

FOOTBALLISTIQ

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE NEW LAMBTON FC JUNIORS

HOT NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS!

Grand Final Winner
U15G/01 Budgies

Grand Final Runner Up
U13/01 Kestrals
U16/01 Lorikeets
U19/01 Kookaburras
All Ages Sat/01



FACILITY UPGRADES, DRAINAGE PLANS AND LIGHTING

The Club's focus on improving the facilities for our participants and the wider community continues, with the facility improvements still tentatively slated to commence in November.

The Club shall also have a contractor on site during October / November conducting field assessment works, with a view to preparing us with a detailed design for full park drainage.

Final pricing and designs for a complete lighting overhaul is due shortly, which shall be a huge improvement.

UPDATE: The storage facility upgrade is progressing - the containers are in and painted, and the concrete apron and power connection shall be complete on October 9 - 11.
We are nearly there!!

PRESENTATION DAY WAS A HUGE AND HAPPY SUCCESS

SUMMER FAST 5'S - STARTS MONDAY 16 OCT

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.

COMMITTEE MEETING UPDATE

Committee Meetings are held on the last Monday evening of each month, at the NEW LAMBTON UNITING CHURCH HALL 48 Regent St, New Lambton, from 7:00pm.

Our Club is run by a committee which is made up of volunteers who are committed to the ongoing success of this Club – your Club, our Club.

We would like to take this opportunity to invite you to come along to the regular monthly Club committee meetings to see what we do, maybe consider volunteering for the Club or joining the committee and help us run the Club for the participants (mostly children) and future generations.

Without volunteers and a committee the Club cannot operate.

If you think you have something to offer the committee, want to have a say, or are just interested in how the Club is run please think about joining... or just attending a meeting.

You are welcome at any committee meeting (we have them set up as individual Events in Stack Team App), and we would very much like to see you all.

Attending the meetings is a great way to get to know the committee and you may find that there is something that you can help us with.

For details on how you can help, please RSVP on Stack Team App and come along to a meeting or for more information email us:

info@newlambtonfcjuniors.org.au

NLFCJ FEMALE CONSULTATIVE GROUP

The Committee is committed to ensuring the Club is fully inclusive.

To that end, one of our priority tasks is to establish a Female Consultative Group (FCG).

The FCG is currently regrouping, ahead of what we think shall be a huge 2024.

You can get more information or provide feedback via this email:

info@newlambtonfcjuniors.org.au

Some of the focus areas shall be:

1. Setting goals and targets specifically relating to women and girls
2. Monitoring these goals and targets
3. Establishing a Female Football Club Ambassador
4. Establishing Club Female Development Coordinator program
5. Establish a Female Referee Mentoring program at Club level
6. Set strategies to ensure the Club aligns with FFA's Gender Equity Plan
7. Establish alternate participation opportunities (e.g. Kick On, Kick Off)
8. Grow the Club's female membership to 50%, and also to have 50% of the committee female
9. Develop and maintain formal plans and policies outlining the above

2023 PRESENTATION DAY

Our annual New Lambton Football Club Juniors Presentation Day was held on Sunday 17th September from 10am - 2pm at Novocastrian Park.

It was a nice hot one (the dunk tank was popular), everyone had a fantastic day and there were no reported issues, which is fantastic.

A big thanks to all those who stepped up to help out (too many to mention) but you all made the day the success that it was.

The new PA system worked a treat, and the tiered seating proved to be worth its weight in gold providing comfort for those watching the awards being presented. We trialled using a mobile coolroom for the drinks, which proved to be a success as well! A big shout-out to Adams' Family Meats and Stevens Conveyancing for donating prizes for the Presentation Day Raffle.



REFEREE'S AND GOALKEEPER TRAINING

As part of our ethos of being the best we can be and continuous improvement, we are currently reviewing ways we can provide additional upskilling and training to build on our Club's contingent of officials as well as goalkeepers.

We have access to one of Newcastle's best local Goalkeeper Coaches, Greg Lowe, and we want to build on that relationship and develop ways of providing ongoing and meaningful training to our current and up-and-coming goalkeepers.

We also are building gateways to tap into the strong local knowledge-base of game officials to form an officials' mentoring program, which shall provide initial and ongoing training, mentoring, support and upskilling to our current and upcoming game officials.

The procurement and implementation of a Veo Sports game review system shall allow for meaningful game reviews, for the purposes of continuous improvement - we have purchased 2 Veo camera systems and will have them in place for season 2024.

Please stay tuned for more information over the coming months.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - 2024

- Are you passionate about making a difference in your community?
- Do you want to be part of an exciting and vibrant team?
- Look no further – with just a few hours a week, you can be part of positive change.
- Your Committee is already starting work on season 2024 and part of the huge task ahead is to call for volunteers for the 2024 season.
- Your Club is calling for dedicated volunteers like you to join our family.
- Who We Need – we welcome volunteers of all ages and backgrounds who share a love for football. Whether you're a mum, dad, carer, brother, sister, coach, referee, event organiser or simply eager to support your Club, we want YOU!
- What You'll Do – a little or a lot – whatever suits!
- Join us in fostering community spirit through the beautiful game.
- Click on the link below to kickstart your football journey today and to look at the various roles and jobs that are available, and put your details down. Many of the jobs can be shared, so they are not something that you need to commit to for every weekend.
- Link: https://newlambtonfcjuniors.teamapp.com/articles/7863632?_detail=v1 or go to our Stack TeamApp site
- For more information, contact us at vicepresident@newlambtonfcjuniors.org.au
- Together, we'll score big and create lasting memories.

CLUB CHANGER - 1 STAR ACHIEVEMENT

New Lambton FC Juniors has officially been recognised as a 1 Star Club Changer, demonstrating our commitment and dedication to the development of Women and Girls Football.

Club Changer is Football Australia's Club Development Program which aims to protect and enhance our clubs, make them stronger and more resilient, lead them in building welcoming and inclusive cultures, and educate them on positive environments for players, coaches, volunteers, and officials while planning for long term viability and success.

This makes our Club eligible for:

- Access to National / State workforce to support Action Plan delivery
- Access to a Coach In-Service Session linked to your club's priorities within the Women & Girls Action Plan (e.g. Introduction to coaching or female coach mentoring etc).
- Priority Access to Women & Girls Funding (when available)

We are recognised on the Football Australia Website as a 1 Star Club Changer.

PLAYING STRIP 2024

The 2024 playing strip is currently being put together - we expect it to be an exciting time for our Club, our supporters and participants as well as our sponsorship partners. We will be introducing a training shirt for all our members as part of the uniform package, a variant of which shall also be available for purchase from our Club shop. Our online store can be accessed via the Club's Stack TeamApp site - simply navigate to the page by clicking on the Club Shop button on the top ribbon - please note that during the off-season, stock items may be low and some items may not be available.

CLUB PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

With the 2023 season at a close, we would like to thank all of our Club supporters, partners and sponsors. We appreciate greatly the support they provide to our Club - if it wasn't for businesses such as theirs, things would be much more challenging for us than they are. We thank them all for their support of the New Lambton FC Juniors and please make sure to support them wherever possible.

This also means our minds are already turning to season 2024.

As you know, our Club is a suburban, grass-roots, not-for-profit, community-focussed local football club.

We have over 900 members, nearly 300 of whom are females and we also have a contingent who identify as having a disability.

We have been working hard this season to make improvements to our facilities and our game day experience, and within the next 6 months you will see freshly refurbished change rooms and officials room (all with wheelchair access), a brand new fully accessible toilet and showering facility installation as well as a completely new, expanded storage area.

Our projects aim to make the club more inclusive and welcoming, and we have already received positive feedback and support from Newcastle Football and Northern NSW Football.

We are eager to explore potential partnerships between our Club and local businesses and look forward to the possibility of working together to achieve our shared goals.

We also see this as a good opportunity for local businesses to connect at a local level with one of Newcastle's largest community football clubs, giving them excellent reach and visibility to the community at a local, suburban level.

To ensure that we have everything in place for the commencement of next season, if anyone is considering supporting your Club for season 2024 (and beyond, if you wish) please reach out to us - we would love to catch up to discuss your requirements and confirm your support.

Contact us at: supporter@newlambtonfcjuniors.org.au

FEMALES IN FOOTBALL AT NEW LAMBTON FC JUNIORS

In the wake of a record-breaking Women's World Cup held right here in Australia, we anticipate a wave of young girls and women looking to get into football, and welcome all interested in joining our female football program.

At our club, we prioritise creating a safe and supportive community-based environment for our members, whether they are new to the game or have played for many years.

Our ultimate goal is to empower our players by instilling in them a lifelong passion and love for the game, and we believe in creating an atmosphere where players can thrive, grow, and form lasting connections within our football community.

In the New Year we will be running some Open Days for those who are new to the game, have been out of the game for some time and are thinking about returning and those who are already in the game and want to keep up to date.

The Open Days will let people come along and talk to the committee members, ask questions, inspect the facilities, understand what our Club does and how we do it, talk about opportunities as well as a whole range of other things.

Some tips in advance:

1. Get to the Open Day early
2. Ask questions and talk to people
3. Find out about the Club's history and future
4. Check out the amenities and sports facilities
5. Slow down and take it all in
6. Meet and talk to amazing trainers, coaches and other volunteer personnel
7. Find out more about fees and what is included



SUMMER FOOTBALL FAST 5'S

New Lambton FC Juniors is hosting a social level Summer 5's competition for 2023, commencing 16 October, through November into December.

Summer 5's is an action-packed, modified game of football where participants are encouraged to think on their feet and have fun with their mates.

The format will include:

- Smaller field size (25m x 40m)
- Two 15 minute halves, with a 5 minute break – U15 and below
- Five players on the pitch, maximum of 3 substitutes
- Maximum 8 per team
- Minimum of 4 players to start a game
- Unlimited interchange
- Goal keeper cannot use their hands
- Games played at Novocastrian Park, from 5:30pm

Registrations closed Friday 29 September, and the draw is currently being finalised and shall be released shortly - please be patient.

Games commence Monday 16 October 2023

What do we wear?

- Your team will need to arrange your own playing strip
- If there is a clash of colours, the home team must wear bibs which will be available from the canteen
- All players MUST wear shin pads, if a player fails to wear shin pads they will not be permitted to participate in play

Are there additional costs?

- No!
- The only cost is the individual registration fee
- There is no team fee, or any additional fees
- Everything is covered in the individual registration fee including referees, field usage, and NSW insurance

All information shall be distributed via the Club's Stack TeamApp page, so please ensure you are registered and have notifications enabled so you dont miss anything.

Contact us: summerfootball@newlambtonfcjuniors.org.au

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THE FINAL WHISTLE

As we reach the end of another thrilling football season, it's time to reflect on the highs, lows, and memorable moments that have made this journey unforgettable. From the opening whistle to the final penalty shootout, this season has been a rollercoaster of emotions, and it's thanks to all of you that it's been such a memorable ride.

First and foremost, we want to extend our gratitude to the players who have displayed exceptional skill, determination and sportsmanship on the pitch. Your dedication and passion for the game have been inspiring to watch. Each goal, each save and each tackle has left an indelible mark on the season's tapestry.

To the coaches, managers and other volunteers, thank you for your unwavering commitment to nurturing talent, instilling discipline and guiding our teams to greatness. Your expertise and leadership have been instrumental in shaping our players into the best versions of themselves.

Of course, none of this would be possible without the support of the mums, dads, carers, guardians and others. Whether you've been cheering from the sidelines or following the game from the tiered seating, your enthusiasm and loyalty have fuelled the players' motivation. Your chants, cheers and unwavering belief in them has been the driving force behind their success.

As we bid adieu to this season, let's not forget the friendships that have been forged, the lessons that have been learned, and the memories that will last a lifetime.

Football is more than just a game; it's a community, a passion, and a way of life.

While the final whistle may have blown on this season, rest assured that the spirit of football lives on. We look forward to the challenges and triumphs that the next season will bring, and we can't wait to share them with all of you.

Until then, stay safe, keep practicing, and let your love for the beautiful game continue to shine.

