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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE NEW LAMBTON FOOTBALL CLUB JUNIORS



MARCH 2023

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!

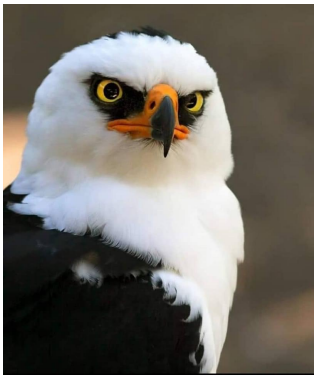
NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

It's hard to believe that it's time for the March 2023 edition of the New Lambton FC Juniors Newsletter FOOTBALLISTIQ!

Autumn is here, but you wouldn't know it with the hot weather we've been having lately.

It's great to see so many fantastic people wanting to be part of the Club - we pride ourselves on being an inclusive and welcoming Club, and we work our hardest to open our arms to everyone.

Cheers and all the best.



UPDATE FROM THE MARCH COMMITTEE MEETING

The NLFCJ March Committee meeting had a low attendance due to the prior commitments of people, although it was great to meet and greet some new faces to the meeting.

The following matters were discussed:

1. Club Infrastructure Priorities and Grant Funding.

- Training Gear - partially delivered and will be in place for the start of training
- Storage Area Upgrade - pending funding and awaiting ordering and installation program
- Tiered Seating (x 6) - pending funding and awaiting delivery program
- Change Room Upgrade - pending funding and currently finalising the detailed design
- New Portable PA System - pending funding and ordering

These Grants are proudly funded by the NSW Government, and the Club acknowledges the NSW Government's support of all these projects through the provision of funding.

The Club also acknowledges the support from City of Newcastle.

2. Registrations. Teams have been submitted to Newcastle Football, and we have had a fantastic response from existing members and new players. There are in excess of 70 teams in the New Lambton FC Juniors family for 2023.

3. Raffles. As a way of raising funds for the Club, we are going to commence online raffles. Tickets will be available from our Club website, our Club Raffle website, our TeamApp page, our Facebook page and from our Canteen on game days. Prizes will be a range of football and non-football items, including memorabilia and other items. Stay tuned!

AUTUMN EDITION SURVEY

Our Quarterly Community Survey opened on the 5th March and closes on the 18th March.

It provides a regular opportunity for us to gain feedback on New Lambton FC Juniors projects and initiatives. We're trying to gauge the pulse of the club and gather views and feedback on key aspects of how we do things, our core values and what we can do better.

The survey shall be open for 2 weeks, and results will typically be available no later than 2 weeks after each survey closes.

The survey should only take about 5 mins to complete and all views either good or bad will be reviewed and will help improve how we do things and shape the future of New Lambton FC Juniors.

https://newlambtonfcjuniors.teamapp.com/surveys?_list=v1

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR THE COMING SEASON

The 2023 season is upon us, and the first playing round is the weekend of the 21st, 22nd and 23rd April.

The link to the current playing schedule for 2023 can be found here (be mindful it is subject to change): https://newcastlefootball.com.au/wp-content/uploads/sites/9/2023/01/03-2023-Fixture-Dates-160123.pdf

Following are links to a welcome letter as well as our Induction Handbook – please read the handbook thoroughly as it contains a lot of useful information.

Letter:https://newlambtonfcjuniors.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/Letter-to-Parents-Season-2023.pdf

Handbook:https://newlambtonfcjuniors.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/New-Lambton-FC-Juniors-Our-Induction-Manual.pdf

I have also attached the Coach and Manager Handbook for 2023.

C&MHandbook:https://newlambtonfcjuniors.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/Current-Version-NLFC-Coach-Managers-Handbook.pdf

All of these documents and more are available on our website – www.newlambtonfcjuniors.org.au – the website contains a lot of information that will answer most if not all of your questions.

Very shortly we shall be distributing the training allocations, and we shall also let all the Team Managers / Team Coaches when and where they can pick up their team's training equipment.

We encourage all of you to undertake the following FREE course – Laws of the Game: Laws of the Game | Play Football

THIS IS IMPORTANT: Please be mindful that all persons 18 years or older who are working with children must have a Working with Children Check (WWCC). This is a requirement for anyone who works or volunteers in child-related work in NSW. If you are going to be volunteering, you will need one. The website is: Application for a NSW Working with Children Check

THIS IS IMPORTANT: You also need to register with Play Football (it is free to register as a volunteer – this includes not just Team Manager and Team Coaches, but anyone who volunteers for the Club). This is the link to register as a volunteer: https://www.playfootball.com.au

CLUB RESOURCES LINKS

REFEREE RESOURCES

COACHING RESOURCES

MANAGER RESOURCES

GOVERNANCE DOCUMENTS – New Lambton Football Club Juniors

Our Team Size, Gear Allocation and Equipment Distribution Guideline

Our Training Protocols Policy

WET WEATHER

COACH THE COACH SESSIONS

Our U6 - U7's coaches attended a workshop on Wednesday 8 March with the team from www.help-me-coach.com to gain skills for the upcoming season. Feedback from participants was positive, so keep an eye out for future sessions, including those for U8 - U11's coaches, as well as our Arnett's family!



WOMEN IN FOOTBALL SCHOLARSHIPS

100+ women across northern NSW have received a Women in Football Scholarship.

That's 100 women who have advanced their careers and contributed to the growth and development of female football.

There is still time to apply for a scholarship and upskill as a match official, coach and club administrator.

Don't miss your chance! Apply today to learn, grow and thrive.

Link: Women in Football Scholarship Program

Why apply for a Women in Football Scholarship?

1. Empowerment: A scholarship levels the field and gives you tools for success.

2. Breaking barriers: Break gender stereotypes that have limited you in the past.

3. Network: Connect with peers who share your passions for support and advice.

4. Personal growth: Develop new skills and reach your goals.

5. Role model: Inspire the next generation of female leaders.

6. Financial support: Relief when cost of living is squeezing us all.

7. Recognition: An honour for your hard work, dedication, and potential.

Link: Women in Football Scholarship Program

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: New Lambton Football Club Juniors

Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/newlambtonfcjuniors/

Twitter: https://twitter.com/nlfcjuniors

CLUB INFORMATION

The Club Committee understands that there are many questions about the season ahead, including what we do and how we do it and what are the expectations of volunteers, coaches, managers, etc.

Many of these questions shall be addressed as part of the specific Coach, Manager and Referee sessions we will hold in the pre-season.

In the off-season we have put a significant amount of resources into developing guidelines and other documents to ensure that we can keep everyone informed, and we are consistent in our approach in everything we do.

We invite each member of our NLFCJ family to visit our website, and take some time to look through our extensive library of documents - we are sure that most if not all of your questions will be answered on our website.

If not, come along to one of our Committee meetings, or send us an email: info@newlambtonfcjuniors.org.au

CLUB COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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 TeamApp), 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 be a part of this coming season, please RSVP on TeamApp and come along to a meeting or for more information email us: info@newlambtonfcjuniors.org.au

Some myths dispelled about being a volunteer or on the committee at New Lambton FC Juniors:

1. You have to do a lot of work: You do not have to do anything more than have an hour or so to listen and share your opinion with others. Each meeting the agenda is set with items that have come up in the previous month and they are discussed and decided on then and there. It is up to the President or appointed committee members to do the research and ground work with any proposal.

We are hoping to establish various sub-committees to help focus on specific projects and tasks. Volunteer help will be essential for this and we would appreciate any assistance or input in these matters.

2. You have to give a lot of time: No. The committee meets once a month to discuss Club business. You can help as little or as much as you are able, although we only think it is fair that everyone in a team helps out. We recognise that everyone is busy and have a lot of commitments and the committee endeavours to share out workloads and work around everyone's schedules.

3. You have to commit to help with everything: This is not true. You are only expected to give as much time as you are able to manage. After all, it is a voluntary position. The meetings are designed to make decisions and if you are able to assist then that is great, if not, your assistance in helping to come to the decision is just as valuable. If you can spare time to help with game days, working bees, Club events either as a volunteer helper or committee member it is always much appreciated.

4. I'm a mum, dad, carer, step-parent, etc and mums, dads, carers, step-parents, etc don't go to meetings like that: That is definitely not true. We have had all people in the past volunteer for us and / or hold office bearer positions. Everyone has a lot of things that they can contribute and you should not feel that you cannot attend or be a volunteer. The committee welcomes any family members, caregivers, parents, grandparents…it is your Club too!

If you have not come along to a committee meeting, volunteered or joined the committee for any of the reasons above then please think about it and give it a go.

CLUB VIRTUAL NOTICEBOARD

We have implemented a "Virtual Noticeboard".

This is a community service provided for the use of Club members who want to deal with Club members, and is for private party adverts only.

It may be a message, something to sell or wanted.

Please be aware that we reserve the right not to publish advertising that we consider inappropriate or not in the spirit of the "Virtual Noticeboard".

If you wish to have something placed on the "Virtual Noticeboard" please email footballistiq@newlambtonfcjuniors.org.au by the 5th of the month, with the following information:

- Name:
- Phone:
- Email:
- Wording (max. 50 words)

WOMENS AND GIRLS ADVISORY GROUP

The committee is committed to ensuring the Club is fully inclusive. To that end, one of our priority tasks is to establish a Womens and Girls Advisory Group.

Amongst other things, this shall involve:

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. Implementing female advanced coach education scholarships

5. Be actively engaged in Female Football Week

6. Establishing Club Female Development Coordinator program

7. Establish a Female Referee Mentoring program at Club level

8. Set strategies to ensure the Club aligns with FFA's Gender Equity Plan

9. Establish alternate participation opportunities (e.g. Kick On, Kick Off and modified formats)

10. Grow the Club's female membership from the current 30% to 50%, and also to have at least 50% of the committee female

11. Having formal plans and policies outlining the above

There are no prerequisites for these roles, other than a willingness to help.

If you think that you can help us with this important work, please contact Dave Thomas (Club Vice President): vicepresident@newlambtonfcjuniors.org.au

VIRTUAL NOTICEBOARD

WANTED: Some of the upcoming roles we require assistance with in the Club are as follows:

1. Club Coach Coordinator

2. Assistant Treasurer

3. Maintenance Coordinator

4. Line Marking Team Members

If you think you can help please contact the Club Vice President, Dave Thomas, on 0429 994 343 or vicepresident@newlambtonfcjuniors.org.au

OUR VALUED SUPPORTERS, SPONSORS AND PARTNERS

SPORTS CLIQUE AUSTRALASIA

Adam's FAMILY MEATS

McGrath

MACQUARIE PHYSIOTHERAPY

Access Solutions NSW Pty ltd
disability access consultants

Laser
Plumbing & Electrical

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RESOURCES