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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE NEW LAMBTON FC JUNIORS

HOT NEWS



NOVOCASTRIAN PARK STORAGE PROJECT COMMENCES

As many of you would be aware, the Club secured Grant funding to upgrade the storage area at Novocastrian Park.
The current storage containers shall be removed Tuesday 13 June, and work on site preparations, new footings, installation of the new concrete apron and compound fence realignment shall start.
The first of the new containers should be ready for installation by Monday 19/06 with the final 2 containers installed shortly thereafter.

Steve Manning, Club President said "the current containers leak heavily when it rains and we have outgrown the current storage. This is a fantastic project and sets the Club up well for the future ".

FURTHER OPPORTUNITIES FOR GRANT FUNDING

2023 PLAYING SEASON PROGRESSING WELL

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

CLUB FEMALE 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.
The first meeting is currently scheduled for 6:00pm Monday 26 June at the same venue as the Club Committee meeting - New Lambton Uniting Church Hall at the corner of Regent St and Portland Pl New Lambton.
If you think this is something you might be interested in, please contact Dave Thomas vicepresident@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 from the current 30% to 50%, and also to have 50% of the committee female
9. Develop and maintain formal plans and policies outlining the above

2023 PLAYING SEASON PROGRESSION

Season 2023 is progressing well, with only a small number of games rescheduled due to wet weather.
Both Community Football and Arnetts are enjoying the tiered seating that has been recently installed at Novocastrian Park.
We have installed another playing field specifically for some of our older members of our Arnetts family - it is located at the southern end of Field 1.



Our Zone league siblings are also enjoying their season, with some good games across all teams.
The revitalised gameday experience at Novocastrian Park brings a refreshing, modern and exciting vibe, and adds to the community feeling.
In general, it has been a fantastic strart to the season, and as we near the mid-point we are looking forward to more enjoyable weekends of football.

CODE OF CONDUCT AND BEHAVIOUR

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 Wellbeing, 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.
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.

FURTHER OPPORTUNITIES FOR GRANT FUNDING

City of Newcastle

City of Newcastle's Community Grants are currently open, and provide a number of funding opportunities to support initiatives that contribute to the social, cultural, environmental, and economic life of the city.
Grants are highly competitive, and this round closes 30 June 2023



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 Program will include support for the construction of new community facilities, participation initiatives, as well as leadership and development programs.
These grants are currently open.

OUR CURRENT PROJECTS AND FORWARD PLAN

The detailed design for the change room refurbishment is nearly complete, and to minimise disruption this work shall start at the end of the season, ready for 2024.
It involves upgraded change rooms and officials area, a new fully-accessible toilet, change area and shower as well as wheel chair access (ramps) to both change rooms and the officials room.

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
3. Additional tiered seating for the eastern side of Novocastrian Park (for Field 2)
4. Renovation of the Canteen
5. Installation of solar panels and a storage battery
6. Installation of score boards

CLUB SUPPORTERS GEAR

New Club supporters' gear is currently on order, including our traditional, alternate and throw-back logos.

There will be 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.

LATEST CLUB PARTNERSHIPS

Hunter Gourmet Pizza New Lambton.

Hunter Gourmet Pizza New Lambton sell the finest gourmet pizzas, all with the freshest ingredients. Call them on 49751100, in store at 12 Alma Rd or online huntergourmetpizza.com.au/newlambton and you'll be enjoying delicious pizza before you know it! In-store, home delivery and catering is available. At Hunter Gourmet Pizza, the customer always comes first.

Bakers Delight Kotara.

Bakers Delight Kotara - What they do is nice and simple, it's freshly baked bread! They are committed to delighting their customers and being pillars of our communities. They've been baking the same way for many years to give you our signature delightful experience. Because you don't just deserve butter, you deserve the best.

CLUB PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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 supporters and partners to reach out as we still have a limited number of spots available for this season. for those who want to support our Club and our teams.
Club partnerships 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 partner with 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 partnership package – it's an exciting time to support your Club.
NLFC Juniors partnerships 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 email us at supporter@newlambtonfcjuniors.org.au

TRAINING ETIQUETTE

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 a mid-week 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.
Please remember - if you are the last team to train of an evening please ensure to turn off the lights and lock the switch boxes - there have been a number of occasions when this has not occurred,

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

THE FINAL WHISTLE

You would have noticed that recently we have been conducting a number of fundraising activities, including raffles and Bunnings BBQ's.
We have also been submitting applications for quite a few grants - and have been successful with a number. Please be mindful that nearly all of these grants require a co-contribution from the Club of 50% of the total grant amount, so whilst we are successful with grant applications we still need Club funds to supplement the grant funding.
To help us raise funds for the upgrades and refurbishments of the Council facility assets that our Club relies on, we need to raise our own funds - either through being successful with grant funding, revenue from the game day canteen, sales of our supporter gear or funds from raffles and other sources.
Council has been quite clear and transparent with us that there is no funding in budgets for upgrades to our facilities, beyond regular maintenance works.
We want to make our facilities something that you all are proud of.
What we ask is that if we request volunteers to help us with Club activities, including fundraising activities, that you all consider assisting us.
We have some fantastic volunteers at our Club, but we are aware that it is the same core group of around 20 or so people who help on most occasions - whilst we deeply appreciate the help from these people, we don't want to "burn people out".
Our Club has approximately 900 participants, which means that we've got at least 900 parents, guardians and / or carers (likely closer to 1,800) who potentially could help their Club.
We don't want to make people feel guilty - we know some people aren't able to help for whatever reason, and that's fine.
All we ask is that you consider volunteering for your Club if you are able.

