

# Annual Report



**2017**



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## Early Rovers History



1965 was the first season that The Loftus Rovers Football Club entered into competition. Registration fees ranged from 2/6d to 5/-, and match fees were 2/- for ages up to 14, and 4/- for those over 14. In the early days there was a “Mother’s Club” that used to run the canteen, as well as fundraising and generally organising great social activities.

The original clubhouse still exists today, and we now use it as a gearshed. Some members still remember the days before electricity was connected to the old clubhouse. Members of the mothers club were each responsible to make a block of ice for weekend canteen duties. These were supplemented in later years, by blocks of ice obtained from a milk distribution outlet at Kirrawee. The pie-warmer was run on porta-gas.

The Mother’s club, which was originally known as the “Women’s Committee”, was an important part of The Club. They used to run the canteen, fund raising, as well as several social events.

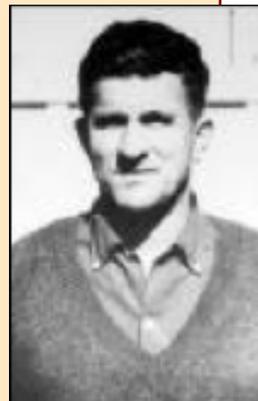
Then, as now, the Club served the communities of Loftus and Yarrawarra, each of which has a primary school. Because there are no high schools in the immediate area, players often drift to other clubs once they reach Year 7 and make new-found school friends.

Due to changing demographics of our area, the Club changed its name on April 6, 1995 to become Loftus-Yarrawarra Rovers Soccer Club Inc. The name changed again in 2007 to Loftus Yarrawarra Rovers Football Club.

Today’s clubhouse was completed in 1991. The ashes of Steve Quan, a former life member who lived in Ardisia Place, were buried at the edge of the field, near the clubhouse, in November 1990. Steve, was a past president influential in acquiring the new clubhouse, and the burial ceremony was held on its foundations.

### Foundation

The club was formed in 1964 by Bill Hodges. It was the 6th Club to affiliate with The Sutherland Football Association. There are 26 today.



### Club

#### Colours

Orange, white and black, believed to be the influence of Dutch members of the community at the time of inauguration.

#### Home Ground

Loftus Oval, Princes Highway, Loftus. Orchid Oval, Orchid St, Loftus was used for nursery games.

#### Incorporation

The Club became incorporated on 13th February 1989.

## Achievements

In 1966 Loftus Rovers was the first Sutherland Association club to win the Robertson Cup (State Cup for Under 21's). Rovers were pioneers for the Shire in State competitions. Although a small club, Rovers have had many successes:

- Winner of Robertson Cup (U21 State): 1966, 1967, 1975 & 2003.
- Winner of Amateur League State Cup: 1980, 1983.
- Runners up Amateur League State Cup: 1984.
- Runners up State Cup (U16): 2008
- Winner of Kanga Cup (U11): 2009
- Winners of W30A Champion of Champions 2014

In fact, Rovers were the first Sutherland Shire Club to win the Robertson Cup & The Amateur League Cup. In 1983 it became the first club in NSW to win the grand slam: State, Admiral & Champion of Champions. This was our most successful season for our senior teams when they won: NSW Amateur Cup, Admiral Cup, 1st & 2nd Grade Competition, Lawrie Dean Trophy, Runners Up of the Frank Tyrrell Trophy & Champion of Champions trophy.

We seemed to be unbeatable in 1983, as Debbie Brown from Loftus became Sutherland Association's 'Miss Soccer', a competition that took place before it was considered sexist!

In 2003 our 21A side emulated the great feat of 1983 by winning the Robertson Cup, the local Premiership and the Champion of Champions trophy.

In 2009 our 11A side became the first Sutherland Shire team to win the Kanga Cup.

In 2010 our 21A side were semi-finalists in the Robertson Cup.

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## Awards and Recognition of Service to the Club

### Founding Member

\* Bill Hodges

### Life Members

(\*Deceased)

\*Bill Hodges, \*Jim Hopkins, Noel Parsons, \*Lyll Harrison, \*Harry Edwards, Alex Peters, Peter Kennedy, Dave Epton, Allistair Laing, \*Gordon Glascock, Derek Raymond, \*Steve Quan, Tim Chubb, Louise Laing, Graeme Beyer, John Lane, John Lewis, Josue Fsadni, Ian Johnston, Gary Young, Robert Blackley, Scott Capps, Andrew Lane, Michelle Currey

### Player Life Members

Stuart Hillier, Greg Parsons, Russell Fong, Dave Harrison, Graeme Davis, John Wicken, Tom Ayling, Brad Brown, Scott Capps, Stuart Murche, Robert Blackley, Andrew Lane, Matthew Beyer, Steve Downing, Luke Rucker, Steve McLean, Elizabeth Brown, Craig Taylor, Mitchell Peacock, James Diamond, Andrew Kearns, Peter Chubb, Bradley Barass, Amanda Laing, Dianne James

### Club Persons of The Year (Steve Quan Trophy)

(\*Deceased)

Roy Franks, \*Steve Quan, Tim Chubb, Graham Thomson, Bill Ahling, Liz Girdler, Graeme Beyer, Steve Cullen, Megan Laing, Mark Kestle, Paul Whitmore, Janet Kestle, John Lewis, \*John Bevan, Josue Fsadni x 2, Robyn Kearns, Ian Johnston, Jeff Cashman, Gary Young, Barbra Sharp, Melinda Williams, Phil Hollands, Michelle Currey x 2, Gregg Parnell, Melinda Williams, John Lane, Martin Duncan, Nicole Foster, Mason Woerndl, Fiona Murray, Darrin Currey, Greg Quinell, Kara Dent, Jamie Munro

### Sutherland Association Merit Awards

Noel Parsons 1977, Harry Edwards 1978, Peter Kennedy 1979, Ian Saw 1982, Louise Laing 1999, Derek Raymond 1999, Allistair Laing 2000, John Lane 2009, Josue Fsadni 2012

### Most Improved Team In Club (Lyll Harrison Award begun 2004)

2004 - 14A, 2005 - 12D, 35G - 2006, 18A - 2007, AL15 - 2008, AL09 - 2009, AL13 - 2010, 35C & WSB - 2011, WSE1 - 2012, W21A - 2013, U12C - 2014, WSC1 - 2015, 35D - 2016

**Longest Serving Committee Member** - Derek Raymond, who has served for 26 years.

**Longest Serving Player** - Graeme Davis who has played for 43 years.

**LOFTUS YARRAWARRAH FOOTBALL CLUB  
ACHIEVEMENTS IN LOCAL COMPETITION**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Premiers</b>	<b>Minor Premiers</b>	<b>Runners-up</b>	<b>Most improved</b>
2017		WSE, W30C		
2016	14B 16B W30C	W12B 14B W21B W30C		35D
2015	W13B W30B W30C	W30B	W13B 15D 45B	WSC1
2014	12B AL03 AL04 35F WSD	12B W12C AL04 AL06 45C W30A1 WSD	14B AL03 35C 35F	12C
2013	21B 35B WSE	21B 35B WSE	13C 45D W30A1	W21A
2012	14B AL15 W15A W18C WSE1	12C 14B 35G AL15 W15A W18C WSE1	35G AL2	WSE
2011	11W1 AL03 WSF 15B		35C	WSB & 35C
2010	12A1 16B 35E AL13 AL16 WSF2	16B AL13 35E WSF1	WSE WSF1	AL13
2009	11A1 W14C	11A1 W12A W14C 21E 35F W30B1	11E, W12A, 21E, 35F, W30B1,	AL9
2008	10F 35G	10F	10B 11C 12B W12B W30B1	AL15
2007	W15B	W15B W16C	W16C 21E	18A
2006	W18B	10B	9C 9F AL7	35G
2005		21C	21C 21D W16C W14D 9B	12D
2004	12A 15A		14A 21B	14A(s) 14A(r)
2003	10F 13A/2 14A 21A AL4	10F 13A/2 14D 21A AL4	14D	14D
2002	13B			
2001	9B 12C 14D 18C W17A	9B 11A 12C	11A AL9 35B	12D W15A
2000	11E 35C	11E		10A 11E
1999	35D WJB SWE	35D WJB SWE	12C 15B	15B
1998			16A	9C WJB
1997			15A	14B
1996	18A W19	10B 18A W19	10B	12B
1995	10C 12C	10C 12C W19 SWC	W19 SWC	10C
1994		12B	12B	13B
1993	10D 11B 15B W17	10D PL2 SWC	12C PL2 SWC	12C
1992	9G PL3	9G 15C	15C	15C W17
1991	13C AL4 SWB	13C 17C AL4	9B	8G 14C
1990	8G 10B	8G 10B	15C 19B	11A
1989	8E 9D	9D 10B	10B 15C 19B	11C
1988	12D/1	12D/1	9B	11C 13C 15B
1987	16B			
1986	9B 21B	21B	11C 15B 16A	10C 16A
1985	8D 14C	8D 14C	SWC	8D
1984			8D	9E 10C 13D 14C 15A
1983	15B Admiral L	8E	8E IL2	13D
1982	13B Admiral L			10B
1981	11E 15C 14B Dall	11E 15C		8G 12E 1L1
1980	11E	11E		11E 15A
1979	12B 14B 21A	12B 14B 21A	8E 11B 13B 21A	7F 9F 10A 11B
1978	10D 21A	10D 21A		
1977	8B 16C	8B 16C		7B 14C
1976	21B	21B		
1975	9B 9E 21A	9B 9E 21A	18B	
1974			15B	
1973				
1972	13D 12D 9D 8E	15A 12D 9D 8E 11A		7A, 8E
1971	8E 9D 12D 13D	8E 9D 12D 15A		7A 8E
1970				
1969	14B	14B		
1968	12C	12C		
1967				
1966				
1965	18A			

**2017 SERVICE AWARDS**

<b>5 YEARS CONSECUTIVE (2013 - 2017)</b>
U9G - Sebastian Allan
U10C1 - Owen Albani, Christian Comber, Nicholas O'Toole
U10C2 - Jack Morrision, Myles Panozzo
W10A - Emily Jones, Tahlia Keremelevski, Lily Ramsey, Holly Wilson
U12A - Robert Hoffmann
U12D - Callum Jeffries, Brody Linardon, Noah Wilson
W12A - Eloise Scanlan
W14C - Beth Davies, Olivia Watson
U15A - Blake Hurford, Liam Scanlan, Lachlan Stanger, Jesse Whyte
W16C - Layla Courtney
AL05 - Brandon O'Connor
35F - Gregory Quinnell
W30A - Amanda Alcock, Kristy Farr, Melissa Fitzgerald, Rachel Jospe, Olga Lauricella, Cassie Shearer, Melinda Yates, Vanessa Allen Ereckson
<b>10 YEARS CONSECUTIVE (2008 - 2017)</b>
U14D - Riley Lane
W14C - Alexis Topham
U15A - Thomas Doherty, Ethan Tanner, Liam Van Ravenstein, Sam Woerndl
W18B - Rachel Harris, Lorna Robinson, Kayla Topham
35F - Jeremy Dirrmann, David Horton, Gregg Parnell
W30B - Lucy Allen, Susan Baker, Belinda Pellow
W30C - Susan Jones, Alison Maunder
<b>10 YEARS SERVICE (2017)</b>
W30B - Helen Walton, Kate Weinhert
<b>15 YEARS CONSECUTIVE (2003 - 2017)</b>
WSE - Nicole Brown
<b>PLAYER LIFE MEMBER - 20 YEAR CONSECUTIVE (1998 - 2017)</b>
35F - Martin Duncan
<b>25 YEARS CONSECUTIVE (1993 - 2017)</b>
W30B - Liz Brown
<b>30 YEARS SERVICE (2017)</b>
35D - Luke Rucker

**2017 AWARDS**

2017 Junior Coach of the Year – Mark Hawkins

2017 Jim Hopkins Award for Senior Coach of the Year –

2017 SSF Coach of the Year – Ali Maunder

2017 Steven Quan Trophy Club Person of the Year – Kathryn Tanner

2017 Most Improved Team In Club (John Lane Award) – W14C

## **From the Desk of John Lane**

### **Our Club President**



This was one of the driest seasons for a long time; evidenced by the fact we only had one washed out round. I do hope all players and their supporters had a fun season. Football is a great team sport and it can be heaps of fun. In this report I will summarise some of the pertinent facts for the season.

Registrations this year were 474 which were 70 less than the 2016 season. This gave us a total of 40 teams, 19 of which were in competitions.

Of the 19 teams in competition we had the following results in regards to the teams that made the semi finals:

- 11 made the semis (58%): 12A's, W12A's, W14C's, 18B's, W18B's, W21A's, WSE's, W30C's, W30A's, 35F's and AL5's.
- 7 made the finals (37%): 12A's, W12A's, W14C's, WSE's, W30C's, 35F's and AL5's.
- 5 made the grand finals (26%): 12A's, W12A's, WSE's, W30C's, and 35F's.
- We won 2 premierships (11%): W30C's and WSE's.
- We had two minor premierships: W30C's and WSE's.

Congratulations to all the teams that made the finals series and gave us so much entertainment.

- We also had four teams that won the Sutherland Association most improved for the season: 12A's, W12C's, 14D's and W14C's. These are awarded to teams in the U12's to U16's age groups.
- The 12A's entered the State Cup for the first time and made it to the third round only to be eliminated by a penalty shoot-out.

Our under 7 Gala Day celebrated its 16th year. Much effort goes into this event, but the rewards make it worthwhile. The number of teams who enter each year is an indicator of its popularity. We receive much kudos from attending clubs afterwards. We also make money for the clubs coffers. All good positive stuff in my view.

Mini Rovers for kids too young to register was in its fifth season this year. It is just so worthwhile to see these kids learning their skills at such an early age each Monday evening at Pendlebury reserve.

All functional aspects of our committee worked well this season: Registration, Publicity, Canteen, Treasury, Grounds, Gear, coaching, Social and the management of MiniRoos refs. I know the efforts that the responsible individuals put in and it was nothing short of outstanding. I take this opportunity to thank all committee members for their efforts throughout the year. I must say that over all the years I have been involved with Rovers committees there has never been a better one than this one. I gauge this on everybody's willingness to work together, forever looking for ways to improve things and doing so in such a harmonious way. It makes me feel very proud to be part of our team that is so committed to give to the community in this positive manner.

I can't thank Coaches and managers enough for their huge contribution. They really are appreciated for their time and effort. And as for all the players, parents and supporters I do hope you experienced a fun season and found out what it is to be a "Rover".

The committee bestowed "Player Life Member" status on Martin Duncan from our 35F side. Marty has played 20 years for the club. Congratulations Marty.

The Steven Quan trophy, "Club Person of the Year" is awarded to those that have gone the extra mile over a year or two or in fact has steadily contributed to the club over a long period of time. With this in mind the Steve Quan trophy was awarded to Kathryn Tanner. Congratulations to Kath.

Significant committee activity this season has been spent:

- There were continued negotiations with the Police and Sutherland Council's Crime Department to improve safety of our children at Loftus Oval.
- We should be in a position to play night matches next season with our lights upgraded.
- The council replaced the entire sewage system which has bugged us for several seasons.
- During the off season the council will carry out a total rebuild of Loftus Oval. This will entail removal of several centimetres of Soil to be replenished with better soil for new turf. The cricket pitch will also be resurfaced with a surface that will allow both cricket and football to be played on it.
- The council will also remove the kicking wall. Our intention is to build a field in this location to accommodate a field for 8 & 9 year old teams. This is all part of a strategy to improve the dangerous parking situation that has plagued us on most Saturday mornings this season. The problem is most acute when there are multiple 8's & 9's teams playing at the same time. The number of mountain bike riders has also increased and has added to our parking dilemma.
- To replace the kicking wall we hope to build a high chain wire fence against the bush with a goal mounted in front of it.
- Our intention is to purchase new goals that can be removed at the end of play.
- This season the draw was not kind to us and as a result we had many Saturday teams playing their home games on a foreign field. Moving the 8's & 9's off the main arena, together with being able to play later matches with the improved lighting should go a long way to eliminating this problem in the future.
- There have been continued discussions this season with the State Member and the Councillors for "D" Ward, but there is still no resolution as to the impact the F6 will have on Loftus Oval, and we are no closer to achieving extra land for the provision of an additional field.

We really do appreciate our sponsors and sincerely recommend you use them where you can.

John Lane

**"Up the mighty Rovers"**

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**From the Desk of Michelle Currey**  
**Our Club Secretary**

I would like to thank my wonderful committee and all the Coaches and Managers who put in so many volunteer hours to help run our Club each and every week. Thank you to all the parents that help out with ground control and Gala days all season.

Our Club spirit though the season was the winner with junior players helping other teams out when they were short on numbers, due to injuries or other circumstances. For some teams this was over many, many weeks. So thank you to the Managers and Parents that organised players to help fill in over the season, they all worked together and received some great results on and off the field.

It has been a great season, Hope to see you all next season

Michelle Currey



**From the Desk of Jamie Munro**  
**Our Vice President & Publicity Officer**

It feels like the 2017 season just began and it was all over. Overall I think the club had yet another successful season both on and off the park.

I would like to thank all of our fantastic volunteers that assisted with carrying out the most important job in the club, Ground Control. Without your assistance we would be unable to get our players onto the park.

Another big shout out to The Tradies who have come on board again in 2017 as our major sponsor. I would also like to thank ALL our sponsors for their continued assistance. If you can, get out and show your support to the fantastic businesses that give a so much support throughout the season.

Many thanks go to our fantastic committee for the work you all put. In truly amazes the amount of work you put in each week, that includes the off season.

As I have done in the past, I have to give out the biggest thank you to Laney. The work he puts in each week behind the scenes is astronomical. From dealing with Council, Local Members, Police, the SSFA and a whole lot more, our club enjoys the benefits of his tireless work.

On ya Laney!!!!

See you all in 2018.

Cheers

Jamie

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**From the Desk of Barb Sharp**  
**Our Gear Steward**

I'd like to thank everyone for continuing to embrace the move to on-line shopping for your Rovers uniform and supporters gear. The new style supporters gear options have grown in popularity and will be on display at 2018 Registration Days for sizing so players can order early and have their hoodies and jackets before Winter arrives. Caps and Beanies will be added to the range and will be available through the canteen as well as online. Thank you for your patience with the delivery turnaround from time to time being longer than anticipated – we are aiming to improve in this area in 2018.

While our strip is sold virtually at cost price our supporters gear is priced to be affordable and a bit of a fundraiser for the club – we look forward to your continuing support.

Coaches – thanks for returning the Kit Bags intact with freshly laundered bibs and goalie shirts. It's a great help to me when you take the time to ensure the Kit Bags are all intact, labelled with team name and contain all the balls and kit you were issued with at the beginning of the season. Be assured that each new season sees new Match and Training balls added to each kit bag and any damaged or worn out balls or equipment are removed. Thanks to my teammates from the W30Bs (Fiona, Kara, & Jinny) for helping me sort the bags at the beginning of the season – it's a big task to sort through 40+ kit bags ensuring correct ball sizes, etc are included.

Yours in Football

Barbra Sharp

Gear Steward

**From the Desk of Kara Dent**  
**Our Canteen Supervisor**

Thank you to everyone who assisted us in the canteen and on bbq during the 2017 season. It was another busy year and we couldn't do it without all the teams helping with their duties so I would like to thank everyone that worked in the canteen or helped on the bbq this season. We really appreciate your time and effort.

A big thank you to our fantastic canteen staff including Rachel, Caitlin, Jade, Lorna, Olivia, Kate, Jess and Zarsha. Thank you girls for your efforts this year, I really enjoyed working with each of you. You make my job much easier knowing I can rely on each of you to carry out your shifts and I really hope to see you all back next year. I would also like to thank Alicia who helped me close up the canteen on several occasions throughout the season. Thank you very much.

There is 2 people who volunteer an enormous amount of their time to help me with canteen. Dot, Jade's grandmother, volunteers for several shifts throughout the season to help out in the canteen. She is always offering to help me when she sees me in there. We love having you as part of the canteen team Dot.

Bertha opened the canteen every Saturday morning for me, again this year. She is such a fantastic help during the busiest time of the week picking up bread, taking deliveries, making sure everything is up and running before the first game. I couldn't do the canteen without you Bertha, thank you so much for all the help and support you give me and the Loftus Rovers community.

I would also like to thank all the Rovers Committee for their support throughout the 2017 season, especially Barb who did a lot of canteen jobs for me. It was another great season for the Loftus Rovers and I'm looking forward to next year.

I would love to have some more people get involved with the canteen next season. We already have Lisa helping us next season as the Canteen Treasurer and would love to have other people to help with taking deliveries or packing lollies etc. If you would like to get involved please let me know.

I wanted to give a special mention to Coota Valley Meats, who donate the meat for our U7 gala day each year, but also deliver the meat to the oval every Saturday morning on time. They are always willing to help us and nothing is too much trouble. Also to Sutherland Bakery who make sure our bread and rolls are ready to go every Saturday and Sunday morning by 7am.

Again thanks to everyone who helped with the canteen throughout the 2017 season.

Kara

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**From the Desk of Rob Munro**  
**Our Technical Director**

I said last year that being a coach is a labour of love, and this season has demonstrated that even more so – a slow start to what has turned out to be the most uninterrupted season I've known, culminating in watching our two youngest A grade competition teams play in their first ever grand finals, well done to those boys and girls and all of our teams for doing Loftus Rovers proud!

Thank you to the coaches, and managers, for volunteering and stepping forward early this year, doing that enables us to get organised with coaching allocations and arrange support and training if wanted. Again, without your effort and commitment week in and week out, our teams and players wouldn't be able to enjoy playing football.

Next year, I hope to start the grading process slightly earlier than we have previously. We are a great club,

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and while we are not large we are very well thought of in the Shire and always endeavour to give the best opportunities for our players. I'd like to use that reputation to grow our numbers and allow more teams, with more accurate grading.

I will be updating our grading policy over the summer and ask that any of you who would like to assist in the grading, and those who want to coach again or for the first time, please get in touch. To all of our members I encourage you to spread the word and bring your friends to Loftus next year – if 2017 is anything to go by, next year will be a cracker!

Thank you all.

Rob Munro

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### **From the Desk of Marty Duncan Our Head Ground Controller**

#### **Ground Control 2017**

Thank you to all teams for your help with ground control.

It's always good to see it unfold and the ground come to life for another weekend of football at the Rover Dome!

Special thanks to all those who helped out with the laying of the synthetic turf over the cricket pitch it went like clock work, thank you all.

A big thank you to my team -

**Mason Woerndl** - Has been doing Saturday morning ground control for as long as I can remember, his very early morning starts putting up the main field nets and positioning the half field goals for the teams on ground control allows the rest of set up run smoothly and on time.

Thanks Mason.

**Rhys Evans** - Does a great job every Friday writing up all the game times and field allocations for Saturdays games, he also writes up the teams on ground control and field change over times.

This all has to be correct because if its not there is always some one to let you know.

Thanks Rhys.

**Scott Chesworth** – Also a valuable ground control member who every Monday afternoon rain hail or shine makes his way to the Rover Dome to bring the bins in from the road side. In the past this job was done by who ever was around and if there was no one available they could be out there for days being refilled by motorists passing.

Thanks Scott, great job

**Dave Munro** – A new member to the ground control team, Dave marks the lines for all 4 fields used. The line marking is done in red for small sided and white for the full field.

Dave has done a fantastic job.

Thanks Dave

**Gary Young** –Youngy stepped in when needed to run the Saturday morning ground control, its good to have back up

Thanks Youngy.

Thanks all for your much valued ground control work at Rovers FC in season 2017,

It's been fun.

**Join the team in 2018**

**Cheers,**

**Marty Duncan**

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## 2017 Comp Table (excludes FINALS series)

Team	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts	No. of Teams	Position
<b>12A</b>	10	2	5	37	20	17	<b>32</b>	8	2
<b>12D</b>	5	1	11	24	67	-43	<b>16</b>	10	8
<b>14D</b>	4	0	14	38	79	-41	<b>12</b>	8	6
<b>15A</b>	4	5	8	24	31	-7	<b>17</b>	10	6
<b>15B</b>	1	2	14	13	78	-65	<b>5</b>	10	10
<b>18B</b>	9	2	6	33	21	12	<b>29</b>	10	4
<b>W12A</b>	9	3	5	26	12	14	<b>30</b>	8	2
<b>W12C</b>	7	2	8	14	17	-3	<b>23</b>	10	6
<b>W14C</b>	11	2	4	22	15	7	<b>35</b>	10	3
<b>W16C</b>	4	0	13	20	48	-28	<b>12</b>	10	9
<b>W18B</b>	10	2	5	43	32	11	<b>32</b>	9	3
<b>W21A</b>	10	1	6	45	37	8	<b>31</b>	8	4
<b>AL05</b>	12	4	2	34	13	21	<b>40</b>	9	2
<b>35D</b>	5	1	11	27	43	-16	<b>16</b>	8	7
<b>35F</b>	11	4	2	43	19	24	<b>37</b>	8	2
<b>W30A</b>	13	1	3	55	19	36	<b>40</b>	8	3
<b>W30B</b>	1	2	14	17	48	-31	<b>5</b>	10	10
<b>W30C</b>	15	1	1	71	14	57	<b>46</b>	10	1
<b>WSE</b>	13	2	2	53	10	43	<b>41</b>	10	1

**Loftus Yarrowarra Rovers Football Club Inc.**  
**2016 AGM held at Loftus Oval Princess Highway Loftus**  
**11<sup>th</sup> September 2016**

**Special General Meeting Minutes:**

A special general meeting was held for a vote to be held for life membership to be bestowed upon Michelle Currey and Andrew Lane. The secret ballot resulted in both members receiving Life Membership with a unanimous vote. The President congratulated them both on their achievement.

**Annual General Meeting Minutes:**

- The President welcomed everyone and thanked them for their attendance.
- Minutes of the previous meeting. It was moved and seconded that minutes of the 2015 AGM be taken as read: Carried.
- The meeting endorsed the balance sheet as tabled by the Treasurer.
- The President thanked the outgoing committee then handed over the meeting to the Secretary to conduct the election of office bearers for the 2017 season. All positions were declared vacant
- Result of election for office bearers:
  - President - John Lane
  - Vice President - Jamie Munro
  - Secretary - Michelle Currey
  - Treasurer - Fiona Murray
  - Registrar - Joshua Fsadni
  - Canteen Supervisor - Kara Dent
  - Publicity Officer - Jamie Munro
  - Technical Director (head coach) - Rob Munro
  - Gear Steward - Barbra Sharp
  - Head Ground Controller - Martin Duncan
  - Social Secretary - Kathryn Tanner
  - MiniRoo Refs Coordinator - Greg Quinnell
  - General Committee - Darrin Currey
  - - Daniel Fitzpatrick

The Secretary congratulated the new office bearers and closed the meeting at 10.35AM.



**From the Desk of Fiona Murray**  
Our Treasurer

## Loftus Yarrowarra Rovers Football Club Inc

### Balance Sheet

#### 2016 - 2017 Financial Year and 2017 Season

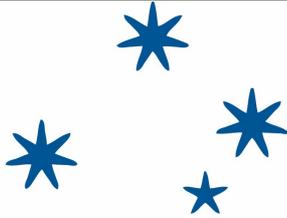
	<u>2016 - 2017</u> <u>Financial Year</u>	<u>2017 Season</u>
	1.7.2016 - 30.6.2017	1.1.2017 - 27.8.2017
<b><u>Assets</u></b>		
Maxi Bonus Westpac	56,280.36	56,330.54
Petty Cash	281.83	281.83
Westpac Cheque Account	126,350.82	123,410.43
Undeposited Funds	625.00	0.00
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>A\$183,538.01</b>	<b>A\$180,022.80</b>
<b><u>Total Assets</u></b>	<b>A\$183,538.01</b>	<b>A\$180,022.80</b>
<b><u>Liabilities and shareholder's equity</u></b>		
<b>Current liabilities:</b>		
BAS Liabilities Payable	-2,378.34	-1,121.08
BAS Suspense	6,023.00	507.00
Tax Payable	-4,941.00	575.00
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<b>-A\$1,296.34</b>	<b>-A\$39.08</b>
<b><u>Shareholders' equity:</u></b>		
Net Income	11,744.66	-4,772.47
Opening Bal Equity	28,916.12	28,916.12
Retained Earnings	144,173.57	155,918.23
<b>Total shareholders' equity</b>	<b>A\$184,834.35</b>	<b>A\$180,061.88</b>
<b>Total liabilities and equity</b>	<b>A\$183,538.01</b>	<b>A\$180,022.80</b>

# Loftus Yarrowarra Rovers Football Club Inc

## Profit and Loss

### 2016 - 2017 Financial Year and 2017 Season

	<u>2016 - 2017</u> <u>Financial Year</u>	<u>2017 Season</u>
	1.7.2016 to 30.6.2017	1.1.2017 to 27.8.2017
<b><u>Income</u></b>		
Advertising	8,863.66	2,272.74
Canteen Profit	6,363.64	13,636.36
Gala Day Rovers U7 Income	5,972.78	5,972.78
Gear Sales	5,830.16	3,869.75
Grants	7,000.00	7,000.00
Interest Income	641.63	407.23
Registration Fees	83,428.98	83,160.80
Skills Clinic	272.72	272.72
Socials and Fund Raising	3,522.38	650.03
Unapplied Cash Payment Income	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>A\$121,895.95</b>	<b>A\$117,242.41</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>A\$121,895.95</b>	<b>A\$117,242.41</b>
Other Income(Loss)		
Other Income	155.45	
<b>Total Other Income(Loss)</b>	<b>A\$155.45</b>	
<b><u>Expenses</u></b>		
Bank Charges	626.81	435.56
Canteen Supply Purchases	205.00	205.00
Electricity	2,711.00	1,555.86
Gala Day Rovers U7	1,740.00	1,740.00
Gala Day - Other Club		1,163.63
<b>Total Gala Day</b>		<b>A\$2,903.63</b>
Gear Purchases	17,819.08	15,263.22
Gifts, Donations & Tributes	171.58	72.73
Ground & Clubhouse Mainenance	3,292.61	2,618.18
Licences and Permits	78.00	
Miscellaneous	4,335.55	
Office Bearer Expense	1,200.00	
Office Supplies	134.45	28.09
Photos	5,897.00	5,457.00
Registration & Match Fees	52,403.23	46,326.32
Registration Refunds	1,659.09	2,031.82
Social/Fund Raising/AGM	10,297.02	4,468.28
Telephone & Internet & Web	1,030.57	675.37
Training	1,195.44	22.72
Trophies	5,508.32	73.82
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>A\$110,304.75</b>	<b>A\$82,137.60</b>
<b><u>Other Expenses</u></b>		
BAS Roundoff Gain or Loss	1.99	1.98
<b>Total Other Expenses</b>	<b>A\$1.99</b>	<b>A\$1.98</b>
<b><u>Net Earnings</u></b>	<b>A\$11,744.66</b>	<b>A\$35,102.83</b>



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## 2016 MINIROOS TEAM REPORTS



### 6B's

Fantastic season for the boys! Everyone had a great time and worked so well together - lots of fun, laughs and plenty of goals in the net!!!!

Big thanks to our coach Scott Panozzo and thank you to all the parents.

Super effort from all the boys of 6B - Andrew, Brandon, Joseph, Jack, Lachlan and Shaye.

Looking forward to next season!!!

Thanks Melissa - Manager



### 6E's

For each of our players, it was the first time they'd strapped on the boots and stepped onto a soccer field, but by the last game, Braith, Finn E, Finn H, Felix, Luke and Micah were a force to be reckoned with. Never giving up, always ready for more and 100% motivated by Canteen trips at the end of the game.

Our first goal of the season was scored by Micah Murphy in our first game! Not only did he score, but Micah took his celebration to the corner post give it a left, right, left and finishing it off with a run the crowd! Throughout the season Micah dedicated himself to defence each game and really added to our team. Well done Micah!

'Fast Felix' (Morgan) became the backbone of our team. His fast legs and determination meant he wasn't letting anyone get away from him. Felix stopped countless goals by never giving up, chasing the ball and never being afraid to challenge. Felix is a great team player, and our strongest dribbler. Great season, Felix!

Finn Edwards had an incredible season. He was fearless, swift, never afraid of the ball or any other player (no matter the size of them) and it looked as if we'd drafted him from another club for a high price. Not only did Finn score nearly every game, but he did it with style and confidence. Keep up the amazing work, Finn!

In Braith Hutton's first game, he was unsure whether he wanted to be on the field. By the second game, he didn't want to come off the field - even when the game and training was over! Braith is such a strong player with a brilliant team spirit and a hunger for goals. Thanks for all your hard work Braith!

Over the season, Luke Demetrios went from uncertain to unstoppable. In the last few games, each kick was strong, each stride was fast and each challenge was solid. And, each goal was well deserved. Luke always brought a wonderful smile and energy to the field which was equally matched by his determination. Great work, Luke!

Finn Hanna - a player who's passion was equally matched by his skill by the end of the season. Finn is a wonderful team player who was one of the first to focus on passing during the game and always made sure to congratulate players who scored. He always kept running and never gave up which made his first goal all the sweeter. Congratulations Finn Hanna!

Thanks to all the parents for their help with training and for encouraging our players to keep at it, enjoy themselves and work together. It was a great first season and I'm looking forward to seeing our players do amazing things in 2018.



## 6G's

The mighty 6Gs playing in their first season, made lots of people proud this year, had lots of fun and many new friendships were formed.

As the team worked on their combinations, their dedication to training each week and their teamwork on the field was exceptional.

Early on, a few draws and some defeats came our way but, the boys never gave up and continued to work hard.

The turning point was over two Saturdays at Menai and Cronulla when the boys “clicked”, their passes started to hit targets and their defence was getting better.

We finished the season with three straight wins including a 6 -2 win over a team that we lost 15-2 at the start of the season and today's 4 goal victory against another opponent who got the better of us early on.

For the team awards, we had the following:

Ryan – Award for best Defender – Ryan is a natural gifted defender, who saved at least 100 goals this year, (no exaggeration) and with an excellent boot that could easily go the length of the field from a clearance.

Cooper – Award for Most Improved - An extremely hard working young player who was always first to training and would always give 110%, what more could a coach want.

Nathan – Award for Best Midfielder – His never give up attitude and great respect for his team mates was exceptional. A few massive runs almost got the result they deserved.

Timmy – Award for Best line clearance – Timmy was always able to get the ball away from the opposition and saved some certain goals on a number of occasions.

Jacob – Award for Teamwork – Not only helping his brother but, the team as a whole as chased down loose balls and helped the team out.

Xavier – Award for “Son of the year in a team coached by his dad” – With a four goal haul and few hat tricks, nothing made his coach prouder than the respect he displayed for his team mates and opposition, week in and week out.

Special mention to all the parents, grandparents, brothers and sisters of the team, who turned a simple training session and game on the weekend into something special for not only the boys but, this rookie coach too 😊.

Coach Josh 😊



## W6B's

What a fantastic season, with the only problem being it was over far too soon!

We started the year out with an inexperienced, but keen, bunch of girls ready to take the football world by storm!

On a sunny morning in Bangor, Hayley, Ava, Evie, Isla and

Liana lined up after weeks of rain preventing us having much training and set the scene for what would prove to be an exciting season.

Throughout the first half of the year the girls worked hard, our training and matches were fun from the outset and we started to gel well as a team. They put everything they were learning in training into practise and improved so much throughout the season.

It has been great to watch the girls enjoy learning to play football, and playing it so well as a team:

Our youngest player, Hayley Greenacre, built her confidence as the games went on, culminating in her first goal for our team with a rocket of a strike from halfway! She was developing really well, and a real asset to the team, so it was such a shame to lose her just after the midpoint of the season through a broken leg.

We wish Hayley a strong recovery and look forward to having you back on the field next season.

Ava Munro has shown real improvement and played brilliantly through the year. A very good technical player, she started to bring this into her game and scoring some lovely goals along the way. Her increased enthusiasm and improved passing skill in the second half of the season for someone so young has been great to witness!

Liana Harley has done really well and got even better all season. An out and out goal scorer, she has started to work well in defence and added some solid tackling and great passing to her repertoire! It has been brilliant to watch just how far she has come in her all round game, and how she has developed into a real team player.

Isla Madden has shown 100% effort from day one in training and in the matches. Her desire to get the ball back for our team is tiger like, and now so effective in breaking up the opposition play, proving how much she has developed in her football! She tries so hard, and runs tirelessly, dribbles, passes and scores goals!

Evie (Stevie) Robinson has been the most consistent player this season, an energetic and brilliant defender with an eye for a goal! There aren't many players at her age who drop back and read the game as well as she does, and can turn defence into attack so quickly. While she can easily kick the ball the length of the field, her best goals have come from her improved dribbling around the team and scoring with either foot.

The way the girls have started passing the ball, learnt to defend and attack as a team, have all scored goals and all supported their team when being substitutes as well as work so hard in the last few games without subs, has been a pleasure to watch, they have definitely grown into a competitive B grade team, and hopefully they've enjoyed playing and learning about the beautiful game!

I'd like to thank Ngaire for her help as manager, all the parents and other relatives who have come to watch and support the team this season – I think we've all been well entertained! But most importantly a big thank you for the amazing effort, listening and hard work the girls have put in, it has made coaching you so easy and so much fun!





## 7B's

What a great bunch of boys we have, win or lose they always had fun!

2017 the boys moved up a Grade to the 7B's and were competitive throughout the whole year, even if we were down a player with no reserves the boys still got stuck in and made us proud as parents.

The thing that was most pleasing as a coach was early on in the season we decided this year was going to be about passing the ball, spreading out, supporting each other and playing as a team and to the boys credit they worked hard at training throughout the year on these skills and on game day put them into practice, even though it may of been at the expense of loosing a few games trying to pass the ball around.

This year we had just the 5 boys including Archie, Taj, Brodie, Lincoln and Tobin.

Archie showed great dribbling skills again this season beating players all year and continues to be an excellent striker of the ball. Archie continued racking up the goals even managing a man of the match 4 goals on one day. Archie also demonstrated great sportsmanship throughout the season asking if injured players were ok including opposition players.

Taj had a great season and showed a noticeable increase in confidence through the early part of the season to be become a fearless defender, if there is a tackle that needs to be made you won't find taj hanging back, he was always straight in there!

Brodie this season continued to demonstrate great ball control, worked hard on his passing game, managed to score plenty of goals, was always eager for the ball and willing to put his body on the line in defence.

Lincoln showed everyone just how fast he really is this season, on multiple occasions in every game Lincoln would come from up front to drop back and chase down an opposing player to save a goal. Lincoln also showed great passing, and would always move into good support positions on the field.

Tobin was definitely our most improved player, coming to a new team of boys Tobin took a few games to find his confidence, but continued to improve his dribbling, shooting and passing throughout the year to finish the back end of the season off with goals in 5 games in a row and was always solid in defence.

It was great to see all the boys improve on their skills again this year and look forward to seeing the boys run around on the bigger field next year!



## 7D's

Manager: Hayley Phillips

Coach: Chris Waddington & James Rowe

Team: Kobi Phillips, Alex Seary, Lachlan Gibbs, Nathan Rowe, Jack Waddington, Lincoln Ward

2017 was all about learning how to play together as a team, refining our skills and having a fun-filled year. Although the scoreboard was a bit lack lustre throughout the year, we were so impressed by the improvement in each team member as the year went on. Every week they showed up and performed to the best of their abilities.

Kobi showed off his head-butting skills on the ball which surprised not only the parents but himself, Alex's ability to control the ball down the field made him an invaluable player, Lachie was never afraid to get in amongst the action and help regain possession of the ball, Nathan on his first season in soccer made leaps and bounds in his skills, Jack was so great at attacking and getting the ball down to our goal with many attempts to get it in and Lincoln showed off his teamwork skills always looking at his team and how best to work with them.

Another year done and dusted. Another year of new skills learnt. We look forward to next year.



## 7H's

What great fun this year has been. The U7H's are a fantastic bunch of lads and we have all thoroughly enjoyed the season together.

We started on a steep learning curve as many of the boys had not played football before. When the season eventually started (after the rains!) it took a few games for us to find our feet. However, come Gala Day everything started to come together and we experienced our first (and second) win!

The results were much more positive in the second half of the season and it was extremely enjoyable watching the boys learn and grow as footballers. Even when the results did not go our way the boys were always very positive and just enjoyed playing together as part of a team and having a good laugh.

Special thanks to Marjy Robertson whose impeccable organisational skills as manager ensured that we were all where we were supposed to be and with the right kit! Also thanks to all the parents for braving the cold Saturday mornings & Wednesday nights.

Below are the awards which the boys collected at the U7H end of season dinner at Hogs Breath Café, Cronulla.

**Best at Training:** Dally 'The Dalek' Nickols. Always first in the queue, always listening and trying to carry out the coaches instructions, always with a smile on his face. Sets an example for the other boys. Loves Dr Who.

**Team Spirit:** 'Lucky' Lucas Marciano. The joker in the pack, the crazy one in charge of keeping everyone laughing, even when it is freezing cold and we are two goals down.

**Fearless Defender:** 'Hatchet' Harry Colliss. Regularly puts his body on the line for the good of the team, laughs in the face of danger, willing to sacrifice his own personal safety to deny the opposition a goal. A young Terry Butcher.

**Perfect Passer:** 'T-Bone' Tom Spencer. Appreciates the beautiful game and prefers to find the killer pass rather than the crunching tackle. His slide-rule cross from the left flank set up our goal of the season away against Menai.

**Most Improved:** Ben 'The American' Robertson. Started the season with little football knowledge and it is clear to see how hard he has trained and practiced at home to learn some excellent ball control and shooting skills. Scored the winning goal in our maiden victory (with his backside!).

**Player of the Season:** Morgan 'The Motor' Cavanagh. Fierce competitor with a great engine. Box-to-box dynamo, a thunderbolt of a right peg, top goalscorer and all round champion.



## W7C's

Coaching you girls, Lis, Caitlin, Sophie, Lucille, Molly, Indie and Gracie at the Rovers is one of my favourite things about winter!

You turn up to training with your boots on, even though they do fall off sometimes and toys in hand. Then either find the best tree to climb or grab the nearest ball to kick around, all with a huge smile and a sense of fun with friends. And that to me is what soccer is all about!

As your coach this year, I have loved watching you learn new soccer skills and then bring them to the games on Saturdays. I also want to thank our manager, Tracy and our parents for helping and encouraging us each week.

Three cheers for the Rovers! Hippi! Hooray! Hippi! Hooray! Hippi! Hooray!

Hayley



What a fantastic season for the W7D girls. As this was the first season for all girls they learned basics and had a lot of fun.

There were some own goals, wrong way kicking and even tears but they did not give up well done to Sophie, Violet, Holly, Matilda, Sascha and Isabella .

Not forgetting the cartwheels when they scored, trying to eat all the lollies at half time and the entire team trying to sub off with only 2 spare players. As the season got further in match fitness soon fixed that problem but then nobody wanted to sub out !

A big thank you to Lauren for putting her hand up for Team Manager.

Absolute please to coach , I hope they all had fun.



This season we welcomed 3 new players.

Turns out, James, Riley and Kuzey were quite the slayers.

They are a great addition to our cool team,

We all work well together, it would seem.

These 3 playing with Paddy, Joel, Billy, Oliver and Marley,

Equalled a team that was pretty gnarly.

For the first time we had a bigger field, goal keepers and much bigger goals.

At training we practiced our individual and team roles.

Holding positions was also quite new, we tried them out and pretty soon learned to stay and help the team out.

Overall, we've had a great season.

Our Rovers team and soccer is the reason.



Well another season over, and what a transforming one it was. All players made an impressive transition to the new size field and the addition of a goal keeper. Most notable in this area was the amazing Luke in goals. If he was in a goals first half there was hardly a ball that got past his quick hands as he always made himself large and intimidating to any player who got past our strong defence. Tyson was also a safe bet in goals as well as being a strong

defender on the field.

Defence was Tom's domain and thanks to his intuitive reading of the game he ensured that not many got a chance to take on our goalies. Elliot was truly committed to holding the midfield as well as making some great saves in goals. Elliot gave it his all every week. Blake was totally determined every week to win the ball, his running and tackles just got better and better as the season went on. Oliver was happy to play in any position, he made some strong saves in goals and his fast running made him a valued midfielder, defending when needed as well as running up to help out our forwards.

Up front we had the lightning fast Matt who showed a quick mind as well as quick feet, as he often managed to get himself into the right position to ensure he had the opportunity to smash the ball into the back off the net, or set up one of his team mates. He actually score 3 hat tricks in one game! Equally

impressive was Gabe, taking on players and showing great skill dribbling through many a defender to get the ball up to the scoring end of the park. Last, but not least was the pocket rocket, Will who scored some great goals and was just everywhere he was needed, showing determination to play his best game of soccer every week.

The boys have mastered the 'h' formation and learnt to think tactically over the season, each one showing greater confidence in their ability as the season progressed. A special thank you goes out to their patient and calm coach, Ash who shared his love of soccer as well as his coaching skills to ensure our boys had an enjoyable and successful season.

Finally a shout out to the parents. Well done parents for getting them there every week (mostly on time, it did seem like we had lot of 8:00 starts) and for being such positive supporters of the boys.

Emma Quan

Manager



What an impressive year of football our boys had! After an initial rocky start, the boys worked hard at training, developing their ball skills, athletic skills and learning to work together as a team. The last half of the season brought 'on the edge of your seat' exciting games, with our boys demonstrating their own individual strengths, becoming a force to be reckoned with.

Adam showed great skill in both attacking and defending!

Amos demonstrated great determination and could run all day!

Ben was our all rounder, showing strength in defending, attacking and goal scoring!

Cameron was a tough defender and an enthusiastic goalie!

Corey was another all rounder and our goal scoring machine!

Hugo's strength was as a tireless defender!

James had a great first year of football developing his defence skills!

Lucas was a fearless goal keeper who loved his dive saves!

We're so proud of our boys, for their determination, persistence and enthusiasm! Well done 8Fs for such a fantastic season!

Thanks to our parents and family members who supported our team at each and every game, for providing yummy treats, writing match reports and helping out with ground control whenever we were on.

Jo



Team: Charli, Chelsea, Cobi, Malia, Matilda, Olivia, Rachel, Scarlett.

It doesn't seem that long ago we started the season with an added bonus of playing 16 rounds of soccer this year.(1 washout and 1 bye). The team

commenced the season in 'A' grade but were moved to 'B' grade after several rounds and this definitely made a difference.

This year the girls moved not only to a bigger field, having more player on the field and the introduction of having a goal keeper.

All of the girls had several turns at goal keeper and over the course of the season there were some fantastic saves. All of the girls contributed to scoring goals this season as well as playing defense. The girls skill level and team work improved each week , this was due to the hard work put in at training.

Regardless of winning or losing the girls always had smiles on there faces at the end of the game. Hoping all the girls return for another season of Soccer in 2019.

I would just like to say thanks to all of the parents for the support given to both myself, Steve and Madi throughout the season.

Steve Aquel thanks for being a great manager it makes my job of coaching the girls heaps easier. Madi Munro thanks for being a great assist coach.

Coach Ali



## W8B2's

Wow, where did the weeks go?

This was a new team which was combined from two teams from last year and the girls worked together well from their first game winning 4 nil.

This was followed on from all the girls coming to training each week and trying their best which was evident in how they improved their skills throughout the season. They managed to have 7 exciting wins and most of the other losses were only by one goal and a few were in the last seconds of the game, so these 7 wins could have actually been double.

Throughout the season Abbey, Claire, Edie, Heidi, Ivy, Jade, Maya and Misha have demonstrated their love of soccer by giving there all in each and every game they played.

It was lovely to see at the end of each game whether or not we won or lost the girls would

all get in a circle and hold hands and jump in the air and say "GO ROVERS". This just proved how much they loved playing soccer.

Finally, I would just like to thank all the parents who at each game turned up and cheered on the Girls with enthusiasm and pride. The way that each family supported and assisted when ever and where ever help was needed is a tribute to you all. This team spirit was evident week after week and you only had to look at the smiles on the Girls faces at the end of the game to know how much they enjoyed themselves.

Go Rovers !!!

Scotty (Coach)

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This year we saw two teams come together to create the 9Gs this year. Ashton, Brad, Lachlan, Michael H, Michael G, Samuel, Sebastian and Stephen from last year's 8Gs were joined by Ethan, Jethro and Mitch from last year's 8H team.

The year originally got off to flyer with the boys winning by large margins in the first two games. Over the year though, the opposition we came across got stronger but the boys were always competitive and came away with their fair share of wins and the odd draw.

As always it was amazing to see how much the team improved from over the year and it's such a privilege to be part of that journey, especially when it leads to each of the boys growing in confidence and stature because of what they achieve on the football pitch.

What impressed me most was how the boys started moving into space this year, not only to get in to a good position to receive the ball but also to give their team mates with the ball the space they needed. This resulted in the boys finishing off the season how they started it with, a couple of very healthy wins.

One of the key changes in the team dynamics this year in comparison to prior years was how the boys are starting to gravitate towards their preferred positions. It's clear who is keen to play up front, in the midfield, as a defender or as the keeper. Interestingly, the way the tendencies of each boy landed, means we now have a well-balanced side that will hopefully be back next year to take on the bigger pitch in the under 10s.

This year our out and out strikers were Ashton, Michael G and Ethan. All three bagged a heap of goals this year and are starting to form great partnerships with some great passing and positional play.

Ashton is still one of the most determined players on the field every week and is not scared to have a crack at goal with his lethal right foot. Ashton still packs the most powerful kick. There was one instance this year when he scored I was certain he was going to result in the ball blasting a hole in the back of the net.

Michael G is definitely the boy on the team that has the greatest positional awareness. When he's in attack he's able to peel away from his marker to provide his team mates with a great passing opportunity. Michael scored a heap of goals this year but what I think is much more important, are the goals he created and Michael had the greatest number of assists for the year.

Ethan, who joined the team this year was a revelation. He worked his socks off every game and was always trying so hard to win the man of the match trophy and he did himself proud every week. Ethan was very quick to pick up what was taught at training and such is his determination, he would always tell me of the additional practice he did himself in his back yard. Such dedication and focus is to be commended. Ethan not only scored a lot of goals this year but he also created many as well, particularly with his long throw.

In the midfield engine room we relied on the likes of Seb, Stephen, Michael H and Mitch along with the odd stint from Jethro and Brad when they were not either playing in goals or in defence.

Seb found his calling this year as the work horse of the team. Seb ran and ran and ran for the team.... And then he ran some more. Every game his ask of the coach was "can I play midfield?" and it was all too easy to oblige given his ability to get up in attack and also to get back at crucial times in defence. Seb had a fantastic year and his no nonsense, get in there and roll your sleeves up attitude will serve him well as his skills develop.

Michael H was another midfield workhorse for the team. He was a tenacious tackler and as the year progressed he developed his passing game which often resulted in him putting a few of his team mates into space in the lead up to many of our goals this year. Michael H was a great little player this year and it was awesome to see his confidence grow as the year progressed.

Stephen returned this year and began where he left off. He continues to be the best dribbler in the team when he is running at the opposition. Once he gets going and is dribbling at pace, he looks like some of the great wingers and attackers that are able to turn defenders this way and that way as he zig zags through the team. Stephen also presented a great alternative up front and scored a few goals to boot

Mitch was another of our new signings this year and in his first couple of games you could see he was the quiet one in the team. Mitch started slowly as he was warming to a new team and a higher grade but it only took one game, about five games into the season where he had an absolute blinder for him to set the rest of his season on fire. Mitch turned from a tentative player, into one who was a dogged defender that would often sit back and play a bit of a holding midfield role and then jumped in at the right time to successfully break down many attacks this year, both in midfield and when he was in defence.

Our core defenders, our rocks, this year were Lachlan and Samuel. These two are also starting to form an on field partnership where they are able to talk and direct where each of them should be and where their team mates need to be in defence.

Lachlan was extremely solid in defence. He rarely let anyone passed him and he absolutely dominated the play when the ball came anywhere near him. Lachlan has great positional awareness and as a coach I always felt safest defensively when Lachy was assuming the role of chief defender.

Samuel also showed his defensive prowess this year and showed how he can play with a style that nicely compliments Lachlan's game. Lachlan was always the terrier charging in and clearing the ball. Samuel on the other hand, had a knack for sweeping in to clear any balls that got through the first line of defence. More importantly however, learned how to dispossess the opposition and remain calm and in possession of the ball when under pressure. His specialty was then looking up to find someone up field running into space. Samuel probably possesses the best long passing game in the team.

Now finally I come to our two stalwart goal keepers for the year, Brad and Jethro. They both played a half in goals for most of the year as both boys were keen to wear the gloves.

Jethro is a great little player and was always eager get on to the field. He was generally the first choice keeper as he would always turn up with his goal keeper gloves ready to go. Jethro made multiple miraculous saves for the team but also spent his fair share of time on the park mostly in midfield. On the park Jethro is showing a lot of promise and as time goes on I see him become one of the better dribblers of the ball.

Brad is a stand out for the team in the way he takes pride in his achievements on the field. Brad would always come off with a smile telling me about how great that tackle was or that pass or that save. Brad was a great keeper, defender and midfielder. He is great at getting in there in his no nonsense style to tackle the opposition. There is very little that gets past Brad and he should be very proud of his contribution to the team this year.

Finally that brings me to Luca and Anthony our two assistant coaches who came along to get some experience coaching the boys. The boys really appreciated your involvement and I thought it was great when I heard the boys ask to do some of the training drills Luca and Anthony put together. They also made my job a lot easier particularly on game day when they warmed up the team while I organised the substitutions.

Finally we need to thank the parents who commit their time to allow their kids to do something that they love. We also need to thank all the families for your support on the sidelines. It is always great to see so many family members there to experience the highs when the team gels and gets everything right, the lows when for some reason the team does not click and you just want to pull your hair out and my favourite moments which is when we have those nail biting close games that are only decided by the odd goal. It is always a privilege for Richard and I to manage and coach a team of brilliant kids and I hope everyone will be back again next year.



## W9C's

What a great season from the W9C girls! Only 4 of the 10 girls played together last season but from the very first game this new team showed its potential. With a good mix of strong defenders, quick attack and outstanding handstand capabilities we knew that we were set to go a long way.

Alana showed her awareness of the game from the start by maintaining excellent position in defence to keep our back line solid. She developed her attack this season and kicked several excellent crosses. Nadia spent time over summer in a soccer camp in Peru - and it showed! From the very first game her footwork, speed and confidence in attack gave us much needed forward momentum. Illyana's strength is her big clearing kicks from the back, but this season both her footwork and decision making improved significantly and she became a real danger to the opposition all over the field. Ariana's passing game improved this season. Her ability to control the ball under pressure and then promote it to the forwards in good position led to a number of goals. Livinia was the smallest and youngest in the team but don't be fooled - she was one of the toughest. She threw herself into both attack and defence and never backed down against much bigger players. Caitlin is an excellent defender who was always cool under pressure. She loved taking her turn at Goal Keeper and was a real asset in every position she played. It was Chloe's first year playing but you wouldn't have guessed it. Starting with a great attitude and a solid defence she developed quickly over the season to mix it with the best. Grace was a great team player who put in maximum effort every game. She was confident in both attack and defence and was willing to play any position. Rosie brought speed and a strong kick to the team, making her an excellent defender - but she loved to play up front. She worked hard on her ball control and it paid off, scoring her first 2 goals in the final game. Elanor used her speed and control in the forwards to establish herself as the main goal scorer. She improved her passing game and ball placement over the season and became a real handful for the opposition backs.

As the season progressed it was great to see the positional play and passing improve as the teams confidence increased. Overall, it was a season characterised by excellent defence, with lots of close low scoring games - but the commitment they all put in at training really showed as they started to find the net more regularly, finishing with several big wins.



## 10C1's

It was a terrific season for the 10C1s, and all the boys should feel extremely proud for all their effort and what they have achieved this year.

As the year progressed, the development that the boys showed as individuals and as a team was obvious to see. They seemed to enjoy maintaining a close

scoreline, which kept everyone on the sidelines riveted as each game unfolded.

A few words on each of the players:

**Brodie** wears his heart on his sleeve, and can play anywhere on the field. His effort and confidence in contesting the ball kept growing throughout the season.

**Caleb's** confidence in maintaining possession and also targeting the goals was a tremendous asset to the team all year.

**Cameron's** skill and poise was always on display, and he always looking for a team mate in a better position.

**Christian** always plays to win, and has a magnetic relationship with the ball. Always talking on the field to make sure his team mates are focused on the game.

**Cooper's** unflappable enthusiasm was a constant all season, and the more time and energy you gave him, the more he'd give in return.

**Dylan** had a solid year and his skills and confidence improved all season. A very satisfying season.

**Jamyson** was a rock all year, and rarely lost out in a 1 on 1 contest.

**Luke's** right boot routinely got the team out of trouble from down back or created nightmares for the opposition keeper.

**Nick** doesn't give up, and always found a way to get back to help in defence when it was needed.

**Oliver's** energy (and accompanying sound effects) always created opportunities for his team mates, and he was rarely out of the action.

**Owen** rarely needed much time or space to create chances, and had a very solid year.

**Taj** would regularly apply second and third efforts defensively, and never gives up.

**Zak** was everywhere on the field, never stopped trying, and his effort for his team mates was always obvious.

A special thanks to all of the parents and support crew, including with all of the help during ground control, but also with backup coaching and managing, including at training.

It was a very rewarding season for everyone, and thanks to everyone for making it so much fun!

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## 1002's

What a great season of football!

This year saw a new challenge for the boys. Playing up to U10's for most of our players and introducing some new team mates, we took a few weeks to gel, but after that didn't the boys do well! Our first few games saw us lose a couple, but with so much effort and

improvement it wasn't long before we were starting to get a few wins under our belt, and by the end of the season we were competitive every week – but most importantly, we were having more fun in our games.

Moving onto the half field, our passing style really came into its own, and I have been really pleased watching the boys play football the way it's meant to be played. Despite it not always working, they have continued to stick to this ethos, and it has paid dividends with some great team goals scored and some fantastic results.

Lachlan Bailey has worked hard all year, and continued to put the opposition under pressure, defending well and starting attacks from the back. Always willing to play any position, he never gives up and tries his best.

Oscar Brehaut has improved immensely this year. A player with boundless energy, he has learned to focus and use his pace to good effect at the back and in attack. He has worked hard in training to improve his passing, and has developed both feet well and is a good team player.

Jayden Callan has come into the team, and his maturity in the middle of the park has helped all those around him. Strong on the ball, and a player keen to get into the box and score goals, he has introduced some great vision into his passing and his development has been a pleasure to watch.

Isaac Leonard has worked hard in training and during the games to improve his all round game. A natural goal scorer, his energy and running have helped him develop into a box to box midfielder who can pass

well and links up well with his team mates to create plenty of chances.

Jackson Long has developed well this year, learning to understand his positions and ensuring that he gets involved and has an impact on the game. Always listening and trying in training, he started bringing his effort into the game and started to pass well.

Jack Morrison is a true team player, putting effort into every position he plays. While preferring to attack, he has stepped into defence on numerous occasions, and is difficult to get past. His confidence on the ball has grown this year, and he has contributed well to the team throughout the season.

James Munro continued his development as a goalkeeper and pulled off some great saves, as well as improving his distribution from the back. He has also become more vocal and arranges the team and defence well. But it's fair to say, he continues to provide more excitement to the crowd as a no nonsense outfield player – the bulldozer is back!

Myles Panozzo has again demonstrated that he is a skilful defensive midfielder who can cover the whole field in every game. Strong in the tackle, he continues to find the right pass and turn defence into attack quickly and still has an eye for a goal. Comfortable with both feet, he is a player always willing to listen and learn.

Sam Smith has had a fantastic season, continuing where he left off last year and improving weekly. With some awesome runs out of the back adding to a very impressive defensive, combative and energetic game, Sam's ability to read the game and sweep behind his teammates has also continued to develop, and often saved games for us.

Patrick Troy is another player who can play in virtually any position, and while he is keen to attack, he has proven to be a solid and instinctive defender. Working hard in training to improve both feet, he is equally comfortable on either side, and has scored a few vital goals this year.

Findlay Vallak-O'Connor is another of our defensive rocks who is not only one of the main reasons that we have conceded less goals than most other teams, but also key to us starting our attacks from the back. Always keen to receive the ball and move it forward with accuracy he has had a great season.



Harry Ward continued growing into his role within the team. Always involved during the game, he has sustained his improvement and is a player who can play in every position and affect the game. He has also turned into a good goalkeeper and reads the game well.

Throughout the season the boys have worked hard, and they have put everything they were learning in training into practise and learnt how to play as a team. I continue to be very lucky as a coach that I have a group of boys that support each other, try to always pass the ball and are always great to watch.



I'd like to thank Paul for his help with coaching, Dea and Hayley for their help managing, all the parents and other relatives who have come to watch and support the team this season – I think we can be very proud of our boys! However and always most importantly, I'd like to say a big thank you and well done to the boys themselves for making coaching you a lot of fun, and watching you develop very enjoyable!



## W10A's

What an excellent season!!

We are so proud of the girls and how well they did. Their enthusiasm and smiles each week made it a pleasure to coach.

A few stats:

20 games 18 wins

1 draw

1 loss

80 goals scored

14 goals scored against 920mins of game time WOW!

A big thank you to all our families and friends that came along each week and to the parents that put their hands up for ground control which seems to be on every other Saturday. Special thanks also to Dave, Matt and Scano who helped out with training and during the games at various times during the season.

Soccer is a TEAM game and isn't just about scoring goals. It's also about doing all the other things well like goal keeping, defending, passing the ball, thrown-ins, etc. It's very simple, no teamwork, no goals! We are proud to say that we genuinely believe our girls did this throughout the year!

The girls played so well as a team and had so much fun – we can't ask for anymore than that! Below are a few words on each of the girls:

**Amber** is as tough as they come and just loves playing the game. Always smiling and like all great midfielders is excellent at reading the play. Simply doesn't stop chasing the ball and even a fractured arm didn't stop her!

**Ellie** and Tahlia formed a great partnership this year as the last line of defense and showed great improvement and confidence in getting the ball out of trouble. Great footwork and what a boot!

**Emily** scored some fantastic goals and is a natural at putting that ball in the net. Showed some excellent dribbling skills throughout the season and a natural goal-scorer!

**Hannah** had a great season either playing up the front or down the left-hand side terrorizing the opposition. Such a team player that is always looking for that perfect pass to a team-mate. A pleasure to coach!

**Holly** is a coach's dream aka CD that is the first person to put their hand up and offer to play whatever position the teams needs. Is great on the ball, has excellent vision and her versatility allows her to confidently play in any position.

**Lily R (Kevie)** is a magnificent reader of the game and no doubt will evolve into an excellent midfielder. Has fantastic control of the ball and is always looking for support. One amazing goalkeeper as well!

**Lily W** was the engine of the team owning the middle of the field. Just doesn't stop running and scored some incredible goals. Excellent attitude and a joy to coach.

**Sarah** just doesn't give up and is developing into a very well rounded player who can play anywhere. Her determination is second to none and gives 100% each week. Cheeky and plays to win!

**Tahlia** has developed into an amazing defender and her and Ellie are very much the reason why only 14 goals were scored against the team all season. Great enthusiasm!

**Zali** played her first season of soccer and you would think she has played for years. What a lovely girl always smiling and a natural defensive midfielder providing the link between our defenders and midfielders. Not a bad goalkeeper either!

So proud of all our girls!! Regards,  
Fabs & Toni



## W10C's

The W10C girl's team had a fabulous year, where all of the girls bonded together where every match was memorable and played with real team spirit. The team had an even share of 6 wins, 5 draws and 6 losses, with many matches being evenly matched and high scoring (eg 5-4), making it very exciting to

watch each week.

That spirit began at training, when the girl's made up and practised a team song that starts off "Rovers Rovers, Ra, Ra, Ra".

One of the originators of the song was Mackenna, who always played with a smile on her face. She ran and defended hard and was famous for a couple of air swings. She formed part of a group of players who played in and "stacked" the midfield (coach's tactic?), which included Tahlia, Ashleigh, Lilli, Chanel, Theoni and Charlotte amongst others.

Tahlia, a natural runner, seemed to get fitter and faster each week, ran everywhere and got us out of trouble on many occasions. Ashleigh had a gift for anticipating where the ball was going to go, and got the ball first and passed it out wide.

Lilli was another who anticipated where the ball was going from throw ins and corners, and would use her long throw in and large kicks to pass and kick the ball up front or out wide, to players like Charlotte, who liked to play slightly wide of the midfield. Charlotte had good skills in dribbling the ball up the wing, linking with Chanel and Tori. Chanel played with her usual tenacity that amazed all, where she would get the ball from a difficult situation, dribble and dodge many girls, ran fast and more often than not, score an amazing goal. This occurred when a goal seemed impossible due to a bunched group of opponents.

Theoni was another player, who played like a sweeper, ran everywhere on the field, saving us on many occasions, who made long passes to Chanel and forwards Tori and Lani. Tori was another tenacious player, hungry to score goals, who used her speed to dodge players, especially out wide and up front, and score goals. Such was her will to win and play well, Tori could be seen revving up the team after a goal was scored against us.

Lani played up front and tackled and took the ball off many opponents. She used her good dribbling and dodging skills and fast speed to make good passes upfront.

Every team needs a good defence and Mia, Zara, Theoni, Lilli and Charlotte formed this backline.

Mia used her fast speed and skills to stop many attacks, and probably receives the award for the biggest boots (longest distance) in the season, followed closely by Lilli. Mia was able to kick and boot the ball with both left and right feet.

Zara used her fast speed and defended hard to stop many chances. She used her speed to provide good passes up the left wing, and almost scored from a long range kick that just shaved the goals.

We mustn't forget some of the fill in players from W10A, W9 and even W8's, who helped out us when we were short, especially Ariana at the end of the season.

The team played in the end of year Gala tournament at Kareela Oval, where they played 3 matches, winning 2-0 against Engadine and lost close matches 0-1 to Bosco and Sylvania. It was a great end to the season, where the girls had so much fun, bonding together in between matches.

Highlights of the season include Lilli's long range shot at goal that hit the cross bar at Loftus Oval, and left it shaking, Mia's large boots of the ball, the many memorable high scoring matches (4-5 loss to Caringbah Redbacks at start of season, hard fought 3-1 win over Gymea, at end over Gymea, where Mia and Theoni got injured, all the fun had at training sessions, which included playing with the W10A's.

After each win or draw (even a close loss), the team got in a circular huddle with Technical Coach Tiarne, sung as loud as they could and spun around, a true moment to witness and cherish.

Thanks to coaches Gary and Tiarne and to all the parents, who helped out enormously for ground control and other things, for a truly team effort this year.

And thanks to the W10C's girls who worked so hard throughout the cold winter, to provide so much fun and memorable moments.

Looking forward to it again in 2018!!

Gary, Tiarne and Asa





Most of the team returned again this year, so the boys are building season upon season playing together and learning the game of football.

After a few rounds two boys moved into the 12D's and this saw two new signings added to the club. The boys dealt with this fantastically.

The competition was very good and each game was a good test of what the boys had learned and what needed to be improved on. All boys developed not only their individual skills but the team skills that will assist them in full field comp next season. With our normal goalie out for a few weeks due to injury, meant that a boy had to fill in for two half's not just one, this the boys did with no complaining.

The highlight of the season was the U11 Gala Day. This is a compulsory knockout comp for all U11 teams – basically our final series. The 3 teams we played we had lost to in the season. Well guess who won the U11C comp – the Rovers 11C's – How Good is That!! (royalties to Laney for that catch phrase).

I would like to thank Kathleen for her management, and the parents who helped out during the season, having a happy sideline makes coaching easier. I would also like to thank the Rovers Mini-roo refs, they do a great job each week and are some of the best in the association.

Coach Greg

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The 2107 season saw the boys playing their first competitive competition on a full field with some additional players joining the squad.

The early part of the season was inconsistent with varied results, with the team needing time to gel and for players to find their preferred positions. At the latter end of round one,

the team was fifth on the point's ladder.

The major turning point for the boys was the entry into the NSW State Cup. Our first game was an away game at Griffith in western NSW. The team had an amazing weekend away with plenty of laughs, bonding incredibly well and returning with a victory. The boys went on to make the final 16 of the State Cup, going down in their final game via a penalty shootout.

After our initial State Cup win, the team went on a winning streak, playing excellent football, with the boys developing a lovely style of play in the true spirit of the game. With the boys supporting each other and working in a cohesive manner, underpinned by good training sessions, they progressively climbed the ladder to finish second on the table.

The boys played through two semi-finals to win a place in the Grand Final. The U12As finished Runners Up in their first year of competition, an amazing effort and a well-deserved reward for all their hard work.

As a coach, I am incredibly proud. It has been great to see the boys develop their positional play and skills within the game and learn much needed life skills for the future. They have learnt many valuable lessons throughout the season. Individual players have found their natural positions and continued to develop their game. The team has displayed solidarity, whether it be winning, losing or having a draw. The boys have showed great resilience and determination, whilst having fun and enjoying the game. The team has displayed great sportsmanship and represented their club with pride.

It is important to recognise the efforts of the two Assistant coaches, Greg Hibbins & Gerry Fitzpatrick, and the Manager, Karl Lauxmann. I would also like to thank all the parents for their continued support and efforts in assisting the club and the team. I would like to thank John Lane, Club President, and the Rovers

Committee for all their efforts in supporting the 12A's. It truly has been the combined effort of all those mentioned above that has made this season such a success and enjoyable experience.

Congratulation Loftus Rovers FC 12A's on a stellar 2017 season.

Kind Regards,

Mark Hawkins

Coach 12A's



## 12D's

The 2017 season didn't start off too well for the boys, as they were short of players and playing on a full field for the first time! Fortunately we were able to loan a few players from the 10C and 11 C grade teams on a weekly basis.

A huge thanks to John Albani (10C Manager), Darren Comber (10C Coach) and Greg Quinnell (11C Coach) for helping make

this happen each week.

When we got Luke Quinnell and Dally Mollross on a permanent basis from the 11C's we had a full team each week. We would also like to thank Jake and William from the 10Cs who played for us a few times!

All of the boys enjoyed the training session on Tuesday so much another session on Friday nights at Orchid Oval was organised, and well attended each week.

I was so pleased to hear all our supporters (parents!) comment on how much the boys skills had improved after only a few weeks into the season!

We only got to play 17 games, won 5 and drew one to finish up with 16 points and 8th on the ladder!

In the last few games we became more competitive and the boys were so excited when we beat the team in second place! Now we knew we'd come a long way!!

I'd like to thank all our "supporters" for the work they did on Ground Duty and each week to support the TEAM. The assistance of the Manager Mick each week and help from Josh at training. Also, we could not have done it without the assistance of Greg Quinnell to arrange for us to loan a couple of boys so we had 11 players each week.

Thanks to our Captain, Brad , for keeping the boys on their toes on the field and to our keeper Corey for taking on the goalie duties for most of the games, and doing a great job!!!

I've not named a "Player of the Year", as all the boys played a part in making 2017 a successful year.

Cheers

Geoff Coach



This is the girls first year of competition and they took to it like ducks to water.

We were wondering how the big field would affect their game but they clearly mastered it pretty quickly as we made it to the Grand Finals.

Whilst we didn't win, it was only 1-0 which was our best score against Seagulls all year.

Our dedicated goalie Lucy has the most brilliant kick out to half way, which gives us a great advantage. There have been many memorable saves throughout the season.

The back line consists of :-

Eloise - as sweep she liked to go for a run every now and then, but the big elastic band kept her going back to her position. As the season progressed she got more and more vocal and the rest of the team learnt to let her vent.

Avani- our solid left back who is now confident in her position & awareness on the field. Well done on a great season turning around many an attacking move.

Kailin- you always know she will give 100% at every game. She is very hard to get through as she just goes at the ball until she gets it.

Skye- one of our youngest, but she so deserves to be in the A's. She will also go at the ball until she gets it and belts it up the side line.

The Mids consist of :-Mia, Olivia, Holly, Ruby, Sienna although any of them could and did play up front.

Ruby- just happens to be at the right place at the right time and scores just when we need it in the finals.

Holly- runs up and down the field bringing the ball down from the heavens and delivering it to the strikers. She was up there getting goals many a time and is a great player in whatever position she plays.

Sienna- the powerhouse on the R wing ducks and weaves, zooming up the side whenever she can. She looks small but don't underestimate her!

Olivia- the 'Eveready' bunny! She just loves playing soccer, she never stops going after the ball running the length of the field multiple times to help the backs and forwards. She has superb control but is never greedy passing to the player in the best position.

Mia- holds the centre of the team and is everywhere, even when she shouldn't be, she just can't help herself. I bet she sleeps well after each game! She is a brilliant player and has THE longest throw ins I have ever seen.

The forwards:-

Charlei- the foal, she has the ability to outrun anyone when she puts her mind to it with those long legs. She will often pop a goal in off a mids pass and her ability to gee everyone up is unsurpassed.

Jess- has the skill to play whatever position you ask her and I believe she has played nearly all of them. She is extremely reliable and we know she gives 100% every game. She is the quiet achiever in the team.

CC- unfortunately played 1 game and then hurt her knee and hasn't been able to play this season. She will be back bigger and better next year.

We have used many Subs from several teams namely the W10A, W10C and W12C.

Thank you to all of our subs we couldn't have done it without you.

Coaches

Alan and Daniel- These two work remarkably well together. They both love the game and can impart skills to teenaged girls which is exceptional!

Daniel, as CCs parent, didn't even have a child that could play in the team (due to injury) but he still gave up his time to coach and attend matches. The team owes him a big thanks for his dedication.

Alan has done many stints as coach and is pretty used to how young girls minds work, thank goodness! He has extraordinary patience and a plethora of drills up his sleeve to keep the girls interested.

We are very lucky to have 2 brilliant coaches.

Manager Alison- you have made a great season so much easier, from that all important administrator position. Thank you for your assistance & communication, even if you don't trust me ;-)

Thank you too Daniel & Girls, I enjoyed the season & your success is a credit to yourselves...

Last but not least thank you to our very cooperative parents. Your support makes it so much easier to run a team. I think we all worked together to achieve this great result.

Winner of 321 Best and Fairest is.....Mia Robertson



## W12C's

**Played 17 Won 7 Drew 2 Lost 8 For 14  
Against 17 Points 23 Ladder Position 6th**

Mix 8 girls who played together last year with 8 new players, then add the fact of playing on a full field for the first time and longer game time. This is what the W12C's faced to start the 2017 soccer season. To their credit, all the girls gelled together really quickly. They did, however, take a little bit more time to get used to the extra room on the field.

Our season started well when we had a 1-0 lead in the first half of our first 3 games. Due to our enthusiasm, the girls ran themselves ragged and we managed to win 1 of those first 3 encounters. We followed these games up with our biggest win of the season, a 3-0 victory over Georges River.

Our next 2 games saw us go down (valiantly) to eventual grand finalists, Caringbah Redbacks and Menai Hawks. We followed this up with 2 draws and a loss, which left our girls still clinging to the possibility of playing in the semis but we needed some victories.

Over the next 4 weeks our girls really lifted their performances to record 3 wins and an extremely unlucky loss to Bundeena. This included a 1-0 victory over undefeated and eventual Minor Premiers and Premiers, Caringbah Redbacks. In fact, Loftus was the only team to beat Caringbah during the regular season.

Needing to win our last 4 games to make the semis, we came up against a formidable opponent in Menai. Due to school holidays, we started the game with only 9 players. Menai scored twice in the first 3 minutes, however, for the remaining time our girls fought courageously and only lost 2-0.

We won our next 2 games, including a victory over semi finalists, Bonnet Bay. This meant we needed to win our last game and hope Bonnet Bay had a shocker so we could sneak into the semis. The girls played a great last game, attacking the Cronulla Seagulls goal relentlessly but couldn't manage to get a goal. Unfortunately with 17 seconds left Cronulla managed to find the net and the girls went down 1-0.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our coach, Bruce, for all his hard work and dedication during the season. I would also like to thank all our wonderful parents and supporters for your efforts this year. It makes my role as manager an easy and enjoyable one when I have so much help from such fantastic people.

I'm sure I speak for everyone when I say how proud I am of the girls effort and attitude during the entire season. You girls did yourselves, your families and your club proud and I'm looking forward to hopefully seeing you all next year.

Brett Lovell

Manager W12C

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## 14D's

The 14D's had a tough season..., a few boys out with broken bones which often left our team short. Regardless they always rallied together and gave every game 100%.

There was improvement throughout the season which we could see when we came back to play teams for the second time.

Thanks to our coach Linwood for his dedication!

Lisa Moore - Manager

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## W14C's

It started out as a rebuilding year this year for the girls – having made the jump from the W12's to the W14's – with a few new faces and welcoming back a number of our stars from previous years.

There was no doubt that the first half of the year was a challenge, but the team was gelling with each game, finding the net more often, and the signs of a revival were afoot.

It started against a determined Miranda side in Round 9 with a hard fought 1-0 victory, but it was obvious to all that the girls were starting to play as a unit. Their defence in particular was well organised and very effective, and the strikers were capitalising on great midfield play.

So effective in fact that from Round 9 through to the semi-final, the girls won 10 games straight and only conceded 2 goals in the process, including the only victory over the team that would become the Minor Premiers.

This fantastic effort earn't the team the Most Improved Team award for the W14C's competition from the Sutherland Shire Football Association. Well done girls!

Although falling 1 game short of the Grand Final, the girls have had an exceptional year, and both myself and manager Dave are very proud of their efforts!

As a coach I was very lucky to have a dedicated goalie – Tea was outstanding throughout the whole year, and her improvement in positional play and ability to get off the line helped to win us a lot of games.

Our back 4 were simply outstanding, with Amy, Sophie, Imogen and Anabella combining exceptionally well, covering for each other, and ensuring that the opposition had no easy path to goal.

The midfield controlled the play with skill and finesse – Beth, Alexis, and Hannah’s work rates were outstanding, their defensive work and attacking skills led to a number of memorable goals.

Our wingers Olivia W, Olivia C, Dimiti, Kaitlyn, and Madi were tireless in their efforts in arguably the toughest role on the field – endlessly tracking up and down the paddock – they were always on the attack and quick to get back in defence.

Our strikers this year were Felicity, Caitlin and Phoebe – throughout the year the girls combined fantastically well, with all finding the net at critical times to score what was often the winning goal. A special mention to Felicity for scoring a rare hattrick!

Throughout the year a 3-2-1 points system was used on game days in order to award a player of the year. It was an exceptionally close race again this year, with two players unable to be separated at the end of the season.

It was no surprise to see the award go to members of our backline this year – a huge congratulations to Amy and Sophie for taking out the Player of the Year award for 2017!

I’d also like to make special mention of Hannah, a newcomer to the team and sport this year, who had an outstanding year.

I’d like to thank all the parents for their encouragement and support throughout the year – it is very much appreciated!

Myself and manager Dave hope that all the girls have enjoyed the season – please have a great summer and we hope that you come back and play again next season.



15A's - Lachlan, Liam V,Talen, Josh, Blake, Conner,Ryan

Ethan,Jackson,Sam, Tom, Jessie, Nathan,Liam S.

Big step up to A grade this year and the boys showed that they deserved to be in this grade.

Their skill level is up there with the top teams. We just have to work on our decision making & hopefully we have learnt this through our experience this season. We did not always get reward for our effort on the scoreboard but always displayed courage till the full time whistle.

Your commitment to extra training on Tuesday nights with Nat improved your fitness which showed on the field.

Thanks for your tough love Nat.

You really did a great job with the boys.

Thanks again to Kath for managing our team so well & the parents for encouraging your boys to be their best.

Cheers Gary & Mason.

It was great to see our whole team return from last season for another year of soccer. It was always going to be a tough task making the leap to A grade, but our boys did really well & were extremely competitive all season. We ended up in 6<sup>th</sup> position & look forward to hopefully getting another chance at A grade next year.

This year we introduced fitness training once a week, on top of their weekly training session with Mason. This proved to be a fantastic addition to their regime & definitely improved their fitness levels & helped keep them in the games from week to week. Thanks Nat from Strive Fitness for pushing the boys hard. It's great to see that most boys are continuing this in the off season....so look out 2018!!!

For our photo day this year, as well as our traditional photo, we also wore beanies to raise money for "Beanies for Brain Cancer". All the players & parents wore a beanie for the photo & made a donation. We also had a donation jar at the canteen. We are proud to say that we raised \$175, which was donated to the Mark Hughes Foundation. Great job everyone.

Once again our "Player of the Year" was very close at the end of the season. Each week our Coaches did a 3,2,1 vote. Congratulations to Josh Pople for being the 2017 15A Player of the Year.

All of the parents & supporters thoroughly enjoyed watching the boys this year & look forward to them having another crack next year. Well done Josh, Lachlan, Ethan, Tom, Nathan, Connor, Ryan, Liam V, Blake, Jesse, Liam S, Jackson, Talen & Sam.

On behalf of the boys & parents, we would like to say a big "Thank You" to Mason & Gary for all the effort, time & commitment that you put into the season. Thanks also to Steve for helping out.

Kath Tanner  
Manager



**Beanies for Brain Cancer Fundraiser....well done 15A!!!**



# 15B's

Well it was a tough year for the 15B,s this year, particularly the B bit.

The boys knew this but were determined to give it there best shot. A couple of early draws gave us hope but as the rounds went by it became clear there was a large divide between the top and bottom of the comp. The boys dug in and throughout the season showed at times they were capable of mixing it even with the top teams.

A favourite moment of mine was stopping the top team from scoring a goal in the first half, there were plenty of others but unfortunately we struggled to stay consistent throughout the whole of a game. It was definitely a mentally tough year for the boys. I was really pleased to see them pull off a win towards the end off the season, showed they could do it, they just needed to stay consistent. A great group of boys and I really enjoyed coaching them and I hope they enjoyed themselves throughout a tough season.



# W16C's

Thank you girls for an awesome season. I really appreciate the effort you all put in this year both at training and during each and every game. It was both an honour and a pleasure to be your coach this year as you continually showed yourselves to be a committed and respectful team of young women.

Watching you all improve with your ball skills and team play, during the second half of the season, showed you have what it takes to be competitive. We just need to be ready round 1 not round 9 next year. I have enjoyed this years coaching and hope we can continue to improve, next year, on the strong foundation we have built. Once again thank you for the support, commitment and respect that you have shown to myself, Penny and especially to each other.

You should all be very proud of yourselves and your achievements this year.

And thank you to all the parents who have supported the players and the team.

What do we want?  
APPLAUSE!  
When do we  
want it?  
NOW!!!  
Who's gonna  
WIN?  
ROVERS!!!!!!

John Courtney -  
Coach





## 18B's

Having won the U16B's last year it was the first year 18's for the boys. Playing in 18B's, we were all a little unsure about how we would go but the boys played some excellent football and exceeded all expectations. They always gave 100%, never stopped trying in every game and made their supporters proud. They're a great group and have become good mates over the many years they've played together.

We were the only team to beat the minor premiers during the home and away season and deservedly made the semi finals. In what was hard match, and with a few of the boys unwell, we lost 2-1.

I would like to thank all of the families and friends who came and watched every week and encouraged the boys to keep on going for the whole 90 minutes.

Finally I would like to thank and acknowledge our Manager Jen Bradley for all the work she has done, not only this year, to ensure these boys continue playing football for the Rovers and stay together as a team. Thanks Jen.

See you all next year!

Matt Lynch



## W18B's

Wow... what a season, with the girls first year in the 18's they smashed it, making it all the way to semi finals, but coming out with an unlucky 2-1 loss.

With bringing back Lily Dirrmann and Hannah Johnston these girls grew into the strongest bunch of young ladies.

As each game came along, the girls continued to put up a strong fight on the field. Throughout the season the girls excelled in their ball skills, fitness and definitely their team work!

Lorna- She was determined to never give up as our team goal keeper. Pushed our team forward as a whole and continued to block those goals out. She had the confidence to give the team a reminder when their heads were down.

Zarsha- A strong defended and a powerful kick. Zarsha won't let any opposition get past her and progresses to even score goals. She is determined and always puts up a battle.

Caitlin- Has developed her skill greatly over the season and continues to show her outgoing and positive attitude to soccer on the field. Oh and those throw ins.....awesome!!

Lily- Lily has come back into this team more determined and hungry for the ball, has shown her ball skill on the field and been a positive contribution to the team all year round.

Kaitlyn- Always thriving to score more and more goals, Kaitlyn has shown and proven her skill on the field through her speed and continuous hunger for scoring goals.

Emily- Was a menace on the field when she weaved her way through players with ease. Was great at setting up goals with through balls and was always giving positive feedback to the team.

Hannah- Loves to get amongst the action, Hannah has displayed a great love for sport and has shown her passion on the field. Always being a motivator for all the girls.

Ashley- Ashley is a hard working defender, never letting any opposition past and always getting the ball up the field. Ashley's throw in's grew bigger and bigger each game.

Rachel- Rachel will never give up for a goal, if she leaves the field without one she comes back the next week and tries even harder to push the team.

Kayla- Kayla showed her willingness and positive attitude to play each game & never let the opposition past. Kayla always thrived for the ball and had a strong kick. Tessa- Always turning up to training and the game with a positive attitude and willing to play to the best of her ability. Tessa's skill developed greatly over the past season.

Tamsyn- Tamsyn won't back down when players get behind her, she will continuously fight back for the ball until she gets it and is always a positive player on the field.

Jade- Team corner kicker, everyone can always rely's on Jade to take the perfect corner. She has a strong kick and is determined to not let the opposition past her.

Mckinlay- A strong forward who possesses great team contribution, Mckinlay always thrives for the ball and uses her speed to get past the defenders.

Special mention to Annette Wein, the manager and Dani Fitzpatrick, the coach of the W18B's who put up with these girls each week and pushed them to their limits on the field to get the best results.

By Emily Wein

From the coach:

Thanks girls for an awesome season. You really showed the comp that you were a force to be reckoned with. Who would have thought that we could achieve 3<sup>rd</sup> place!! It's great to see a team that not only play well together but also have a pretty special bond. You girls rock xxxxx

**Dani Fitz**



**2016 SENIOR TEAMS REPORTS**

**A05's**

Wins	Draws	Losses	Goals for	Goals against	Points
<b>12</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>40</b>


**35D's**

Wins	Draws	Losses	Goals for	Goals against	Points
<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>16</b>


**35F's**

Wins	Draws	Losses	Goals for	Goals against	Points
<b>13</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>37</b>

2017 started out as looking like it was going to be a tough gig. Struggling to get 11 to turn up due to low numbers and injuries was making life extremely tough. Finishing games with 9 & 10 players was a pretty common occurrence. That being said the first half of the season only saw us lose 1 game but 4 draws wasn't helping the equation...although we were happy to take those over a loss.

It was around that point that the cavalry arrived. Our numbers swelled from about 14 players to 21. The new intake included several players that hadn't played before as well as a few who hadn't laced up the boots in a very long time. Second half of the season was very different to the first winning 7 out of 8 games in the lead up to the finals. The winning streak started at Round 12 and if you include the finals we won 8 games in a row until that defeat in the GF that was a pretty hard pill to swallow.

The GF seemed to be one of those games...plenty of shots on goal, penalty, around 7 or 8 yellows (only 1 received by Loftus), and a red card to Gwawley with 15 minutes to play, the game seemed to be well within

reach but we were only able to 1 in the back of the net. The opposition on the other hand seemed to only have a couple of good chances and capitalised on both. The final goal being scored with only a minute left on the clock leaving us no time to get of jail. Final score Gwawley 2, Loftus 1.

To the team.....thanks for a great season!!! You are all a great bunch of blokes who make Sundays running around the park an enjoyable experience. I hope you all want to have another crack next year. To the boys that had to sit the GF out due to numbers, my sincere apologies. Without the entire team we wouldn't have been able to achieve the results we did throughout the second half of the season.

Please to announce that the 2017 Players Player was in fact a tie - Mark Burton and Colin Brown. Congratulations both of you!!!

Golden Boot - Dave Horton with 12 goals.

Cheers

Jamie Munro





# W21A's

Wins	Draws	Losses	Goals for	Goals against	Points
<b>10</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>31</b>



# W30A's

Wins	Draws	Losses	Goals for	Goals against	Points
<b>13</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>40</b>

Wow, What a great year we had. Finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in the regular season and bowed out in the semi final 2-1. The girls were in first place with a week to go, that's how tight the competition was with 2 points separating the top 3 sides. I think injuries and a lack of numbers contributed to the girls not getting there in the end. No excuses, our opposition through out the year were tough and hard to beat, every victory this season was well earned. All games were played in great spirit and at a very high skill level. Every game was a pleasure to watch. The thing that impressed me most was the way this team play for each other and have a good time doing it. Every player contributed to a successful season with standouts all over the park, it would be hard to pick a player of the year but i will say and I think the playing group will agree that Carey Nick named dynamite was our most improved. Congratulations girls on a great season.

On behalf of Frank and myself thanks for having us this year, we loved it.

Cheers – from Piggo. Be a Rover or be Nothing.



# W30B's

Wins	Draws	Losses	Goals for	Goals against	Points
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>5</b>

**W30B's Loftus Wildfires – 2017 Wooden Spoon Award!****Players Player – Kara Dent****25 Years Consecutive Service – Liz Brown****10 Years Consecutive Service – Belinda Pellow, Helen Walton, Sue Baker, Lucy Allen, Kate Weinert**

What can I say... we won one, drew twice and had fun every week. What a joy it is to be able to take to the field each week with such an awesome group of players. Our team has such a great sense of unity and equality and a fantastic sense of fun. While the results may seem grim this season, we were happy with our competitiveness each week (after we said "sorry coach").

The season started with a thump with 2 players leaving the team and then our Life Member Diane James suddenly having to step down for health reasons – she'll be back in 2019 and we are all looking forward to her return. Our new recruits slotted into the team nicely (we welcomed Kelly, Marisa and Denise) and we all enjoyed the B grade competition. We looked like we were going to slowly build through the season but illness, injury and pregnancy (!!!) impacted and we remained the foundation from which B grade rose throughout the season.

Coach Linwood dealt well with the injuries, changing player combinations and disappointing scores. His commitment to the team is unwavering and we all thank him for his patience, persistence and perseverance.

**Barbra Sharp**  
**Manager, W30B 2017**



<b>Wins</b>	<b>Draws</b>	<b>Losses</b>	<b>Goals for</b>	<b>Goals against</b>	<b>Points</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>46</b>

What a season! We welcomed some new players to our team this year **Jude, Ali Goff, Lisa Knight, Lisa Neeves** and **Jennifer** and the return of some of our oldies who went off to have children **Keri** and **Claire! Tarsh** came back after a year at Como (she is a Rover – it's in her blood) and away we went with our team from last year returning players **Ali Maunder, Amanda** (our Captain), **Carmen, Dani, Kristen** (Pitty), **Lizzie, Sue Jones** and **Sue Cutts**. I had the opportunity to coach my team for the first time ever due to having a year off and it was definitely an experience being on the sideline and subbing and not being out on the field.

I would like to thank our old Coach, **Geoff Shuttlewood** for coming in and taking over the girls while I was out on medical leave – I think they loved you more than me but that's okay cause I'm getting back on the field next season!

The best thing about our team this year was the teamwork – it made for better results in our game and we were almost undefeated Minor Premiers except for that one game which we won't mention! You girls played brilliantly, always trying your hardest and putting on an awesome show on the field. I think if we had the opportunity to train more together we would have improved even more but we also have families and commitments so that's okay.

Up until Round 16 we had single digit goals against us and that is how incredible our back line is in defence. We still had the least goals against us for our comp and second to the most goals scored in our comp. Our mids and forwards never gave up and scored some crackers. Our fitness was one of the reasons we were Minor Premiers as other teams tired and second half was always our shining moment in our games as we outran, outplayed and outlasted!

And then we won the Premiership! So proud of all of us! We did good x

Here's to **Rose Harris** and **Alan Cutts** – our biggest supporters for year and a few little appearances from our Ginger Ninja Netty! We love you guys.

**Mella Williams**  
COACH – for this year only

**GOLDEN BOOT** – Jude Mair (Dawes)  
**PLAYER OF THE YEAR** – Tarsh Headley



Wins	Draws	Losses	Goals for	Goals against	Points
<b>13</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>41</b>

What can I say we have come leaps and bounds this year and finally found our match and groove. We have had a wonderful year kicking goals and loving turning up each week to see our friends. For a team that didn't train all year and ended up on top, I think we did alright! Thanks to our Coach for getting evicted from the field and supporting us each and every week with motivational yelling. Thanks to the Mums and Boyfriends that stepped in for us on ground control when we were playing. Before every game we have a special chant that we like to sing....

- I love our coach
- I love soccer
- I love when we come minor premiers
- I love when we win grand finals
- I LOVE WHEN SHANNON SAVES GOALS
- I LOVE THE WHOLE TEAM

We came away with a nail biting win this year against Kirrawee. It was 0-0 at full time and ended up 2-0 at the end of extra time with 2 amazing goals by Nicole.

Be a Rover or nothing!!!



# FINAL SEASON STATS

<b>PREMIERS:</b>	<b>W30C, WSE</b>
<b>MINOR PREMIERS:</b>	<b>W30C, WSE</b>
<b>RUNNERS-UP:</b>	<b>12A, W12A, 35F</b>
<b>GRAND FINALISTS:</b>	<b>12A, W12A, W30C, WSE, 35F,</b>
<b>FINALISTS:</b>	<b>W14C, AL05,</b>
<b>SEMI FINALISTS:</b>	<b>18B, W21A, W30A</b>





## CLUB STATS FOR 2017

*(none of the following stats for Club, Junior and Senior include final series, Robertson Cup or State Cup series)*

**\_ out of 5 PREMIERSHIPS WON by our club in  
2017**

**Goals For** *(amount of times Loftus Yarrawarrah held their breath and cheered)* : **639 across the line (694 in 2016)**

**Goals Against** *(amount of times Loftus Yarrawarrah held their breath and sighed)* : **623 goals (554 in 2016)**

**Wins** *(the claps, the cheers, the excitement, the 3 points, the sense of achievement)* : **154 games (164 in 2016)**

**Losses** *(the better luck next time attitude, lets train harder this week comments)* : **134 games (119 in 2016)**

**Draws** *(hmmmm... it's better than a loss, it's still 1 point)* : **55 games (44 in 2016)**

**Byes** *(weekend off and a freebie 3 points)* : **4 games (4 in 2016)**

### JUNIOR TEAM REGULAR SEASON STAT ACHIEVEMENTS FOR 2017:

**Most Goals Scored: 43 by the W18Bs**

**Least Goals Against: 12 against the W12As**

**Most Wins: 11 wins to the W14Cs**

**UNDEFEATED:**

### SENIOR TEAM REGULAR SEASON STAT ACHIEVEMENTS FOR 2017:

**Most Goals Scored: 71 by the W30Cs**

**Least Goals Against: 10 against the WSE's**

**Most Wins: 15 wins to the W30C's**

**UNDEFEATED:**

# 2017 PREMIERS

