Coach: Justin Mitchell
Manager: Natalie Bradbury

After a slow start to the season the U13/2 boys were consistently moving up the leader board and becoming a team to contend with. After 11 rounds we finished in equal first place and you should all be very proud of your achievements to get there. Obviously it was a shame that COVID-19 put an early end to our season and we didn't get the opportunity to finish the competition. I hope to see you all back next year and we can make that our year to win the grand final trophy!

The biggest highlights for us as a coaching group was seeing a complete new team come together as one and gel so well together so quickly. Every week they became stronger and smarter players. Boys your Coaches are very proud of you! When the going got tough and rough you dug in and fought hard and came out with a great result. As the season progressed, you each grew and developed as individual players and also lifted as a team. I know we would have been in the grand final and certain we would have won it. Next year we will be grand-final winners!



Angus shows great leadership and played with a massive heart! Every game you put in 100% and drive the team forward every game. Your hunger to win the ball is what motivates the team and gave us an edge.

Jadah – we welcomed Jadah to our team and from the start he played and trained with real enthusiasm and commitment. He moved a few positions until he found his sweet spot and helped the team to great victories.

Tyler may be one of our smallest players in the team, but he always played with the biggest heart. Tyler never backed down from a tackle and especially from the biggest opponent.

Dihan it was a pleasure coaching you this year and watching you grow as a player. You were a great new asset to the team with your willingness to learn and always putting in 100% each training session and each game day.

Aditya the team thrived with you in the backs and in the midfield. Adi, your absolute determination each week was on show with some great tackles and passes.

Mason – an off-field injury in the first round held Mason back for the first 5 weeks. Mason returned back to the field with a few nerves but quickly got into the groove with two goals in his first game back. You brought good energy and passion with you Mason, and pushed the forwards to put more goals in each week.

Bailey your perfect accuracy on every corner kick throws the opposing goal keeper every time. Keep perfecting those kicks for next year! We're definitely going to need them.



Ryan you held a strong defence all year! Your commitment to the game is outstanding. The last few games were hard and you started to visualise the gaps and closed them quickly. Well done.

Brayden this year we had a position change and you really shined! Right wing compliments your outstanding speed and your strong right cross. Every week you are a pleasure to coach.

Jacob this year you stepped out of your comfort zone and reached new goals (no pun intended) after being a mid-fielder for so many years I pushed you up front to intimidate and put some pressure on their backs and that you did. Great job and let's see more goals next year.

Aryan every year you come to soccer with a smile and such a great attitude to learn and play. You really gelled well with Jacob the last few games and you both were becoming a duo that will score plenty of goals together.

Aleks (GK) put his hand up for keeper! I'll be honest to say I wasn't all for it as he's not the biggest of players. Aleks I will admit I was wrong! You really showed me that you have it in you and every week you put in so much effort and the results show! The team rallied behind you and I think you did them proud. Well done mate.

Fode after a few position changes early in the year! We found your strengths and played with it. It was upsetting we couldn't finish the season and see you perfect that position. Hopefully next year!

Abraham it was a pleasure to coach you this year. The last few games you really started to shine and run the ball and have fun with it. You always show great grit and determination to win the ball.





Under 13 Division 4

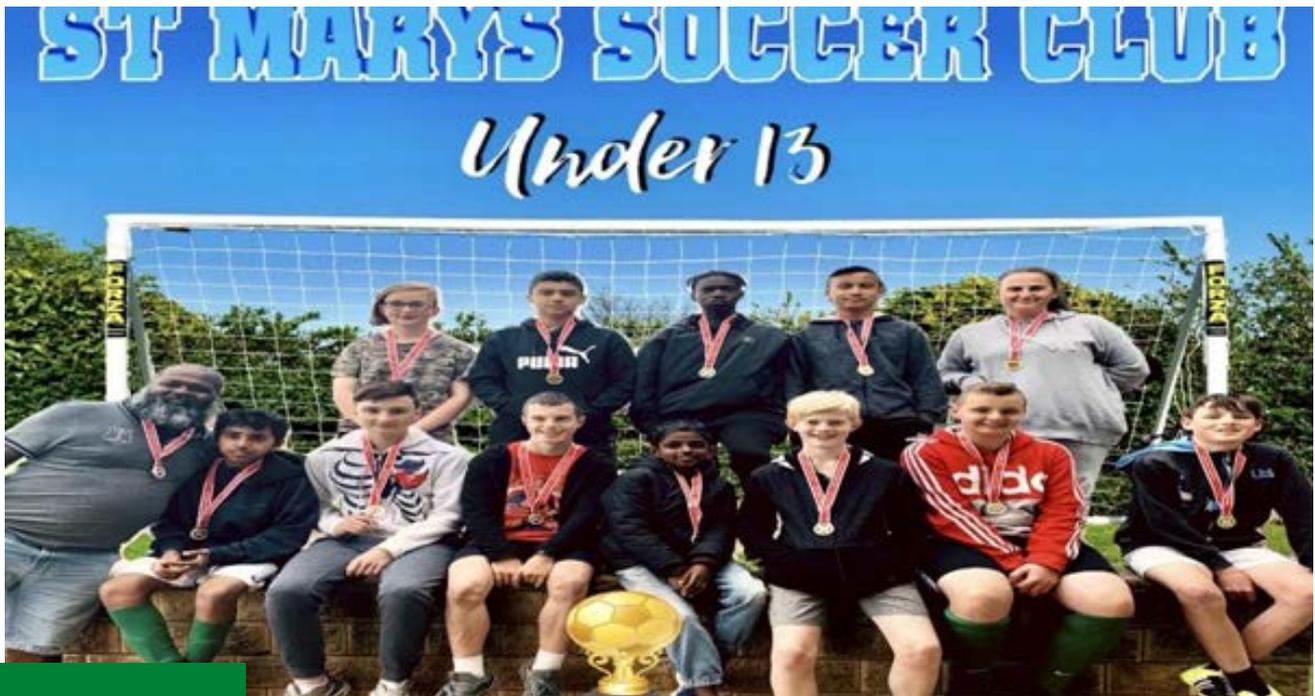
This season started out in an unusual way for the team. Firstly, since there weren't enough players for an Under 12 team, all those players were moved up an age group, joining the Under 13's. Then, the team was promoted from division 5 to division 4.

The team did such an amazing job adjusting to this new set of challenges. The boys went in with determination, full of energy. We didn't win many games this season, but the team has come leaps and bounds. They have learned how to work together as a team, supporting and encouraging each other, looking out for one another on the field during matches and training. Also, importantly, the boys got to know each other and made new friends and learned about respect and sportsmanship.

Though this season was cut short, and we had our ups and downs, the boys really worked hard to develop their individual strengths as well as their teamwork. Each game there was noticeable improvement in their playing, as their confidence grew under the watchful eye of our coach, Bob Genner. His experience and dedication have been integral to the players development. A big thank you to Coach Genner!

The Under 13's had a great season filled with many positive experiences and learning opportunities. I am thankful to have been able to be a part of it and to see the boys laugh and have fun as they became a team and learned new skills.

Thank you everyone!
Justyna Wozna, manager



Under 14 Division 1

Winning 2020 competition Div 3, came late in December due to COVID delaying medals presentation.

Starting from the highs of last year where we won the competition and getting promoted Division 1.

Playing real competitive football has been very challenging for all the kids, with those here from last year and others joining in this year, it was reality check. Overall, we started slow and then started to pick up momentum as season grew and players got accustomed to playing each other. The team had really started to gel as season progressed but all came to a halt due to lockdowns.

I would like to really thank the team manager Maria Feleks for professionalism shown, as we didn't incur any infringements so far from the parent body 3rd year, and other aspects of team management. The efficient time and effort put on EMS by her is tremendous.



We started with 16 players full team first time. Julian from last years couldn't get a spot in the team as was full. But then Ryan got injured and another player pulled out in first couple of rounds. We had additions to the team and back to full team.

I cannot thank enough of the parents, carers, grandparents, siblings and all. What a tremendous bunch of beautiful personnel. Always there to assist, helping each other out, picking other kids up as required with smiles on the face.

Our trainings nights, Tuesday and Thursdays, was great always. Had at least 10 or more turning up every training night. As the policy this year was not to turn up at training if not feeling well, everyone adhered to it. But despite all this never did we have to call off any training sessions. The benefits of trainings were shown by the output by the players as with some playing complete games and others needing breaks in between.

Our 2021 season saw the majority (Antonio, Aaditya, Ryan, Brock, David, Joel, Lual, Mathew, Kosin, Young, William and Safi) of the players I had last year continue with addition Harjot (came back to the team after plying his trade at Nepean), Jayden (first year joining competitive football), Ahoi also joined us start of season, Tobias joined us back after lapse of a few years and Wek joined us just before the season came to a halt unfortunately.

We lost William after a couple of rounds and also Ryan unavailable for most of the games. Did had to borrow Jacob and Angus for a few games. Both of them showed tremendous support and maturity for the game. Justin and Natalia , your assistance very much appreciated.

The season is turning to be a disciplined and team work at the second half of the season really improved as the more matches we played together and the kids getting accustomed to the new players in the side. 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 great assistance provided by Kevin and George (U14 coach and manager) and U13 Walter and Justin in allowing trial matches played against their U15 and U13 sides respectively throughout the season had been tremendous in the transition of our team with playing minimum is very much appreciated. The comments and feedbacks from parents, peers and oppositions on how the team played, says a lot about how far the players had come along. All the boys put up a huge effort throughout the year, they grew from individuals to a team in a never say die attitude. I saw then giving everything they had during the games and still coming tops at the end of the match.

It's been a rewarding year coaching this young team of boys 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.

Highlight of the season between parents and players of which the players won



A big thank you to you all as without you would not have made the year we had.





Finally, to all it is a great season so far and can only get better if everyone gives 100%. Have a great off season and enjoy and be active. See you all next year.

Regards and Best Wishes for Christmas and New Year. A big Vinaka Vakalevu to all .

Satya Naicker - Coach
Maria Feleks - Manager



Under 15 Division 3

The under 15 team this year was made up of 12 players from last year's team. In addition, two other players Antony and Austin returned having missed a couple of seasons. This meant that we had a settled team with only one player who was new to the team.

The season was a successful one and when the season was halted, we were equal first with six wins and three losses in a very even ladder. The team was full of contributors as follows:-

Jayden – Jayden was our goalkeeper and because of the closeness of the competition didn't get to have as much of a run on the field as he would have hoped. He was still able to chip in with a goal in his one game on the field!

Ashton – Our right back in most games, Ashton continues to grow in confidence season to season, the big improvement this season has seen him getting forward more as a wing back rather than just holding his position, hope to see more of that.

Christian – Our usual left back, Christian almost always beats the first player when he needs to when under pressure. He is as skilful with the ball close to his feet as any player in the team. Always solid and reliable.

Lachlon – A stopper and full back who shows far more determination than his size might suggest! Genuinely two footed and very rarely shies away from a tackle. And he got in a full season without any broken bones!

Tylor – Tylor missed the start of the season with injury but returned as sweeper after a few weeks. When he came back it was like he never left. He reads the play brilliantly and always seems to know where to position himself.

Ben – Ben started the season filing in at sweeper and the first half game was ugly conceding five goals..... only one more in the games that followed showed that he settled in pretty well. Once Tylor came back Ben played a variety of roles at the back and in midfield. A leader by example and words, Ben was again voted by his teammates as captain for the season. Even got himself a goal!

Paul – In his second season with the team, Paul grew in confidence and ability as a midfielder, playing much more in the middle this year. He is considerably faster than given credit for my teammates and oppositions, which allowed him many times to get in behind the defence and contributed to 5 goals for the season.

Mitchell – The vice captain of the team, Mitchell played the full season in centre midfield, while by his own admission not as mobile as Paul or Marc, he more than made up for it in commitment and determination, never giving up on any challenge. He also scored two goals for the season.

Austin – Austin returned to the club after playing elsewhere for a few seasons. He very quickly showed that he has lost none of his skills, whether it be juggling the ball in warm up or striking a dead ball. Austin during the season playing mainly right wing and scored four goals.

Updesh – Scoring the winner in our first game of the season was a good way to start the season for Updesh. Like every season, Updesh was happy to play in any position he was placed (except keeper of course), and thrived in every one of them. And always without complaint!

Adil – Adil scored a double in his first game, one of the shortest players in our team with a knack for chipping the keeper! This was his first season playing the game, but it didn't show as he very quickly settled into the team playing as a winger. Three goals for the season.

Marc – Marc was our star central midfielder and top scorer for the season with 13 goals. The highlight of watching Marc play was the grace he always showed on the ball, always seeming to have a heap of time, this was closely followed by the great spirit with which he played the game! Unfortunately, his season was cut short a few games early due to injury.

Veli – Playing up front Veli scored two goals for the season. Veli is deceptively quick and often got in behind defences with his speed, all he needs to do now is realise how quick he is and how much time that gives him on the ball and next year he will bag a hatful!

Daniel – Daniel played as a left sided attacker, he is not the biggest player in the team but showed that when he puts his body on the line, he has the skills and ability to get the better of many a defender. Scored one goal for the season but it was a cracker of a left footed volley to win the game!

Antony – A pocket rocket in attack, Antony is another player who is so much more skilful than he gives himself credit for! With a powerful shot, he scored two goals for the season but was oh so close on a heap of other occasions!

Thankyou as always to all the parents and brothers and sisters and other family for supporting the boys and getting them to the games. Thank you to all those who worked behind the scenes to make sure that the boys were able to play most of, if not quite all the season.

Also, thankyou as always to George for his help as manager, his organisation and co-ordination means that I can get on with just coaching the boys.

I hope to see you all again next season, this time for a season not impacted by COVID.



All Age Men Division 3

The 2021 season was full of ups and downs for AA3's. Coming off the back of back to back division wins, expectations were high for this season. After starting the season well, undefeated through the first few games and leading the league, our injury-plagued side travelled to Bathurst to become the club's first ever FFA cup representatives.

It was exciting for us to be involved in the competition, and we thank the club for providing us this opportunity. We ultimately lost the game 5-1, finishing with 10 men due to injury. It was a disappointing way to exit however it was a fantastic experience to play against a top side in a competition like the FFA cup.

It was a shame to not be able to finish the season with a run in the finals, but I look forward to seeing the boys return next year to have another crack.



All Age Men Division 11

Second Row: Chris Paskin, Lachlan Jansen, Allan Hope, Aleksander Elliott
Front Row: Zach O'Toole, Arayan Singh, Braiden Head, Dylan Ellem, Robert
keevers, Dylan Roff

A sticker with a white border and a drop shadow. The text "I'M JUST HERE FOR THE BEER" is written in a bold, white, sans-serif font with a thick black outline, arranged in three lines. Below the text are two beer mugs filled with yellow beer and white foam, also with a thick black outline.

**I'M JUST
HERE FOR
THE BEER**

Over 35s

Well another year done and dusted and another year affected by Covid. We moved from the Sunday competition to the Friday night comp this season with high hopes, numbers at preseason training were good (I think everyone was just there for the beers) unfortunately we were not able to get any trials other than a training run with the All Age 3's and with the intention of getting off to a good start to the season it did not go to plan, and that was pretty much how our season went, each game we went in with high hopes and pumped to put in good performances and on a couple of occasions we managed to do that and show what we know we can produce.

Injuries were a major problem for us this season, probably the worst in my time playing, we debated whether to carry more numbers this season and voted not to and this was probably the wrong decision after the way the troops were dropping, we played a lot of games with the bare 11 or with only a sub whilst our opposition seemed to rock up with what looked like enough for 2 teams.

Unlucky to the guys who did pick up injuries and barely get anything out of what was half a season especially to Alan who unfortunately did his ACL and still awaiting surgery which will have him most likely missing next season also, Steve Hile and bonnici were others who picked up injuries which had them miss a lot of games.

Scotty, Dave, Christian and bonnici joined us this season and it was great having you guys, Scotty came out of probably one of the longest retirements ever lol and had definitely not lost his touch, Bonnici was not far behind also coming out of retirement and was definitely an asset in the middle of the park (when not injured) Dave joined us for his 1st season and once he found his positioning he got better and better each game and was an absolute pest to opposition players, Christian unfortunately picked up an injury and didn't get to much time on the park but definitely showed a good touch and can hopefully get more time on the park next season.

Few special mentions for this season to George Lindsay, Paul Ritchie and brad Gordon for busting your backsides when injuries hit this year, you guys were immense in that middle and all the guys appreciated what you guys did. Not the season we wanted guys but we go again for the guys returning and we just need to bring what we know we can.

Hopefully once we get through Covid we can catch up for a beer or 2
Special thank you once again to Bek Borg for all you help once again this season we all appreciate it
It was a pleasure guys

See you next season UP THE SAINTS!

St Marys Soccer Club

Coaching Philosophy

The aim of coaching at St Marys Soccer Club is to create an environment where every player can have fun, flourish, develop skills and fulfill their potential.

We recognize, every player will have different abilities, learning styles and aspirations.

Coaching at St Marys Soccer Club will be:

Positive

Instructive

Encouraging

We seek to develop members to be:

·Hard working - Praising Players because they work hard will see them seek to work harder.

·Brave - Encouraging Players to take risks will see them try new skills and not be afraid to use them on the field.

·Good team players - This can cover everything from communicating with one another to standing up for each other.

·Players with a passion for and enjoyment of the game.

Players should receive equal playing time and be given equal opportunity to play different positions on the field (particularly when they are young). For miniroo's teams, Coaches are encouraged not to pigeonhole players into one position, this means, we will produce versatile players with a rounded skillset. We want all players to feel comfortable on the ball and skilful with the ball at their feet. Coaches should be prepared for teams to lose in the short term with a view to long term improvement

To support our coaching Philosophy St Marys Soccer Club commits to:

1.Implement a coaching application process, where during our registration period all applications to coach are reviewed, with consideration to coaching qualifications, willingness to grow as a coach and uphold the coaching Philosophy of the club.

2.Implement Assistant Coaches for all teams to provide support to both the Coach & Players

3.Ensure all Coaches have a Working with Children's Check prior to commencing the first training session.

4.Ensure all Coaches attended relevant training, including covering the associated financial costs. Grassroots Football Certificate for 5-9yo, Skill Training Certificate for 9-13yo, Game Training Certificate for 13-17yo, Senior Coaching Certificate for 17+ yo, Goalkeeping Certificate.

5.Provide all necessary equipment for Coaches to undertake training and game day activities.

St Marys Football Club are proud to be the first club in the area to introduce the MiniRoos Kick-off program. This is an FFA approved program targeted to young kids who have never played but interested in learning and developing the basic skills of the game.

For more information, see the information below.



LEARN TO PLAY FOOTBALL

The introductory program
for kids aged 3 - 4

Club/Organisation: St Marys Soccer Club

Venue: Potter Field, Shepherd Park, Shepherd Street, Colyton

Start date: 30th April 2022 - Saturday Mornings - 8.00 am to 8.30 am (10 week program)

Price: \$55.00

Contact: Rebecca Pressick - Secretary - 0409 602 481 - secretary@stmaryssoccer.com



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