



WESTLAWN TIGERS SOCCER CLUB



2006 REPORTS

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Well yet again as I sit down to write this year's report I wonder were the season went. It seems as though it was just last month we were searching for coaches and managers to run our teams and panicking because it looked like some of our teams would be running themselves.

Once again it is the people in the back ground that make our club the success that it is. To the committee thank you for all your hard work, commitment and for always being there. Lindsay were would we be with out you? The website **outstanding** and for all the other things you do without fuss or fanfare, my thanks. To the canteen regulars Trish, Sue, Rod, Avryl, Di, Andrew, Jenny, Dannielle and Jan, Thank you. John Nelson, who yet again, marked all our fields, and with his knowledge, kept them in top condition. John was also lucky to find an apprentice line maker in Dick Prior Thank you both for a huge effort. To Geoff Martin thank you for your advice, calm and wealth of knowledge. My family who take messages, remind me of what I haven't done or forgotten to do, and hand out practical advice. Gordon, Avryl and Aiden with out your support and help I couldn't do this. **To All that helped out in the canteen, or at our carnival , sold raffle tickets, put up or taking down nets, set out bollards or helped in any way a big thank you.**

This year we ran two u/6 teams, three u/7 's, two u/8's, an u/9 ,one u/10, one u/11, one u/12, one 14-15, one u/16, Of our 13 junior teams **SIX** were coached by our senior players. **TWO** teams had senior players from another club coaching them. Also two of our managers had associations with another club. The 14/15 and u/16's benefited from the guidance of **three life members** of our club to guide them round the paddock .The u/12's who this year are our only team junior team to make it to Grand Finals have been under the experienced eye of Eric Lollback. **Our kids are lucky to have such a wealth of experience**

To all our coaches and managers **thank you**, you have done a fantastic job this year. You only have to see the kids faces on Saturday mornings as they run up to the field for their game, to realizes just how much they appreciate you being there for them. Hopefully the laughs and the good times you've had with these kids will bring you back again next year.

This year again the club fielded three senior teams, our legendary Panthers (the Drinking team with the soccer problem) Premier league and Premier Reserves. The Panthers once again filled a pivotal role in our club. Bring our juniors through into senior competition. To all the players in this team thank you. The Premier and Premier reserves must be sick of the sight of buses as every second week they were on one, traveling to play, as they competed in the Northcoast Premier League competition. Although our 1st were unlucky in the extreme not to win more than one game, the strength, maturity, team spirit and pride displayed by this team are a credit to them, and as a club we should be proud of their efforts. The final score does not always reflect the game and this team gave each and every game they played their all, never running out of heart. Premier Reserves hosted a wealth of talent some of which were too nervous to step up to Premier League, which was a shame, but this team preformed well finishing fifth on the ladder. Hopefully those that hold the power to keep these teams in Premier League will do so, and common sense will win the day. We as a club need to have some thing for our juniors to aspire to and that is what Premier League provides. The opportunity to play at the highest level available.

To all the junior players that turned up to run our seniors teams on a big thanks. We are the only club on the North coast that does this

Remember **"THE ONLY PLACE TO LEAD IS FROM THE FRONT"**

Ann Pursey

UNDER 6 TIGERS

Congratulations to the team members of the under 6 Westlawn Tigers soccer team in their first soccer season. They are: Olivia Blanch, Rohan Hanson, Bailey Haydon, Taegan Inmon, Brent Johnson, Tyler Mostyn, Max Usher and Billy Warren.

It was a slow start but the Tigers have improved with experience over the season and shown some great talent. Most importantly they have enjoyed the games and come together as a team.

Thank you to all the parents for their support, encouragement and sideline cheering throughout the games. Also thanks to the guys from Westlawn Black for their help.

To Rick Johnson, a big thank you from all players and parents for your efforts as coach during the season.

Lyn Usher
Manager

UNDER 6 TIGERS BLACK

The non-competitive nature of the Under 6 age division has allowed the players to focus on developing the basic skills of the game without the 'win at all costs' mentality that can sneak into the junior game from various sources. Under the guidance of coach Matt Cheney, training focussed upon dribbling, passing, tackling and throwing. We were fortunate to have Tigers seniors Matt and his assistant Michael Bowles to teach these fundamentals.

It is well known that the Under 6 age group tend to stray from the traditional playing positions and spend most of their game clustered around the ball. However, if we were to choose positions, the side would look a little like this:

- Goalkeeper – Sebastian Roe, has developed an enormous clearing punt kick and his confidence is improving all the time.
- Fullback – Toby Power, The 'rock solid' defender at the back. Has worked hard on his tackling technique that has seen many opponents come crashing to the deck.
- Winger – Shannon James, Shannon's pace and excellent dribbling skills have seen him terrorise many defences up the flanks this year.
- Winger – Jacob Thompson, Jacob, like Shannon, has developed his running game as the season progressed and is hard to catch once in the clear.
- Half – Montana Chard, Always busy on the field and is not afraid to mix it with the boys during the mid-field exchanges.
- Half – Jed McGregor, the smallest player on the field with a heart as big as Phar Lap. Another busy player who loves to be involved in everything.
- Forward – Travis Eichmann, has shown good form in the latter part of the year with some long, dribbling runs deep into opposition territory.
- Forward – Domonic Bowles, Has developed great ball skills and his speed has caused problems for defences in the goal mouth.

A special thank you must go to the parents who have shown such an interest in the training sessions and on game day. Well Done!

Terry Power,
Manager

UNDER 7 TIGERS

Thank you to all Westlawn Tigers under 7's whose sportsmanship and fun attitude have made it a fabulous season.

CLIFFORD STEPHENSON

Its Clifford's second season playing with the Tigers. Clifford's natural ball skill, speed and love of the game inspires the team each week.

CHARLIE STEELE

A first season Tiger(not that it shows)has an abundance of enthusiasm and always going at full steam.

JACOB WEATHERSTONE

A second season Tiger. His game confidence has grown and loves to be in the thick of it and doesn't mind the odd head ball either.

LIAM RODGERS

A first season Tiger and hopefully not his last as Liam has shown a lot of potential this season. Always keen to do his best and such politeness when he tackles...and he scored a great goal too.

COOPER ARMFIELD

Also a second season Tiger. Cooper shows no fear and is great on the defensive as well as the attack. Through all the spills he still manages to pick himself up too score another goal.

CHARLOTTE BENFIELD

A second season Tiger. Charlotte's ball skills have improved over the season .For such little legs she has great speed when needed.

BRAYDEN LOLLBACK

Another second season Tiger, Brayden never tires of the game. Having natural talent for the sport he gives the team a strength.

ROWAN HUNT

Also a second season Tiger, and a great team player Rowan has demonstrated his skills through strong passes and good goalie defence.

Here we have a great combination of under 7 soccer players who even at this age each have an understanding of the teams strengths and weakness's and seem to find a balance.

A thankyou to all parents, partners, grandparents and friends who have supported our team through the season. To Mark Rodgers and Goeff Benfield thankyou for volunteering your time to coach.

We are all very proud of our kids and their team spirit. It has been my pleasure to manage this under 7's team through the 2006 soccer season.

Liz Weatherstone

UNDER 7 TIGERS WHITE

The Joel Gosson trained Tigers White had a season of improvement culminating in being the runners up in the Majos/Souths knockout. The team was Brandon Cooper, Madelyn Ellem, Jacob Hegedus, Wade Hughes, Adam Kliendeinst, Jasmine Nash, Bazel Newman, Lauren Pryor, and Max Van Haren.

It was great to see the goals being shared with the majority of the players scoring at some stage during the season. We were also able to get the players to spread out on the field and look to pass to a player in a better position, not a bad achievement at under 7 level. We competed in the Westlawn and Majos carnivals as well as the competition

proper. At the time of going to press we had 4 wins, 3 draws and 6 losses and have scored 17 goals conceding 23. As mentioned above, the Majos carnival was a highlight, making the final and going down to City Services after we had beaten them in the semi.

Refereeing has been a problem with no refs on a couple of occasions. I thank Lindsay Nash and Antony Van Haren for taking the whistle and ensuring that the games went ahead.

I would like to thank the parents and grandparents for their support throughout the year. Their behaviour was excellent and sets a good example for the kids.

Finally I thank Joel for the great job he is doing in coaching our team.

Dick Pryor
Team Manager

UNDER 7 TIGERS BLACK

The Under 7 Tigers Black for 2006 were Thomas Baker, Reece Gaddes, Matthew McMahon, Nicholas Marsh, Bai Phelps, Brayden Predo, Trent Powter, Daniel Wall, Wil Youman.

Thanks to Coach Craig Phelps who never ceased to instil the sense of enjoyment for the game into the kids and to Lee Predo for stepping in to manage the team this year.

UNDER 8 TIGERS

Tigers under 8 players for 2006 were Jesse Powell, Callum Barnier, Dane Gleeson, Jye Thompson, Jed Hayes, Liam Bloomer, Alex Creasey, Beau Eichmann, Jordan VanVyfeyken, Brandon Purnell and Ebonie Phelps. We had a good season with 8 wins, 2 loses , 2 draws, 2 byes and one washed out game (which we all arrived to play but no-one else turned up). The kids are all playing really well and developed as a team this year. They are passing the ball around the park and looking for a player to pass the ball to. Everyone has learnt this year how to be a valuable member of the team, and that it takes teamwork to produce great results. We had a couple of high points this season.

1. We won the City Soccer carnival
2. World cup soccer visited Westlawn School with four teams competing in the finals: England, Italy, Brazil and Argentina. It was a hard fought battle that went right down to the last minute. Argentina was the final winner.
3. Round 13 saw us playing in the rain. The opposition only had three players, so some of our kids played for them. The game started in overcast conditions with both teams evenly matched. Then the rain came down. All the parents retreated to their cars to watch the game without getting wet. We thought the game would be stopped BUT, NOOOOOO. It kept going with the kids and coaches having the best time. The kids loved playing in the rain and the game went the full 40 minutes. The smile on the kid's faces when they finished the game was priceless.

Thanks must go to our assistant coach Dylan who helped every Tuesday at training and without his help Chris would have been in big trouble. Thank you to our wonderful parents. Yet again, the full support you give us in whatever we do is very much appreciated. We look forward to having all the kids back next year for the 2007 season.

UNDER 8 TIGERS BLACK

It's been a big year for the Under 8's Black, tumultuous in many ways. We started the year short of players, gained a few and lost one. So it was a really good day when we had a full team to take the field and a GREAT day when we had a sub.

However, despite this, the team has triumphed and really come through for each other. They have displayed outstanding sportsmanship – even continuing to play after sustaining a 'hit' so as to not let their mates down. They have displayed great team work and learnt to pass the ball, relying on the TEAM to get a goal or save a goal. But most importantly they have developed amazing stamina – like little EverReady's they just keep on keeping on!

This was a new team for us, and for many player's it was either their first season or the first time that they had played together so we all started from scratch! Although attendance to training was sparse and spasmodic, we learnt to pass the ball to each other, listening for the calls, we learnt to dive for goal's and pick them up, we learnt to direct our 'headers' to our team members, we learnt defensive plays and even started working on attacking plays, and we learnt to have fun doing it all.

As a Manager I have had the privilege of standing by and watching them develop as people and players. They've been challenge and excelled as a Team and for that I am really proud of them. To the parents that have brought their children to training and the games week after week, who have helped and supported the Coach and myself – a HUGE Thankyou. We've made some great friends this year and had a great season, we hope to see you all back next year for a bigger and better year!!

Beverly Thomson, Manager U/8's Black

UNDER 9 TIGERS

Well it's all over for another year. The kids really seemed to enjoy the season. John's coaching has brought out the best in the kids with their passing game being the biggest improvement. They are all starting to look for each other on the field and play as a team with some structure. It's so rewarding to see John's hard work paying off and seeing the kids improve each year. Every one of the kids really seem to enjoy playing and training. They truly are a great bunch of kids. Once again they have shown great sportsmanship throughout the season.

Our team is:

James Hughes-It is difficult to know where to play James as he excels in whatever position he is asked to play. He was our star goalkeeper for much of the season. His courage and determination in goals made it extremely difficult for the opposition to score.

Ben Zietsch-Outstanding left back with a great passing game. Ben has great vision, he knows when to tackle and his passes always find the mark. His great defense makes it tough for the opposition to score.

Emily Van Vyfeyken-Emily has proved to be our secret weapon up front this year, scoring a number of times. She makes a habit of being in the right place at the right time.

Jack Nelson-Jack has been our biggest improver this year. His skill level has really come on. Jack's positive attitude and love of the game have led to Jack gaining more confidence and self belief. His extra "backyard" practice has really paid off.

Sam Powell-Sam displays great speed and ball skills. His dribbling ability has to be seen to be believed. When he combines his dribbling skills with his passing game he can be a devastating attacking weapon.

Jayden Clements-Jayden has had an amazing season, going from strength to strength. He has made the right back position his own. His timing and passing game have been his biggest areas of improvement this year. He has been one of our most consistent and reliable players all year.

Rhys Torckler-Rhys has showed steady improvement all season. In the latter part of the season he has really shown what he is capable of. This was only his second year of soccer and it was pleasing to see his skills improve from week to week. He shows great potential for next season.

Connor Crapp-Connor missed part of the season with a fractured wrist which he picked up at the Tigers Carnival. It was great to see him come back bigger and better than ever. Connor proved very handy in the midfield or as a central defender, using his speed to take full advantage of the situation.

Noah Reardon-Noah's determination and unselfish play are his strong points. He is a great team player. He never gives up and always puts in 110 percent. He seems to be everywhere on the field. His superior speed allows him to run down most attacking runs from the opposition.

Sarah Jackson-Sarah has made steady improvement all season. She always puts herself in the right position to receive the ball in an attacking run. Her dribbling and passing skills have come a long way this year. Sarah shows great potential and with a little more self-confidence she will go a long way.

Brittney Colbran-Brittney shows great heart and determination. She eats, sleeps and breathes soccer. Her love of the game really shows on the field. She is a great attacking player, always looking to score.

Adam Pryor-Adam always gives his all in every game. He is a great mid fielder who is always looking to offload a good ball or rushing back to help out in defense. Adam's field coverage is astounding, you never know where he will turn up.

Trophy's awarded to:

Players Player-Noah Reardon

Best and Fairest-Jayden Clements

Most Improved-Jack Nelson

John and I would like to thank Tony Powell for his assistance throughout the year. It certainly makes it easier and the kids benefit with the extra help at training.

See you all next year.

Danny Zietsch-Manager

John Nelson-Coach

UNDER 10 TIGERS

This year saw two teams from last season become one, we also had some new players join our team.

Shorn Kippax & Johnny Kent (senior players) kindly accepted the positions of coach and assistant coach and we all know this is quite a challenging task.

We may not have won a lot of games this year however it's great to see the team's skills improve throughout the season.

It was unfortunate we missed out playing in the tigers carnival, however we did compete in the city carnival and we had some great games.

Shorn, Tammy, Jakson and Johnny between training, travelling, carnivals & Saturday mornings we thank you for your dedication and passion to the sport and our team.

I hope to see all the team come back next season and remember it's great to win but it's even greater when you learn new skills and improve the old one's and most importantly that you have FUN and enjoy playing soccer.

AND BOY WE LOOK GREAT IN OUR NEW SHIRTS!

UNDER 11 TIGERS

Players: Martin Boyd, Shannon Thompson, Reed Brown, Brent Law, James Butcher, Laura Phillips, Sam Barnier, Courtney Blanch, John Martin, Bridgette Lynch, Anthony Wall, Andrew Paine, Nicola Whitton and Zac McKenzie.

Under the guidance of Peter Fysh and Matt Doherty this team has made major improvements in their soccer skills and team playing. With some extremely close games during the first rounds and **just** missing many shots at goal, they were thrilled to make the top 6 pool. Their game playing improved even more and at the time of printing we are anxiously awaiting to see if we will make the semi-finals for the first time. The hard work and dedication these guys and gals have put in has been incredible and they deserve all the praise they have received from their coaches and parents. The whole team are excellent ambassadors of soccer and always display sportspersonship, win or lose.

We thank our 2 super coaches Peter Fysh and Matt Dogherty for their coaching expertise and our dedicated parents, many with no fingernails left after the last few nail-biting games, who have bought their kids to training, Saturday games, helped with canteen duty and cheered us on.

Karen Barnier Manager

UNDER 12 TIGERS

Once again, 2006 has proven to be a successful year with the Under 12 Tigers "Minor Premiers" under the guidance of the Lollback boys ie. Eric & Daniel plus Danny Zietsch who got us off on the right foot. Thank-you!!

Lots of the boys got into the swing of scoring goals with Josh, Cody, Ronnie, Kyle, Rowan & Dylan getting their name on the card. These boys were setup by the great passing of Bonnie, Cameron, & Brady.

The backs were lead by the tackling machine Shay, who saved us many a time with his last line of defence. Playing their part as well were Mitchell, Callan & Bryce who limited the opposition to all but a handful of goals all year.

But if the opposition did get through, Zac Hayes had them covered with his "cool head" decisions which produced some great diving saves.

A big Thank-You to the Parents for their help & especially Kim & Cathy Butcher for the drink bottles and the boys "end of season" week-end down at Sandon River plus the Managers Sonia & Jan.

UNDER 14/15 TIGERS

This year tigers 13/14 team for the 06 season were elevated to the under 15 competition.

Although not winning this competition, the team was always in the hunt for a place in the finals, just missing the finals with a loss in the last game of the season.

Although the team gave away a lot of height and speed to their older larger opponents, they pushed every team that they played against to the limit and always gave it their best.

The team is being prepared for senior soccer, with three off the team tasting senior soccer this year. It is hoped that the rest will play at a senior level and under 16's next year.

Both Picko and myself would like to thank the club for giving the players the opportunity to play at senior level if they so choose and further their soccer careers.

Geoff Martin

UNDER 16 TIGERS

This season is our last year as a team together. Many thanks to the young men and women who have made this team a joy to manage.

This year our team consisted of Laura Anderson, Luke Clare, Danielle Cotten, Sarah Ebeling, Thomas Ellem, Dana-Lee Fallon, Daniel Lollback, Shaun McKenzie, (our new recruit) Ben Pearce, Brianna Price, Avryl Pursey, James Vaarwerk. Also new to the team were Mitchell Lollback, Liam Ellis and Aiden Pursey. These three boys also played in the u/14&15's, so most nights they backed up for two games.

Trevor Ellem was our coach again this year and we thank him for his time and effort. Nothing was ever too much trouble for Trevor and I appreciated his help.

Also a big thank you to the parents, some of us have been together for quite some time and it is sad our nights together have come to an end.

Many thanks once again.

Jenny Cotton (Manager)

CROWN HOTEL PANTHERS



The Crown Hotel Panthers were in the newly named "3rd Division North" as the connotations of the "AA" tag (for which they were Premiers last year) must have too much for NCF.

The Panthers had a few new combinations to get used to this year and struggled to really gel as a team for a lot of the season despite the talent available. Several bonding sessions later at the sponsors and the team finally really clicked coming into the final series with 8-1 and 4-1 wins in the semi and final, with the grand final still to come.

The Panthers maintained their prime role this year as a link between the juniors and the senior ranks with regulars coming from the under 14 - 16s - Ben Pearce, Aiden Pursey, Mitchell Lollback and Jay Nott - thank you for your significant contribution to our season. Under 16s Shaun McKenzie and Daniel Lollback also had a start in the team during the season and we would like to see a lot more of them next year.

The regular Panthers for 2006 were Peter Allen, Dean Bennett, Scott Butcher, Nick Duroux (prior to injury), David Groth, Aimee Hampton, Chris Lawson, Darron McDonough, Tyron Morgan, Lindsay Nash, Tony Powell, Terry Stuart, Pete Taylor, Dylan Tight & Mitch Ware. This was a team that got on well together, enjoyed a laugh and enjoyed their football, what more could you ask for.

Lastly a special thanks to John Pitkin (and Tubby) for his efforts in coach the Panthers during the season, great job Picko.

Lindsay Nash

CROWN HOTEL TIGERS - Premier League

I find myself writing this report with mixed emotions after coming off our first win of the season. To see the looks of joy on our 1st grade players faces and the crowd that comes to support them week in-week out was amazing. But then I look back and think what could have been? Apart from the teams that finished first, second, third all other teams beat us by only a one goal margin with the exception of our other two draws and one three-nil loss. Had we had we have been able to draw these lost chances we never have been in relegation area, in fact we may well have been in semi final contention but alas we are not and that's football. Could the club have done anything more? Definitely not! Have I learnt anything? Definitely have. Will I do it all again? Definitely will if given the chance.

Whilst the results are not on the table the style of football the team has played and the fact they were still trying to get a result until the final whistle makes me proud to be associated with them. So thank you to the players and supporters, all the committee members who do such a great job sometimes under such trying circumstances, Lindsay for your huge effort in promoting these teams and club, John Nelson, for preparing the fields, Dennis for the job he did with the reserve grade team and especially Ann, who has made our family feel so welcome into the club. Last but by no means least, thanks to my family for giving me the support and belief to do this job.

Yours In Football
Terry Wratten