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THE NEWSLETTER OF NEW LAMBTON FC JUNIORS AND ARNETTS FC

HOT NEWS



NOT ONE, BUT TWO PRESENTATION DAY VENUES ANNOUNCED AND LOCKED IN!!

This year, NLFC Juniors will be hosting our Club end of year Presentation Day split over 2 fun filled days!
Due to concerns about potential cancellations associated with the ever-changing and unpredictable weather, we have decided to split this year's Presentation Day across 2 afternoons in September at alternative venues.
There will be trophies, new activities as well as lots of fun to be had with all your friends and family.
Additional tickets are available from the Club TeamApp shop.

REGULAR SEASON FINISHES AS IT STARTED - WET!!

HUGE WEEKEND OF MINIROOS AND ARNETTS GAMES CLOSES THE REGULAR 2024 SEASON

NOVOCASTRIAN PARK
WELCOME TO THE HOME OF
NEW LAMBTON FOOTBALL CLUB

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.

DID YOU KNOW THAT MOST OF THE GRAPHICS IN THIS NEWSLETTER ARE "CLICKABLE" WHEN VIEWED ELECTRONICALLY - CLICK PICTURES FOR MORE INFORMATION

LET'S HEAR FROM NEWCASTLE FOOTBALL

In an effort to ensure that there is clear, open and fully-informed communication, we felt it beneficial to give Newcastle Football a voice in our monthly newsletter.

From the desk of Chris Brain, Newcastle Football's General Manager.

After a rather disappointing week with reports of bad behaviour from parents, coaches and players, a positive email.

Following the Club meeting tonight, I was excited to see lights on at Novocastrian Park and there was a game on!

New Lambton Juniors v Mayfield Juniors.

I stopped to watch.

By the size of the ball I believe maybe 12s or 13s?

I just wanted to congratulate all and thank them for restoring my faith in why we all do what we do.

The Coaches were superb, encouraging every mistimed pass and shot.

The players had fun and the parents were respectful and appreciative.

A lot of positives, please thank all involved.

I enjoyed it.

Chris Brain



A BIG THANKS TO NEWCASTLE FOOTBALL

The Club Committee would like to extend our heartfelt thanks and deepest gratitude to Steph Palmer (Operations Manager), Kaitlyn Callinan (Operations Coordinator), and Chris Brain (CEO) from Newcastle Football for their outstanding dedication and exceptional management of the Newcastle Football operations.

Day in and day out, for seven days a week, they have navigated the complexities of running the Newcastle Community Football competition, trying to reschedule hundreds of games at extremely short notice, often under the most challenging and demanding of circumstances (no more so than this season).

Their unwavering commitment, tireless work ethic, and ability to handle any situation with poise and professionalism truly set them apart. Steph, Kaitlyn, and Chris are not just exceptional at what they do - they are Professional Sports Administrators of the highest calibre. Their expertise, resourcefulness, and unwavering support are invaluable assets to our game, to our Club.

All members of the New Lambton Football Club can take great comfort in knowing that these three outstanding individuals are always working diligently on your behalf, and despite the adversity of this season managed to get most games scheduled and played. Their relentless efforts ensure that our operations run as smoothly as possible, and their dedication is a testament to the strength and integrity of Newcastle Community Football.

We are incredibly fortunate to have them as part of our team.

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ARNETTS FC

Teamwork certainly embodies Arnetts!

They are forever thankful for the groundwork done by their founders and life members Mark and Mel Midson, for the ongoing commitment and support of New Lambton Football Club Juniors to their sponsors who continue to support year after year that include 4u Care, Allambi Care, Newcastle Coal Infrastructure Group, Creative Childcare - Hunter St Newcastle and Ultra Tune Morisset, to their current coaches John, Chris and James and to every player past and present.

Arnetts feels like a family as much a soccer team - when a player joins, often their whole family joins. Each person contributes to the supportive culture that they have.

To find out about Arnetts FC, contact them at: **arnetts@newlambtonfcjuniors.org.au**









Creative Childcare

VALE ANDREW "TURTLE" THURLOW

Vale Andrew "Turtle" Thurlow

The entire New Lambton Football Club community was profoundly saddened by the news of Andrew "Turtle" Thurlow's passing on Wednesday, 31 July 2024.

Turtle was more than just a Club Life Member and a passionate member of The Dodos; he was a beloved figure whose presence enriched the lives of everyone who had the privilege of knowing him.

His unwavering dedication to the Club, along with his reputation as a true gentleman, left an indelible mark on all of us. As a devoted father and a cherished friend to so many, Turtle embodied the spirit of compassion and kindness.

His legacy will live on within the fabric of our Club, and his memory will be honoured by all who continue to carry forward the values he exemplified.

Though taken from us far too soon, Turtle's impact on our lives will be felt for generations to come.

We will always remember him as a remarkable human being who touched the hearts of everyone he encountered.

Vale Andrew "Turtle" Thurlow



VALE RUSSELL HENRY

Vale Russell Henry

It is with a heavy heart that we shared with our NLFCJ family that Russell had passed away on the morning of Wednesday July 31. He is survived by his wife Maree, his sons Mitchell and Adam, his daughter Ashleigh and four adoring grand children with another on the way.

For more than 40 years, including the last 16 as General Manager and Chief Executive of Newcastle Football, Russell helped transform the sport at a local level. Russell was a great support to our committees, both current and past. Russell was always happy to have a chat and a laugh and was a great mentor to our committee member volunteers. His knowledge and wisdom will be missed in Newcastle, but his legacy will carry on.

Russell was an icon of local football - a pioneer in so many ways and a mentor and inspiration to so many people who give so much to our beautiful game.

We will miss his infectious laughter, his sense of humour, his love for his family and his loyalty to his many friends.

He lived and worked by the edict: "Never lose sight of the real reason we are here."

“If I say no, rest assured that I have tried to find every possible way to say yes”.

Vale Russell Henry



UPCOMING COACHING COURSES

Upcoming Coaching Courses

Have you registered for an upcoming coaching course?

Brand new coaching education opportunities are taking place in 2024 and the start of 2025 and you don't want to miss out.

Check below for the next available course that's happening in an area near you.

- **MiniRoos Certificate**
- **NNSWF Recognised Skill Training Certificate**
- **Foundation of Football**
- **Foundation of Goalkeeping**
- **FA 'C' Diploma - advanced coaches**
- **FA 'B' Diploma - advanced coaches**



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SAFEGUARDING FOR COMMUNITY CLUBS

Sport plays a significant role in our communities, it improves the physical and mental wellbeing of all that participate regardless of age, ability, background or gender. It promotes a sense of belonging, enhancing social connectivity, inclusion and the building of long-term friendships.

All Australians should feel safe to participate in sport at any level and it is why Sport Integrity Australia has developed the Safeguarding in Sport Continuous Improvement Program (SISCIP).

The Program provides sports with education, training and ongoing support so they can provide a safe and inclusive environment for all members, including children and young people.

The Safeguarding in Sport Continuous Improvement Program (SISCIP) is designed to help sporting organisations build their capability to provide safe environments for children, young people, and all members to participate in sport.

This includes protecting them from abuse, providing safe and inclusive experiences and highlighting that safeguarding is the responsibility of everyone involved in sport. The SISCIP is underpinned by the National Integrity Framework (NIF) and the National Principles for Child Safe Organisations (National Principles).

By working through this program, it can assist National Sporting Organisations (NSOs) and National Sporting Organisations for People with a Disability (NSODs) to meet their state and territory child safeguarding compliance requirements.

The program aims to embed a culture of child safety and member protection by:

- Building the capability of NSOs and NSODs to keep children, young people, and members safe.
- Leading a cultural shift that prioritises the safety of children, young people and members.
- Enhancing knowledge and understanding to respond to child abuse threats.
- Bolstering community confidence that sports are safe for children, young people and members.
- Enabling sports to demonstrate their commitment and leadership in safeguarding to all members at all levels of sport.

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MEMBER PROTECTION INFORMATION OFFICER (MPIO) TRAINING

Member Protection Information Officers (MPIOs) are an integral part of all levels of Australia sport, especially grassroots sport. MPIOs are there to listen to issues raised by members of any sport before triaging and referring them to the right place to find a resolution. The MPIO is responsible for providing information about a person's rights, responsibilities and options to an individual making a complaint or raising a concern, as well as information support during the process.

MPIOs don't handle complaints or investigate grievances, and they don't mediate between members or stakeholders. They're also separate from the relevant Integrity Manager or the person(s) in authority regarding complaints, disputes and resolutions in your sport. MPIOs are an impartial party who are there to help guide people in the right direction.

If you are interested in being an MPIO for our Club, please let us know - send us an email at **info@newlambtonfcjuniors.org.au**

MPIO Training

Part 1 – Online Module

MPIO Training: Part 1 is a free, self-paced online course. It is recommended that you complete this before attending the Part 2 training. Find the training online at **https://elearning.sportintegrity.gov.au/**

Part 2 – Workshop

MPIO Training: Part 2 is a workshop facilitated by your state or territory department of sport and recreation, peak body for sport, state sporting organisation or national sporting organisation The training is conducted either in person (3 hours) or through an interactive online workshop (2 hours).

Visit the **MPIO Part 2 training calendar** with dates for your state or territory (costs may vary pending delivery method and are the responsibility of delivery organisation).

MINIROOS KICK-OFF AND MINITILLIES

In the 2025 pre-season, the Club will be running MiniRoos Kick-Off (Mixed) as well as MiniTillies (Girls-Only).

MiniRoos Kick-Off

- A fun, safe introductory program designed for new players aged between 4 and 11.
- Weekly 45 - 60 minute sessions that build skills through games and simple drills delivered in an engaging and inclusive environment.
- Every player gets plenty of time on the ball and the prime aim of each session is for children to build fundamental motor skills.
- Each child also receives a MiniRoos Participant Pack in the mail when they register – which includes a ball, a shirt and a certificate.

MiniTillies (Girls-Only)

- MiniTillies is Football Australia's national introductory football program for girls aged between 4 to 11 years.
- This fun, social and engaging program provides an alternate option for girls who may not want to participate in a mixed-gender program, as well as the opportunity to choose their football experience.
- MiniTillies Programs will run for 8 weeks for 45 – 60 minutes per session
- Participants receive a participant pack including a MiniRoos t-shirt, football, and certificate as part of their registration fee

All registered participants receive personal accident insurance as part of their registration fee.

Both programs will be held at Novocastrian Park from early February 2025 to mid-April, likely Monday and Wednesday afternoons / evenings although this will be guided by the uptake (hopefully a good one!).

Once approved by NNSWF, we will be opening registration to everyone!

More information is available HERE: **MINITILLIES** **MINIROOS KICK-OFF**

STAY TUNED FOR MORE INFORMATION - COMING SOON!!

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HELP US CHOOSE THE COLOUR OF OUR TRAINING SHIRT FOR 2025

As you would have seen, 2024 heralded the return of training shirts for all players at New Lambton FC.

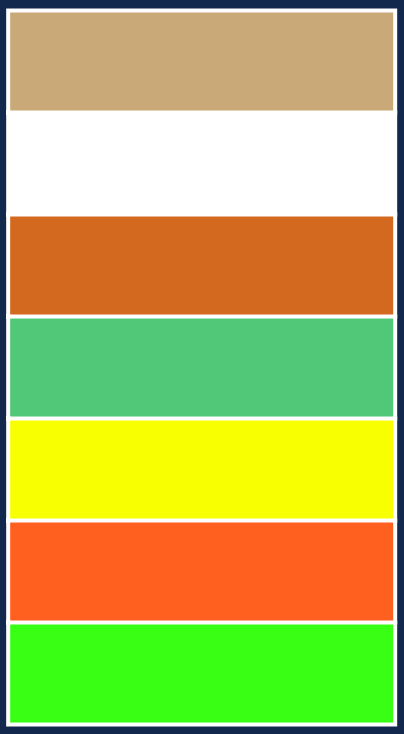
We decided to use our Club's gold colour for our training shirts, and they look quite smart!

We have been successfully pushing the boundaries and we are not afraid to be a progressive, modern Club whilst still maintaining a strong link to our roots and our history.

We always want to involve our people whenever we can in decision we make. In line with that, we want **YOU** to help **US** choose the colour of our training shirt for 2025.

The colours we are considering are the following:

- Gold (the same as 2024)
- White
- Cinnamon
- Emerald
- Fluorescent Yellow
- Fluorescent Orange
- Fluorescent Green







Follow the link to cast your vote: **CHOOSE YOUR COLOUR**

Voting closes 7:30pm Monday 30 September 2024.

The colour with the most votes after voting closes shall be nominated as the training shirt colour for 2025.

One lucky Club member will be randomly selected from all the people who cast a vote, to have their name exclusively recognised on the training shirt.

HOW CAN I HELP WITH THE GAME OFFICIALS CRISIS - BECOME A REFEREE!

Ensuring there are enough match day officials for community football is extremely challenging.

To give an idea of how dire the situation is, calculations of our Club's referee allocations for Interdistrict for season 2024 revealed we had 120 match officials appointed to 540 available positions - approximately 22% coverage of games!

Anyone aged 13 and over can become a referee.

There are so many different reasons to become a referee. It's a great way to:

- earn some extra money
- give back to the game you love
- stay fit and active
- build leadership skills like effective communication, working as a team and decision-making.

Whether you're a player, past player, parent, club volunteer or new to our game, we can help equip you with all of the knowledge and support you need to enter the rewarding world of refereeing.

Who knows, you might even officiate in the A-League or internationally with FIFA!

To become a referee for games, you must be 13 years of age or over and you will need to complete the **C0 Course (formerly known as Online Laws of the Game Course)** as well as completing a **C3 Course (formerly known as Level 4 Referee Course)**.

STEP 1:

The **C0 Course (formerly known as Online Laws of the Game Course)** provides a basic introduction to the Laws of the Game and their interpretation. After completing the course participants will receive a certificate which will allow them to continue the refereeing pathway and attend the **C3 course (formerly known as Level 4 Referee Course)**.

In order to become a referee in Australia, all participants must complete the C0 Course, whether they wish to officiate on MiniRoos, with their club or in an official capacity.

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STEP 2:

Participants then undertake Football Australia's newly launched **C3 Junior Football Match Official (formerly known as Level 4 Referee course)**. Log in to the **learning centre**, go to your Training Library and view a course in the Referee Community-Member Federation section.

There are **4 online theory modules** and an in-person event to complete the course:

1. Match Control - understanding our impact on the game
2. Positioning Movement - the best position for the correct decision
3. Technical concepts - C0 course and considerations
4. Game Management - managing a match with football understanding

STEP 3:

Participants then attend the C3 Junior Football Match Official (formerly known as Level 4 Referee course) In Person Event.

The C3 Junior Football Match Official course serves as an entry point for those seeking to officiate in junior football leagues organised by Member Federations. Participants will acquire the necessary skills and knowledge to confidently manage junior matches while emphasising the importance of player development and safety.

Enrol for an in-person event with your member federation or zone to complete your accreditation, receive your equipment and order your clothing.

Find and **In Person Event HERE**

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SEPTEMBER 2024

NEW LAMBTON FC JUNIORS DEVELOPMENT FUND

New Lambton FC Juniors is a not-for-profit incorporated community club that attends to the inclusion and development of grass-roots football players in our local community.

New Lambton FC Juniors is partnering with the Australian Sports Foundation to assist in raising funds for developing and improving participant entry pathways for the disabled, aged and disadvantaged, operational equipment and coaching and player development pathway programs.

Financial assistance through the New Lambton FC Juniors Development Fund will allow the club to implement improved access to the game of football at a grass-roots community level, continue its program to develop grass-roots talent, upgrade equipment and uniforms and continue the skill development of coaching staff.

Without the assistance of our volunteers, sponsors and the general community New Lambton FC Juniors would not be able to pursue our objectives of being a prospering football club of choice for football participants in the New Lambton and surrounding areas.

YOUR DONATION TO THIS PROJECT IS TAX DEDUCTIBLE

The Australian Sports Foundation (ASF) is the only deductible gift recipient for sport in Australia. This means that donations of $2 or more to approved projects on our website are tax deductible. Shortly after making your donation, you'll receive an official receipt from the ASF that you can use in your income tax return.

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PRESENTATION DAY 2024 - MINIROOS SUNDAY 22 SEPT. 2:00PM - 6:00PM

MINIROOS TEAMS - U5'S TO U11'S

- Event Date: Sunday 22 September
- Event Time: 2:00pm to 6:00pm (split by age group - SEE BELOW)
- FREE for all New Lambton Football Club Juniors players
- Venue: Inflatable World - 314 Hillsborough Road, Warners Bay
- Website: **INFLATABLE WORLD WARNERS BAY**
- The event includes:
  - the use of the inflatables
  - a trophy presentation
  - a party bag
  - photo opportunities and more
- Players MUST wear the wristbands provided
- Coaches / Managers will receive a wristband for each player upon gear return (date to be confirmed)
- Wristbands will be available for purchase for siblings @ $10 each prior to the day via the Club's TeamApp
- Wristbands will NOT be available for purchase on the day at the venue

Age Group	Marshalling Time	Presentation Start Time
Under 5s/ 6s	2:50 PM	3:00 PM
Under 7s	3:30 PM	3:40 PM
Under 8s	4:10 PM	4:20 PM
Under 9s	4:50 PM	5:00 PM
Under 10s and Under 11s	5:20 PM	5:25 PM



PRESENTATION DAY 2024 - COMPETITION SATURDAY 21 SEPT. 1:00PM - 5:00PM

COMPETITION TEAMS - U12'S TO U18'S

- Event Date: Saturday 21 September
- Event Time: 1:00pm to 5:00pm (split by age group - SEE BELOW)
- FREE for all New Lambton Football Club Juniors players
- Venue: Club Kotara - 2 Howell Street, Kotara
- Website: **CLUB KOTARA**
- The event includes:
  - the use of the outdoor facility (including BUBBLE SOCCER)
  - a live DJ
  - a trophy presentation
  - a BBQ sausage sizzle
  - photo opportunities and more
- Players MUST wear the wristbands provided
- Coaches / Managers will receive a wristband for each player upon gear return (date to be confirmed)
- Wristbands will be available for purchase for siblings @ $10 each prior to the day via the Club's TeamApp shop
- Wristbands will NOT be available for purchase on the day at the venue

Age Group	Marshalling Time	Presentation Start Time
Under 12s/ Under 13s	2:30 PM	2:40 PM
Under 14s	3:00 PM	3:10 PM
Under 16s/ Under 17s	3:30 PM	3:40 PM



WOMEN ONSIDE

In the world of football, the presence of women in leadership roles is essential for the game we love. When women are part of decision-making processes at all levels, the game thrives in ways that benefit everyone. This is not about meeting quotas; it's about ensuring that football reflects the diverse community it serves and that all perspectives are heard.

Research consistently shows that organisations with diverse leadership are more innovative, resilient, and effective. This principle holds true for football. When women are part of the decision-making process, they bring unique insights that can lead to more inclusive policies, better community engagement, and a brighter future for the sport.

In football, decisions made at the highest levels affect the entire ecosystem of the sport. If these decisions are made without the input of women, who represent nearly half of all football participants and fans, they are inevitably incomplete. Women's voices are essential to creating policies and strategies that address the needs of all players, coaches, and supporters, particularly in growing women's and girls' participation in the sport.

The presence of women in governance roles not only challenges outdated perceptions but also paves the way for the next generation. When young girls witness women leading in football, they are more likely to believe they belong in those spaces. This visibility is instrumental in breaking down the barriers that have historically kept women from leadership positions in sports, inspiring a new generation of leaders. The representation of women at all governance levels is not just about fairness; it's about the effectiveness and sustainability of the sport itself. Football, like any other field, benefits from a wide range of perspectives. Diverse leadership leads to better decision-making, more innovative solutions, and a more inclusive environment for everyone involved.

As we continue to advocate for greater inclusion of women in football, it's important to remember that we're not just filling seats; we're shaping the future of the game. Women bring valuable skills and experiences crucial to football's growth and success at every level. Ensuring that women are present wherever decisions are made is not just the right thing to do; it's the smart thing to do.

Have you considered joining Women Onside?

Women Onside members are a valued addition to our football community, and as a member, you help set the direction for us, our advocacy work and our activities.

Their membership fee is $22.00 per year, and as a member, you can also access exclusive resources, events, and professional development opportunities.

Want to learn more or keen to join? Visit their **website**.

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).

To be involved contact us via : info@newlambtonfcjuniors.org.au

Some of the key focus areas shall be:

- Setting and monitoring goals and targets specifically relating to women and girls
- Establishing a Female Football Club Ambassador
- Establishing Club Female Development Coordinator program
- Establish a Female Referee Mentoring program at Club level
- Set strategies to ensure the Club aligns with FFA's Gender Equity Plan
- Establish alternate participation opportunities (e.g. Kick On, Kick Off)
- Grow the Club's female membership to 50%

We need female members to put their hands up to be part of this important group.







NNSWF APPOINT NEW GM - WOMEN AND GIRLS, PARTICIPATION

Northern NSW Football is delighted to announce the appointment of Allana Neeve as its new General Manager - Women & Girls, Participation.

NNSWF created the new role following the completion of the NSW Football Legacy Program.

Neeve joins NNSWF from Hockey NSW where she was the Participation and Growth Manager. She also has plenty of experience in football having spent almost three years at Football Australia as its Women's Football Coordinator. Neeve also worked for Football Northern Territory as its Operations and Project Manager.

Neeve, who also holds an AFC/FA C Licence and is the junior coach director of her club, Queens Park FC, will be responsible for driving strategic initiatives to enhance football participation, with a particular focus on women and girls. The role will be crucial in developing and delivering localised participation strategies that promote sustainable and inclusive football environments throughout northern NSW.

Neeve will work closely with member zones and clubs to create and implement programs that resonate with the community. She will also join NNSWF's executive leadership team.

Neeve said she was thrilled to join NNSWF and looked forward to getting started.

"Women and girls football is something that I'm really passionate about. I'm keen to jump into that space but I also have experience around the participation side of the game which I'm confident I can contribute to positively," Neeve said.

"I think it's really important that I spend some time to understand the landscape, look at the strategic plan and build those relationships in the football community.

"It's not about having a broad, cookie cutter approach. It's about understanding local opportunities and delivering the best for the football family in each region.

"I'm really excited about the opportunity and I can't wait to get started."

NNSWF CEO Peter Haynes welcomed Neeve to the organisation "Allana has a wealth of experience that she will bring to our business," Haynes said. "She has been working in a similar role at Hockey NSW and doing an outstanding job. But she also has plenty of experience in football which is obviously a huge bonus for us. I have no doubt Allana will be a great fit in this role and I can't wait for her to join the team."

Neeve will start at NNSWF on 17 September.

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POSITIONS VACANT - CAN YOU HELP?

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 have a long list of tasks that need to be done throughout the year - and we need people to help.

Who can volunteer? People of all ages and abilities are welcome!

Some of those roles / duties are:

- Assistant Treasurer
- Assistant Registrar
- Assistant Secretary
- Volunteer Management Officer
- Game Day Management Officer
- General Committee Member
- Match day field set up and pack down
- Coaching teams in Community competitions (Junior or Senior)
- 'Green Team' - pitch and field management
- Infrastructure management - goal posts, nets, etc
- Game Day Canteen helpers and BBQ chefs
- Fundraising BBQ helpers (Bunnings, etc)

If you think you can help, please reach out: **info@newlambtonfcjuniors.org.au**

SOME BIG EVENTS COMING - STAY TUNED!

- Presentation Day - MiniRoos Teams - read about it in this issue!
- Presentation Day - Competition Teams - read about it in this issue!
- Fast 5's Competition - read about it in this issue!
- MiniRoos Kick-Off and MiniTillies - read about them in this issue!
- And more.....

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OUR CHOSEN CHARITIES

As we wrap up another fantastic season with the New Lambton Football Club, we're looking to give back to our community in a meaningful way.

This year, as part of our end-of-season activities, we are inviting everyone to make a small but impactful contribution to our Club's preferred charities Got Your Back Sista and Black Dog Institute.

All we're asking for is a small donation to each of our preferred charities – a gold coin to each or whatever you feel comfortable with – to contribute to these causes that mean so much to us. Your support is a wonderful way to celebrate the spirit of teamwork and generosity that makes our club so special.

You don't have to choose between them – a gold coin donation to each will help enormously.

You can click on the below links to go directly to the donation pages.

Black Dog: **DONATE NOW!!**

Got Your Back Sista: **DONATE NOW!!**

Your contribution, however big or small, will make a huge difference for those in need. We encourage everyone to participate and spread the good vibes as we close out the season with a positive impact.

Thank you in advance for your generosity and for being part of this incredible community!

Your generosity is truly appreciated, and I know that together, we can bring a lot of smiles to those who need it most.

Wishing you all the best and looking forward to making a difference with you!

Black Dog: **DONATE NOW!!**

Got Your Back Sista: **DONATE NOW!!**



CLUB KOTARA - LOCAL SOCIAL HUB

Club Kotara shares many similar values to our football Club - they are community-focussed, and their ethos of Community, Respect and Wellbeing aligns nicely with our club WEIR values of Wellbeing, Excellence, Integrity and Respect.

Club Kotara is proud of their history and is excited about the future. Located in the centre of Kotara at 2 Howell Street, they are a hub for events and activities the entire community can enjoy. Club Kotara loves to welcome everyone from retirees, families, friendship groups, community groups, schools and everyone in between.

The Barefoot Bistro is a family-friendly bistro open for lunch and dinner from Tuesday to Sunday. Their menu has something for everyone to enjoy and whether it's just a light snack or you're after the full deluxe experience with a three-course meal, their team are there to provide you with delicious food all year round.

The Club's OPENING HOURS are EVERYDAY from 10:00am – 10:00pm

The BISTRO is open for Lunch Service from 11:30am – 2:00pm and the Dinner Service is open on Monday – Friday: 5:00pm – 8:00pm and Saturday –Sunday: 4:00 – 8:00pm

Now more than ever Club Kotara needs the community to support them, and we are happy to do so - locals supporting locals.

New Lambton FC Juniors hold our monthly Team Manager and Committee meeting at Club Kotara - the last Wednesday evening of the month, from 7:00pm.



CLUB KOTARA

SUMMER FAST 5'S COMPETITION

New Lambton FC Juniors is planning to host a social level Summer 5's competition for 2024, commencing 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.

Why should younger players participate in Summer 5's?

1. Summer 5's encourages all younger players to develop their football skills and have more opportunities to play
2. Summer 5's is a demanding game environment requiring players to make quicker decisions and respond with quicker actions
3. Players will improve their agility and fitness through fast-paced five-a-side
4. This competition encourages younger players to develop their football skills and provides more opportunities on the pitch in a friendly environment.
5. Younger players will improve their agility and fitness playing in this fast-paced, five-a-side competition.

The format will include:

1. Smaller field sizes (25m x 40m)
2. Two 20 minute halves, with a 5 minute break
3. Five players on the pitch, maximum of 3 substitutes
4. Maximum 10 per team
5. Unlimited interchange
6. Maximum 4 players to start a game
7. Goal keeper cannot use hands
8. Games played at Novocastrian Park, from 5:00pm
9. Depending on the uptake we will have female, mixed and male competitions

We propose the following age groups (level of interest permitting):

1. U7's (inc. 5's, 6's and 7's) – Monday afternoon / evening
2. U9's (inc. 8's and 9's) – Monday afternoon / evening
3. U11's (inc. 10's and 11's) – Monday afternoon / evening
4. U13's (inc. 12's and 13's) – Wednesday afternoon / evening
5. U16's (inc. 14's, 15's and 16's) – Wednesday afternoon / evening
6. 8 playing rounds with a spare wet-weather round
7. Commencing Monday 14th October
8. Referees supplied

Indicative Cost: $120

Talk to your team mates, friends, etc and organise your team NOW so you don't miss out!

REGISTRATIONS SHALL BE OPENING SHORTLY!!

Contact us: **info@newlambtonfcjuniors.org.au**

DID YOU KNOW THAT.....

Newcastle has a rich and storied history in football, dating back to the late 19th century when the sport first began to take hold in Australia. One of the most fascinating historical facts about football in Newcastle is the role it played in uniting the city's working-class communities, particularly through the strong connection between the sport and the coal mining industry.

In the late 1800s and early 1900s, Newcastle was a booming coal town, and many of its residents were employed in the mines. These miners were predominantly of British and European descent, bringing with them a passion for football, which was already well-established in their homelands. The game quickly became a way for these communities to bond and express their identity in a new land.

One of the earliest and most significant football clubs in the region was the Adamstown Rosebud Football Club, founded in 1889. The club is not only one of the oldest in Australia but also a symbol of the deep connection between football and the working-class roots of Newcastle. Adamstown, a suburb with a strong mining presence, became a football powerhouse in the early 20th century, producing several players who would go on to represent Australia at the international level.

Football matches in Newcastle during this period were more than just games - they were major social events that brought together families, friends, and neighbours. The sport offered an escape from the hardships of mining life and was a source of pride for local communities. The intense rivalries between clubs like Adamstown, West Wallsend, and Cessnock often mirrored the competition between different mining towns, making the matches fiercely contested and well-attended.

The impact of the coal mining industry on football in Newcastle is perhaps best illustrated by the creation of the Coalfields Cup in 1925. This competition, which pitted the best teams from mining towns against each other, quickly became one of the most prestigious tournaments in the region. The Coalfields Cup was more than just a football competition; it was a celebration of the miners' resilience, camaraderie, and love for the game. Winning the cup brought immense pride to the mining communities, and the tournament helped solidify football's place as the dominant sport in the region.

ROBOLINE

COMMUNITY FINALS CONTINUE

Community football finals are continuing across northern NSW this weekend.

Thousands of players from across the member federation will get the opportunity to finish their season on a high after another big year of football.

Northern NSW Football General Manager Member Services Ross Hicks said it was an exciting time of year after another tough season which was impacted by weather.

"Players have put in immense effort to reach their grand finals and deserve the opportunity to be crowned as champions," Hicks said.

"We wish our players, coaches, match officials and hard-working volunteers involved in the community grand finals the very best.

"While not everyone can be crowned champions, I encourage everyone to be a champion in the way they conduct themselves on the pitch, on the sidelines and online."

"Be a champion for the game. Be a champion for football."

NNSWF CEO Peter Haynes thanked NNSWF's major partner of community football Newcastle Permanent for its support.

Congratulations to our 12/01 team and All Age/01 Team who were Premiers (first place in their competition group) this year.

ZERO TOLERANCE

More than 50 per cent of Northern NSW Football premier competitions youth match officials stopped refereeing in the last 12 months. At least 30 of those quit mid-season specifically because of the abuse they received while refereeing.

Enough is enough.

We are fully committed to changing the culture towards refereeing in Northern NSW Football competitions. This will mean a whole of game approach to changing behaviours, attitudes and actions of players, coaches and spectators.

Through the Match Official Support Standards - Zero Tolerance, Northern NSW Football is introducing measures which will be part of a three-pillar strategy to implement Zero Tolerance.



OUR SUPPORTERS AND PARTNERS

MGRATH REAL ESTATE NEW LAMBTON Home to a team of passionate property specialists with exceptional skills in Real Estate, the McGrath New Lambton Real Estate Agency is dedicated to achieving outstanding results tailored to the individuals needs. Contact us on 4952 6500.

NEWCASTLE INSURANCE GROUP Your local Newcastle insurance broker. We are Newcastle based providing business insurance, home and car insurance to our clients. We are also one of the leading online providers of business insurance Australia wide. Contact us on 1300 62 80 80.

NOVOCASTRIAN ELECTRICAL Novocastrian Electrical has been serving the people of Newcastle, Port Stephens and the Hunter Valley for over 30 years. Novocastrian Electrical will not only attain your project expectations and outcomes but seek to achieve beyond expectations in all areas. Contact us on 4987 6441.

GREAT NORTHERN HOTEL The Great Northern is an iconic family hotel in Newcastle's East End. The Great Northern welcomes everyone to enjoy their hospitality and reward yourselves with sharing what they have to offer as part of our great community. We appreciate your support. Contact us on 4077 3910.

VILLAGE GROCER BLACKBUTT The Village Grocer Blackbutt takes pride in their commitment to the community, offering high-quality groceries and valuable work experience opportunities for individuals living with disabilities.Visit and support your local grocer at 74 Orchardtown Rd New Lambton.

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WESTS NEW LAMBTON The Wests Group is a locally owned and operated not-for-profit membership-based organisation. We proudly commit to meaningful social investments that help sustain positive, thriving communities throughout our region. Support the club that supports your community. Visit us at 88 Hobart Rd New Lambton, or contact us on 4935 1200.

SPORTS CLIQUE Sports Clique have provided athletes, organisations, members and supporters with outstanding kits, apparel and accessories and have done so since 2014. Contact us on sales@sportsclique.com.au

ROBOLINE Level up your line marking game with Roboline. Roboline is Newcastle and Lake Macquarie's newest line marking service, with precision sporting field line marking for every occasion. We use a state of the art GPS robotic sporting field line marking system to guarantee the best results. Contact us on 0414 552 669.

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.

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.

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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.

MELT GELATO Melt Gelato has a huge range of gelato in 18 flavours, spiders, milkshakes and other sweet treats on offer to our great local community. Come and visit us at 89 Regent Street New Lambton.

MY FOOTDR. My Foot Doctor Podiatry Charlestown have the skills and experience to assess and treat almost any foot or lower limb condition. How you move, how you feel and how you live comes down to your feet - we believe that healthy feet can lead to a better quality of life. My Foot Doctor - healthy feet, better lives. Contact us on 4966 0799.

NCIG - NEWCASTLE COAL INFRASTRUCTURE GROUP Newcastle Coal Infrastructure Group (NCIG) provides a premier coal export service and is an integral part of the Australian coal export industry. Our facilities include rail, coal storage, ship loading facilities and associated infrastructure.

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TJM HUNTER VALLEY TJM Hunter Valley is the go-to place for 4WD equipment and vehicle accessories in the Newcastle, Central Coast and Hunter Valley. Our staff can assist you whether you are a weekend adventurer, across the country tourer or recreational 4WDer. As part of the TJM national network we have access to a wide range of 4WD, vehicle accessories, touring, and outdoors products.



ALLAMBI CARE Allambi Care is a multi-disciplined and recognised leader in the human services field working across Newcastle, the Hunter, the NSW Central Coast and Victoria. We are committed to supporting our community's most vulnerable people through tailored services and programs.

ALLAMBI CARE

ULTRA TUNE MORRISET Ultra Tune Morisset guarantee that "old fashioned" service experience. Whether it's your daily drive or you have a fleet of vehicles that need looking after we offer a complete range of car servicing options, designed to suit your needs. In every case, you'll know in advance exactly how much the service will cost.

UltraTune
Auto Service Centres

4U CARE We're on a mission to radically improve the lives of people living with disability. To prove that leading an ordinary life doesn't need to be an extraordinary effort. That with care, optimism and enthusiasm, we can create a more just world. A world full of enjoyable experiences, friendship and opportunity.

4u care

CREATIVE CHILDCARE Creative Childcare is locally owned and operated, founded in 2016 by a group of parents who had a shared vision of providing a new and innovative approach to early education. Creative Childcare offers the very best of care and learning in a fun and creative environment and is run by a qualified team of Educators.

Creative Childcare

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KENTAN MACHINERY Kentan Machinery was established in 1970 next door to their current location and originally focused on aftermarket construction equipment parts. From these humble beginnings, the business has grown into one of the largest Kubota dealerships in Australia.

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**

A-LEAGUE WOMEN'S SEASON TO KICK OFF 13 NOVEMBER

As the excitement of the regular community football season comes to a close, our focus shifts to a new and thrilling chapter in football - the upcoming A-League Women's season. With only a few months until kick-off, now is the perfect time to support the clubs and players who are paving the way for the future of women's football in Australia.

Following a record-breaking season that saw record crowds, memberships and TV viewers, the Liberty A-League Women 2024/25 season will kick off on the weekend of 13 November.

The season has also been extended to a 23-game regular season as the league continues to expand to meet international standards.

The Liberty A-League Women 2024/25 season will see each team play 22 home and away fixtures, with an additional game being played during Unite Round. As per the 2023/24 season, the top six sides will qualify for the Liberty ALeague 2025 Finals Series which is set to kick off on 25-27 April, with the Grand Final scheduled for the weekend of 16-18 May.

Why Your Membership Matters

Securing a season membership is more than just a ticket to watch football; it's an investment in the growth and sustainability of the women's game. Each club offers women-specific memberships, usually around $100, granting you access to all home matches. This financial support is crucial in nurturing the talent pathways that lead to our Matildas and beyond. As we aim to build a strong foundation for women's football, your membership ensures that the game continues to flourish at all levels.

Flexible Membership Options

Understanding that full-season memberships might not suit everyone, many clubs also offer flexible, part-game memberships. These options ensure that everyone can be part of the action, regardless of budget.

The A-League Women's season promises to be an exciting journey, and there's no better way to show your support than by becoming a member. Whether you're cheering on your team from the stands or contributing to the growth of women's football in Australia, your involvement makes a difference. Don't miss out - secure your membership today and be part of something bigger than just the game.

Together, we can ensure that women's football continues to thrive, creating opportunities for the next generation of players to reach their full potential.

THE FINAL WHISTLE

As the time for the final whistle to blow on the 2024 community soccer season is nearly upon us we are left reflecting on a season filled with passion, resilience, and unity. From the youngest players kicking their first footballs to the seasoned veterans leading their teams with grit and determination, this season has been a celebration of the sport's enduring spirit in our community.

The season began with a renewed sense of enthusiasm, as clubs across Newcastle emerged from the challenges of recent years with a commitment to fostering not just competitive excellence, but also inclusivity and participation. Wet weather caused havoc across the season. Low numbers of game officials created stress, angst and confusion. Success has been a testament to the hard work of volunteers, coaches, and parents who have dedicated countless hours to ensuring that every child has a place on the field.

As the weeks progressed, it wasn't just about the goals scored or the matches won. It was about the friendships formed on and off the pitch, the lessons learned through both victory and defeat, and the community bonds that grew. The sidelines were filled with cheers, laughter, and the occasional nail-biting moment, as families and friends gathered to support their team.

For many, the highlight of the season was not a single match, but the atmosphere that surrounded the game days. Our fields buzzed as people came together to celebrate their love for football. Canteen BBQ's and game-day music turned match days into community festivals, where the sport was a catalyst for connection.

The season also saw the rise of new talents. However, the true victory was the sense of belonging that every player felt, regardless of their level of play - each player had the opportunity to contribute, learn, and enjoy the game.

As the season draws to a close, the traditional end-of-season activities are a chance to reflect on the year's achievements and look ahead to the future. Trophies are handed out, but so too are countless words of gratitude and encouragement. The season may have ended, but the impact it has left on players, families, and the community will linger long into the offseason.

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