## 2005 PLAYING SERVICE AWARDS

## 10 years

Cameron Beck
Matthew Butler
Adam Denham
Aaron Greaves
Alex Keith
Noel Landsberry
Paul Meekings
Mitchell Moore
Nicholas Murphy
Jon McGarrity
Daniel Saunders
Daniel Talbot
Thomas Vaughan

## 15 years

Luke Austen Mitchell Bates David Riley Luke Riley Lee Sutherland

## 20 years

Marc Lawrence Scott Murray

## 25 years

Trent Duvall
Grant Edwards
Luke Jeffree

## 30 years

Paul Darling

## 35 years

Craig Teal

## THE RESULTS

## SEMI-FINALISTS

10-F, 11-B, 12-E, JW12-B, 14-C, 16-B, 18-C/1, JW16-A/1, AL-5 and SW-F

## **FINALISTS**

JW16-A/2, AL-1/2, 35-A and 45A

## **MINOR PREMIERS & FINALISTS**

13-C, 18-C/2 and AL-2/1

## **MINOR PREMIERS & RUNNERS-UP**

AL-1/1

## **RUNNERS-UP**

13-A

## **PREMIERS**

18-B and SW-H/1

## **MINOR PREMIERS & PREMIERS**

9-D, AL-3 and 35-G/1

AL-1/2 and 35A teams were semi-finalists in the Amateur & State Cups AL-1/1 team will be playing in the Champion of Champions competition

## CANTEEN REPORT SEASON 2005

Well I can't believe that soccer is over already, the last 18 weeks have just flown and we were lucky enough this year to have semis, finals and Grand Finals at Gymea which is a first for a long time and were very successful.

Firstly,I would like to thank all the parent helpers, grandparents and friends that have helped in the canteen and on the BBQ during the season. Without your help each week we would not be able to have a successful canteen and bbq facility within the club. We are a very large club with many players and are proud to say that all the children I come across are very well mannered and are always keen to help me out when they are asked, nothing is ever a problem to all those helpers a big thank you from me.

Thanks to the Committee members for their effort in helping me in the canteen as sometimes I need an extra pair of hands to get through the day.

Secondly,I must thank Di Mayo for her tireless help over this season as she has been there as my backup during my time off and also doing lots behind the scene work, Di you are a true friend and you have been a great assistant this year. Also we have many other great workers in the canteen that help me out, so a big thanks to Chris, Greg and Brooke that come in every Sunday and work very hard and cover Di and I while we are watching our girls play soccer. So a big thanks to those people, do appreciate your efforts and hope to see you all next year for another season of soccer at Gymea United.

The canteen has been very successful again this year and I am returning as Canteen Supervisor for 2006 and if anyone is interested in helping me please contact me as I need an assistant for next season. So have a think over the off season and please give me a ring.

Hope to see you all at the Presentation Day on the 11 Sept.2005 at the oval for a great day with your children and friends, hope you enjoy the day.

Many thanks to everyone for another great season

Wendy Smithers

**6**B

Coach: Doug Sparks Manager: Peter Croucher

Players: Daniel, Jake, Joshua, Luke, Matthew, Mitchell, Nicholas and Timothy

The boys worked hard as a team and exceeded all expectations after being put into B grade.

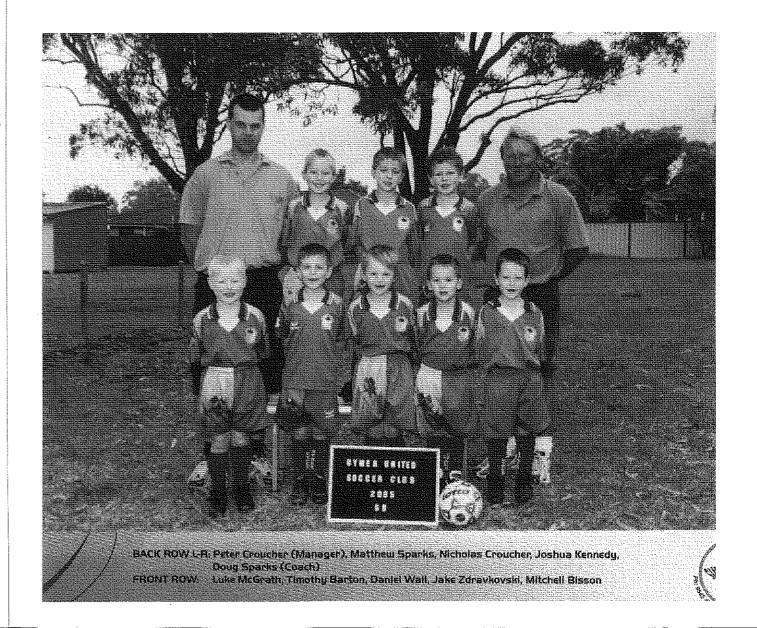
For Jake, Luke and Tim, it was their first season and they rose to the challenge of playing with and against some more experienced players. Encouragement from the parents, the coach and their fellow team-mates saw them improve and play an important part in the team's success.

Daniel, Josh, Matt, Mitch and Nick had played together last season and already had a taste of success. These players continued to develop and positional play helped to defend our goal, spread the ball and shoot straight and hard.

Doug, our coach, deserves our thanks for nurturing our kids throughout the year and keeping them interested in the game. His skill has shown results from individual improvements, teamwork and with many wins throughout the season.

The boys especially enjoyed playing an exhibition match against Lilli Pilli (which they won) before our All-Age team's Grand Final game at Seymour Shaw Stadium where they stood on display with the players and officials on the field for the National Anthem.

I hope to see you all again next season...... Peter.



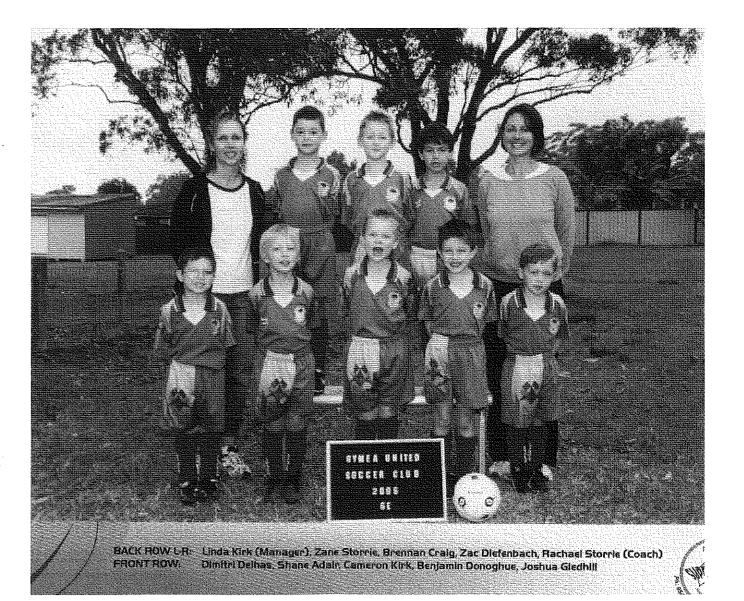
Coach: David Cahill Manager: David Norton

Our team started off not knowing the field, not knowing the sport new to so much as their age group expressed. Having only two players with previous experience it was a jumbled mess bewildered with a new presence most not sure whether to kick the ball or not. A weight of sympathy directed at the coach as he tried to get all hands on deck. Week by week skills would grow as the environment grew less foreign. Not until three quarters of the way through the year scenes of teamsmanship glanced through as the frustration dimmed on the coach's face. A cheer from the sideline with only a few games to go, our team had a victory and all the boys faces shined. The year was a joyous one for all the boys playing whilst only one victory out of 18 games we are not sure they noticed, as on training days all would be there trying their all. See you next year.



Formerly the 6H's the boys were re-graded during the year as they were playing well and in a grade that was obviously not at their standard. The 6E grade was a better grade for them but still they remained undefeated for the entire season with only 1 draw. At the beginning of the year only 4 of the boys had played together the previous year and we had 4 new starters. As the season progressed the boys really started to play well together as a team and by the end of the season it was very evident that all of the players had improved dramatically and each and every game had become a real team effort. Congratulations boys, it was a really enjoyable and fun season and I hope you continue the good effort next year. Thank-you also to Rachael who put in lot's of hours and hard work as the team coach, your efforts certainly showed throughout the year.

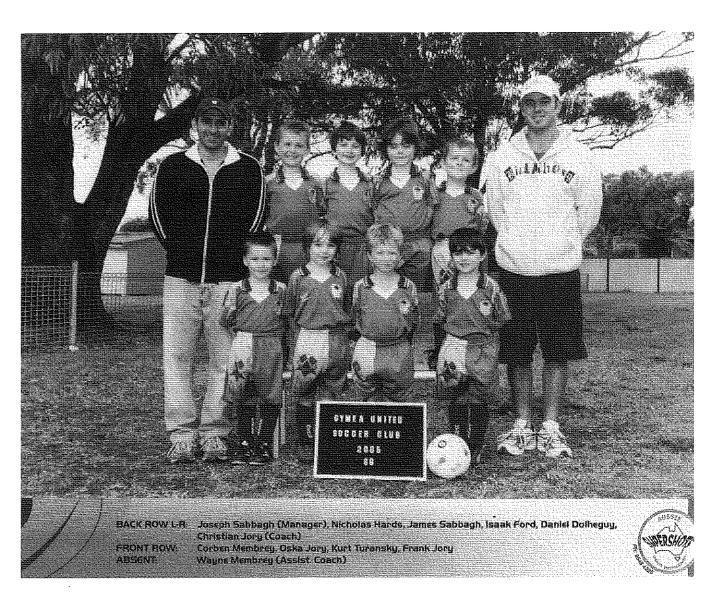
Linda Kirk Manager



# COACH: PETER NEW MANAGER: LINDA KNOWLES

Overall, we had a great season. We won some and lost some but we all had fun. The boys came together as a team and learned the importance of helping each other out and of giving 100% effort for their mates. Every player had their moment and there were some excellent goals scored and saved from week to week. The boys enjoyed training each week and it was rewarding to see them develop their skills and understanding of the game. They are a great bunch of little men and they have done themselves, their parents and the Giants proud. Well done fellas.





The team, Alec Colquhoun, Philippa Emery, Daniel Joyce, Hugh Links, Christopher Newell, Yuta Pendlebury, Matthew Rafferty, Jordan Walsh.

What a year, what a team. Won 17, Lost 0.

We kicked the season off in 6K for the first 6 games before being moved up to 6H2's. The move didn't faze the players as they continued to enjoy their weekly game no matter who they played. It must be said that all players displayed great sportsmanship amongst themselves and towards their opponents throughout the season.

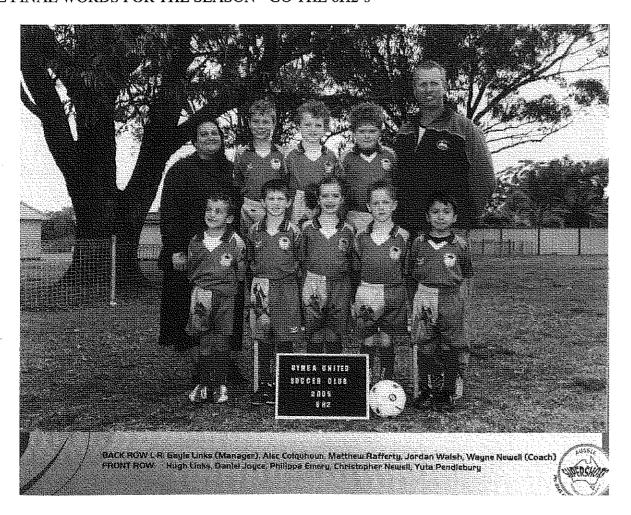
We were lucky to have retained four players from last years 6M team. It made it a lot easier on the coach when it came to picking up the players names, having to only learn the names four new players. After game one he new them all.

It was great to see all players finding the goal during the year, some more than others and some waiting until the very last match of the season, on their home turf, in front of a capacity crowd, before finally getting one past the keeper. Well done Alec, you had the coach worried for a while but persistence does pay off.

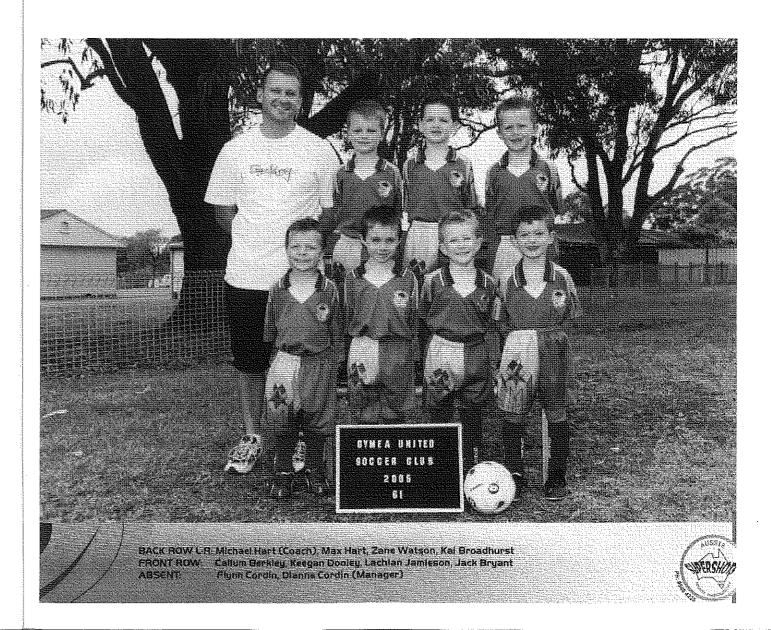
By the end of the season each player showed they were capable of dribbling, passing, scoring a goal and saving a goal, with each player excelling in their own individual way. The important thing was you all got in there and had a go, during training, during the games and most importantly you developed as a TEAM.

A special thank you goes out to Gayle for managing the team and Wayne for coaching. Both your efforts made for an enjoyable season. There should also be a special mention to those parents, brothers and sisters of the players who helped out on Wednesday nights during goal keeping practice. Your efforts didn't go unnoticed.

#### THE FINAL WORDS FOR THE SEASON - GO THE 6H2's

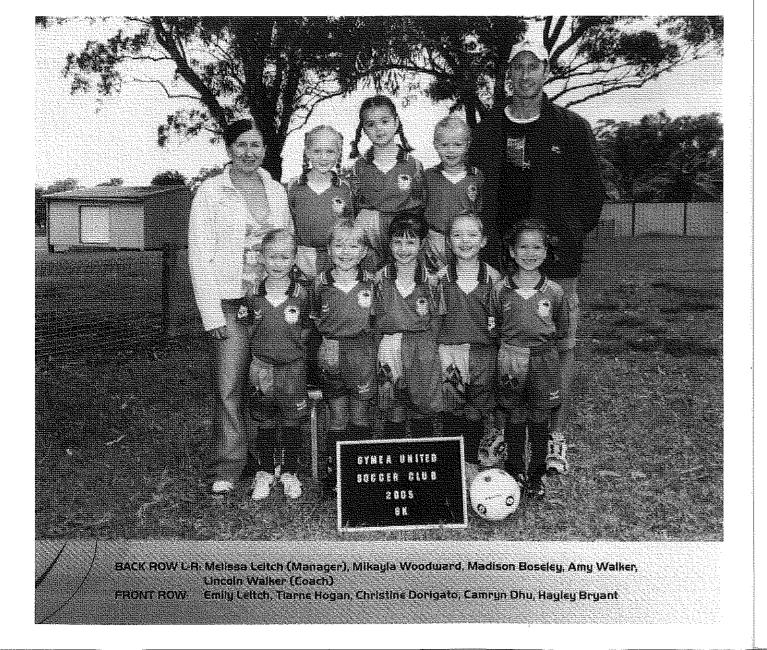


With a total of 92 goals for the season the boys had a great year. For 8 kids who had never played before the improvement from the start to finish of the year was amazing. All the kids have now learnt to control the ball, understand how to pass to each other and help defend the goals. All the boys tried every game and have become great friends and a great team. There were some pretty exciting games towards the end of the year as all the teams had improved over the season, resulting in some pretty anxious, but happy, parents on the side lines. Overall we had 12 wins, 4 losses, 1 draw and a bye. Training was great to watch and we have to thank Michael Hart for a wonderful job at coaching and our part time coach Alex Jamieson for keeping it fun. Congratulations boys you played wonderful soccer and were great sports.



Coach: Lincoln Walker Manager: Melissa Leitch

The mighty Gymea 6K Chicks were the only all-girl team in the comp. Not one of them had ever played a game of soccer before but that didn't matter. Every Saturday they were really keen to play and were always smiling. Dislodged hairclips didn't faze them. In every game the girls were super competitive and in fact put on some big scores against numerous all-boy teams - something which made the coach and parents very proud. Well done girls. A big thank you to Melissa (manager) for organising everything, Norm (assistant coach) for his help at training and to all the parents, grandparents, families and supporters. We usually had twice the number of supporters than opposition teams. Thanks very much to everyone. This coach had a great time. Hopefully see you all again next year.



What a great season these boys had. At the start of the season, we had only two boys who had played last year and 6 new comers.

Five of our boys turned 5 this year, and unfortunately, we will lose three of the boys to the under sevens next year.

Our team started off as a group of boys who knew no-one. But what a fantastic group they turned into.

With the magnificent help, knowledge and dedication of our two coaches, they nurtured and taught these boys to become a bonded and dedicated team, who performed way above the expectations of all.

(Especially their parents!!!)

The boys learnt many lessons, improved on their own special talents, learnt to share, involve each other and become a unit.

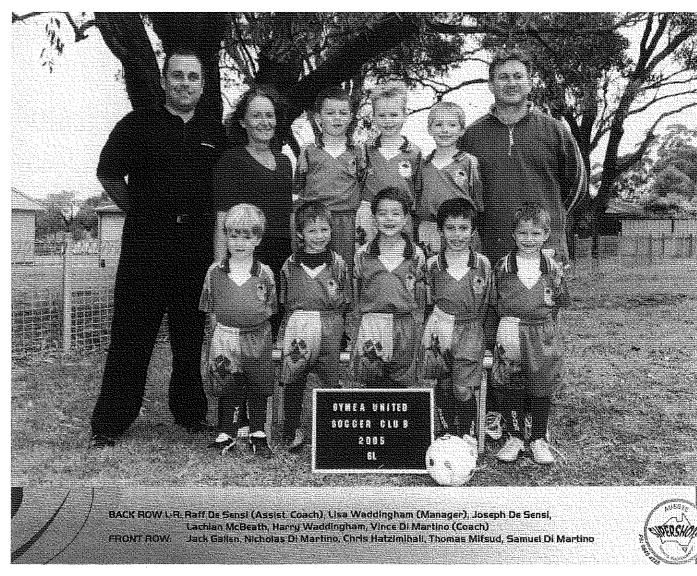
Their soccer skills have just "wowed" us all. The boys have become best "weekend mates" and it is fantastic to see.

As parents, coaches, managers and supporters, it has been a pleasure to see this group of boys develop and show their talents and be so involved and dedicated to the game of soccer.

I must mention the parents of these boys as they are an integral part of this team. Their support, willingness to help, participation in training (and ground control) and just pure dedication to their children and their child's team has been way beyond my expectation (as a Manager). I appreciate your help.

To the 6L's - we may have been in a lower grade, but boys - you have shown us proud!!!!

## GO THE 6L LEGENDS!!!!!!!!!!



To describe the season in one word would be SPECTACULAR!

Our team had a great season with us winning all games, bar 2 draws. The start of the season saw the team with some stand out players but by season's end, most of the kids had come out of their shells and with the combined efforts of our coaches and manager, were playing as a team. The kids' enjoyment in the game was contagious with their enthusiasm never lacking. We look forward to next year's season and the consolidation of all the team has learnt.



COACH: Ben Mayo MANAGER: Kylie Dynon

We started the season fantastically with consecutive wins for several weeks, which was particularly impressive for a team of boys and girls that had never played before. About half way through the season the team was moved to a different grade and the games were much closer. Although we didn't win every game from that point, the team was still very competitive and notched up some impressive tightly fought wins.

As the season continued there was a very noticeable improvement in the team's ability. Each player scored at least one goal during the year, and the effort in defence, both in goal and across the field, was great. Congratulations to all players, and thanks very much to Ben Mayo for coaching the side.

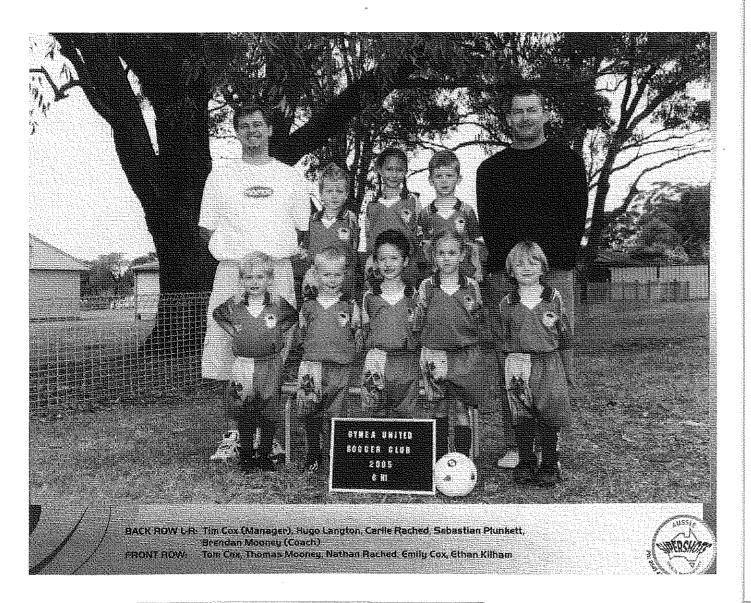


The 60's (originally 6E's then the 6H1's) really enjoyed their first year of soccer. We had five 4 year olds: Sebastian Plunkett, Ethan Kilham, Hugo Langton, Nate Rached and Thomas Mooney; one 5 year old: Tom Cox; and two 6 year olds: Emily Cox and Carlie Rached. The whole team improved substantially throughout the season, especially in defence.

We started out with some big losses early in the season but the margins closed throughout the year. For us however, it wasn't about the final score. The main aim was getting the kids involved in a team sport, being active and having fun with friends whilst learning new skills.

Sebastian proved to be a big kicker and a great tackler who was unlucky not to score many times. Ethan was a great participator who always ran hard, tried his best and never stopped smiling. We missed Hugo in the last few games and hopefully he'll play full-time next year as he was improving. Nate was the team's bravest player who refused to miss out even though he was very sick - he's definitely a goalie of the future! Thomas was an enthusiastic member of the team who was especially good as goalie when it was muddy! Tom made some excellent breaks but the bigger kids usually ran him down - with an extra yard of pace next year he'll definitely score some goals. Emily loved being on the field and being part of the team and always did her best. Carlie was one of the biggest improvers of the year making big breaks and was unlucky not to score several times in the final rounds.

A big thankyou to the parents who braved the weekly training sessions, chilly weather, early mornings, tantrums and lack of concentration! I hope we can all stay together next season - we might not have won a game but we definitely had a great time on and off the field.

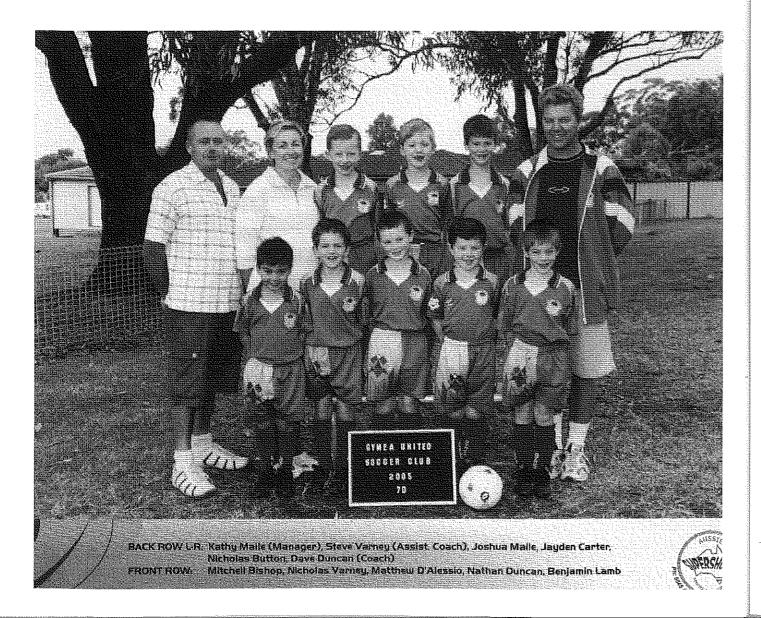


Another season of soccer has come to an end. But what a season our boys had! Exciting, nail biting, sitting on the edge of your seat stuff and that's just the parents. Lachlan(fast paced and great in goals), Brandon(speedy and loves to kick those goals), Andrew(great all round player who gives his all) Dane( who isn't intimidated when in defence) Curtis( a natural, who pops up out of no where to help his mates), Josh( whose left foot is "gold" boy, can he kick), Ben( invincible, gives his all and loves to do headers) and Joel( talented, full of stamina, does his best every game). Your team spirit and sportsmanship should be something to be very proud of. You all played with gusto and stamina and it's always a pleasure to see each one improve with confidence and skills. So, until next year WELL DONE 7A'S.



Coach: David Duncan Manager: Kathy Maile

Given that most of the boys were new to each other at the start of the season they quickly bonded and started to develop as good and supportive team players. The great thing to watch throughout the year was how they encouraged each other and acknowledged individual and collective achievements. As far as their individual development is concerned they all improved greatly in ball skills, particularly in dribbling the ball under pressure and making passes at the right time. They also learnt the finer parts of being a goalie and the importance of this position. Dave had the challenge of dealing with many left footers and how to place them on the field. The boys had their tendencies to move to the positions that best suited them and the Coach taught them during the season that the team needs were more important than the individual needs. It was great to see how each boy took on his sportsmanship responsibilities with a pre and post match hand shake and whether win lose or draw it really didn't appear to bother them at all. As far as the win, lose, draw tally went, our boys won more than they lost and were clearly graded well, which added to the lessons, challenges and enjoyment throughout the year. I think it is fair to say that all our boys looked forward to weekly training with Dave and he certainly worked hard to pass on his knowledge of the game. During the year, rain hail or shine our support group of Parents, Grandparents and friends always fronted to encourage the rising stars and give the boys a sense of importance. Finally, we saw in all the players in our team and the other teams a growing appreciation of the game and importantly an appreciation of team and its significance in achieving good results.



COACH: Dave Pickup MANAGER: Belinda Muir

This team has improved week by week. The boys have tried very hard and deserve the end result of only three losses throughout the season, we could not ask for better. The boys team spirit, ball skills and confidence has made my job as coach very rewarding. They have played well as a team with many players now taking positions that suit their style of playing, some great forwards, defenders and attackers, others great in goals, to sum it up a great season had by all. We are very proud of what the team has achieved.



7 Gs -- what a great little team..

As the soccer season for 2005 winds up, it is nice to reflect on the many great moments our little champs had throughout the soccer season.

From our first game out at Bundeena to our last match against Caringbah, it is a pleasure to see how far this mighty team really has come.

This team put in a huge effort each week, not only during our Saturday games ,but also each week at our Wednesday training sessions.

Each of these kids were a credit to their parents, they all showed respect to Coach Anthony and always to the teams we were up against.

These kids have certainly learnt how to win and lose gracefully and most importantly have heaps of FUN!.

They say time flies when you are having fun and this season came and went in a flash.

Thanks to all the families for their loyal support each week. We have both enjoyed our roles as coach and manager this year and look forward to seeing you all up at the "Land of the Giants" in 2006!



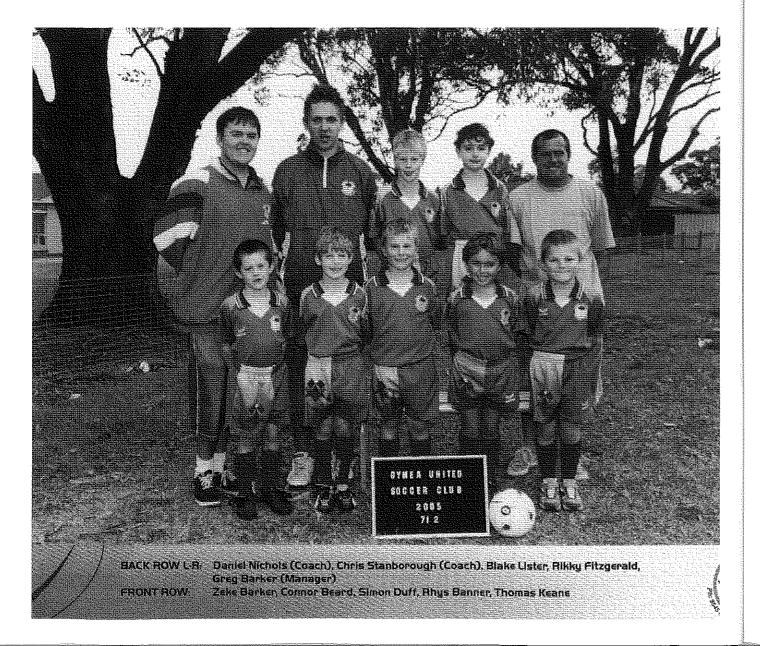
7I-1

Coach Manager Max Wade Matt Ray

2005 was a great year for the 7I-1 team. We had wins, draws and losses, every game was exciting and each one as much fun as the one before it. The team's enthusiasm started high and increased as the season went on. Each week the skill levels improved and the team work grew, the ball was passed around the field and the goals went in. We started 2005 as a team of individuals and ended the season playing as a team. Thanks Max for being our Coach and thanks to Chelsea, Stefan, Kain, Riley, Oscar, Lachlan and Michael for being a great team and making each Saturday morning the fun it was. Bring on 2006!



What a wonderful season we had this year, the quality of the players and the support of parents, grandparents, siblings and friends that showed up every week to watch our team play. The team's fantastic efforts could not have been possible without the dedication of our two coaches, Chris and Daniel. Young men themselves, they handled the responsibility of 6 and 7year olds with great compassion and understanding. First time players Rikky and Simon played like it was their 4<sup>th</sup> season with some unbelievable goal scoring and defending. Tommy Keane showed his future as a great goal keeper with some classy saves. Rhys showed his goal scoring ability with assistance from Blake who would motor down the pitch like a machine, taking no prisoners. Connor's ability at fullback this year is why we only lost one game. Zeke improved with every game and the goal he scored for the last game of the season showed he has the ability to keep improving. Over all it was a pleasure to manage the boys this season and thank you to the parents who were willing to help out when called on for duty.

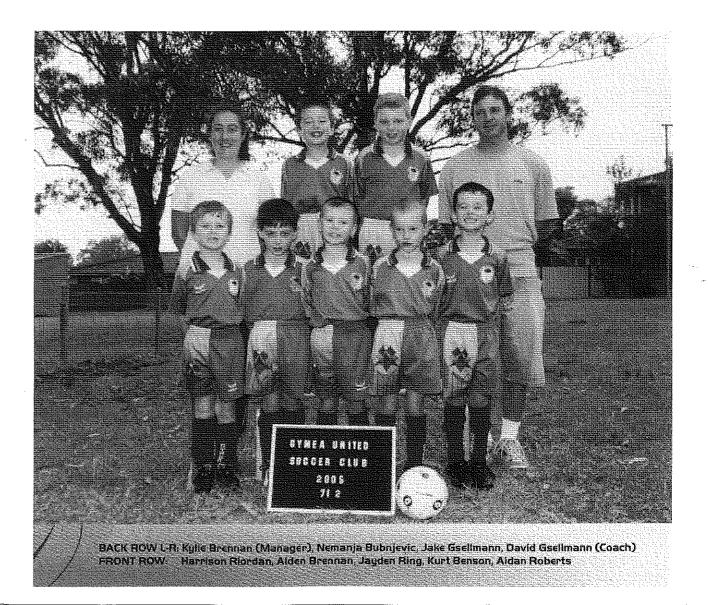


## 7J Coach David Gsellmann Manager Kylie Brennan

It was a shaky start for the 7J"s (previously known as the 7I2's) as we had no permanent coach. The fathers shared the Tuesday night training sessions and Justin filled the shoes of on-field coach. David took the official reins of coach after about week 4 and the team never looked back. We had a fair share of wins and losses and I don't think any of the parents kept track. At the end of the season it was clear that all the boys had a great time. It was not however only the boys who had a great time, as the parents had their fair share of fun too. We were blessed with lots of early games but week in week out there was always a contingent of supporters for the 7J"S. They would barrack from the sidelines in between gossiping, drinking coffee and eating bacon and egg sandwiches.

The boys played as a cohesive unit offering each other support both on and off the fields. This could not have been achieved without the tireless efforts of David who was an encouragement to the boys with not an ill-word spoken. Despite regular injury from being hit by the ball in the stomach and other body parts the team struggled on and the confidence and skills of all players developed, it was a pleasure to watch.

Hurricane Harrison was our main scorer and weaved his magic regularly on the field. All team members had a turn in goals and did a great job. Jayden has a great boot and showed us his skill each and every week. Kurt moved from horticultural studies to quite a handy midfielder after he was reminded which way the team was running. Jake was dynamite in the field and never afraid to have a go while Aiden learnt how to defend by following the shadows (the overcast games threw him however). Robbo started the season in the same horticultural class as Kurt but saved his best for the end of the season scoring a great goal versus Georges River. Nemi could always be counted on to give 100% and regularly set up scoring opportunities for the team. The team developed as a unit showing sportsmanship and dedication every week. Here's looking forward to 2006.



## Coach: Mark Bussing

Season 2005 was a good one for the Gymea United 7k's. We started the season with a team of boys that had not played together before but before long they had built up a great team spirit that would see them play well throughout the year.

The boys finished the season having won 11 matches, losing 5 and drawing 1 match. Our for and against scores showed that we basically outscored the opposition 2 goals to 1 throughout the year.

As far as the players went, Nathan was always on the attack and was our chief goal sneak, Albert continued to develop his attacking skills and was always dangerous, Peter was ever dependable in attack and in defence, Joel continually used his height and skills to advantage to get the ball from the opposition, Zac although smaller than most boys his age always attacked the ball and tackled his heart out, Reese was always there in attack but also took on the role of chief defender in our backline to stop the opposition, Dylan was always in the thick of the action getting kicks, Bradley tried hard all year and was always keen to play, Eugenio would always use his size to get involved and attack or defend whenever we were in trouble and generally all of the boys defended the goals well when placed in the goal keepers role.

All up a great season of football by a group of boys that were a joy to coach due to their high level of keenness and enthusiasm. Thankyou and I look forward to seeing you all again next year.



#### **COACH: MATT DIBLEY**

#### MANAGER: LEANNE HILDEBRANDT

The under 7L's can hold their heads high with pride after this season. The side consisted of 4 boys and 4 girls – a perfect blend of strength, speed, guile and finesse. Every Saturday morning the kids would "don" their football gear, the parents would take up their positions on the sideline and the fun would begin. The parents could see every week the improvement in the team and in the individual players. As coach I had a front row seat each Tuesday afternoon and Saturday morning. I know that each kid was really getting "stuck in" when the going got tough and that made me very proud. Our results in the first round of the comp were reasonable, but in the second round they were very good. A lot of the teams that beat us in the first round went home beaten in the second round and that is a sign that we were improving faster than our opposition. In saying that, all I endeavoured to do was give each child a bit of guidance and a lot of encouragement and fortunately the kids responded and gave me many moments of pride and satisfaction. Our mighty 7L's consisted of:

## JESSICA GIBSON

Jessica was unmistakable with those ponytails waving around every Saturday morning. Her enthusiasm and sense of fun was contagious as she developed good dribbling skills and was always keen to put up her hand for the goalie jumper.

#### DYLAN DYMOCK

Dillon has got a lot of ability as a goal keeper and may eventually head down that path. As a field player, Dillon would always get stuck in and he is developing into a quality all round player.

#### **COURTNEY HILDEBRANDT**

Courtney would always listen to what was being taught and would never forget an instruction. She has great dribbling skills and many times she would go on one of her trade mark dribbling runs, much to the enjoyment of the mums and dads. She scored a great goal which Mark (dad) will cherish (keep eating those lollypops!)

#### ALEX HATZIMIHALI

Alex has developed into a very astute mid fielder. He has learnt how to inject himself into the game when required and how to position himself around the field. Alex scored plenty of goals and will be a quality player each season he plays.

MEGAN DIBLEY

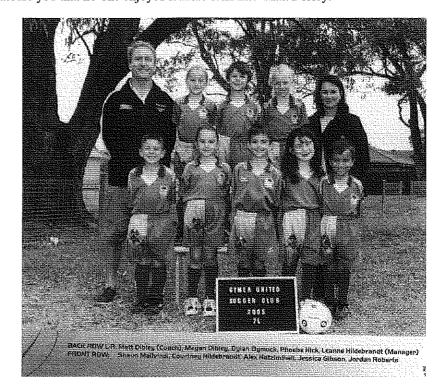
Megan's first season as a footballer and formed one half of the "blonde bombers". Her pace and acceleration were a vital tool in stopping the opposition from scoring. Megan scored a number of goals and brought the crowd to their feet with plenty of cartwheels. Megan loved her Saturday match days and will continue to improve each season.

Phoebe formed the other half of the "blonde bombers" and was one of the big improvers this season. She scored a hat full of goals and many a time used her speed to cut off the opposition and head away from our danger zone, exactly as instructed. Phoebe always wore her lucky red dressing gown to the games and should be very pleased with her season. JORDAN ROBERTS

"Jordo" was a pleasure to coach. He would listen to instructions and would get stuck in if the situation required. Jordan enjoyed his football this season and always tried his best for me and the team. Well done! SHAUN MALIVINDI

Our left foot scoring machine had a very good season. Shaun formed a rock solid partnership with Alex in the mid field but many a time would head off on a jinking run which usually ended with a goal. Shaun, or "biscuit boy" as we knew him at training loves to get stuck in and has developed into a talented player.

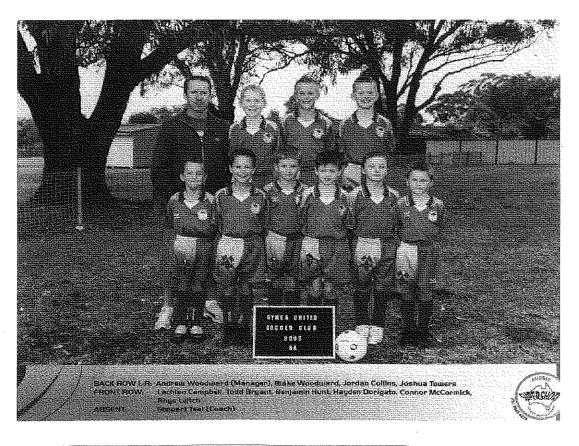
Finally, I would like to thank Gymea Football Club, all the parents, Mark and Greg for helping coach and especially our Manager Leanne Hildebrandt. Without Leanne our season would not have been so successful. I know that everyone enjoyed the season but I can assure you that no-one enjoyed it more than me. Matt Dibley.



The season started with the rapidly growing in stature grudge match against Menai at Menai. We needed to call in reinforcements from the Ds to help out with us being one down. For the first game of the season this game was played at a frantic pace. A couple of soft goals from our errors saw us go down 2-3, but we left knowing we probably should have got the chocolates.Our first game at home was against the Magpies, a team that included a defector from our team of last year. Again this was a very even game played from end to end, the result a one one draw. Our boys again had the better of most of this game but couldn't get the winner. Next up was Sylvania, the boys enjoyed their first win of the season playing some very exciting and skillful soccer against a team that didn't know what had hit them. The passing and team work displayed in this game was incredible and showed great signs of what some training can do. A neat half dozen of goals was a good result. From here things conspired against our boys with our next opponent forfeiting and the following week a bye, meaning we had to go up against the undefeated Lilli Pilli having not played for three weeks. It showed and the Berries got the jump on us with some impressive soccer to lead 2 nil. A rev up at half time helped focus the boys and the second half was closer and we could have sneaked a couple of extra goals had some passes hit the mark. The excitement level towards the end of this game was great, as the boys started to put the Berries under some constant pressure. In the end we couldn't get the result but a great game to watch, result 1-3. The next few weeks had us playing some of the bottom teams and we managed to get some results against Georges River and Bangor. In between was one of the most bizarre games you will see. Against the Seagulls the entire game was played in front of their goal with nothing to show on the score sheet, and then with the last play of the day Seagulls made a break and had a super shot at goal that would have been a goal any other day had it not been for Jordan in goals, who got his tall frame in the way and kept it out. Full time and a scoreless draw, the Seagulls keepers were given copious fluids to inject life back into their bodies after having been battered all game.

The start of the second round and we are home to Menai. News had filtered through that there had been some trouble at their previous game with parents being thrown out of the comp for abuse. As is normal against Menai the aggression and attack on the ball was fierce. Our boys refusing to back off, and Menai weren't too comfortable with this at all. A tight game that we were controlling turned on our errors, as the Hawks got two quick goals, one from a free kick that never was and both goals coming from our errors. A disappointing loss, but the signs were there that the boys were stepping up. The return clash with Miranda was a thriller, we jumped to an early lead only to have Miranda peg us back. A 3-3 draw felt disappointing but in the end it was a great game played in fantastic spirit. The promoted Bangor next up and a solid effort saw us walk away with a 2-0 win. Again the boys showed what they are capable of, with the passing, vision and team work on display great to watch. Some wet weather got in the way next and then we had the bye. During our bye week our boys had the pleasure of playing against some special needs kids. The afternoon was an amazing success with everyone having a great time. We headed in to the game against the Berries looking to show them that we had improved and we were ready to match it with the top team. The first half of this game would have to be the best soccer we have seen from these kids as they completely outplayed the berries. The second half was tighter as they lifted and we once again conceded a soft goal. In the end a 2-2 draw was a good result as we showed some fine skill and determination. The balance of the season saw us play some good soccer as we got good results against River, Seagulls and finally Bangor.

All the boys improved throughout the season and will be better off on the bigger field next year having been taught how to play positional play for the past two seasons. The vision, passing and team work skills they have developed will be there for all to see on the bigger field. Congratulations 8As on a good season.



This was probably as close as you could get to having the perfect soccer season. A great bunch of kids, fantastic support from the parents, an excellent manager and only 1 loss over 18 games.

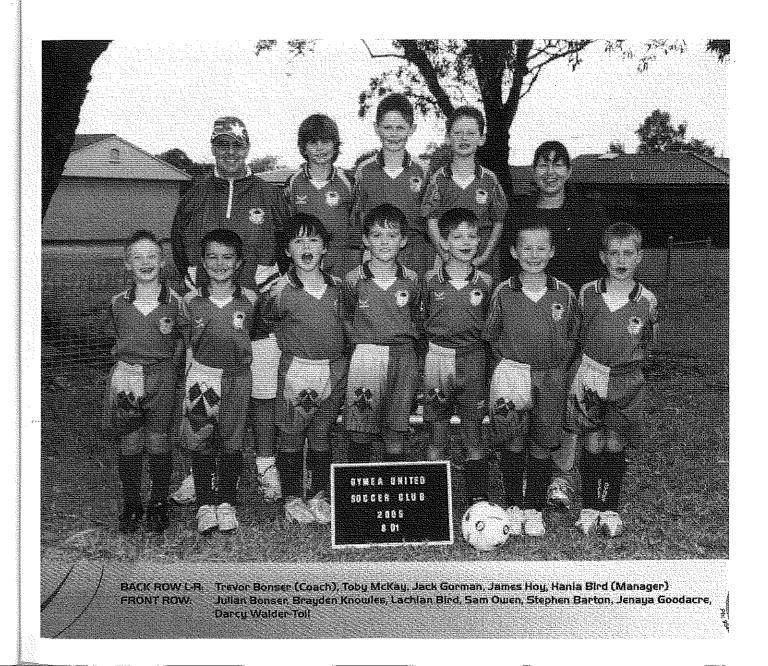
Having an easy win in the first game set a high standard but the team always rose to the occasion. Their strength determination and never say die attitude allowed them to come from behind (3 goals down on one occasion) and beat teams even when short of players.

Everyone was keen to learn and as the skills and fitness levels improved so did the level of trust between the players. As the season progressed the players were holding their positions, passing beautifully and entertaining the parents and spectators.

Whether in goals, defending or attacking they all gave 110% and every outcome was as a result of the players' commitment to each other and the team. In addition, the players were always sporting and a credit to the great game of soccer.

Once again thanks to all the team—Toby, James, Lachlan, Jenaya, Juulian, Sam, Darcy, Jack, Stephen and Brayden. Also thanks to players who helped us out during the season, Rhys, Drew, Oscar, Alex and Todd.

A special thanks to our assistant coaches, Sean and Elizabeth.



The 8D2's were not only the most improved team this year, but the most unluckiest. There have been several games where we have been the better team, but had a hard time finding the back of the net. Those games found us fighting to score, only to produce a draw. Yes, we have had our ups and downs, on the field and at training, but as all good teams do, we have moved on, and improved on and off the field.

To sum it up, the 8D2's are a great group of kids with a great group of parents, who have been very vocal on the side lines (which they have to be to get over the top of my screaming) they have also shown great support for the team all year.

Thanks boys and Bronte for a great year and being a great team, thank you parents for your support and patience and thank you Pinko for your management expertise.

Hope to see you all next year.

Your coach Paul



Congratulations kids on a great year. The majority of the team has now completed their third year together and it has been a fantastic opportunity to watch your skills and friendships with each other develop. Thankyou parents on your committment each Thursday & Saturday for 18 weeks, often in difficult weather conditions.

Team highlight for me this year clearly was the 2-2 draw in Round 18 against Barden Ridge followed by 12 Mc Happy Meals (thankyou Jordan's Dad, Michael). The turn around from our first round loss of 2-5 against the Ridge against some very big and skillful players demonstrated clearly that when we turned up to play, the 8E's really did go well. Overall, the season record of 7 wins 3 draws and 7 non-wins (no losers in kids sport), 28 goals for and 31 against, gave everyone something to cheer about.

Mighty efforts from our backs, Jake Rigney, Michael Wilson and Nathan Holland. Excellent attack and defensive skills all season in the halves from Kimberley Duncan, Jarrod Salmon, Sam Waddingham, Maddison McLaughlin & Jordan Keenan. Great work up front from Tyler Boseley, Jack Harrison and Jordan Keenan with many opportunities converted as highlighted above. To each of you, thankyou for turning up to training, listening to Steve and myself and developing your skills further. It was pleasing to see both individual skills and positional play being carried over into the game situation. Thankyou to all the team for being so keen to take up the goalie position each week with all kids participating. To Mark Boseley and Gary Rigney, thankyou for running with the kids when we were unavailable for training.

Next year will see the 8E's go to a full sized field, competition points and the forming of new teams. Hope to see you all back in the mighty Gymea colours for the 2006 season ahead, and again, thanks kids for a great effort in 2005.



Season results: Played 16, Won 9, Drew 3, Lost 4, Goals for 22, Goals against 10

Well I think our results speak for themselves, we had a pretty successful year. However, more pleasing was watching the kids enjoying themselves and developing as players and towards the end of the season learn the value of playing as a team.

We started the year with a bit of a coaching crisis which was sorted out only a few days before the first game and a team of individuals who didn't really know each other. This showed in our first couple of games, some good individual efforts but no cohesion.

Having the bare 9 players didn't make it easy on the kids either as there was no opportunity to have a rest and if one was away or got hurt they all had to dig for that little bit extra which they always did. This was particularly evident when the opposition were fielding 'A' and 'B' grade players against us. This situation occurred on a few occasions and although we lost these games by only a goal or two what really made me proud was the way that the kids pulled together as a team and tried to overcome the adversity.

Around the middle of the season we went through a bit of a slump where some weeks we would turn up and play like champions but lose and some weeks we wouldn't play well at all and still get away with a win.

Then we really turned the corner in the last three rounds. You could just see something had clicked, they started making room for themselves, they started passing, the tackling improved and their confidence was sky high. Our defence has been pretty good all year but in these last three rounds our goalies hardly touched the ball and on a couple of occasions not at all.

I'd like to thank all the parents, families and friends for their support and encouragement. Maree for doing such a magnificent job as Manager, Assistant Manager Amanda, Social Secretary Jo, super sub Philly from the 6's who filled in on occasions and finally, the players. You are a great bunch of kids and we had some great fun this year which is really what it is all about at this age and hopefully we can do it all again next year.



Well what a year we had, We started off in a all in ball chasing competition but with a lot of hard training we slowly learnt to use the whole field. We had a few wins a few losses and a couple of draws, All in all it was a good year of soccer. I certainly had a lot of fun coaching and I hope all our players had fun too. I want to thank all the parents for their support all year, and a special thanks to Debbie for being our manager. Hope to see you all back again next year,

Your coaches Michael & Terry



Emily Liberato, William Harris, Brooks Davey, Jarrod Dunford, Matthew McPherson, Jye Lewis,

James Spriggins, Philimon Filippou

Overall, the 2005 season was a good one for the 9As. Being the first year on a full size field it was all about learning to play positions and using teamwork to defend, attack & score goals. By the end of the season the team had practically achieved this and with a few more games could have had added a few more wins to their tally.

The kids showed up each week ready to play and gave their best every game and the result was that there were quite a few close games which could have gone their way with a bit of luck. More importantly, the kids always played the game in the right spirit, win, lose, or draw and truly were Gymea Giants! They also developed some new skills and hopefully had some fun along the way.

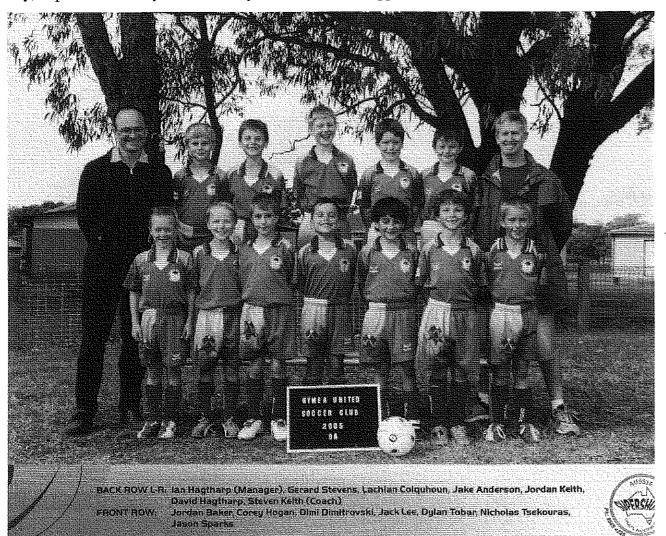
Thanks to the team – a great bunch of kids:

Our Goalie (for 1 half every game) who didn't let many past him - Gerard Our Backs who always gave the opposition forwards a hard time - Dimi, Nic, Jake & Jack Our Midfielders who never stopped running - David, Corey, Lachlan & Jordan K Our Forwards who didn't let the opposition defence rest - Jordan B, Jason & Dylan.

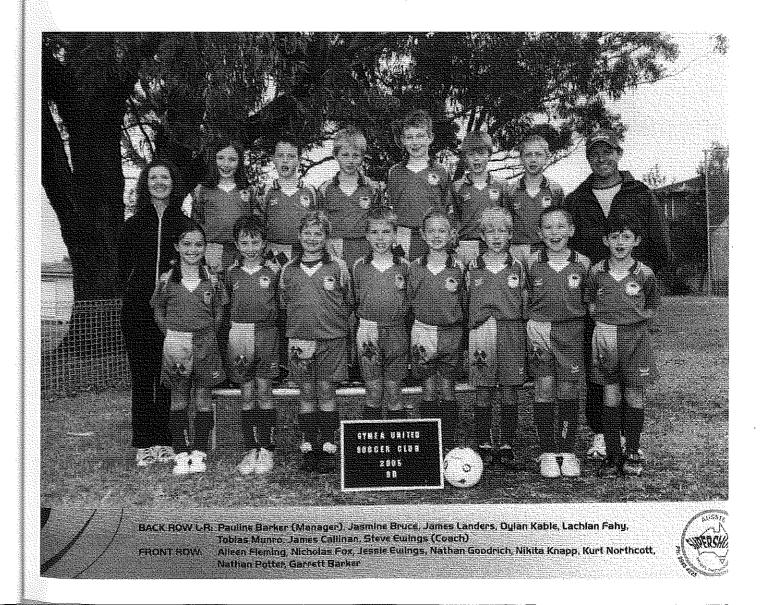
Thanks to the parents & supporters who turned up each week to cheer the kids on and also for their support throughout the year.

Thanks to Ian (and Linda) for "managing" the team and also to Merice for helping out when needed. Thanks also to Doug for his willingness to assist at training and also for filling in at games when the coach couldn't make it.

Lastly, hope to see all of you back next year in 2006 for a bigger and better season.



This team had a very successful season as Minor Premiers and winning their Grand Final calling them the Premier D grade team for the 2005 season. A great achievement by the team consisting of, Garrett Barker, Jasmine Bruce, James Callinan, Jesse Ewings, Lachlan Fahy, Aileen Fleming, Nicholas Fox, Nathan Goodrich, Dylan Kable, Nikita Knapp, James Landers, Tobias Munro, Kurt Northcott and Nathan Potter. Their coach Steve did a great job with teaching and skilling this team up for their first year in competition playing on the full size field and in positions. Their games were always exciting to watch and very intense at times. Through sickness and health this team were spurred on by their desire to win and stay on top of the table. We had plenty of supporters who were there to cheer the team on right to the end. Congratulations on your success you deserved to be the Premiers. "We are the champions".



## Coach: John Lawrence Manager: Alison Underwood

We started the season with a group of kids, with quite a few who had never played soccer before and ended with a team who tried to keep positions and pass to each other.

Under the expert coaching of John, helped out by Julie and some of the older brothers, every member of the team have developed their skills both individually and as a group.

Every member of the team had different strengths ( and weaknesses ) but they always gave their best in every game.

A big thank you to the coach and his assistants for their endless patience and enthusiasm. We may not have had a lot of wins but the team always enjoyed themselves and is looking forward to next season.

A special thank you to Julie for her expert goalie training with Braden and Matthew our two tireless goalies who kept going even in the really tough games.

Thank you also to all the parents and brothers and sisters who came and supported the team each week. I am sure they benefited by all the advice given on the sidelines!



Coach: Peter Hunt Manager: Gus Tobar

It was hard to keep up with the rollercoaster ride these boys went through this season. Unfortunately the position they placed on the table this year does not reflect the determination, potential and hard work they did on and off the field this year. Some very convincing wins to some top sides and times losing towards the dying minutes of their games kept everyone's hopes high till the end of the season.

To the players: Lachlan, Corey, Josiah, Michael, Stuart, Harris, Blake, Chris, Max, Ethan, Stephen Curtis and Steven Condos, thankyou for your commitment throughout the season. I hope you all found it challenging and enjoyable. A huge improvement from last year.

A big thank you to coach Peter Hunt for his hard work and dedication to the team.

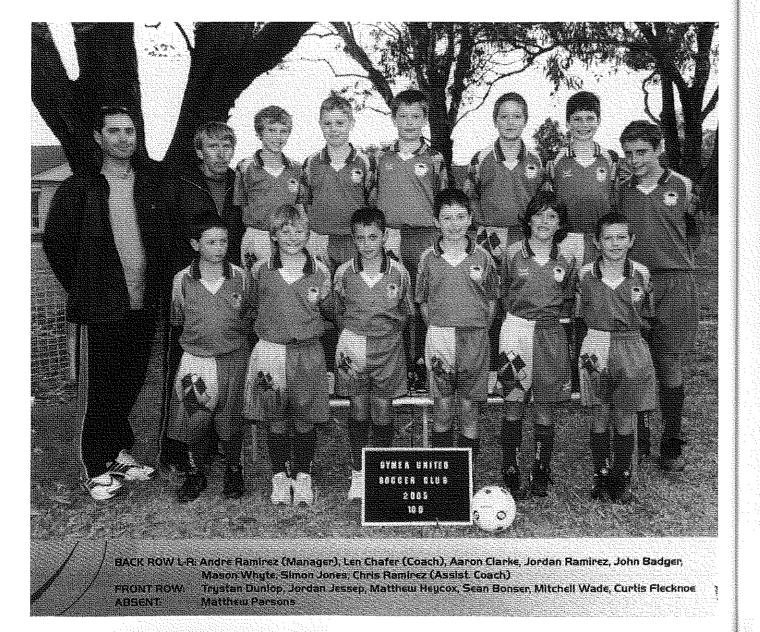
Thank you to the parents for their support, making my job easier throughout the year.



The team started the season with 3 losses and ended with 3 losses. In the middle of the season we managed to draw against the top 3 clubs but failed to put the weaker teams away.

The results for the first half of the season were: played 9, won 2, drew 2 & lost 5. The second half of the season: played 8, won 1, drew 3 & lost 4.

The boys tried hard all season and enjoyed their games. Congratulations on a fun season and I wish them all the best for next season.



Wow what a difference one season makes! This time last year I was trying to find highlights in what could best be described as a rebuilding year. This year I am, inundated, surrounded and enveloped by highlights as the 10Fs stormed into the semis, and in the view of this completely impartial observer were unlucky not to have gone further. We had goals, we had top class goal keeping, we (still) had the diamond hardened defence and we had a mid field that was committed to getting possession of the ball. Oh yes, and along the way I think there was some fun had as well. So lets go to the stats to prove my outlandish claims:

#### Goals

23 for the season; top scorers Golden Boot Awards to Sam Phillips (7) and Jordon Boseley (7). Others to stab the dagger deep into the heart of the opposition were Keelan Black (3), Conor Riordan (1), Douglas Lord (1) and my personal favourite of the session Brayden Wall (1), Special Mention to the following three gentlemen for scoring their first goals ever during the year. Well done Alex Wood (1), Adam Rennie (1) and Storm Drury (1). Let the flood gates open!

## **Goal Keeping and Defence**

Historically, this team has been able to keep teams to low scores but has been unable to score many goals. As explained our goal scoring turned around this year, but just as importantly our defence remained the corner stone of our game and it's flint hard self. We conceded only 13 goals all season (5 of them in one game, Oops!!). The team that went on to win the competition 5-0 in the Grand Final could not beat us and only scored one goal; in our two encounters. Their coach describing us as the best defensive team in the comp. Well played to all you "boys at the back", take a bow, job well done, Michael Blumor, Phillip Gutz, Jarret Wall, Adam Rennie and Conor (I love raw meat) Riordan. Special Mention, to by far and away the Best Goal Keeper in the competition and possibly the Under 10 soccer playing nations of the world. That exorbitant transfer fee we paid at seasons start (putting up with your Dad all year) was worth every cent. Super effort Luke. The Midfield

Hard to find stats here, however one of the most knowledgeable, intelligent, handsome and gifted people I know says "if you win the midfield you win the game." Well we won 10 games, drew 4 games and only lost 3 games all season so these boys must have been doing something very well. Well done Alex Wood, Keelan Black, Douglas Lord and Storm Drury. Your efforts were enough to make a knowledgeable, intelligent, handsome and gifted old mid fielder cry (sob, sob sob).

#### Fun

