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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE NEW LAMBTON FC JUNIORS

HOT NEWS



2024 PLAYER AND VOLUNTEER REGO'S ARE NOW OPEN!

How do I register?
Registration is undertaken online at: Play Football
Full payment must be made at the time of registration.
Full information is available from our Club website: Play for NLFCJ
New members are welcome, although returning players shall be given priority into a preferred team, noting minimum / maximum team numbers are applicable.
More information inside the newsletter, or from our Club website.

*** MORE GRANT SUCCESS ***

IN FANTASTIC NEWS, THE CLUB HAS BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN SEVERAL SMALLER GRANTS FOR PLAYING AND TRAINING EQUIPMENT - BALLS, ETC

STAY TUNED FOR NEWS ON THE PRE-SEASON ACTIVITIES

ALL VOLUNTEERS NEED A WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK - GET YOURS NOW!

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.

ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS NEED A WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK

The Working with Children Check (WWCC) is a requirement for anyone who works or volunteers in child-related work in NSW. It involves a National Police Check (criminal history record check) and a review of reportable workplace misconduct.

To complete the check you will need:

- personal details, including date and place of birth
- 4 proof of identity (POI) documents including:
  - one commencement of identity document
  - one primary use in the community document
  - 2 secondary use in the community documents.

At least one of your documents must contain your signature and photo and all documents must be current and original.

The following documents are not acceptable:

- original paper documents that have been laminated
- photos, photocopies or certified copies
- expired documents (unless specified).
- Note: NSW digital driver licence is accepted.

The outcome of a check is either a clearance to work with children or a bar against working with children. If cleared, the check will be valid for 5 years, however applicants are continuously monitored. Upon completion you will be given a reference number which you will need to take to Service NSW with the identification used for verification. Note: Once you've provided your identity documents at the service centre, the National Police Criminal History check begins. This process can take up to 4 weeks.

The website is: Working With Children Check - Apply



2024 PLAYER REGISTRATION FAQ'S

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. What are the dates for registration?
   - Registration is open now, and typically opens the second Monday in January
   - Muster Day (to be confirmed): Late February / early March

2. How do I register?
   - Registration is undertaken online at Play Football – Home.
   - Full payment must be made at the time of registration.

3. Can I use the NSW Government Active Kids voucher?
   - For program details and voucher application please refer to the Active Kids website

4. How much does Registration cost
   - Entry 5 – 7 years: $286.20
   - Junior 8 – 11 years: $321.00
   - Youth 12 – 18 years: $352.00
   - Senior Amateur: $469.70
   - Senior Amateur ZFL: $749.25
   - Football 4 All: $130.49

NOTE: Participation in extra training programs (voluntary) may cost extra fees.

5. What is Muster Day?
   - Muster Day is held at a specified time so that team members may get together, hear important information from the club and make decisions on coaches, managers and training time / location.
   - This is an important date and players should plan to attend.
   - Dates are advertised closer to season commencement.

6. How are teams assigned?
   - Returning players to our club will be accommodated in their previous team where possible.
   - If a previous team is not continuing we will endeavour to place players in another appropriate team.
   - Returning players shall be given priority into a preferred team, although minimum / maximum team numbers are applicable.
   - The team a player is assigned to is the team that they shall prioritise throughout the season (i.e. a player cannot be "borrowed" from their assigned team to fill in for another team without firstly playing for their assigned team).
   - Any remaining positions in existing teams will be offered to new players.

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7. What teams do female players play in?

- Female players are able to play in either mixed teams or girl only competitions.
- New Lambton FC currently fields girls only teams in each available age group.

8. What age group will my child play in?

The age a child is turning in the calendar year determines their age grouping.

- Age Groupings for 2024:
- U6 born in 2019 or 2018
- U7 born in 2017
- U8 born in 2016
- U9 born in 2015
- U10 born in 2014
- U11 born in 2013
- U12 born in 2012
- U13 born in 2011
- U14 born in 2010
- U15 born in 2009
- U16 born in 2008
- U17 born in 2007
- U18 born in 2006

The minimum age for a player is turning 5 by 31st December 2024.

Players may play in an older age grouping, but they cannot play in a younger age grouping.

9. Who will coach my child?

- Teams are coached by a volunteer community coach, which is generally a parent / guardian, older sibling or family member.
- The coach for the season will be decided upon at Muster Day.
- At times the club will organise and run programs involving coaches from senior teams or external professional coaches.
- We encourage all parents / guardians to consider becoming a coach – it's fun and rewarding!
- No previous experience is required. Assistance is provided with coaching courses and online resources.

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10. What are the responsibilities and expectations of parents / guardians of players?

- As a volunteer club we rely on all our player members and their parents / guardians to provide volunteer support to the running of the club.
- Each team is asked to identify the following volunteers:
- 1 x Coach
- 1 x Manager
- 1 x Game Day Helper
- 1 x Committee Representative
- Each team will be rostered for periods of ground duty over the season which will involve duties such as field set up, canteen assistance, BBQ, field and field pack up.
- The Game Day Helper will coordinate field set up / pack up and duty officers at home games.
- We ask the team to have a committee representative to be available to attend our monthly committee meetings.
- Parents must keep their team manager and coach informed of player absences. It is an expectation that players attend training and matches on a regular basis.
- All parents and players are expected to comply with our Code of Conduct.

11. When and where will teams train?

- The day and time your team trains will be decided in consultation with your team coach within the club's age training guidelines.
- This will be determined at Muster Day.
- We have access to Novocastrian Park and Regent Park for training.
- Teams will commence training prior to season commencement and the start date will be confirmed with your team coach.

12. Where and when are matches played?

- Teams participate in competitions involving other clubs in the Newcastle, Lake Macquarie and the Hunter Valley region.
- The draw is organised by Newcastle Football.
- Away games will occur at the other club's home ground.
- Our home games generally occur at Novocastrian Park and Regent Park.
- U6 – U11 games are held on Saturday mornings.
- U12 – U18 mixed competitions matches are held on Saturdays.
- U12 – U18 Girls competition matches are conducted on Sunday mornings.

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13. When does the season commence and finish?
- The season typically starts on the last weekend of April and runs to early August.
- Exact dates shall be available once Newcastle Football releases the playing draw.
- U12+ competition teams have a final series which will run until early September.

14. What gear and equipment do I need to purchase?
- As part of the registration fee each player will receive socks, shorts, training shirt and playing shirt prior to season commencement.
- Each player will need to provide their own shin pads and football boots.

GOALKEEPER TRAINING

We understand that goalkeepers can sometimes be overlooked for specific training at regular weekly team training. The Club has invested in engaging one of Newcastle's most respected and experienced goalkeeper coaches, Greg Lowe.

Greg has an FFA/AFC B Licence and FFA/AFC LEVEL 1 GK Licence. He's previously worked as a Newcastle Jets Academy coach, Valentine FC WPL Coach, New Lambton Eagles Senior WPL Head Coach and is currently Managing Director and Founder of Transition Football as well as Goalkeeper Specialist at Newcastle Jets Football Club.

Greg and his team shall be running 16 weekly sessions of goalkeeper training across the preseason and throughout the season, from late March to late July.

Sessions shall be held on Wednesday evenings at Novocastrian Park, commencing at 6:00pm, 6:45pm and 7:30pm. Each training time session group will be split into 3 groups with one goalkeeper coach per group. Each session will still be approximately 40 minutes long.

We anticipate making these sessions available to U11's teams upward. Each team shall have the opportunity to send along up to 2 players to the sessions, with each team also getting a set of goalkeeper gloves for each spot they are allocated in the training.

Returning coaches and managers, please start considering who you may wish to send along to these sessions. We shall have more information available soon, as teams are formed and finalised.

PHOTOGRAPHY AND VIDEOING

As part of New Lambton Football Club's training, coaching, officiating, playing, behaviour and promotions programs we have introduced the use of Veo cameras at some of our games. Veo Is a portable and affordable solution that enables Clubs to film matches automatically, without the need for a camera operator.

Footage is uploaded to Veo's cloud platform where only persons authorised by the Club have access. The AI software also follows the action, automatically clipping goals, kick off, half time and full time.

We also take photos.

With instances of negative behaviours at games escalating in their severity, we also believe that the use of cameras shall also assist the Club in better managing these matters.

Through making the Veo camera and platform available, New Lambton FC hope to improve the standard and experience of training, coaching, officiating, playing, behaviour and promotions in the Club.

Veo is designed to focus on interactions and events during the game to help improve the quality and nature of formative feedback provided to players, and officials and coaches reflections on gameday practice, and thus improve the quality of officiating and coaching experienced by the players. The video will be used for participant feedback and staff development purposes, as well as for investigating any reports of negative behaviours.

In Australia, generally speaking, there is no law restricting photography of people (including children) in public spaces as long as the images are not:

- indecent
- being used for voyeurism or made for the purpose of observing and visually recording a person's genital or anal region
- protected by a court order (eg. child custody or witness protection)
- defamatory
- being for commercial purposes (person's likeness is used to endorse or entice people to buy a product)

As part of the Club's Registration process, consent videoing and photography shall be sought, for the images to be used for participant feedback and staff development purposes, as well as for investigating any reports of negative behaviours. It may also be used for promoting any New Lambton FC related activity.

MIXED GENDER DRESSING ROOM POLICY

As reported in last months Newsletter, Council recently informed the Club that they shall not allow the commencement of the upgrades to the dressing rooms as well as the associated installation of a fully accessible changing room, shower and toilet and an upgraded officials changing and showering area.

The best estimation Council can give the Club is “at least 12 months”.

Whilst this is a disappointing situation, we shall do our best to ensure that the current change rooms are usable.

To that end, please see below the mixed gender dressing room policy:

1. In all cases where members of a team include both male and female players, the following dress code will apply in the team dressing room:
    a. Male players will not undress to less than a minimum of shorts while females are present.
    b. Female players will not undress to less than a minimum of shorts and a t-shirt while males are present.
2. When separate facilities exist for both male and female participants, males and females shall make use of these separate facilities in order to change to the point that they can adhere to the mixed gender dress code noted above.
3. When separate facilities do not exist for both male and female participants:
    a. Players shall dress, undress and shower in shifts while maintaining the minimum dress code noted above.
    b. Players of the under-represented gender shall be granted access to the shower facilities prior to the balance of the team.
4. It is the responsibility of the team to ensure that these guidelines are followed.

Smart phones and other mobile devices with recording capabilities, including voice recording, still cameras and video cameras, are not permitted to be used in the change rooms. If phones or other mobile devices must be used, they should be taken outside of the change room.

General Dressing Room Rules

1. Do not leave valuables unattended in the change rooms
2. Do not leave your belongings laying around - keep the change room tidy
3. Be respectful of fellow change room users - clean up any mess you make
4. Place all litter and other waste in the bin/s provided
5. If additional soap, toilet tissue, etc is needed, please let someone know ASAP
6. Report any issues (damaged equipment, etc) to a Club official ASAP
7. Sweep the floor and ensure the change room is tidy and well presented

OUR CHOSEN CHARITIES

Being a community, family-focussed Club, we feel that supporting charities is a meaningful way for the Club to contribute to positive societal changes, express empathy, and address pressing issues. Charitable support and contributions play a vital role in creating a more compassionate and equitable world.

Our Club's chosen charities are Got Your Back Sista and Black Dog Institute.

LOOKING FOR CLUB PARTNERS

Running a community football Club is not easy, and we generally have only two things that stop our Club from being the best we can be - volunteers and funding.

We have some fantastic Club sponsors, supporters and partners, although we are always looking for more funding partners to allow the Club to thrive and to ensure that the equipment we have is fit-for-purpose, safe and ready to go.

For example - to provide everyone a practice ball at training, we need around 1,000 balls (plus another 100 or so for game balls). For everyone to have a training bib, we need around 1,000 bibs, plus nearly 200 volunteer bibs. To have enough training cones for all the teams, we need around 1,600 cones. For each team to have portable mini-goals for training we need around 80 sets of goals. This is just a small insight into some of the things we need to make your Club be as good as it can be.

We need people to help with general teams management, gear and equipment distribution, general administrative tasks, helping with game days and assisting at our Bunnings BBQ's - to name just a few. If you think you can help by volunteering some of your time or if you know someone who may be interested, please reach out to us for more information on info@newlambtonfcjuniors.org.au

If you are considering a Club sponsorship or if you know someone who may be in a position to do so, please contact us on supporter@newlambtonfcjuniors.org.au

DID YOU KNOW THAT.....

New Lambton was originally a coal mining township, with the New Lambton Colliery situated to the east across the railway in what is now Adamstown and became a municipality on 8 January 1889 covering 2,560 acres (10km2) until it was eventually incorporated into Greater Newcastle.

The suburb is home to the New Lambton Football Club, one of the largest football clubs based on members in Northern NSW and we play games out of Novocastrian Park and Regent Park.

New Lambton Football Club traces its origins back to 1896 when Scottish miners from South Lambton first played football, which became an official club in 1917 as returned servicemen came home from the Great War to again work in the mines.

The first competitive game was played somewhere near the corner of Mackie Ave and St James Rd and New Lambton played a team made up of Miners from Lambton. This history is honoured by the miner's lamp and date on New Lambton's crest.

New Lambton has been home to a number of legends of Newcastle, National and International football. Both Ray Baartz and Colin Curran, heroes of our 1974 World Cup campaign, both played junior football for New Lambton South. In 1974, New Lambton played in the final of the then State Cup and followed on to win the championship – a tournament similar to today's FFA Cup.

In 2007 with approximately 250 players, New Lambton FC Juniors moved from Alder Park to the larger and better-supported Novocastrian Park, with the vision to build the "club of choice" in Newcastle.

Today, with approximately 900 registered players, we are well represented at the community grass-roots level, guiding talented players through a development pathway and acting as a feeder Club for the number of local Premier Clubs in the local area.

New Lambton FC Juniors are continuing to be the best we can be and work hard to remain a leading Junior football Club in the local community – in both male and female codes.

We value diverse lived experiences and perspectives - everyone is welcome.

ANTI-DISCRIMINATION, BULLYING AND HARASSMENT

ANTI-DISCRIMINATION

New Lambton FC Juniors and Football Australia aims to provide a safe and enjoyable environment for all Members participating in football.
Everyone involved in our sport should be treated with respect and dignity and be free to participate without being discriminated against, harassed, bullied or abused.

Link: FA's Anti-Discrimination

New Lambton FC Juniors and Football Australia are committed to ensuring that football is an inclusive sport for all Members and that any form of Discrimination is not acceptable in our sport.
Everyone should be able to enjoy participating in football regardless of age, gender, ability or disability, cultural or religious background or sexual orientation, or other attributes that may lead to any person feeling excluded or isolated, and have a safe, positive and inclusive experience.
This is why Football Australia has developed this National Anti-Discrimination Policy as part of its Member Protection Framework.

BULLYING AND HARASSMENT

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Link: FA'S Bullying and Harassment

New Lambton FC Juniors and Football Australia is committed to ensuring that football is an inclusive sport for all Members and that any form of Bullying and Harassment is not acceptable in our sport.
Everyone should be able to enjoy participating in football and have a safe, positive and inclusive experience that is free from any form of Bullying and / or Harassment.
Follow the link to download the full Anti-Bullying and Harassment Policy or explore some of the resources to find out how complaints under the Member Protection Framework are handled in football.

OUR SUPPORTERS AND PARTNERS

MAJOR PLAYING JERSEY SPONSOR

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OUR SUPPORTERS AND PARTNERS

UNIFORM AND APPAREL SPONSOR

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BAKERS DELIGHT KOTARA What we do is nice and simple, it's freshly baked bread! We are committed to delighting our customers and being pillars of our communities. We'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. Contact us on 4956 2142.

MEAT SPONSOR

ADAMS FAMILY MEATS Adam's Family Meats is an award winning, modern day butcher shop located in New Lambton, serving customers in and around the Newcastle area for over 10 years. Contact us on 4952 1622.

CONSULTANCY SERVICES

SOLVD Consult, Create, Reach and Nurture. The team at Solved are helping brands solve complex challenges with ingenuity, using critical thinking and critical execution. Contact us on 0413 426 878.

THE FINAL WHISTLE

As the dawn of a new year unfolds, so does the anticipation and excitement for the upcoming football season. Our beloved New Lambton FC is gearing up for an exhilarating journey, and we are excited for what promises to be an unforgettable 2024 season.

The start of a new season brings with it a sense of renewal and fresh opportunities. The leadership at New Lambton FC has been hard at work during the off-season, setting ambitious goals for the upcoming year. The vision is clear: to build on the successes of the past and elevate the Club to new heights.

The road to success in any football season starts with the right tools - people, gear, equipment and training. Player, Coach and Officials training programs are being organised, focusing on enhancing individual skills, tactical understanding, and overall team cohesion, and we have procured additional playing and training equipment to help our participants with their training programs.

The pre-season isn't just about internal preparation; it's also an opportunity for the community to come together. We are doing our best to organise a series of friendly matches with neighbouring Clubs, which will provide players with valuable game time and foster a sense of camaraderie among supporters.

the 2024 football season is shaping up to be a thrilling chapter in the Club's history. With new faces, renewed determination, and unwavering community support, the stage is set for an exciting journey ahead. Get ready to cheer, support, and witness the magic unfold as we embark on another remarkable season!

Wishing our players, coaching staff, and supporters an incredible and successful 2024 season!



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