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THE NEWSLETTER OF THE NEW LAMBTON FC JUNIORS

HOT NEWS



MORE GRANT FUNDING SUCCESS FOR THE CLUB!!

The Club Committee is pleased to announce further success with a number of grant applications.
We have received funding for some additional playing and training gear, including goals, balls and other items.
The funding for two portable electronic scoreboards was also received as part of a second grant funding application.
We will be working hard to have all of these items ready to go by the commencement of season 2024.

UPDATE: Bad weather, illness and machinery breakdowns have hampered the completion of the new storage facility.
The carpet is down and we aim to have it complete by the end of the month.

SUMMER FAST 5'S PROVING TO BE A BIG SUCCESS

THEY SEEK THEM HERE, THEY SEEK THEM THERE....

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.

NEW LAMBTON FC JUNIORS AGM 2023



The New Lambton FC Juniors AGM 2023 is being held on Monday 27 November at 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 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING to see what we do, maybe consider volunteering for the Club or joining the committee and help us run the Club.
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 coming along.
For details on how you can be a part of this coming season, please RSVP on TeamApp and come along or for more information email: 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 (FCG).
The FCG is currently regrouping, ahead of what we think shall be a huge 2024.
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

SUMMER FOOTBALL FAST 5'S

Our Summer Fast 5's competition started off with a bang on Monday 16 October.
With over 200 youth participants playing over 2 afternoons a week across several timeslots at Novocastrian Park, it is fantastic to see so many enthusiastic players being involved in football.
Our youth referee contingent are doing a great job of allowing the games to flow freely and showing flexibility around how the games are played.



A big shout-out to all those who help with the refereeing at last minute (it doesn't happen often, but when we need someone it makes a huge difference when someone can help out) and also to everyone who helps packup at the end of the afternoon - many hands make light work!

THE GRASS ISN'T ALWAYS GREENER.....

It was noticed recently that some playing fields have better surfaces than others, even when they're in the same suburb. We were intrigued by this, and asked a leading grass expert, who explained thus:
"Well, you see, it's all about grass psychology. Some fields hire motivational speakers for their grass, give them pep talks, and maybe even play some soothing music. Others? Well, they're stuck with grass therapists who just keep asking, 'How does that make you feel, grass?' It turns out, a happy grass is a green grass!"





THEY SEEK THEM HERE, THEY SEEK THEM THERE, OR, VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - 2024

- Are you passionate about making a difference in your community?
- Do you want to be part of an exciting and vibrant team?
- Look no further – with just a few hours a week, you can be part of positive change.
- Your Committee is already starting work on season 2024 and part of the huge task ahead is to call for volunteers for the 2024 season.
- Your Club is calling for dedicated volunteers like you to join our family.
- Who We Need – we welcome volunteers of all ages and backgrounds who share a love for football. Whether you're a mum, dad, carer, brother, sister, coach, referee, event organiser or simply eager to support your Club, we want YOU!
- What You'll Do – a little or a lot – whatever suits!
- Join us in fostering community spirit through the beautiful game.
- Click on the link below to kickstart your football journey today and to look at the various roles and jobs that are available, and put your details down. Many of the jobs can be shared, so they are not something that you need to commit to for every weekend.
- Link: https://newlambtonfcjuniors.teamapp.com/articles/7863632?_detail=v1 or go to our Stack TeamApp site
- For more information, contact us at vicepresident@newlambtonfcjuniors.org.au
- Together, we'll score big and create lasting memories.

CLUB END OF YEAR CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Link: https://playforpurpose.com.au/checkout/new-lambton-fc?channel=SCP

Have you got your tickets in our raffle yet?

MAJOR PRIZE
Win a wonder-filled $250K First Prize Pack

- Closes 9pm (AEST) Thu 14 Dec 2023
- Drawn 10am (AEST) Fri 15 Dec 2023

You could be driving away with the incredible Audi Q5 Sportback SLine which includes endless high-tech features and luxury, valued at over $118,000! Featuring a panoramic tinted sunroof, 7-speed gearbox, Park Assist and keyless entry and start, your next road trip or drive around town will be a breeze!
This luxury car plus over $131K in cashable gold could be at your fingertips with a $10 ticket!

PLAYING STRIP 2024

The development of our 2024 playing and training strip is an exciting time for our Club, our supporters and participants as well as our sponsorship partners.
We will be introducing a training shirt for all our members as part of the uniform package, a variant of which shall also be available for purchase from our Club shop.
Our online store can be accessed via the Club's Stack TeamApp site - simply navigate by clicking on the Club Shop button on the top ribbon - note that during the off-season, stock items may be low and some items may not be available.

CLUB PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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.
Our Club is a suburban, grass-roots, not-for-profit, community-focussed local football club and we have over 900 members, nearly 300 of whom are females and we also have a contingent who identify as having a disability.
We have been working hard to make improvements to our participant growth opportunities, facilities and our game day experience, and within the next 6 months you will see a refreshed playing and training strip, new practice and playing equipment, new portable electronic scoreboards as well as a completely new, expanded storage area.
Our projects aim to make the club more inclusive and welcoming, and we have already received positive feedback and support from Newcastle Football and Northern NSW Football.
We already have confirmed a number of our current partners, and we thank them for their ongoing support.
We also will be welcoming several exciting new partners in 2024, which we shall be announcing shortly.
We are eager to continue to explore potential partnerships between our Club and local businesses and look forward to the possibility of working together to achieve our shared goals. This is a good opportunity for local businesses to connect at a local level with one of Newcastle's largest community football clubs, giving them excellent reach and visibility to the community at a local, suburban level.
To ensure that we have everything in place for the commencement of next season, if you are considering supporting your Club for season 2024 (and beyond!) please reach out to us - we would love to catch up to confirm your support.
Contact us at: supporter@newlambtonfcjuniors.org.au

FEMALES IN FOOTBALL AT NEW LAMBTON FC JUNIORS

Females at our Club are important for many reasons:

1. **Equality and Inclusivity:** Ensuring females are included in football promotes gender equality and inclusivity. It ensures that both genders have equal opportunities to participate in and enjoy the sport.
2. **Talent and Skill:** Females can be highly skilled and talented football players. By participating, they not only showcase their abilities but also contribute to the overall quality and competitiveness of the sport.
3. **Inspiration:** Female football players serve as role models for aspiring athletes. Their achievements inspire girls and women to pursue their passion for football and other sports, breaking gender stereotypes and encouraging them to strive for excellence.
4. **Health and Fitness:** Football is an excellent way for females to stay active and maintain good physical health. Participation in sports has numerous physical and mental health benefits, and encouraging females to engage in football helps promote a healthy lifestyle.
5. **Teamwork and Leadership:** Football, like many team sports, teaches valuable life skills such as teamwork, communication, and leadership. Encouraging females to participate in football helps them develop these skills, which are applicable in many aspects of life.
6. **International Representation:** Female football players can progress to represent their countries on the international stage, no different to their male counterparts. This contributes to national pride and fosters a sense of unity and identity among supporters.
7. **Social Impact:** The presence of females in football continues to challenge societal norms and stereotypes related to gender roles. It helps promote a more inclusive and diverse society by breaking down barriers and encouraging acceptance of individuals based on their skills and passion rather than their gender.

In summary, females in football are important for promoting equality, showcasing talent, inspiring others, fostering a healthy lifestyle, developing life skills and making a positive social impact.

The Committee is committed to ensuring the Club is fully inclusive and to that end, one of our priority tasks is to establish a Female Consultative Group (FCG).You can get more information or provide feedback regarding the FCG via: info@newlambtonfcjuniors.org.au

We have some very special programs planned for our female contingent in season 2024 and onwards.

Stay tuned for more information, coming soon!

PLAY FOOTBALL FOR NLFCJ IN 2024



Our focus is ensuring all members are engaged, supported and encouraged. The Club is committed to working towards Football Australia's gender equity target of 50% by 2027. This provides a timeline to work towards whilst also aligning with the playing together pillar of FA's Legacy 2023 document. Our goal is growing the female membership from 30% to 50%.

As we prepare for the upcoming season, we're excited to announce our ambitious plans to build on the massive success of our 2023 campaign.

We're committed to further expanding and strengthening our Club, providing an unparalleled platform for young players to develop their skills and passion for the sport.

Want to continue to join us on this exciting journey?

Know someone who wants to come and play for us?

Express your interest by filling out the form linked below – formal 2024 registrations are open in early January 2024.

Also, if you're a full team seeking a new challenge, you are also welcome.

Don't miss out on the opportunity to continue to be a part of our Club for the upcoming 2024 season!

Expression of Interest form: https://forms.gle/npz8ZyQaPd4i3XYX8

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

The off-season is a time of rest, reflection, and relentless preparation for the challenges that lie ahead. The fields may be (mostly) silent, but our passion for the beautiful game echoes in the spaces between each blade of grass.

In these coming weeks and months, as players recover and rejuvenate, coaches strategise, and parents, guardians and other caregivers eagerly await the next kickoff, let's not forget the profound impact football has on our lives. It's more than just a sport; it's a source of inspiration, resilience, and camaraderie that transcends boundaries and unites us all.

Take this off-season as an opportunity to recharge your own batteries. Whether you're a player refining your skills, a coach plotting the next tactical masterstroke, or a spectator reliving the moments that made your heart race, let the love for the game fuel your dedication.

Remember, champions are made in the off-season. The extra distance run, the countless hours spent perfecting that one skill, and the unwavering belief in the team - it all adds up when the whistle blows again.

So, embrace this break with gratitude for the highs and the lessons learned from the lows. Let the memories of the past season inspire you, and let the anticipation of the next one ignite a fire within. Our football journey is a perpetual cycle of growth and discovery, and the off-season is where the seeds of success are planted.

Thank you for being part of our football community.

Stay passionate, stay connected, and get ready to kick off the next chapter with renewed energy and determination.

The best is yet to come.

See you on the pitch!

