



WESTLAWN TIGERS SOCCER CLUB



2005 REPORTS

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Yet another successful soccer season has come to an end. Too soon for some, and not soon enough for others. Our club continues to go from strength to strength not only in numbers but in club spirit from our U/6 through to our Premier League teams. Club loyalty is our strength and should not to be treated lightly at any age.

This year saw the realisation of a lot of hard work, fundraising, chasing the council. With the installation of an underground watering system on field one. The difference this has made to the surface and grass covering on this field is nothing short of amazing. This time last year our players were playing on a dust bowl, is now it is a sea of green. The difference this makes to our players in terms of less injuries particularly for those that are in their growth phase is immeasurable. My thanks to those who helped make this a reality and turned out for the working bees that were needed for us to be able to use the field. In particular John Nelson without whose knowledge and expertise, we would still be fumbling around in the dark. Did I mention John single handed marked our fields all year a mighty effort (give a busy person a job and they find time).

This year saw our kids being coached by those with a wealth of knowledge and experience and yet again the kid's skill level and enjoyment of the game has reflected this. None of this would happen unless the coaches are helped by well organized managers (I do tend to believe that Westlawn Tigers kids have been infused with a hyperactivity gene). Thank you I hope you have had few good laughs, are brave enough to put your hand up again next year.

My thanks go to Lindsay for the mighty job he has done this year. It is hard for most to realize just how much work goes on behind the scenes. To the committee your hard work and progressive attitude is what makes this club great. To those who attend our monthly meetings thanks for your interest, support and input.

Special mention must be made of our 15/16 team. This year there was to be a huge increase in their fees. The committee felt that this was an unfair increase so it was decided the club would absorb the cost, in return the team would help out at our carnival and working bee's and when ever necessary. To their credit when needed they were there. In particular at our carnival, they sold in excess of \$700 worth of raffle tickets - great effort, thank you.

My thanks also go to those who helped in the canteen, particularly Trish, Sue and Jan. It was great to have numbers willing to work on Saturday mornings.

To our Premier league teams being a work in progress, next year it's onward and upwards.

To those that helped out in any way thank you.

To the kids the reason we continue to do this. We hope to see you all next year and bring your mates.

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

Ann Pursey

UNDER 6 TIGERS

Congratulations to the team members of the under six Westlawn Tigers soccer team in the completion of their first ever soccer season. They are: Jacob Weatherstone, Cooper Armfield, Kelsie Leek, Rowan Hunt, Charlotte Benfield, Braydon Lollback, Clifford Stephenson, Alexander McLennan Scholes, Max Vanharen and Matthew Best.

All team members have made a huge effort contributing to the sixteen games over some four months as well as the outstanding sportsmanship in the countless games during the carnivals rain and shine.

I'm sure all would agree the Tigers have improved with experience over the season and shown some great talent, even for six year olds.

Most importantly they have truly enjoyed the games win or lose!

A big thank you to their coach Naomi for sharing her expertise and giving up her time so generously.

Thank you to all the parents for their support, chauffeuring around, encouragement and sideline cheering throughout the games...we do love to see our kids happy! In saying that, I look forward to seeing you all next season in 2006 in under 7's.

Liz Weatherstone
Manager

UNDER 6 TIGERS BLACK

UNDER 6 TIGERS WHITE

The Tigers White team were raw at the beginning of the season with little or no soccer experience among them. They were unable to find the net at the beginning of the competition, but the Westlawn Carnival proved a turning point. The team scored its first goal, had its first draw and first win. Since then they have won regularly and continue to improve.

The Team:

- Brandon Cooper - A very determined player. He loves to get forward looking for goals and is also very keen on goalkeeping. He was among the teams goal scorers.
- Lucas Gough - He is a quite little bloke who is very good at dribbling. He has been a regular scorer for the team.
- Jacob Hegedus - Jacob is the baby of the team. He appears to be a natural defender and has a big kick for his size. He also got among the goals.
- Wade Hughes - Wade is a very good defender. He has a good kick and has also proven himself very adept in goal.
- Adam Kliendeinst - Adam is one very determined soccer player. He is the leading goal scorer and also does a lot of good work in defence. At this early stage it would appear that he has a lot of soccer talent.
- Emily Moore - Emily has shown that she is not afraid to mix it on the soccer field. She has got on the scoring list and also controls the ball well.
- Jasmine Nash - Jasmine has shown her natural speed on occasions and also has proved to be quite competent in goal.
- Bazel Newman - Bazel kicks the ball very well and is willing to take a turn in goal. He has improved and is getting more involved in the game.
- Lauren Pryor - Lauren has been very involved and got on the scoresheet in the carnival. She has also performed very well when goalkeeper.

We would like to thank Joel Gosson for the time and effort he has given in coaching the team.

Dick & Heather Pryor.

UNDER 7 TIGERS

What an exciting year for Westlawn Tigers Under 7 team. We had three new faces this year that fitted into our team really well. Everyone is starting to have their positions on the field. Our sweeper is Jesse Powell and right back is Callum Barnier. Our mid fielders are Beau Eichmann, Liam Bloomer, Dane Gleeson, Jye Thompson, Brendon Purnell and Alex Creasey. Our outstanding strikers are Jed Hayes and Jorden VanVyfeyken.

We started out our season very strong and were one of the best teams in the competition. We had a little slump in form mid season but came back very strong at the end. We had 10 wins, 1 draw and 4 losses.

We had very strong performances at the local soccer carnivals coming runners-up at the Westlawn and Majos/South Services Gunners Carnivals and we won the City carnival.

Our team had two highlights this season one was making the news section of the Holiday Coast Soccer web-site and the other was running on and warming up with the premier league team towards the end of the season. All the boys loved trying to kick the ball past Matt Cheney.

Thanks must go to our assistant coach Andrew Hayes who took training every Tuesday before the head coach arrived. The biggest thanks go to our wonderful parents; yet again we know how lucky we are. Our parents are the backbone of our team and without their support our team would not be the happy family orientated team it is. THANK YOU.

See you all next year
Chris and Sharon Powell

UNDER 7 TIGERS WHITE



Glen Barlin- Glens first year of soccer proved very rewarding as he showed a natural flare as goal keeper (the lad with the big kick) and also slotted a few goals of his own. Glen's improvement throughout the season was remarkable. He even got a taste for the half time oranges.

Kayl Barnes- Kayl was always in the right spot at the right time and proved to be an important team player. Kayl's most valuable asset was his ability to pass the ball under pressure at the right time which led to many team goals.

Zac Benfield- Is there nothing that Zac can not do on the soccer field. His ability to defend and then attack was first rate all season. A tireless worker who could always be counted on.

Troy Clare- One of the best all season. I'm sure Troy eats, sleeps and breathes soccer. He has an incredible soccer brain backed up with great ability. Troy saved many goals for his team week after week.

Madelyn Ellem- Maddie has tried harder and harder each week and like a fine wine gets better with age. She came so close to scoring many times throughout the season it won't be too long before she scores a goal for her team.

Kayne Essex- A power packed player with great skills who pops up when needed in either attack or when defending. Kayne has a deceptive turn of speed and an eagerness to always give 110% for the team.

Madelyn Hartman- Madelyn loves to get into the middle and see as much of the ball as possible. Her natural talent and persistence each week was rewarded with some quality goals at the end of those big kicks.

Daniel Lavender- Daniel just loves to run....and run...and run. He is a gifted athlete with incredible soccer skills and is able to control the ball using both his left or right foot. Daniels natural ability enables him to score countless goals each and every week.

Brad Powell- Brad put in his best effort each week and improved as the season went on. A few tricky moves and a good passing game always kept the opposition (and coach) guessing where the ball would go.

Trent Roberts- Always turns up with a smile and is ready to go from the start. Trent's never give up attitude and commitment to practice makes him a very talented soccer player and valuable team member.

Harry Tooth- In Harry's first year of soccer he did everything from score goals to save them. Harry improved each week and always managed to put himself in the right position to help out his team.

A big thankyou to all the parents, grandparents, brothers and sisters who helped each week and supported the team throughout the season.

Tony Powell
Coach/Manager 2005- U7 Tigers White

UNDER 8 TIGERS

It's hard to believe it's all over for another year. What a great year it was. John's passion and commitment to his role as coach started to pay dividends in the latter part of the season. All the kids have shown steady improvement as the season has progressed. We certainly have a great bunch of kids in this squad. They all show great dedication, always keen to train and all display a great sense of sportsmanship. They take a loss in their stride, never complaining or running down the other team. All the parents can be extremely proud of the way their kids have conducted themselves on and off the field. They are a pleasure to be involved with. John has molded a great team and as he says, "we don't have a team of champions, we have a champion team". They all work together to get the job done.

The team didn't win too many games this season, but when they lost, it was only narrowly. It was so good to end the season on a high by defeating a team that had only lost one game all year. It was like the kids had won a grand final.

This year is the first year the kids receive individual trophies. The three standout players this year were:

Sheldon O'Loughlin - Players Player
Ben Zietsch - Best and Fairest
James Hughes - Coaches Award

I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of myself, John, the kids and the parents to say goodbye to the O'Loughlin family who are off to Townsville at the end of the year. Sheldon will be a huge loss to the team and the whole family will be greatly missed. We wish them all the best.

Thanks everyone for a great season.

Danny Zietsch
U/8 Tigers Manager

UNDER 9 TIGERS

Team comprised:

David Bruton-Duroux	Rowan Green
Rhys Torkler	Jarrold Williams
Jacob Purser	Adam Gordon
Noah Reardon	Cheleise Harvison
Caitlyn Leek	Pamela Stone
Sarah Kitcher	Tiarn Lollback
Josh Lavender	

This year we again had several first timers in Cheleise Harvison, Noah Reardon, Caitlyn Leek and Rhys Torkler. These kids settled into the team well and in the end were playing like 9 year old veterans.

The improvement in all player's teamwork and individual skills during the season has been amazing. This improvement has been due to the efforts of coach Robbie Leek who has passed on new skills to all players. This has flowed on in a significant improvement in the self confidence of the players. They have learned to rely on their own skills and trust the skills of the kids around them.

During the season we had a significant number of wins and on a few occasions gave some of our more fancied rivals a real fright.

The most pleasing feature during the season has been the kid's attitude to the game. They enjoyed every game, win loose or draw. They treat other players, officials and the game with respect. You would be hard pressed to find a happier bunch of kids.

Many thanks to our regular parental cheer squad, orange providers and shirt washers.

To Robbie Leek, a big thank you from all players and parents for your efforts during the season.

See you next season.

Stewart Purser
Manager

UNDER 9 TIGERS BLACK

It was another great season for the Under 9 Tigers Black: Jessie Benfield, Courtney Blanch, Dylan Blanch, Nathan Butterick, Jack Chard, Michael Gillies, Nathan Grayson, Billy Hayes, Harry McColl, Kirsty Nash, Laura Phillips and Jake Whitton.

With two new faces in the team this year, they continued their good winning record with only one or two losses for the season. They participated in the 3 local carnivals, won 2 and come runners up in the other, without losing a game. Next year they start in the competitive grade and should do well. There are some great individual skills amongst the team with some already showing they will be premier league material for the future.

A big thank you to Steve Allen and Adam Pearce for coaching the team for the last few years, and we hope there are many more to come. These two young blokes have done a great job at not only teaching them individual skills but developing them as a team and being great role models for the kids. They have shown great calmness and maturity at working with this hyperactive bunch of kids. They have further improved the teamwork of all the players considerably over this season, they are now passing like veterans.

Thanks also to our dedicated parents who supported and encouraged all the children every week and make the job of managing this team an easy one. It was great to see what a positive attitude you all had towards the kids. Thanks also to several of you carried out the managers role when I was not there.

Hope to see you all next year.

Lindsay Nash
(Part Time) Manager

UNDER 10 TIGERS

Players: Brent Law, Reed Brown, William Kerr, Bridgette Lynch, Sam Barnier, Reece Amos, Zac McKenzie, Nicola Whitton; James Butcher, Shannon Thompson, John Martin, Andrew Paine, Martin Boyd
Coach: Peter Fysh

This team has had a wonderful year together, they have increased their soccer skills immensely throughout the season.

At the beginning of the season they played well together but by the end of the season they played as a team. Each player new their positions and stayed their and worked as a team by passing the ball around, the results at the end of the season showed this, as they started to win games more frequently.

We thank our coach Peter Fysh for this and always encouraging us even if we were beaten on the day.

Cathy Butcher, Manager

UNDER 11 TIGERS

Players: Brady Ingram, Bryce Gleeson, Mitchell Baker, Josh Lollback, Kyle Johnson, Bonnie Hanson, Bonnie Hill, Rowan Butcher, Cody Hartmann, Shay Fallon, Zac Hayes, Cameron Zietsch, Callan Crapp and Dylan Chard.

Well, congratulations Boys and Bonnie. Thanks for being great ambassadors to the game of soccer. Undefeated so far this year, with one close one, Thanks Kyle.

The Boys and Bonnie have done extremely well in holding whatever position they had to play, because of the large amount of reserves. This makes the task of being coach much harder, Thankyou Eric.

The trip to Glen Innes Carnival:

- 2 sick on the way up
- Sore ears from the music (lonely)
- Plenty of shade from the sun, but what a day.

The most even soccer sides I have ever seen in a carnival. The kids brought home the trophies on a goal countback.

Well done again Boys and Bonnie. We look forward to this trip next year and many thanks to the stay hard parents who braved the trip.

Thanks also to the parents who have brought the kids to training and the Saturday games, which has enabled us to have a full team each week.

Regards,
Manager - Kim Butcher
Coach - Eric Lollback

UNDER 12 TIGERS

This year we had a new coach in John Pitkin. "Picko" worked hard with the boys and we had a frustrating but overall, enjoyable season. The boys, on occasion, played really well and beat 2 of the 4 teams to finish above them. When they played well they were virtually unbeatable and passed the ball around really professionally. Unfortunately they played to this level, as a team, infrequently, leading to us missing out on the semi's. While this may seem disappointing, I think the boys will take a lot from this past season and will go on to be better players and better sportsmen. The only real skill that still needs work is the all important LISTENING skill, where the players listen to the coach and focus on the game or training andthese skills will come.

Well done boys and take a bow for a solid season of soccer...you have made us proud as usual.

To that small, but vocal band of parents a huge thank you to you for transporting the boys, washing jumpers and being there every Saturday. A heartfelt thank you to you from the boys, Picko and his offside.

Finally, thanks Picko for giving up your time to coach the boys ...you did a great job and it was a pleasure to sit alongside someone as passionate/quiet/restrained as your self each week. Thanks Picko from all of us.

Sam Davison, Manager

UNDER 13 TIGERS

As usual this bunch of talented kids did not only themselves but the club proud. This year was harder in that they played in a combined 13/14's comp, finishing **3rd** overall and taking out **U/13 Minor Premiers** with the grand final to be played this Saturday.

This year saw this team cope with many changes as well as the challenge of playing older teams, they had a change of coach, which meant the challenge of learning a different style of play and in some cases a new field positions.

But to their credit all challengers were met with a sense of humor and determination. A stand out memory was the game against Maclean U/14's. Liam retrieving the ball from the back of the net for about the 5th time sings out to his team mates ("Come on Tigers we've got them scared.") WE lost 7 nil. Another thing they coped with losing. Something that does not often happened to this team. They play as always, with them always doing just enough to win but not to humiliate the opposition.

- Our find of the season was **Miles Donohue**, goal keeper, who just amazed us with his ability to throw him self into the air and land without breaking bones.
- **Keaton Ingram** played left back probably the teams biggest improver who thinks he cant kick a ball ,but then will launch one over halfway.
- **Luke Bloomer** safe, reliable back
- **Mitchell Rowels** speed to burn can play either defense or attack
- **Shannon Connor** right back, always looking for the chance to get forward.
- **Sam Wicks** (next big thing in basketball.) Great distributor of the ball, generous player
- **Jack Walder** displayed some excellent ball skills another big improver.
- **Liam Ellis** always plays a mature game of soccer gives himself plenty of room on the field. Always with a wicked grin.
- **Shayler Cromack** dominating, attacking player on the right wing.
- **Simon Pearce** forward always looking for the opportunity to put the ball in the net.
- **Aiden Pursey** versatile midfielder.
- **Jay Nott** dangerous in the midfield. Excellent at holding the ball up.
- **Mitchell Lollback** played forward, sneaky goal scoring ability not short on comments for the opposition.

Thanks to Dennis for coaching.

Thanks guys for a good year. Your sense of humor has given me many laughs over the season. Hope you will all come back next year.

PS you lot owe me heaps of red frogs.

Ann Pursey, Manager

UNDER 15/16 TIGERS

This year the under 15/16 team moved up a step to play on Friday nights. All last year this was the talking point amongst parents, yahoo no more Saturday soccer, free weekends! What we forgot to factor in was the cold. Oh well no one has been frost bitten yet.

This year Trevor Ellem put his hand up to coach our team and has brought a wealth of talent and enthusiasm to the kids. Our team was basically the same as the last two years, but we were lucky to gain some new faces as well.

Our team this year is Laura Anderson, Luke Clare, Danielle Cotton, Thomas Ellem, Sarah Ebling, Dana-Lee Fallon, Rowan Hackett, Daniel Lollback, Ben Pearce, Brianna Price, Avryl Pursey, James Vaarwerk, Kirsti Ward. This was our core team to begin with but along the way we gained Adam Pearce, Aiden Pursey and Mitchell Lollback, the stepped in to help us out in our times of need, and there seemed to be many, Thanks heaps guys!

Cathy Price took on the job of manager this year, and as any team knows, it's hard to function without a manager, what a great job Cathy has done.

Many thanks to the kids in this team, they have proven themselves to be well mannered and nice young men and women. Also thanks to the parents who support our team and turn up week after week.

Jenny Cotten

CROWN HOTEL PANTHERS



The Crown Hotel Panthers held up Westlawn flag in the Clarence AA competition (the "All Age" local senior competition, not the other "AA" you'd expect of a pub sponsored team). The Panthers were effectively the third grade of our senior sides this year but we were still good enough to take out the first grade Clarence premiership (it says so on the trophy). To win the premiership we scored 42 goals and let in 19. However our consistency at scoring goals deserted us in the finals series to miss the grand final. Missing from the finals series was the devastating forward combination of Mitch Ware and Gearbox, who averaged 3.6 goals a game between them when they played together.

The Panthers maintained their prime role as a link between the juniors and the senior ranks with 3 regulars coming from the under 16s - Thomas Ellem, Luke Clare & Ben Pearce - thank you for your contribution to our premiership and a great job at playing at senior level, the premier league awaits you in a year or so.

The Panthers is also not a team that takes themselves too seriously but demonstrated their commitment to the club with regular appearances at our sponsors. There were memorable games throughout the year such as Gearbox scoring a hat-trick on his 18th birthday, but the most memorable was the Terminator's "Shirvo" impersonation when he forgot his shorts and took the field in his black bike pants (the ladies in the crowd their money's worth on that day).

The regular Panthers for 2005 were Dean Bennett, Simon "Terminator" Forsterling, Chris "Gearbox" Geary, Aimee Hampton, Steve Hoffman, Chris Lawson, Simon "Tattus" Lewis, Jacob Lollback, Chris "Tubby" McClymont, Darron McDonough, Lindsay Nash, John Nelson, Dylan Tight & Mitch Ware. A great bunch to play with.

Lastly a special thanks to John Pitkin for his first year as a senior coach in retirement from playing, great job Picko, we hope you'll be back next year.

Lindsay Nash
Manager & grey Panther

CROWN HOTEL TIGERS - Premier League

The 2005 Season was a major step forward for the Westlawn Tigers Soccer Club. Tigers were invited into a combined Premier division of soccer in the newly formed North Coast Football League.

Goals were set at the beginning of the season with the main goal being, not to be relegated as the last team in the comp is relegated back to Coffs/Clarence league.

The Premier teams enlisted the help of Garry Dickson to prepare the players fitness for the coming season. To Garry a very big thank you for the efforts during the season.

The goalkeepers also received specialised coaching from Peter Gosson during the season which came in handy as our keepers saw a lot of ball. Thank You Peter.

Tigers took the youngest and most inexperienced squad into premier comp of all the clubs in this division but also took with them the willingness to learn how to compete at this level as it is much higher than they have ever played.

The Premier team finished the season in second last place meant that the goal not to finish last was achieved. The highlight was a 1-0 win over Northern Storm along with two draws with Majos and a forfeit from Sawtell gave outright points to meet our goals.

The premier reserves finished in 6th position with some very good wins through the season. Both teams were very competitive throughout the season in all games but were just unable to secure the inch advantage needed to win at this level.

The hard work the premier league sides first and second grade did this will enable the chance for dedicated young players from our club to use these teams as a stepping stone to further their soccer careers. Well done to the numerous players who also played with the AA team to secure a premiership in this division. It is not easy constantly playing in divisions of such of vast differences in standards.

Congratulations to all involved in the inaugural premier league season. We knew it was not going to be easy but we now have the insight as to where we are and where we need to be. We have a starting point and its now up to all involved to make it work.

Geoff Martin.
Senior Coach

Dennis Pearce
Assistant Coach