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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

Welcome to the May 2023 edition of the New Lambton FC Juniors Newsletter FOOTBALLISTIQ!

The season is well and truly underway, all teams have been on the paddock, and by all reports it has been a sensational start to the season.

The game day vibe at Novocastrian Park is vibrant and lively, and it's fantastic to see all our participants and their guests enjoying themselves.

Those of you who have recently been to Novocastrian Park would have noticed that our new tiered spectator seating is in place.

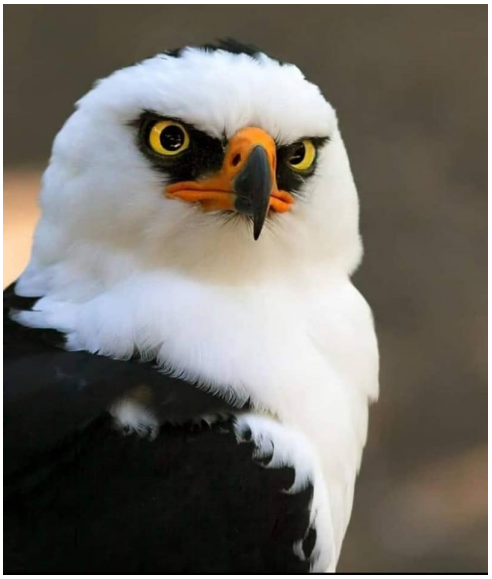
As part of our recent successful grant funding, the Club was able to procure 6 sets of tiered seating to allow for a better game day experience for guests.

These seats are only one of a number of improvements that shall be made to our facilities at Novocastrian Park.

Enjoy your football.

Respect, it's the name of the game.

Cheers and all the best.



COMMITTEE MEETING UPDATE

A short note to remind everyone that the committee meeting schedule has been altered - 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 be a part of this coming season, please RSVP on Stack Team App and come along to a meeting or for more information email us: info@newlambtonfcjuniors.org.au

FUNDRAISING

As a way of raising funds for the Club, we run periodic online raffles. When running, tickets are available from our Club website, our Club Raffle website, our Stack Team App page, our Facebook page and from our Canteen on game days.

Our most recent raffle has been run and won - thanks to all those who bought tickets to support the Club and congratulations to the winners.

Winners have been notified and prizes shall be available to collect from the Game Day Canteen at Novocastrian Park from this weekend onward, from 8:00am to 3:00pm.

Please bring some ID so we make sure to give it to the right person.

Congratulations again, and thanks for being part of the team.

CLUB SUPPORTERS' GEAR

New Club supporters' gear is currently on order, including our traditional, alternate and throw-back logos. For those of you who aren't familiar with these logos, here is a quick look at them:



Traditional



Alternate



Throw-Back

There will be a range of supporters' gear available, including caps, t-shirts, polos, can coolers, etc.

We do have Club supporters' gear for order through our Club online shop and available for collection at the Game Day Canteen at Novocastrian Park.

Club Store LInk: https://newlambtonfcjuniors.teamapp.com/clubs/38538/store?_list=v1

Our online store can also be accessed via the Club's Stack Team App site - simply navigate to the page by clicking on the Club Shop button on the top ribbon.

Supporters' gear is also available in limited quantities directly from the Game Day Canteen.

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome our most recent Club supporter:

Sobelle Living. Sobelle is French for "So Beautiful".

Sobelle Living aims to offer a point of difference from your typical shopping experience. Their large range of beautiful women's fashion and accessories, handcrafted jewellery and gifts and baby products are just that little bit different to what you'd find elsewhere. And that's just the way they like it!

Visit Sobelle in store at 96c Elder St, Lambton or head to their website Sobelle Living Lambton

New Lambton FC Juniors has a long history of being a competitive, welcoming, and family-friendly place for people of all ages to enjoy their love of community football.

We are calling on all potential sponsors to reach out as we still have a limited number of spots available for those who want to support our Club and our teams.

Sponsorships are the perfect way for a business wanting to elevate their brand to gain exposure, support their Club and to also connect with real people, who live, work, and play locally.

We have a wide range of options available to cater to all requirements, and we are happy to tailor a package to suit your organisation's individual needs.

By becoming a sponsor of New Lambton FC Juniors you cement your backing for local football, become an integral part of a community sporting club and make a meaningful contribution to grassroots football.

Show your support for the Club, players, volunteers, officials and all the teams with a sponsorship – it's an exciting time to support your Club.

NLFC Juniors sponsorships are a great way to help the Club raise funds to support our ongoing football programs and for people to come down and enjoy grass-roots football, mixing with other like-minded football fans.

For more information, please call or text Dave on 0429 994 343 or email us at vicepresident@newlambtonfcjuniors.org.au

AUTUMN EDITION CLUB SURVEY

1. Provide full cost break-down of registration fees to all members, including a like-for-like comparison of similar Club's fees: **on track to be available by no later than 31/05/2023**

2. Club to undertake an anonymous response survey of members, seeking specific feedback to all cultural matters, although specifically relating to Respect at the Club as this has been identified as an unacceptable score of <100% positive responses: **on track to be available by no later than 31/05/2023**

3. Review possibility / viability of reusing playing shirts in subsequent years (include SWOT and cost / benefit analysis): **on track to be available by no later than 31/05/2023**

4. At least one representative from each team attends the Committee meetings, so there can be clear communication and collaboration between individual teams and the Club committee: **we continue to encourage all team Managers to coordinate a team representative to attend the Committee meetings.**

Our Club Surveys provide 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.

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

Link: https://newlambtonfcjuniors.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/NLFCJ-SURVEY-RESULTS-202303.pdf

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR THE SEASON

The 2023 season is underway.

The link to the current playing schedule for 2023 can be found here (be mindful it is subject to change): Competitions at Newcastle-Hunter-Macquarie - GameDay

Following is a link to our Induction Handbook – please read the handbook thoroughly as it contains a lot of useful information.

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

Link to the Coach and Manager Handbook 2023: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.

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

TRAINING

There have been quite a number of mid-week games scheduled for Novocastrian Park this year, and between this and our large participant base, training areas at Novocastrian Park are at a premium.

When there is an evening game on, we will notify the Club via Stack Team App. Please clear field 1 when requested, prior to the match commencement, no later than 15 minutes prior to kick off.

Teams may continue to train on field 2 and the outer grounds areas - please share the fields respectfully and demonstrate flexibility and understanding.

Please be reminded that there is NO TRAINING between the 6 yard and goal lines of Fields 1

and 2 of Novocastrian Park for the purpose of maintaining the condition of the goal mouth area.

We do have a Our Training Protocols Policy - please ensure to read and understand these protocols.

CODE OF CONDUCT

There have been a number of recent disappointing instances where members of our Club have not been treated in a manner that aligns with our Club values, or with our expected Code of Conduct.

We take these matters seriously and follow-up on every report made to us.

If there is an upside, it is that when our members have been placed in a confronting situation they have handled themselves with dignity and acted responsibly.

Our expectations regarding behaviour apply to everyone who participates in any organised Club activities, and / or when any of our members are representing our Club (or could be reasonably assumed by others to be representing our Club).

New Lambton FC Juniors is a Club built on the core values of Wellness, Excellence, Integrity and Respect. We expect all our members to treat each other and other members of the community with dignity and respect and we expect the same in return.

New Lambton FC Juniors reference Football Australia's National Code of Conduct and Ethics for our minimum standards – this is available from the FA website as well as NLFCJ's.

Link: Football Australia National Code of Conduct and Ethics

We are all part of a community, and we all play a role in keeping our community safe.

Whilst you're participating in Club activities or spectating at a game, if you see or experience something that is not right or unsafe, please say something to one of our Committee members.

Together, we can create a safer place.

Profanity, derogatory comments or other intimidating actions directed at participants, officials, team representatives or other supporters will not be tolerated.

We appreciate everyone's cooperation in creating a safe and positive game environment.

Respect, it's the name of the game.

WOMEN IN FOOTBALL WEEK

Women in football week runs from Friday 19 May to Sunday 23 May.

Get ready for an action-packed week of Female Football Week events.

From coaching and refereeing webinars to gala days and awards night, there is something for everyone.

~ Monday 22/05 – Kick On For Women Open session

~ Tuesday 23/05 – Football Australia Coaching Webinar (online)

~ Wednesday 24/05 – Football Australia Refereeing Webinar (online)

~ Saturday 27/05 – Networking and Awards Night + NPL Women's Match of the Round

~ Sunday 28/05 – Football Australia Webinar – celebrating female football

~ Tuesday 30/05 – Primary Girls Gala Day

~ Thursday 01/06 – Secondary Girls Gala Day

LInk: Female Football Week



WOMEN IN FOOTBALL SCHOLARSHIPS

Apply today to learn, grow and thrive.

Link: Women in Football Scholarship Program

OUR SOCIAL MEDIA CHANNELS

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 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. Develop and maintain 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 volunteer roles we require assistance with in the Club are as follows:

1. Club Coach Coordinator

2. Maintenance Coordinator

3. General Volunteers

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

Laser Plumbing & Electrical

McGrath

Adam's FAMILY MEATS

Access Solutions NSW Pty ltd
disability access consultants

MACQUARIE PHYSIOTHERAPY

OUR VALUED SUPPORTERS, SPONSORS AND PARTNERS

BG&E RESOURCES

Sobelle Living

FASHION + LIFESTYLE + GIFTS + LIFESTYLE + FASHION + GIFTS +