

# WESTLAWN TIGERS SOCCER CLUB



# 2001 REPORTS

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Another season is over and I hope everyone enjoyed his or her soccer in 2001.

This year the club fielded 16 junior teams and 3 senior teams. All teams did well and many qualified for the finals.

After about 6 years in the position of Secretary, Dennis Milling has moved on to Murwillumbah for his work. In past years, Dennis has been a workhorse for the club and the committee will be poorer for his absence. On behalf of the club, I would like to thank him for all of his time and effort over the years.

The faces in the committee this year have changed substantially from previous years. Despite some teething problems early in the season, the new committee has done well this year. If you disagree with this view you are welcome to nominate for the committee at the AGM on 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 7pm at the Parkview Hotel. I hope all teams will have at least one representative at the meeting.

Understandably, the main source of complaints was from the size of the fees this year. Unfortunately, the Association hit all the clubs with another large increase in their component for the second year in a row. We will try to improve this situation for next year by chasing more sponsorship over the summer. However, a special thank you should go to our major sponsor the PARKVIEW HOTEL for their generous sponsorship for this year, without them the fees would be higher still.

And now for some positives, the Westlawn carnival went well this year. I had a number of people from other clubs approach me to say it was one of the friendliest carnivals to go to. This is a credit to the sportsmanship of the parents and officials that were there.

The soccer clinic run by Rob Leek was a huge success for the 6 – 9 year's group. Next year it should be run in May to get the most benefit out of it for the season. They may even be a day session for the junior coaches as well. Thank you Rob for your effort and expertise.

At the risk of missing out some people, I would like to single out some for special mention.

Thank you to the Purser family (Stewart, Trish and Alisha) who have toiled away at the Treasurer's job as well as opening and closing the canteen each Saturday and keeping an eye on the grounds for the rest of the time.

Also thank you to the Frames (John & Robyn) and Ann Pursey for doing more than their share for the club, organising the canteen, working bees and as well other events.

There are many others as well (but too many to mention all) who have also contributed well to the running of the club this year. Thank you for your time and effort.

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

Lindsay Nash  
President

## **6 YEARS TIGERS**

Firstly, we would like to congratulate the team on a very rewarding and enjoyable season. Whilst the team registered only a few wins during the season, they always enjoyed their games.

The team was made up of the following:

Nicola Whitton, Claudia Nelson, Jacob Purser, Zac Cotten, Nicholas Harris, Dylan Dunn-Smith, Kimberly Harris & Jarrod Williams.

This season was the first for all but 3 of the team. However, they all had good direction on the field and showed progress during the year. All players were enthusiastic and willing to learn and listen.

Thanks to all the parents who have helped make it an enjoyable season through their support and encouragement.

Garry Williams & John Nelson

## **6 YEARS TIGERS WHITE**

The little guys that make up the team are:

Brent Law

Hannah Elliot

Sam Barnier

Kyle O'Brien

Tiarn Lollback

James Butcher

Kyle Whiting

Lewis Cameron

Shannon Thompson

At the beginning of the soccer season they started off as kindy soccer players and at the end of the season there are 9 champion soccer players who have really molded as a team. Credit must go to Mark Whiting (Champion Coach) with much more patience than a lot of us to continue to train with the team and give tremendous support. Credit also to Neville Lollback who has eagerly stepped in when needed to run on with the team and has done a wonderful job (definitely coach material).

Fingers crossed the team will stay together for next season and we can continue to have a great time working and playing together as a team.

Also a big thank you to Mrs Brooke Thompson for filling in as coach & trainer on the occasions we needed someone.

## **6 YEARS TIGERS BLACK**

The Under 6 Tigers Black was made up of:

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|--------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Zac Allen    | Courtney Blanch | Martin Boyd     | Kirsten Nash |
| Naomi Baxter | Dylan Blanch    | Michael Gillies | Andrew Paine |

It was a pleasure to run them on the field each week. Win draw or loss they enjoyed every game and so did I. The positive support from the parents was also great.

This was the first season for all but one of the team, however most of them got their direction early in the season. All players developed their skills well over the season, with their efforts in tackling of special note. This made them a very competitive team in the second half of the season.

A special thanks goes to Mark Thomas who volunteered his time for training every week without having a child in the team. The kids gained a lot from his teachings.

Lindsay Nash, Manager

The girls and boys in the team have trained very hard during the season. They have shown great team work and have enjoyed playing. Best of luck in the future.

Mark Thomas, Coach

## **7 YEARS TIGERS**

Manager: Lesley Wall Coach: Daryl Chard

As Manager of this team this year I feel as if I have learnt as much as the kids. We started off the year with a team of ten. Unfortunately due to an accident at home (while practicing his soccer skills) we lost one of our players to a broken leg. We hope that he will be back next year for the whole season.

It has been very rewarding watching the kids go from all chasing the ball to the one spot on the field to learning to play as a team and that there is a place for all of them on the field. Thanks to the success of the coaching clinic we learnt a lot about playing soccer and our team now knows a little bit about staying in position and how to make life easier for themselves by simply passing the ball to their team mates.

I owe a big thank you to all the mums and dads who have helped us out with training and supporting the kids on Saturdays. We are looking forward to doing it all again next year and watching our kids grow and have fun playing a team sport.

Lesley Wall

## **7 YEARS TIGERS WHITE**

The boys in my team have picked up on good ball skills, handling and have worked as a team. I have enjoyed being their coach. Best of luck next year

Mark Thomas

## **8 YEARS TIGERS**

We had a great year with all players improving their skills & knowledge for the game. Highlight for the year was for the team to win the division they were in by 8 points. They scored 34 goals with 7 against without losing a game.

Thanks to the parents for their support. Thanks to Craig McDonald for his help and support with the team & club.

Congratulations team on a great year.

Robyn Frame

## **8 YEARS TIGERS WHITE**

As proud managers of this great team, we were very pleased with this years effort. This year's team consisted of the following players:

Nathan Baxter, Samuel Baxter, Molly Darby, Carlton Elliott, Amanda Geary, Nicholas Geary, Kierran Law, Sam Russell, Thomas Russell, Brandon Whiting, Bradely Wunderlich, Bud Johnson (with his sister Larrissa & Rowan Butcher in the carnivals)

They all played extremely well with good sportsmanship and teamwork. They all learnt a lot of new skills and each excelled in their own way.

Our team entered 3 carnivals and won the Westlawn Tigers and Glen Innes carnival and were runners up at Alstonville. Our special thanks to Larrissa and Rowan for their participation in our team at these carnivals.

Many thanks to Mark Whiting for coaching this young side to the standard that they are today. And also thanks to all the parents and grand-parents for their co-operation and support in the carnivals and the competition overall.

We look forward to seeing you all next year.

John & Janet Elliott, Team Managers

## **9 YEARS TIGERS**

“Minor Premiers”

The Team:

Luke Bloomer  
Shayler Cromack  
Liam Ellis  
Danna-Lee Fallon  
Coach: Robert Leek

Mitchell Lollback  
Jay Nott  
James Pavett  
Justin Stone  
Manager: Sue Bloomer

Cody Wallbank  
Emily Wallbank  
Sam Wicks

Played 17 (Won 15, Drawn 0, Lost 2) Goals: For 55, Against 16, Points 45,

Firstly I would like to say a big thank you to the entire team and I know that they would also like to say thank you to our wonderful team of parents. It is very difficult to gel the players into a team if the parents do not act like a team on the sideline and ours did this with distinction.

(applause)

Thank you also to Sue Bloomer who has handled the managers job with style this year. Sue has wonderful organization skills and when unable to attend the game she organized her husband John just as well. Thanks Sue and John.

To be honest after losing our undefeated crown in the first match of the season and then our second loss in the 3rd game I did not believe we had much chance of winning the minor premiers title for 2001 BUT we did YAHOO! Sheer guts and determination was shown by the team as they never lost a game after that. The team has displayed again this year the ability to pass the ball around with 1 2's, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> time passes, switches and crosses however to me it is nice to see the team trying tricks to beat opposition players and then passing the ball to a player in a better position than themselves. This is all very pleasing to the coach, parents, and even a very envious opposition. I hope we can all stay together next year for our first shot at finals soccer though to me the minor premiership is the most important.

Thanks again for a fun 2001 and I am already looking forward to 2002.

Keep kicking a ball during the summer gang

Winners are grinners, ROB LEEK

## **9 YEARS TIGERS WHITE**

As coach I have had the pleasure as well at times the frustration of watching and helping these eleven people develop skills, friendships, sportsmanship and enjoy the game of soccer.

It is said that good sportsmanship learnt from our parents. This is so true in the case of this team. With parents and grandparents cheering and supporting all members of the team as well as appreciating good moves from the opposing teams.

Also worthy of note is the enjoyment this team has in playing together. So much so that selecting our “Players Player” was a nightmare for our manager, Jackie Walder, as no one could name just one person they enjoyed playing with than another. Finally after much frustration (ours) and many goes at voting, the kids arrived at a decision.

Now for the thankyou's. To the parents and grandparents, thankyou for washing the shirts, supplying the oranges, always being positive and encouraging.

To my father Ray Nelson, the brains of the outfit, thankyou for your patience and knowledge.

To Jackie Walder, who as our manager, nothing was a problem, thank you.

To the most important people:

Brendan Brown

Dylan O'Connor

Aiden Pursey

Keaton Ingram

Aimee Page

Sean Traby

Larrissa Johnson

Thomas Page

Jack Walder

Lachlan Nash

Simon Pearce

I hope that you also enjoyed this season and thanks for sharing it with me.

Players Player: Sean Traby

Best & Fairest: Aiden Pursey

Most Improved: Larrissa Johnson

Ann Pursey, Coach

### **10 YEARS TIGERS**

A difficult but very enjoyable season. Very few games we actually had reserves, the rest we played with 8, 9 or 10. The whole team is starting to work together in unison showing skill and enthusiasm, encouraging each other and praising good play.

As coach, I look forward to next season, another challenge. They are really a great bunch of kids and I really enjoy their company.

SAM pure energy, ELLE right wing expert control, DANIEL what a boot, DANIELLE never gives up, KATE gives it a go, NATASHA the throw in expert, MITCHELL you won't get past him, BRIANNA volley magic, MICHAEL loves the game, STEPHANIE so much effort, JACKSON if there is a goal to be had, JESSICA tries tries tries again & SARAH willing to play anywhere.

A wonderful team

Tony Harvey

### **11 YEARS TIGERS**

The team for 2001 was

Bevan Whiting

John Garland

Declan Collie

Chris Paine

Simon Fletcher

Shane Wright

Bryce Jones

Angus Hay

Daniel Baxter.

Thomas Ellem

Huan Collie

The 11 boys who took to the field this season played well and played as a team. Having no reserves meant that each player had to put in 100%, each of the boys met this commitment and they played hard and fair soccer all season. Well done guys. Often the final points score did not reflect their effort.

With Grant Milling moving away mid season, the task of coach was picked up by Tony Baxter. Tony did a wonderful job at short notice and his many years of experience playing the game was evident in the boy's performance.

We wish good luck to Grant for the future.

Finally, thank you parents, Westlawn Tigers committee, canteen volunteers and last but not least - THANK YOU REFEREES - your commitment is invaluable.



## 11 YEARS TIGERS WHITE

At the time of writing the U11 Tigers White looks to have taken out the 2001 Minor Premiership.

I would like to thank this great team of kids for their combined efforts throughout the season. The team have given their Coach, Manager & Parents a great number of thrills & spills, in all their games. I would like to thank our Coach, Paul Stockton, for his skill, patience & dedication in bringing his young charges to the level each player has personally achieved. We have all witnessed, from the sidelines, the abilities of each player improve as the season progressed. Without the support of the parents, our team would not have been able to participate in the Glen Innes, Alstonville, Services/Majos and our own Tigers carnivals. Carnivals give the team an opportunity to hone their skills, and for parents to enjoy a fantastic social day out and about. Thanks go to the parents for getting players to games on time, and for enthusiastic support from the sideline!

The season could not end without special mention of some of our players. The goal keeper role was shared between Matthew Bloomer and Anthony Dawes, both keepers supported their team from the goal square with plenty of "talk" and safe hands. James Vaarwerk, Ben Pearce, William Boyd and Brenton Ford defended the goal from their fullback positions with plenty of attitude and ever improving skills. Mid fielders Kimberley Hoffman, Daniel Lollback, and Bryce "Shoot" Speechley, with their big kicks, sound throw-ins and go-forward **attitude** supported the backs and forwards, where Jamie Stockton and Grant Baker gave the finishing touches. There is no "I" in team, and this season saw a real team effort.

Due to our team numbers being the bare minimum, we had to rely on the assistance of many players from other Tigers teams. Special thanks to each of you for making this season so successful.

My personal thanks to each player and parent for their support and assistance throughout the season.

Warren Ford, Manager

## 12 YEARS TIGERS

This year the under 12's team comprised the following players:

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|-----------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Dale Campbell   | Luke Kelly       | Rohan Hackett     |
| Guy Ethell      | Brendan Purser   | Andrew Kelly      |
| Ryan Gillett    | Warren Cootes    | Mat McGuren       |
| Mitchell Ingram | Mitchell Fischer | Gregory Robertson |

I would like to thank all the boys for their excellent behaviour during the season and congratulate them on the sportsmanship they displayed on the field at all times.

We competed in the "A" pool in the Under 12's competition, against Hillside, Yamba, City & Maclean. Overall the results for the season were very good, finishing the competition rounds in third place behind Hillside and Yamba. Our place in the semi finals was due to a courageous late season effort in drawing against minor premiers, Hillside. This brought a smile to many faces.

In the minor semi final against City we lost 1-0 in a very closely contested game. It is a pity that some games aren't decided on field position!!!

Thanks to Jenny Hackett for washing the shirts and to the parents who assisted at training at various times during the year.

Stewart Purser, Coach / Manager

## **13 YEARS TIGERS**

*In previous years this talented team of young "Tigers" have been the team to beat in their age division, as they have usually been Minor or Major Premiers, or both. Unfortunately this year they finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Minor Premiership, only to be beaten in the first semi against the "Referee's whistle" in extra time.*

*This has been a difficult season at times for both Coach Graham Egan and myself to get enough players on the field at times. If not for Under 12 Years talented players like Rowan Hackett and Brendan Purser, and the support of their parents, several games may have had to be forfeited.*

*This year the club has altered the manner in which trophies will be presented. It was an interesting result when the boys picked The Players Player Trophy winner. Their player was the same player, as Graham Egan, Eric Lollback and myself believed to be the best in this category. So not to be seen as being biased deciding the other awards of "Most Improved" and "Best and Fairest" was made by Graham Egan and Eric Lollback. I believe this was a difficult decision to make given the depth of talent the boys in this team possess.*

*I would like to congratulate Daniel Purser for being selected for the North Coast Soccer Academy. The selection of this talented player has been the result of his dedication and love for the sport, together with support from his parents, Stuart and Trish.*

*Finally, I would like to thank Graham Egan for his persistent effort and time given as Coach, which was an extremely difficult task at times, and often being taken for granted. Without people like Graham giving their personal time to the development of junior soccer, I am sure many young players would lose interest and switch codes to a different sport.*

*Regards*

*Ian MacDonald  
Team Manager*

## **14 YEARS TIGERS**

Another season has gone and the players and parents will be a little lost for a few weeks. They will have time to grow their nails back. The coach and manager can get some sleep. But seriously, it has been a challenging and very enjoyable year for all players, the coach, manager and parents with the two Westlawn teams finally combining as one. We've had to learn to play as one and not against each other, as in previous years which were very competitive. The team took a few weeks to work themselves out and to their credit they did and began playing some really smart soccer. The expectations from other clubs and officials had extra pressure on these players and to their credit they did very well, finishing runners-up to the minor premiers. A GREAT EFFORT.

We had three players experiencing the test of senior soccer, playing in our reserve grade team on Saturday arvo's. Andrew Pollitt, /Jamie Pitkin and Joel Gosson. As 14 year olds they did themselves and the club very proud, WELL DONE.

We entered two carnivals this year, coming 2<sup>nd</sup> in the City Carnival and a hard fought 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Services-Majos Carnival, another great effort.

The team had made it to the major semi-finals and after what people have been saying to me (as coach) it was one of the best games of soccer seen here all season. After normal time the score

was 1 all. After extra time the score was still 1 all. The players were almost too exhausted to walk or talk. It then came down to the pressure cooker, the hardest of all, the penalty shootout. Unfortunately, this is where our season ended. Head up guys, it was an awesome effort.

Finally I would like to thank Ray Morgan, our team manager, for his non stop help with the side. Thanks also to Melissa for filling in when needed. Also a huge thankyou to all parents and grandparents for your support and encouragement during the year. Myself and the players appreciate this very much.

I would like to say a special thankyou to subs each week with three at a time it is a nightmare, believe me. WELL DONE.

The team consists of:

Clint Ian Cootes, Sam "the rock" Connor, Matt Baker, Brendan Fletcher, Trent Hagemen, Joel Gosson, Jesse Ksiazek, Emma McGuren, Amy Blanch, Tyron "Workhorse" Morgan, Andrew Pollitt, Todd Butler, Chris Geary and Jamie "Picko" Pitkin.

Congratulations to the trophy winner even though you all deserved one. Hope to see you all next year. Thank again

Coach Picko 2001

## **16 YEARS TIGERS**

What a different year to 2000!!

Last year we were struck by injury and were constantly calling on players from the younger age group. This year we had 15 players registered and unless someone was unavailable, we had to purposely drop a player. I guess for most of the year it worked out reasonably, though how do you determine who is going to miss a semi-final, final and now a Grand Final.

The guys have been absolutely terrific. A great bunch of blokes and I thank them for the privilege of being able to coach them.

The older players, namely Nick Balk, Nathan Blanch, Daniel Cheney and Ryan Bothamley made an incredible difference to the team from last year and I really appreciate their efforts.

There have been some really solid games throughout the year, particularly in the last few weeks and none of the players have shirked the task. All the parents and myself have really been proud.

A huge thank you to one of the best Managers around, Helen Hearnshaw. Just so organised and thoughtful! We really appreciated the preparation you put into each game Helen. The guys particularly loved the oranges and water at half time, and the wet cloth to wipe their face.

I would like to thank Tony (Scully) Blanch for training the boys for a couple of weeks when I wasn't able to make it, and for his invaluable advice over the finals. Thank you very much mate.

Thank you once again to the guys in the team and all the supportive parents for a most enjoyable year. I hope to see all the 15 year olds back again next year and all the 16 year olds playing senior soccer.

Trevor Ellem

## **PARKVIEW TIGERS – 1<sup>ST</sup> DIVISION**

The Parkview Tigers were again the beneficiaries of the generous sponsorship and hospitality provided by the “**PARKVIEW HOTEL**”. The whole Club stood to benefit from that sponsorship and sadly this may not have recognised as support to the sponsors in the form of patronage was not always forthcoming.

Commitment regrettably was not a major trait shown by several of the players who registered at the start of the season. The absence of that very important “team” component and the loss of players through injury eventually had its impact on the team.

The team jointly led the competition at the half way point but despite some very courageous efforts were displaced from a top four position in its final competition match.

That match against Wooli was played at Wooli and Westlawn were reduced to 10 players after 12 minutes when a player was dismissed for the use of language which compared to the opponents verbal expressions throughout the match was mild. Despite this Westlawn never gave up and when a own goal (from 20 metres out and possibly one of best strikes seen all year) gave Wooli a 2 nil advantage the TIGERS as if injected by a magic Parkview potent lifted and hammered the Wooli goal for the final 30 minutes however it was not able to add to a Brendan Pearce goal and unfortunately missed a penalty in the final minutes.

The class of the Tigers team on paper was excellent but the inability to consistently put the same players on the field meant that this class was not able to be demonstrated week in week out. Hopefully next season players seeking to register will be required to demonstrate their full on commitment.

Matthew Cheney, Michael (“Still the Best – Keeper”) Beehag, Matthew Fussel and Scott Pearson went about their business in a very quiet and effective manner – their efforts did not go unnoticed.

Jason Cheney and rookie Grant Milling complimented each other in centre midfield and both were impressive in both defence and attack where they both created numerous scoring opportunities for the forwards.

Unfortunately whilst the teams defensive record was most impressive it was unable to convert multitudes of opportunities into goals and this factor albeit addressed and revised constantly plagued the team throughout the season.

Robert Hawken, Jesse Stanton (together with Grant Milling in their first and last full year of senior soccer with the club after six years as juniors) and Brendan Pearce were able to demonstrate their great skills with the ball and no doubt shall all have many years of senior soccer to come ahead of them.

The fatherly figures in the squad – Robert Leek and Paul Stockton were inspirational throughout the season and their wealth of talent and abilities could not but impress the younger players with whom they played.

Sadly the team did bow out early but no doubt will come out next season with some new and committed faces and will again prove to be a very competitive team.

Congratulations to all the other Westlawn teams whether you won drew or lost, your performances were great.

**Coach** Robert Leek      **Manager** Dennis Milling      **Captain** Jason Cheney

## **PARKVIEW TIGERS – 2<sup>ND</sup> DIVISION**

The Y2K bug manifested itself 12 months later than predicted by the so called experts and rather than complicating the electronic world, it lodged itself right in the middle of the senior sector of the Westlawn Club. This is the only logical excuse so we're sticking to it, justified by the fact that with a team containing the perfect blend of old and older (the days of youth and experience are long gone), who spend countless hours on the training stools, rain, hail or shine, 7 days per week, what else could it have been. Dedication remains unquestioned.

The performances on the paddock reflected our grueling training schedule as we were consistently picking ourselves up off the floor when the going got tough. The season stats read as follows:

Wins 9, Losses 6, Goals For 40, Against 22

Finished minor premiership 4<sup>th</sup>

Finished major premiership 4<sup>th</sup>

Even though we had a fairly average season, disappointing by the loss in the semi finals after such a sterling effort the week before to qualify, there are many positives to come out of the season. The improved performances of Phil Browning, Stephen Hoffman and Mark Delaforce not only skill wise but also think wise and the solid "week in, week out" performances of Graeme Egan, Brendan Moran, Tubby McClymont, Lindsay Nash, our buy of the season Jeremy Black and the largest single contributor to the ever increasing global problem of noise pollution, Piko, all made my job in the green jumper easier and enjoyable.

Special mention goes to the army of U/14 and U/16 players who filled in throughout the season especially Jared Ellem and David Black who were outstanding.

Thanks to our sponsor, the PARKVIEW HOTEL, for their continued support and to our band of fanatic supporters Kate, Debbie, Mandy & Tracy who turned up every game yelling encouragement during the play and screaming discouragement after a few hours of training.

The old saying that there is nothing more certain than death and taxes is slightly misleading. It should be there is nothing more certain than death, taxes and the PARKVIEW TIGERS strutting their stuff next season.

Dennis Pearce, Team Manager