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WHEN TOO MUCH FOOTBALL IS BARELY ENOUGH

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE NEW LAMBTON FOOTBALL CLUB
JUNIORS



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NEW LAMBTON FOOTBALL CLUB JUNIORS - OUR VALUES, VISION AND MISSION

New Lambton FC Juniors has adopted a set of values to guide Club behaviour:

- 1. Wellbeing:** We develop and promote a safe and supportive environment
- 2. Excellence:** We strive for quality and improvement in everything we do
- 3. Integrity:** We know and do what is right
- 4. Respect:** We respect diverse views and opinions and act with integrity, and treat others as we expect to be treated

Our WEIR values (Wellbeing, Excellence, Integrity and Respect) underpin everything we do as a Club, as well as how we expect all our players, volunteers and others to engage with one another and the community.

Our Values help set our Club's Vision and Mission Statement.

Vision

For New Lambton FC Juniors to be the leading and most respected local community football club and to support and promote football to ensure it is the largest and most popular sport for males and females.

Mission

1. To provide for all our members a Club run to the highest standard, without limitation as to age, race, religion or gender.
2. To improve the publicity of, and public perception of, amateur football at the Club level, so as to foster the continued prosperity of the sport.
3. To encourage and assist new and current players wishing to participate in organised amateur football.
4. To provide high-quality facilities for the benefit of all our members and the wider community.
5. To provide a progression pathway for all our members, from grass-roots through to the highest level of football available.
6. To do all these things whilst having regard for the amateur nature of our membership, and therefore keeping Club / Player costs at the lowest possible level.

New Lambton FC Juniors understands the value of diversity, equity and inclusion and expects its members to treat each other and members of the community with dignity and respect. We are committed to creating an inclusive Club culture where everyone feels respected, valued and safe to contribute their opinions and talents to the success of the organisation so that we can drive positive community outcomes.

We value diverse styles, experiences, and perspectives. People from diverse backgrounds (including but not limited to, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians, people with diverse gender identities and sexualities, people from different cultural and linguistic backgrounds, people with disability, and veterans) are welcome!

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

It is my absolute pleasure to welcome you all to the Christmas edition of the New Lambton FC Juniors Newsletter FOOTBALLISTIQ!

For many fans of the round ball game, festive football is as much a part of the Christmas tradition as exchanging gifts and having a Christmas tree.

We will be taking a well-earned break over the festive season, and be back ready to rock and roll in the New Year, preparing for another action-packed season of community football.

The committee all hope you all have a happy and safe Christmas and an enjoyable New Year.

Cheers and all the best.



UPDATE FROM THE AGM AND DECEMBER COMMITTEE MEETING

The NLFCJ AGM and December committee meetings went well, with good numbers at both.

1. Club Infrastructure Priorities: we have received good support from Council, Councillors, West Leagues Junior Cricket Club as well as the community in regard to the proposed upgrades to change room facilities at Novocastrian Park. It is hoped that we can commence some upgrade works in the near future, and our ideal timeline is to have at least some works completed by the start of the 2023 season.

2. Grant Funding: in line with our facility priorities, we are significantly focussed on securing grant funding to help us meet some of our strategic goals. We have submitted 6 grant applications in October / November.

3. AGM: the following persons were ratified into committee positions for the 2023 season (this is only an excerpt of the full 2023 committee):

- President: Steve MANNING
- Vice President: David THOMAS
- Secretary: Megan PAYNE
- Registrar: Chris BURCHELL
- Treasurer: Martin BROAD
- Gear Coordinator: Tess DOWMAN
- Zone League Representative: Hamish ANTILL
- Canteen Coordinator: Anita MICHELMORE
- Social Media Coordinator: Jess CARTER

Stay tuned for a comprehensive list of committee helpers and volunteers for the 2023 season - to be one of our best yet!

UPDATED WAYS OF WORKING

As part of us working hard to make sure our Club is the best it can be, we are developing a number of our own unique ways-of-working.

These include:

- Values, Vision and Mission
- Strategic Plan
- Operational Plan
- Football Facility Project Plan
- Revised Constitution

We already share the values, vision and mission with everyone - these are on page 2 of this newsletter.

Once we have all these in place, we shall share them on our media channels so everyone can understand our direction, and be involved in the journey to be the leading and most respected local community football club and to support and promote football to ensure it is the largest and most popular sport for males and females.

This is all also to align our Club with Football Australia's National Club Development Program.

Community based football clubs play a key role in the development of football in Australia.

To raise the overall standard of club administration and operations at all levels of the game, Football Australia established the National Club Development Program (NCDP) providing a clear model to develop and maintain a successful football club.

The NCDP is an enhanced version of the previous National Club Accreditation Scheme (NCAS) that was introduced in 2012.

The NCDP provides club's with an on-line development platform that shall allow us to answer a series of questions regarding all facets of our football club.

After completing the program, our club will receive an automated report summarising our responses.

Once approved by Football Australia, our club will be provided with an Action Report noting the top five recommendations we could consider adopting for improvement, and a logo recognising the level we have achieved based on the information received from our answers.

The topics covered within the program are accompanied with an on-line resource library that will aim to provide Club's with the tools to up-skill themselves.

The NCDP is expected to our club achieve these objectives:

- Improve processes and control mechanisms of affiliated Clubs
- Assist Member Federations and Governing Bodies to better support Clubs, by facilitating a process which encourages greater engagement
- Improve the efficiencies of the sport
- Establish benchmarks of success across Australia
- Improve player retention
- Increase female participation
- Increase MiniRoos Participation
- Embrace and support inclusivity
- Increase the number of clubs accessing and utilising the National Club Development Program
- Improve net promoter score among administrators

Our goal is to receive a 5-star accreditation rating.

PRE-SEASON OPPORTUNITIES

Keep your eyes peeled and ears to the ground for a number of exciting pre-season opportunities in the New Year.

- Making Novocastrian Park and training equipment available for pre-season training in the evenings across the week
- The potential of a Summer Inter-Club Competition
- Additional focused coaching opportunities for players
- Depending on availability, "coach the coach" training

OUR SOCIAL MEDIA CHANNELS

TeamApp shall continue to be the Club's main point of contact with all our members and volunteers - but check these out!

TeamApp:

https://newlambtonfcjuniors.teamapp.com/dashboard?_detail=v1

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100087312821848>

Website: <https://newlambtonfcjuniors.org.au>

Instagram:

<https://www.instagram.com/newlambtonfcjuniors/>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/nlfcjuniors>

WOMEN IN FOOTBALL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

No sport brings people together like football. We believe diversity and inclusion are our biggest strengths – that's why we want more women in non-playing roles.

Northern NSW Football has launched its Women in Football Scholarship Program to help break down barriers to female participation and increase representation of women and girls in football.

The scholarship program, part of the NSW Football Legacy Program, upskills women in non-playing roles and enhances female voices within the football community.

The program includes referee, coach and volunteer education and development.

The referee education and development includes all-female level three and four referee courses, all-female level three assessor courses, a regional match official development program and match official camp scholarships.

Link: [Women in Football Scholarship Program](#)

For more information about the Women in Football Scholarship Program, contact NNSW Football at legacy@northernnswfootball.com.au or 4941 7200

MINIROOS KICK OFF PROGRAM CONTINUES

The MiniRoos Kick Off program continues to be a popular activity, and hopefully all our minis are enjoying themselves and picking up some valuable skills and knowledge for the coming season.

We hope the MiniRoos Kick Off program only grows stronger and stronger.

MINI WORLD CUP 2022

We were fortunate enough to have a team in the Mini World Cup held at the International Hockey Centre on Saturday 12 November. Games were 5 a side, with a maximum of 8 in a team.

The mighty New Lambton FC Larks represented our Club strongly, putting in a good showing in their 6 tournament matches. Coached and mentored by Adam GROGAN, the girls had a great day in hot conditions.



UPCOMING COACHES COURSES

It's easy to continue or start your coaching journey in 2023 with enhanced resources and upcoming training opportunities.

Resources and training opportunities – the NNSWF coach resources page has everything you need to take your skills to the next level with FAQs, upcoming course dates and tips.

FIND A COACHING COURSE: [Coaches | Northern NSW Football](#)

More resources

Online learning: [Online Learning | Play Football](#)

Coaching webinars: [Coaching Webinars | Play Football](#)

Coaching session ideas: [Coaching Sessions | Play Football](#)

Join coaches from across northern NSW on the Coach Development Facebook Group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/221293712202792>

REGISTER TO COACH IN 2023: <https://www.playfootball.com.au/coach/register-a-coach>

Questions: If you have any questions NNSWF's Ryan Doidge is available to chat on (02) 4941 7200 or on e-mail at coached@northernnswfootball.com.au

We can't wait for you to continue with or join our coaching team in season 2023.

UPCOMING REFEREES COURSE

The below courses have been planned to date and will take place within the Hunter region and the wider football community:

The above registration links are live and registrations for all of the courses can commence.

Further courses will be planned soon, including for the first quarter of 2023.

Please help us to improve the game day experience for your football-playing family, friends and broader football community – the game needs more new match officials.

Attendance at these courses will help to raise individual and statewide standards of officiating.

FOOTBALL FOCUS

This month, our focus will be on Megan PAYNE, our Club's Secretary and someone you would have definitely seen around the parks over time.

Megan has a passion for women's and girls football at the grass-roots community level, and works very hard to make football happen every weekend.

1. How long have you been involved in the Club?

It seems like a long time, but I'm not entirely sure. What I can say is that it's like that Eagles' song Hotel California, where they say that "you can check out any time you like, but you can never leave".

2. Who is your favourite Australian football team?

It would have to be the Jet's Women.

I'm a huge fan of New Zealand's TaumatawhakatangiHangakoauauotamateaturipukakapikimaungahoronukupokaiwhenuakitanatahu FC, who sadly shorten their name to Taumata FC.

I also fancy FL Fart who are a Norwegian First Division women's side and have the most negative record for a women's club, but they give it a red-hot go. They have a stadium called the Fartbana.

3. If you could change one thing in the world, what would it be?

I wouldn't just stop at one - here's a list:

- 1. Educate stupid people.**
- 2. Get rid of bad parenting.**
- 3. Socks in sandals - just stop it!**
- 4. I'd make Unicorns real, but they'd have to be the cupcake pooping kind.**
- 5. I'd also make superheroes real.**

4. Do you have any words of wisdom to impart on the Club?

I do have 5 tips for you all:

- 1. Be wise, because the world needs wisdom. If you cannot be wise, pretend to be someone who is wise, and then just behave like they would.**
- 2. The best advice I can give anybody about going out into the world is this: Don't do it. I have been out there. It is a mess.**
- 3. Follow your passion, stay true to yourself, never follow someone else's path unless you're in the bush and you're lost and you see a path then by all means you should follow that.**
- 4. The richer you get, the more expensive happiness becomes.**
- 5. Dance like nobody's watching, because they are not, they are all checking their phones.**

5. A little bird told me that you have secretly lobbied to have the season extended to run for 11 months of the year, because you are always so disappointed when the season is finished. Is there any truth to this?

Absolutely. If I had it my way, I'd never get a break from the wonderful world of grass-roots football. Hang on.....



Megan PAYNE - Secretary of the New Lambton FC Juniors

JOKE OF THE MONTH

It's the World Cup Final, and a man makes his way to his seat right next to the pitch.

He sits down, noticing that the seat next to him is empty. He leans over and asks his neighbour if someone will be sitting there.

'No,' says the neighbour. 'The seat's empty.'

'This is incredible,' said the man. 'Who in their right mind would have a seat like this for the Final and not use it?'

The neighbour says, 'Well actually the seat belongs to me. I was supposed to come with my wife, but she passed away. This is the first World Cup Final we haven't been to together since we got married.'

'Oh, I'm so sorry to hear that. That's terrible....but couldn't you find someone else, a friend, relative or even a neighbour to take her seat?'

The man shakes his head. 'No,' he says. 'They're all at the funeral.'

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