



# WESTLAWN TIGERS SOCCER CLUB



## 2004 REPORTS

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Another soccer season has come and gone but what a successful season for the Westlawn Tigers both on and off the Field.

Westlawn has been awarded the **CRSA CLUB CHAMPION FOR 2004**. Meaning every team no matter the final result and every player contributed to the club receiving this award. Westlawn have **SEVEN** teams through to Grand Finals, but more importantly Tigers have **FIVE MINOR PREMIERS** and **THREE RUNNERS UP MINOR PREMIERS**.

Many things have come together this year to make us such a successful club. This starts with the committee and the hard work they have put in. Those behind the scenes, Trish, Picko, Amy, Tracy, Jan, John, Geoff, Dennis and Matt, a big thankyou. Our club would not run as smoothly without you.

To our Coaches and Managers for your outstanding efforts I hope you have found your season rewarding and will put up your hand next year.

Thankyou must go to Robbie Leek for his skills clinics and developing the skills of our kids.

But our clubs strength comes from a strong club spirit. Credit in part goes to Picko and his Pick's plan. Persuading Seniors to attend our home Junior games and selecting children to be team mascots for senior games that afternoon. This has resulted in not only our Seniors attending Junior games but a huge increase in Juniors and families attending senior games. A huge congratulations to all involved.

Congratulations must go to our Cubs who with their Never Say Die attitude came from not having won a game last season to Runners Up Minor Premiers this year.

Our drinking team with the soccer problem (the Panthers) Congratulations on yet another successful year in nurturing our younger players into senior ranks.

A special mention must go to the Under 16's. What a great bunch of kids. Five from this team are coaching younger teams. They have all helped wherever possible supporting our seniors by filling in when needed.

My congratulations go to all who played their games to the best of their ability with good sportsmanship and had fun. This is what it is all about.

Thankyou to anyone who has helped out in anyway. Particularly at our carnival, putting up or packing up the nets and working in the canteen.

A huge thankyou to Lesley and Stuart who are not seeking re-election to their positions. Without your efforts our club would not be in the leading position it is.

Remember: ***"The only place to lead is from the front"***.

*Ann Pursey*



*Ann & Lesley receiving the Club Championship trophy*

### **UNDER 6 TIGERS**

Nathan Sexton, Josh McClymont, Dane Gleeson, Liam Bloomer, Cooper Woods, Rhys Thompson, William Hannah, Brandon Purnell.

Well what an exciting season for a great bunch of six year olds. We might not have won many games, but the enthusiasm was there. Thankyou to Stuart Thompson, Sue Sexton and Brad Page for all their time and energy that they put into the team.

### **UNDER 6 TIGERS BLACK**

We have had an enjoyable first season with the Tigers soccer club. Our team consisted of Callum Barnier, Alex Creasey, Beau Echimann, Brennan Firth, Jed Hayes, Matthew McMahon, Jesse Powell, Jye Thompson and Jorden Van Vyfeyken. Our team won 9, drew 2 and lost 4 games, which we consider great. The kids had a lot of fun and learnt lots along the way. They really loved defeating the coach at training when they played a game against him, which earned them a lunch at Macas. All our kids have improved over the season which is all any coach can ask of their kids. We were extremely lucky to have a wonderful group of parents which made our experience as coach and manager a breeze. We had a large following of parents and grandparents at each game, sometimes the grandparents out numbered the parents. Thank you very much, to every parent in our team, because of your supporting nature to the coach and manager your kids had a great season. Can't wait to have you all back next year. Well done boys!

Chris and Sharon Powell      Coach & Manager

## UNDER 6 TIGERS WHITE

What a great season for the under 6 Tigers White. The Tigers Soccer Carnival was a great success for the whole team, and was fun for both players, parents, and coaches alike.

The team has improved tremendously during the season, and is a credit to the players for their enthusiasm.

**Jordan Beveridge** - Dazzled the team with his ball skills and effort.

**Madelyn Ellem** - Great in goals and was the biggest improver all season (go Maddie)

**Kane Essex** - Great in the team and was always smiling. How close he came to scoring a goal each week.

**Liam Garside** - Liam really enjoyed being in goals and was great at it. His effort at training was much appreciated.

**Daniel Lavender** - Daniel put in 110% each game and was the top goal scorer, with a total of 31 goals he really enjoyed each game and played his heart out.

**Brad Powell** - Brad played great for his team and scored a few goals along the way.

**Lauren Pryor** - Lauren was there every week and played with enthusiasm and trained great.

**Trent Roberts** - Trent played as a defender who could also attack, and never, ever stopped running

**Troy Clare** - Trent stopped many goals and his enjoyment of the game was second to none.

The whole team enjoyed the season and were a pleasure to manage each week.

The coaches, both Jacob, and Daniel (and Ann) were a great influence, the whole team enjoyed their skills and effort each and every week (especially at training)

Sincerely Tony and Robyn Powell (Managers U/6 Tigers White)

## UNDER 7 TIGERS

What a fantastic year! The improvement shown by all the kids this year, both individually and as a team has been very rewarding. Much of this improvement can be put down to the commitment and dedication shown by John, all the players and the parents. The kids are starting to get a real sense of how to play the game and play as a team. John has instilled a great club spirit within the team.

Our team is: Zac Benfield, Prue Clare, Jayden Clements, Brittany Colbran, Tyler Hancock, Jack Nelson, Kajan Nithyananthan, Sheldon O'Loughlin, Sam Powell, Adam Pryor and Ben Zietsch.

We look forward to another great season in 2005 and hope to see all the kids and parents back next year.

Danny Zietsch - Manager John Nelson - Coach

## **UNDER 8 TIGERS**

Firstly, We would like to thank each player for their effort throughout the year.

The team was made up of the following players: Jacob Purser, Joshua Lavender, Jarrod Williams, Rowan Green, Tiarn Lollback, Sarah Kilcher, David Bruton Duroux, Adam Gordon, Anthony Carr, Courtney Powell, Pamela Stone and Andrew Sexton.

Although we didn't have too many wins to start the season we seemed to get it together towards the end, improving in ball skills and showing a high standard of sportsmanship. Credit must go out to these kids for turning up week after week and dedicating themselves to the game.

Thankyou to all the parents for your support with the kids, it was very much appreciated by all. And a big thankyou to the Kids, for a great and memorable season of soccer. Good luck next season.

Kylee Jones & Gary Williams.

## **UNDER 8 TIGERS BLACK**

Our team: Jessie Benfield, Courtney Blanch, Dylan Blanch, Nathan Butterick, Jack Chard, Michael Gillies, Nathan Grayson, Billy Hayes, Harry McColl, Shannon Newcombe and Jake Whitton.

This has been a great season for the Under 8 Tigers Black with all wins except for three draws. It was nice to watch them develop their skills throughout the season and learn the importance of teamwork.

A big thank you to Steve Allen and Adam Pearce for coaching the team for the last two years. Thanks also to our dedicated parents who support and encourage all the children every week.

Hope to see you all next year.

Judy Butterick - Manager

We have had a terrific year this year with the team being minor premiers. Which is a great achievement. The team has improved considerably this year with everyone willing to learn more and more each week with training. They have all learned to play as a team as this shows with the results. They have gone through the whole season undefeated with only 3 draws and 13 wins. (An outstanding result)

We would like to thank all the parents who supported us each week. We think they got as much enjoyment as we did watching the team having fun and doing their best each week. We would also like to thank Judy Butterick(Manager) for her continued support and her washing prowess. Thanks for a great year.

Adam Pearce & Steven Allen(Co-Coaches)

## UNDER 9 TIGERS

Well another season is over and what a great year it was, the team members all enjoyed themselves and turned up for training, games and carnivals all very enthusiastic.

Team success is not measured on the number of wins but by the enjoyment and great sporting attitude at all times. They have improved their skills and most importantly enjoyed the game, irrespective of the outcome, and also mateship through the season.

Many thanks go out to our Coach Craig Law and support Coach Joel Gosson who every week gave up their time to train and run them on Saturdays and in carnivals.

All the kids played really well with the following kids deserving special mention.

Players Player: Sam Barnier.  
Best and Fairest: James Butcher.  
Coaches Award: Brent Law.  
Most Improved: John Martin (our super goalie).

Our players for 2004 are Zac Allen, Sam Barnier, James Butcher, Hailee Foulstone, Brent Law, Bridgette Lynch, John Martin, Zac Mackenzie, Andrew Paine, Laura Phillips, Shannon Thompson, James Wells, Nicola Whitton.

Thankyou all. Cathy Butcher, Manager

## UNDER 10 TIGERS

It was an interesting start to the year with our two teams from last year combining to form one team due to a lack of numbers, but after the first game there was no holding them back. Our team is: Mitchell Baker, Rowan Butcher, Dylan Chard, Shay Fallon, Eli Fitzpatrick, Bryce Gleeson, Cody Hartmann, Zac Hayes, Ronnie Hill, Brady Ingram, Kyle Johnston, Joshua Lollback, Anthony Wall and Cameron Zietsch.

These guys only had one loss this year and came out three points in front to win the Minor Premiership. A special mention must go to Cody Hartmann who has scored 31 goals this season (not including the Grand Final). Well done Cody. We also entered two carnivals this year and were winners on both days.

A huge thankyou to our Super Coach Daniel Cheney for giving up his time to pass on his skills and knowledge to our kids. Coaching 14 ten year old boys is not something that many would take on and we appreciate all you have done for them. The kids have shown a huge improvement in their team work through the season and it is great to see the things they learn at training actually happening during the game.

Well done boys, you have had a very successful year.

Lesley Wall - Manager

## UNDER 11 TIGERS

The Tiger's Under 11's have had another successful year. On their day they are easily the best team in the competition with great all round skills and some brilliant passing. The most pleasing aspect of this season has been the development of a "whole team" effort, where every player did their job really well and made a positive contribution to the team. There was more consistency across the paddock.

I am sure the only skill that still needs work is the skill of listening. John Frame has done a great job with this team over the years and his patience is obviously (nearly) endless. But the team need to remember to listen either at training or to the game plan on the day. Well done Framey and a big thank you from the ever so quiet Parents, supporters and most importantly from your team. Thank you.

To the boys well done on a great season and you have done us all proud. Way to go.

Sam Davison - Manager

## UNDER 12 TIGERS

Another full on year for the U/12 Tigers. This year saw some new team members and our regular players come together to form a brilliant team. The season started off well until we came up against the team from Lawrence. Our team spent a lot of time fetching the ball from over near the golf course. Later in the season saw nail biting soccer played in Yamba, our team coming away with a win.

A huge thankyou to Robbie Leek for another season of coaching. All the team appreciate all the time and effort you give to them. To the parents, grandparents, brothers and sisters of our team a big thankyou for all your support and cheerleading skills.

Congratulation to U/12 Tigers for a terrific year. Your sportsmanship and team spirit is a credit to you all.

Leanne Cromack - Manager



*Daniel Lavender warming up with Crown Tigers*

## UNDER 14 TIGERS

A big thankyou to all the young men and young ladies who are the U/14 soccer team. I couldn't have asked for a nicer group. Mitchell Carolan, Luke Clare, Warren Cootes, Danielle Cotton, Sarah Ebeling, Thomas Ellem, Dana-Lee Fallon, Ben Pearce, Brianna Price, Avryl Pursey, James Vaarwerk, Kirsti Ward and Mitchell Wood.

Our season this year was not very successful, but that was not a hindrance to this team. They turned up to every training and every game full of enthusiasm.

The U/14's would like to thank the U/12 team for filling in during the season when we needed help.

Thankyou also to Dylan Tight for stepping in to coach the team this year, his contribution was greatly appreciated.

Finally thankyou to all the parents who are the teams drivers, helpers and cheer squad, you all make my job easier.

Jenny Cotton - Manager

## UNDER 15/16 TIGERS

I call this division the forgotten competition. The Friday night format is an excellent concept but the teams playing in it do not get the exposure of the day competition teams hence do not get the recognition they deserve. It is always difficult to compare teams of different eras and Westlawn Tigers have had a proud tradition of great teams in this division over the last 10-15 years but this team statistically and visually will rate as one of the very best.

They were a bunch of out of control misfits who nobody would coach when I was approached to coach them at the start of the 2002 season (U/14). After walking out on them myself on numerous occasions and many personal run-ins we gradually gained mutual respect for each other and set about harnessing the obvious but raw talent in the group with a 3 year plan to capture the U/16 premiership.

It does not always happen but it is nice when a plan comes to fruition. The team has molded into a cohesive unit covering all aspects of the game totally dominating most oppositions and becoming the tall poppies of the competition. This season they did win the premiership with 39 points out of a possible 45 with 12 wins, 2 draws and one minor hiccup, scoring 75 goals and having 11 against (5 were penalties and 1 own goal). These statistics tell their own story.

The team is Simon Lewis (keeper), Simon Wilson, Adam Pearce, Daniel Purser, Brett McDonald (backs), Marty Kelsall, Scott Butcher, James Connor, Regan Burley (midfield), Brad Page, Mitch Ware (strikers), Steve Allen, Jacob Lollback (utility) and Thomas Ellem who deserves a special mention for his efforts in playing up from the 14's from early in the season after the team was ravaged with injury and has not

only stayed for the duration but has been well received by and fitted in with the team nicely.

To make the effort of the team more remarkable is the fact that 4 players were dual registered in the senior ranks and at various times during the season 6 others filled in the senior teams, which means that they played Friday night then backed up on Saturday afternoon every week which at this level of football is a huge effort.

Congratulations to all the team you deserve all the praise coming your way this year not only for your prowess on the park but also the way you've transformed into fine young men who are great credit to your respective families and to the Westlawn club. It has been an honour and privilege to have been a part of your development and hope to be associated with you for many more seasons.

Thanks to all the supporters who braved the winter weather to follow the team and to those who work behind the scenes to keep the machine oiled.

Proud team coach - Dennis Pearce.

## **THE CUBS - RESERVE GRADE**

Wow! What a great season. I'm so proud of you guys. Not only did you make it to the semis, but you did it without any red cards and only four yellow cards. What style and charisma! There were no major injuries and no major disputes with our wonderful referees.

However we do have some inconsistencies in our performance from time to time.

What a great effort by our Captain and leading goal scorer, Joshua Wilson and lots of goals from Jeremy Szlicht and Daniel Cheney. A big thank you also goes to David Black who saved our necks on more than one occasion. An all star performance by our goal keeper, Chris Lawson who kept us down to a total of 15 goals scored against us for the season.

I wish a fond farewell to all those who are leaving us to go to University or further their careers elsewhere.

Hope to see you all next year.

Geraldine Creasey  
Manager

## CROWN PANTHERS



In the dictionary Panther is another name for leopard, a large mammal usually having tawny yellow coat with black spots. Most of the football widows associated with this team would probably agree after seeing a tawny looking mammal sneaking home after another intense game and training session, but it fails to mention the words culture, passion and pride which is the three main words to best describe this team.

Not only did they win the premiership with 38 points from a possible 42, they have done it undefeated with 11 wins and 3 draws, amassing 42 goals for and 7 against, which is remarkable for a team with an average age of 32 years.

The Panthers do not measure success by competition position but by the success of the development of specially identified juniors. This measure still puts them at the top due to the outstanding results in developing Scott Butcher, James Connor, Daniel Purser, Joel Gosson, Mitch Ware, Steve Allen and Simon Wilson. Congratulations not only to these players but also to their mentors John Pitkin, Dean Bennett, John Nelson, Chris McClymont, Greame Egan, Glenn McPhee, Phil Browning, Andy Taylor and Peter Taylor.

Thanks to the very loyal troop of followers who are probably best described as groupies rather than supporters. Call them what you like but rest assured they did not go unnoticed and are greatly appreciated by the entire team.

Thanks also to the my manager Tracy and my personal assistant Peter Gosson for their efforts.

On a personal level I've been coach of the Panthers since it's conception and would like to thank everybody who have made the concept work and keep it working including past and present stalwarts. The work done by these people collectively has turned the Westlawn senior club from minnows and rams to a highly respected and admired leader in senior football. I am very grateful for the faith and opportunity.

Team coach  
Dennis Pearce.



*Anthony Wall as Panthers Mascot, on the bench & in the sheds*

## CROWN HOTEL TIGERS - 1<sup>ST</sup> DIVISION

It was a good year for the Tigers which started well with a grand final finish in the new mid-season competition the Ray White Financial Services Cup. It got off to a good start with a first round bye which put us straight into the second round against Yamba. It was a tough match but we came out winners 4-3. In the semi-final we were up against the in-form Gunners but with some long throws and some smart head work saw us come up with a 2-nil victory which only left one team to beat in the grand final match "Maclean Bobcats", but in a good attempt we were beaten 4-nil.

The CRSA competition was a great battle for the minor premiership between the Tigers and Majos it came right down to the last game of the season which even though the Tigers won their last match they were pipped at the post by one point. It was an eventful year with some new signings of Peter Fysh and Aaron Gray having great seasons, as well as the controversy with a few red cards and a lot of yellows. This year saw the promotion for a few players up into First Grade i.e. Daniel Cheney, Jamie Pitkin, Andrew Pollitt, Sam Connor and Harley Fennessey as well as the star studded performers from last year, Michael Bowles, Craig Phelps, Matt Cheney, Tyron Morgan, Cheyne Martin and Jeremy Szlicht.

But last of all a big thankyou and well done for the retiring coach Geoff Martin as well as a big thankyou for the sponsors of the Westlawn Tigers, the Crown Hotel.

Yours from the fields - Matt Cheney

Congratulations go to the following players who received CRSA Awards this year

**CRSA 1<sup>st</sup> GRADE PLAYER OF THE YEAR - AARON GRAY**

**CRSA 1<sup>st</sup> GRADE GOALKEEPER OF THE YEAR - DANIEL CHENEY**



*Daniel receiving his goalkeepers trophy at the CRSA Dinner*



*Members of the Crown Tigers with coach, Geoff Martin receiving runners up Minor Premiers trophies*

# ***Trophies and Awards***

<b>Age</b>	<b>Player's Player</b>	<b>Best &amp; Fairest</b>	<b>Coaches Award</b>
<b>U/8</b>	<b>Jacob Purser</b>	<b>Jarrold Williams</b>	<b>Rowan Green</b>
<b>U/8 Black</b>	<b>Nathan Butterick</b>	<b>Billy Hayes</b>	<b>Courtney Blanch</b>
<b>U/9</b>	<b>Sam Barnier</b>	<b>James Butcher</b>	<b>Brent Law</b>
<b>U/10</b>	<b>Bryce Gleeson</b>	<b>Dylan Chard</b>	<b>Rowan Butcher</b>
<b>U/11</b>	<b>Carlton Elliott</b>	<b>Matthew Paine</b>	<b>Kieran Law</b>
<b>U/12</b>	<b>Ben King</b>	<b>Luke Bloomer</b>	<b>Shannon Connor</b>
<b>U/14</b>	<b>Thomas Ellem</b>	<b>Mitchell Carolan</b>	<b>Dana-Lee Fallon</b>

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