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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE NEW LAMBTON FC JUNIORS

HOT NEWS



UPGRADES TO THE NOVO TEAM ROOMS AND OFFICALS AREAS

Continuing the ongoing success of the Club's facility project funding wins, detailed designs have been finalised and a tentative commencement date has been set for November 2023.
The upgrades are to the team changing rooms, officials' room and the installation of a fully fit-for-purpose shower and bathroom for members of our disabled community.
There shall also be access ramps fitted across our facility to ensure they are inclusive.

UPDATE: The storage facility upgrade has been delayed due to factors beyond the Club's control - the revised installation date is now late August - early September.
The Executive Committee apologises for the inconvenience.

FINALS FOOTY AT NOVO SAT 19/08 AND SUN 20/08

PRESENTATION DAY AT NOVO - SEPTEMBER 17

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 (FGC).
The FCG meets the last Thursday of the month at 7:00pm at the Gates Hotel Adamstown.
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

Presentation Day 2023 is guaranteed to be bigger and better than ever before.
Our annual New Lambton Football Club Juniors Presentation Day will be held on Sunday 17th September from 10am - 2pm at Novocastrian Park.
All players from U6 - U18s are invited to attend to celebrate the season and receive their trophy (included in registration).



Due to a ruling by Northern NSW Football we are unable to charge the cost of attendance as part of annual fees, and as such tickets sales are now open via Team App Club Shop for the event.
It is $20 per ticket which will include amusement rides, a sausage sizzle and drink.
Siblings are be able to purchase tickets for the same price as well.
Bands will be distibuted to your team coach / manager for distribution on the day.

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 potential implementation of a game review system (e.g. Veo Sports) shall allow for meaningful game reviews, for the purposes of continuous improvement - we are currently reviewing the value of this system with a view to potentially having it in place for season 2024.
The Club plans on having both of these programs in place for the 2024 season, so please stay tuned for more information over the coming months.

GRANT FUNDING UPDATES

We recently submitted 2 grant funding applications for the City of Newcastle Recreation Facilities Grants.
The application for the installation of much-needed CCTV at Novocastrian Park was unfortunately not successful - CN report that they are not supportive of CCTV.
The other submission for a field drainage and assessment plan for Novocastrian Park was successful.
Another grant application for Club Grants Funding is being prepared for submission, and is for 6 sets of tiered seating to be installed at Field 2 at Novocastrian Park.
This will compliment the tiered seating already at Field 1.

Football NSW together with Northern NSW Football and Football Australia, is proud to be working alongside the NSW Government to facilitate a $10 million investment into the NSW football community.
The NSW Football Legacy Fund is now open to eligible applicants.
The Club has recently submitted three applications for the Infrastructure Round of the Fund - one for the extension to our game-day Canteen at Novocastrian Park, another for field drainage and top dressing at Novocastrian Park and the third for team and officials seating at Novocastrian Park.
All of these projects shall encourage participation and increase the enjoyment of the game, so hopefully our applications are successful.

OUR CURRENT PROJECTS AND FORWARD PLAN

The detailed design for the change room refurbishment is complete and has been submitted and we are engaging our contractors. To minimise disruption this work shall start at the end of the season, ready for 2024.
Our storage area project is slated for completion by the end of September, and shall include power, additional storage capacity as well as a permanent accessibility ramp at the eastern end of the facility.

We have number of projects that we are in our formal plans for Novocastrian Park. Some of them are:

1. Full-field drainage for both fields and outer areas
2. Upgrades to the lighting for both fields (grant funding secured)
3. Team and official seating
4. Renovation of the Canteen
5. Installation of additional tiered seating at Field 2
6. Installation of score boards

CLUB SUPPORTERS GEAR

New Club supporters' gear is currently in the shop, including our traditional, alternate and throw-back logos.

There is a range of supporters' gear available, including caps, t-shirts, polos, winter jackets, hoodies, 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.
If you go to our Stack TeamApp site or website, just click on the Club Shop link.

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.

CLUB PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

With the 2023 season drawing to 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.
Another football year is hurtling toward the end of the regular season, which 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 nearly 900 members, 269 of whom are females. We also have a contingent who identify as having a disability.
The Club has 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.
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

WHY THE FLAGS AT NOVO?

We have had a few people as us why we are flying flags each game day at Novocastrian Park.
We fly these flags to show who we are, who we support and where we come from.
We also fly these flags to show to everyone that we are welcoming and all are welcome, that Novocastrian Park is a safe space and we are an inclusive club.
A lot of clubs and institutions support various communities and cultures as a one-off, on a particular day or period of the year.
As one of our key pillars is inclusivity, we felt is was important to demonstrate this all the time, not just once a year.
Whilst there is more to inclusivity than flying a flag, it is a very visible way to demonstrate our support and let people know that they are welcome.
Ultimately, flying these flags is a way for our Club to express ourselves, showcase our values and beliefs and connect with our community and the broader world.
Our flags include Indigenous Australian, Torres Strait Islands, Pride, Australian, Newcastle Football, Northern NSW Football, NLFCJ and NLFC flags.





SUMMER FOOTBALL 5'S

New Lambton FC Juniors is planning to host a social level Summer 5's competition for 2023, commencing late September / early 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.
~ Summer 5's encourages all younger players to develop their football skills and have more opportunities to play
~ Summer 5's is a demanding game environment requiring players to make quicker decisions and respond with quicker actions
~ Players will improve their agility and fitness through fast-paced five-a-side
This competition encourages kids to develop their football skills and provides more opportunities on the pitch in a friendly environment. Your kids will improve their agility and fitness playing in this fast-paced, five-a-side competition.
The format will include:
~ Smaller field sizes
~ Two 15 minute halves, with a 5 minute break – U15 and below
~ Two 25 minute halves, with a 5 minute break – all-age (16+) and over 35's
~ Five players on the pitch, maximum of 3 substitutes
~ Maximum 10 per team
~ Unlimited interchange
Games are to be played at Novocastrian Park, from 5:30pm
We propose the following age groups (level of interest permitting):
~ U7's (inc. U6's and U7's) – Monday afternoon / evening
~ U9's (inc. U8's and U9's) – Monday afternoon / evening
~ U11's (inc. U10's and U11's) – Monday afternoon / evening
~ U13's (inc. U12's and U13's) – Wednesday afternoon / evening
~ U15's (inc. U14's and U15's) – Wednesday afternoon / evening
~ All Age (U16+) – Friday afternoon / evening
~ Over 35's – Friday afternoon / evening

Indicative Cost – Child: $100 (Winter registered) or $120 unregistered
Indicative Cost – Adult: $140 (Winter registered) or $180 unregistered

Talk to your team mates and friends and organise your team NOW - don't miss out!

Please complete the Expression of Interest by 5:00pm Thursday 31 August, and we will advise further steps.

Link: https://forms.gle/F1Tv5S5qiUpQzvs76

OUR VALUED SUPPORTERS & PARTNERS

McGrath

SPORTS CLIQUE AUSTRALASIA

Adam's FAMILY MEATS

Laser Plumbing & Electrical

MACQUARIE PHYSIOTHERAPY

Abe's Audio

OUR VALUED SUPPORTERS & PARTNERS

BG&E RESOURCES

Sobelle Living

hgp hunter gourmet pizza New Lambton

Bakers Delight

Access Solutions NSW Pty ltd disability access consultants

BrainSave TMS

THE FINAL WHISTLE

In the world of football, where the pitch becomes a stage for dreams, the final whistle marks not just the end of a game, but the crescendo of a symphony of determination, passion, and unity. Through the ups and downs, victories and defeats, soccer becomes a canvas where stories of inspiration are painted, inspiring hearts and minds to persevere and dream big.

Amidst the sea of cheering spectators and the echoing roars of excitement, there's an undeniable spirit that transcends the boundaries of language and culture, connecting people from all walks of life. In every corner of the globe, football becomes a common thread that weaves the fabric of unity, reminding us of our shared humanity.

The final whistle isn't just about the scoreboard; it's a reminder that every effort, every sprint, and every tackle contributes to a larger narrative. It teaches us that setbacks are merely stepping stones towards success, and each defeat is an opportunity to learn and grow. The story of a struggling team that transformed their losses into lessons and emerged stronger than ever reminds us that setbacks can be the seeds of future triumphs.

In 90 minutes, the final whistle encapsulates a world of emotions, a symphony of dreams realised and those waiting to be chased. It's a reminder that football is more than a sport; it's an embodiment of human spirit, unity, and the unyielding pursuit of greatness.

So, as the final whistle blows, let it be a call to action, a call to keep dreaming, to keep believing, and to keep pushing towards the goal, both on the field and in life.

