

“BURRA BLUES”

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As the soccer season rapidly draws to a close I would like to congratulate all players for the enthusiasm and sportsmanship you have displayed over the 2006 soccer season. Congratulations and the best of luck to the teams who have won their way through to the ‘Ron Dine’ finals competition : (information will be coming to these teams shortly.)

* Thank you parents / carers and supporters for the positive encouragement and support you have given the players, coaches, managers and the club as a whole.

* Thank you to the coaches and managers who have unselfishly given of their time, providing our players with the experiences and direction to learn and grow in this wonderful game:

U6 Blue: Andrew, David, Dean & Bernadine

U6 Yellow: Kelvin & Rick

U7 Blue: Paul & Michelle

U7 Red: Peter, Kieran & Sandra

U8 Blue: Rob & Sue

U9 Div 1: Paul & Jacque

U9 Div 3: Mark, Ariel, Bob & Catherine

U11 Div 1: Rod , Mark & Karen

U11 Div 5: Jeff, Len & Denise

U12 Div 2: Marcel & David

U13 Div 4: Warren , Kathy & Sue

A.A. Ladies: Shane, Wayne & Ross

A.A. Men: Geordie & Deb

* Lastly: Thank you to the dedicated and hardworking Burraborang Committee who through their tireless efforts and commitment have provided us with a most enjoyable and successful 2006 season of soccer.

Lea, Kieran, Bob, Lee, Darren, Mark, Jeff, Denise, Wayne, David & Gary; many thanks.

Yours in soccer,

Geordie (President).

*** TROY BETTS MEMORIAL SHIELD**

In memory of Troy who tragically lost his life in a truck accident early in the 2005 season.

Troy’s love of soccer was nurtured throughout his junior and later senior playing period with Burraborang.

His mate: Jim Brown & family donated a perpetual shield to the club to recognise the outstanding achievements/ contribution of either a club player, coach, manager, parent/carer or committee member over any given soccer season.

Nominations for the Troy Betts ‘Club Person’ of the 2006 soccer season need to be forwarded in writing to our secretary, Kieran Berryman @ 871 Montpelier Dr; ‘The Oaks’ or email : secretary@burraborang-soccer.org.au by 11th September.

PRESENTATION DAY: - Sunday, 24 Sept. 2006

Presentation Day for all junior players will be on Sunday, 24th September at Willis Park, starting at 11am. Bring a picnic lunch as the canteen will not be available.

Don't forget that Presentation Day is also AGM day at which a new committee for the 2007 season will be elected. Listed in this newsletter are the committee positions with a brief outline of their respective duties. With all positions filled the workload is shared and more people have a say in the administration of the club. Please consider nomination for one of these positions as the club cannot operate without a committee - NO COMMITTEE, NO SOCCER.

MINI'S GALA DAY

Gala day for the mini's will be held on Sat. 26 August.

U6 - at Minto

U7 - at Tahmoor

U8 - at Eschol Park

Team managers will be provided with more information shortly.

RON DINE CUP

The Ron Dine Cup for the teams that qualify starts on Sat. 26th Aug. then 2nd Sept. with the finals on 9th Sept. and the Seniors final on Sun 10th Sept.

MANAGERS,

Please hand in all match fees collected together with sheets as soon as possible. Any outstanding registrations must also be paid by 19th August. If your last game is away, please contact me and I will arrange to pick up the envelopes at a convenient time. This is to ensure that we have all funds available for our Presentation.

U/6, U/7 & U/8 still need to collect match fees on the Gala Day, details to follow.

All teams playing in Ron Dine Cup finals, also need to collect match fees and pay referees fees at their games. If you have any queries, please contact me.

Many thanks,

Lea - 46596563

SOCCER SHIRTS: Please remember to hand in your soccer shirts after your last game for the season.

REFEREE'S COURSE

MDSRA are running a referees course at Eschol Park Soccer Club - Clubhouse.

Cost: \$30

When: 4 nights - 18/8, 21/8, 25/8 & 28/8 starting at 7.30pm to 9pm.

Bookings are to be made through our club secretary, Kieran Berryman. (Contact details top of page one).

ALL AGE MEN & LADIES 'HOME' DRAW

Last chance to see our All-Age Men & Ladies play at home before the finals. Most of these players are the coaches, managers and/or parents of our junior players, so bring the kids along and show them your support, they'd love to have a lot of Burra supporters at their games. The canteen is open for food & drink.

All-Age Men - Sun, 20 Aug. v St Marys Gr. 11:00am

All-Age Ladies - Sun, 20 Aug. v Eschol Park 9:00am

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Committee Positions

1. **President:** - Chairs all meetings in accordance with rules; organises regular committee meetings; oversees the administration of the club.
2. **Vice-President:** - Acts as Chairperson in the absence of the President; assists President as required.
3. **Secretary:** - Attends to general business of the club, particularly correspondence; keeps a register of members; distributes all relevant information from MDSFA; keeps minutes of meetings.
4. **Treasurer:** - Receives all monies and issues official receipts; does the banking regularly; pays all the accounts; provides financial report to the committee.
5. **Registrars (two):** - Organises registration days; accepts registration forms and money; ensures all paperwork is completed for registration at MDSFA; organises teams in consultation with the committee; nominates team divisions for MDSFA.
6. **Canteen Co-ordinators (two):** - Organises & oversees the running of the canteen.
7. **Social Secretary:** - Fund-raising; organises club events.
8. **Sponsorship Fundraiser:** - Organises sponsors for the club.
9. **Equipment Officer:** - Responsible for all equipment, shirts, balls, etc, throughout the season.
10. **Publicity Officer:** - Supplies information to club members through the publication and distribution of regular Newsletters; acts as a go-between in providing general information from the committee to members.
11. **Ground Curator:** - Organises & oversees the care & maintenance of the Willis Park soccer grounds.

Any questions regarding these positions please contact Geordie Crawford (President) on 4659 6043.

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Match Reports

Thankyou to everyone that sent in match reports this season. Everyone enjoys reading them and appreciates the match updates, especially if they missed any games.

A ‘Big Thankyou’ to Colleen Rhodes and Rhodes Haskew Associates for all their time spent photocopying our newsletters for us and for the materials used. It’s greatly appreciated.

U6 Yellow

15/7/06 v TAH: Wet, wet, wet, was the game on Saturday. The boys seemed to love playing in these conditions though Jack thrived in goals in the first half plus scored a goal in the second half. Brayden broke away down the field and scored the first goal of the game. Dylan broke away also, plus saved many goals in the second half. Wally and Ryan played well also and both had breaks down the field. Even though we had no reserves and the boys played a full game, all never stopped trying and resulted in a great game for all. Well done Brayden, Dylan, Ryan, Jack and Wally.

22/7/06 v MTA: Another exciting game at home this week. Kerwin was in goals for the first half saving many goals on the day. Ryan Hanby also saved some great goals in the second half. Brayden Bint scored our only goal for the day and was excellent in attack. McDonalds Award went to Brayden. Also award to Jack Murphy, who has been giving 100% to his games. Well done Jack! The whole team is playing with heaps of confidence and great team spirit. Well done!!

29/7/06 v HAR: An early start this week at Harrington Park. The boys were all eager to get going. Dylan Thomas was in goals for the first half and was terrific as he saved several goals for us. Dylan showed us his determination on the field in the second half and received the McDonalds Award this week. Well done Dylan!! Wally played goals in the second half and jumped and dived on many balls. Aiden Rasmussen was on fire and charged down the field to score. Ryan did a massive corner kick. Jack attacked and defended all game. Kirwen, Bailey, Kaleb and Brayden all had a great running game. The boys were all enthusiastic and it was very exciting to watch. Well done team!!!

U7 Blue

3/6/06 v CAM Green: We were on fire this week. Alex, Cade and Mikey were our goal scorers and very impressive goals they all were. Alex and Connor were our goalies, both doing a great job. Our McDonalds Award went to Mikey for his fantastic game this week. It was a very exciting game this week with the whole team playing their hardest.

17/6/06 v CAM Blues: We played a tough game. Our two goalies, Chad and Mikey, did a great job. There were many fantastic attempts at goal by our team with Alex and James both getting in one goal each. Overall an exciting game with the whole team putting in 100%. Our award went to Thomas for his great effort.

1/7/06 v HAR Yellow: A very tough game this week. Tom was put in goals for the whole game as he was unwell and did a great job. Mikey was on the receiving end of an elbow but played on gallantly. Everybody played their hardest giving us parents a very exciting game to watch. The McDonalds Award went to Mikey this week for his excellent game.

29/7/06 v TAH Red: We came up against a very good Tahmoor Reds. Our team held their heads high in defeat. Two McDonalds Awards were given to Jarrod and Chad for their excellent effort. Jarrod and Cade defended well in goals. We are blaming an early photo session (with tucked in shirts) leaving too much time before the game to play, for this one.

5/8/06 v TAH Green: A wet, dreary day didn't deter the team. We played a great game against Tahmoor Greens. Our goal scorers were Cameron and James, both with beautiful goals. Mikey scored two fantastic goals and Alex was our star player scoring four great goals. Alex and Mikey were our goalies, letting none slip through. The rest of the team played a great game with some good attempts at goal and some excellent passing. Our McDonalds Awards went to Thomas and Connor for their effort.

U7 Red

17/6/06 v NAR Green: An exciting game against Narellan at Narellan Vale, where Cormack scored our goals. Aiden and Nathan being our two goalies, both doing a great job. The McDonalds Award going to Lachlan and Liam.

24/6/06 v MTA Red: A great game by us & the opposing team at Mount Annan. Our two goalies, being Nathan & Kaylee. Goals scored by Cormack and Gianni. The McDonalds Award going to Cormack and

Gianni.

1/7/06 v MTA Orange: This was a tough match. Our goalies this match were Lachlan and Brad and the McDonalds Award going to Nathan.

15/7/06: Grounds closed due to rain.

22/7/06 v MIN Red: An early start at Minto, which ended in a draw. Our goalies this match were Thomas and Cormack. The McDonalds Award went to Brad.

29/7/06 v LEP Red: Another great game played at Willis Park. Goals scored by Nathan and Lachlan. Goalies were Gianni and Liam. The McDonalds Award went to Thomas.

U9 Div.1

17/6/06 v GUN - Win 1/nil: We lost 2 nil against this team in the earlier rounds so we knew we had to step up today. The Gunners were looking to move into second position on the ladder but today we were the better team. Our midfield was a lot stronger and were getting the ball through to the forwards more consistently. Bryce deservedly came up with a goal with only a few minutes to spare and then we defended hard until the final whistle. It was great to see the huge home ground support which definitely helped to lift our team. It was a nail biter and great skills were displayed by both teams. James received the McDonalds award for his great midfield work and Matt S was today's MVP for setting up a number of goal scoring opportunities. Overall a great team effort.

24/6/06 v NAR - Draw nil all: With both our team and Narellan equal on the ladder we expected the game to be close. Both teams had numerous opportunities to score but strong defence from both teams kept the game scoreless. Kaleb once again did a lot of hard work in goals and Tony got today's McDonalds award for being more involved in the general play. MVP went to Rick who after just having returned from sickness had a blinder.

25/6/06 v TAH - Win 3/nil: Today was our best of the season with great positional play and our forwards setting up so many goal scoring opportunities. Our first goal was beautifully constructed by Bryce taking the ball up, beating two players and getting a great angle on the ball. Our second came from Matt S who put heaps of air on the ball and put in a huge kick from the left wing. Unbelievable skill and timing saw the ball into the top of the goals. Our goalie, Kaleb wanted to have a go as a forward today and within five minutes of him being on the field he came away with a sensational goal. The goalie dived to stop the attempt and pushed the ball out but Kaleb was there to finish it off. Kaleb got today's McDonalds award and the MVP was Bryce.

1/7/06 v CAM - Loss 3/nil: After the highs of last Sunday we had a complete turnaround. Today we just didn't turn up and we weren't beaten by a better team we were beaten by ourselves. There were a few notable efforts with McDonalds awards going to both Carly and Andrew who were both more involved in the game and who did some great midfield work. MVP was James who filled the goalie role as Kaleb was away. He consistently came up with huge clearing kicks and he never gave up. Better luck next week.

8/7/06 v TAH - Win 3/1: Today's match had the potential to be a very high scoring game but it wasn't to be. In the first half we had nine goal scoring opportunities but couldn't quite finish them off. We went in at the break 1 nil down and had some work to do against a determined Tahmoor side. Three brilliant goals by Matt Stewart sealed the win for our team. Thank you to Andrew who filled in as goalie to allow Kaleb a run on the field. Kaleb immediately had an impact pushing plenty of ball to the forwards resulting in one of the teams goals. Tony received today's McDonalds award for being more involved and determined and Hayden

received our MVP trophy for his brilliant passing game and great wing work.

15/7/06 v ESC - Loss 4/1: Today resulted in our biggest loss of the season. The conditions were atrocious, playing on a muddied field in pouring rain. We had a great start scoring in the first few minutes of the game but Eschol Park hit back to level at 1 all at the end of the first half. Kaleb was away so James filled the goalie position and did a spectacular job. He saved what looked like four certain goals with brilliant skills. The second half ESC Park were all over us and we just didn't follow on with our good play from the first half. The score doesn't truly reflect the game as it was still a close contest. Connor received our McDonalds award for never giving up and James received the MVP award for his goalie work and also his great clearing skills when on the field.

U9 Div.1 - cont.

22/7/06 v HAR - Draw 1/1: Today we played extremely well as a team and all players put into practice what we have been focusing on at training. We got away to a great start with Connor pushing a huge ball through to Bryce who then set up Matt S for a brilliant goal. (All in the first minute of the game). Our defence held strong for the entire game and we were definitely the better team on the day (Even the opposition coach conceded this and said that we were by far the better side). Sometimes luck doesn't come our way and the opposition scored from an offside position (at least 5 metres offside) which was a heartbreaking end to the game. This being said our team as usual held their heads high and on conclusion cheered the opposition. Their good sportsmanship is ALWAYS on display. Tony received our McDonalds award for another great effort and our MVP trophy is being held over for a week as there were so many brilliant efforts we could not decide between five outstanding team members

U9 Div.3

3/6/06 v COL BLU - Win 4/1: Great two ball passing from James to Mitchell with a couple of shots before Mitchell scores 1-0. Clean up by Jack and run up the wing, with a nice through ball to Jordan C. who runs up and scores 2-0. Great sweeping by Jack, Peter, Jordan M. and Mark N., stopping all incoming attacks. Very nice run and determination by Connor who passes straight to Mitch but the shot is saved by the goalie. Connor passes to Ben who puts James through. His shot is stopped but his follow-up sees another goal scored 3-0. Mark R. had some nice kicks into centre but good goal keeping stopped our shots. Super back Peter stops all who dare to tread in his domain (great work). Good through ball by Collies has their player in open space and scores a nice goal. Shots by Mark N. saved but clearance to Jack and a huge shot into the net. 4-1. McDonalds Award to Peter and Ariel's to Chris. Well done.

17/6/06 v NAR - Draw nil all: This team has improved since our first round encounter. We still played well and had a few attempts at getting goals but they just didn't make it into the net the correct way. Instead we saw it hit the post, go over the top and hit the side - to name a few. Our mids including Sean, Alex, Jordan M, Marc R., Chris, Jack and Ben always giving it their best. Peter played an excellent game, continually defending our goals to take out the McDonalds award. Chris, who goes out and plays his best week in week out, received Aerials award.

24/6/06 v COL RED - Draw 1/1: A hard even matched game, which we knew it would be. Graham was unlucky defending our goals as an opposition player got in his way and he was unable to save a goal. Jordan M was goalie in the second half and did some great saves. Mark N. had a great game kicking well up the side and middle helping our team to gain better possession. James and Marc R. also had a great game in mid field responding to everything the coach asked. A good goal from James. McDonalds award to Mark N. and James with Aerials award to Marc R.

1/7/06 v DOU - Win 2/nil: Both teams came out to play with World Cup fever evident. Graham had been unwell but was not going to miss out today and saved a few goals for us. We thought this would be another scoreless game but we came through in the second half. Plenty of possession and great foot work by Chris,

Jack and Ben. There was some great passes from Ben and James to set Jordan up for the first goal and with only a few minutes to go James passed it to Mitchell to score a fantastic goal high into the left hand corner. Well done Burra, you really lifted and played a fabulous game in the second half. McDonalds going to Ben, who listened, chased and passed the ball well.

15/7/06 BYE.

U9 Div.3 - cont.

22/07/06 v TAH - Win 2/nil: Lots of passing backwards & forwards in the middle of the field. Great pass from Jack out to James who kicks across goals into the net with Mitchell running in to make sure it goes in. 1-0. Pass from Sean to James who runs the length of the field then kicks across to Mitchell who kicks it in mid air to hit the back of the net hard but there is no goal awarded as the ball had already gone over the line before James crossed. In the second half there was another disallowed goal, but Mitchell finally gets boot to the ball & in it went. Alex and Sean both had attempts at goal but good keeping kept it out. McDonalds award to Connor who had a great game in the mid field holding position & offloading some great balls. Jordan M. was given Ariel's. Well done to all - no team is complete without its backs and keeper, who stop the goals.

29/07/06 v APP - Win 3/1: Our jersey colours are so similar that we had to wear bibs today. Our coach, Mark, had me really earning my spot by helping with the substitutes, changing bibs. We scored a goal in the first few minutes of the game. Appin had a few players short but their defence was still strong. Christopher was continually chasing and passing some fantastic balls. Some great kicking & saving by James in the mids. They are really showing confidence with some of the skills practised at training coming into the game, like when Jordan C boots the ball towards Mitchell who heads it but it goes out next to the net. Ben & James are really playing well in the mid field & manage to get the ball out to Jordan who passes to Mitchell for our second goal. Appin put on a good chase & scored late in the second half. Peter, our captain, helps choose the McDonalds award, which goes to James for his continuous effort up front & in the mids, & Jordan C. who listened & passed the ball to another player who had a better position at scoring a goal, received Ariels award.

5/08/06 v CAM - Win 2/nil: It was a grey, wet day but luckily it didn't rain too heavy during the game. All the boys must have stayed up late last night, or was it the weather. They all seemed to miss the ball with heaps of air swings (it looked a little like golf without the sticks!). The ball was kept at our end most of the match and any runaways were soon extinguished by our backs, Peter, Mark, Chris and Jack. Jordan C. scored the first goal. A great ball from Alex allows James who had a good game, score our second. Camden scrambled and defended well to keep any other chances from us. Jack had a great run down the wing and I am sure he would have gone all the way but the fulltime whistle blew before he reached the goals. McDonalds award to Jack who has been playing really well especially down the wing. Ben receives Ariels award, after some fantastic passing and controlling of the ball.

12/08/06 v ESC - Win 2/nil: A nice day and the game started with even possession. ESC had one attempt at goal and we then took control. The ball stayed predominately up their end. ESC defended well but so did we not allowing them to go near our goals again. Any attempts were squashed by Peter and Mark N. Christopher continually defended and ran hard after that ball. Connor, Alex and Marc R did exactly what the coach had taught them at training. They were really on fire and were not intimidated by the other team, passing, tackling and changing the balls direction. They played really well. Sean and Ben both had a brilliant game, running continuously after the ball with excellent passes and you got the feeling that either could have slotted in a goal. Marc, Jordan and Jack all played well kicking and passing the ball to their team mates. Mitchell, after plenty of persistence scores a goal. Graham came out of goals in the second half and tried ever so hard to score. Mark N. has had a few great runs with the ball. He does some pretty fancy footwork and has a fabulous run down the wing, crosses to Jordan C. who puts in a great goal off his left foot. Well done Burra. It looks like you are minor premiers for sure. Two of our tallest boys Graham and Mark N. took out

McDonalds and Mitchell received Ariels award.

U11 Div.1

24/6/06 v CUC - Draw 2 /2: We are very compatible with this team as this is our second draw with them. We pushed and pushed but just couldn't break through for that extra goal, but at the same time we also held on in defence. Again it's great to watch this team develop their own style and skills for themselves and their team. Div 1 is once again proving to be a great challenge as the older we get the faster and the tougher we have to become to stay competitive. Well done again to the whole team!

25/6/06 v STM - Win 3 /1 : A double header at home. We certainly turned up to play with no reserves on the day and we thought we were in a little trouble against one of the leaders. However we had by far the most control and possession throughout the game. It started with a corner ball in and a left foot kick into goal for Nick who followed it up with 2 more goals from him off some great set up work by the team. Great hat trick Nick. There certainly was some great soccer on this day. It started with the backs holding up and pushing the STM forwards out to the side or taking the ball away from them. This does allow our mids to take the ball further forward and set some great plays up for our forwards. We tend to forget how good our backs and goalie play on great wins but they play a vital role in any game, especially in a win where you stop the opposing team from scoring as many as you. So well done to Liam, Hayden, Cameron, Brett and Hannah, our two left and right backs who do a great job week in week out.

1/7/06 v GUN - Win 4 nil: Still in the holidays and we played a team that only had 10 players and we took full advantage of that. We didn't back off from playing the game fast and forward. This week our mids took over as they only had one forward who got closed down very quick and easy. All of our mids today played exceptionally well with Scott taking the ball up the sides and feeding it across. Ben doing plenty of damage straight up the guts of the field and pushing it forward and out wide to Michael and Brad and straight through to Nick and Sean. This was a good game to move some of the team around and allow some tired legs to rest. McDonalds award went to Michael.

8/7/06 v STM - Loss 1 nil: This was still a great game with many chances going our way but just unlucky not to get there. They only scored from a corner where they were just a lot bigger than our team so once again our defence held them at bay beautifully and the team played the game in great spirit and contest. This year there is not any team in Div 1 that cannot win or beat any other team so the competition is of great standard and is brilliant to watch and be to be a part of it all. The team really do know how to play positions and support each other on the field. I know in this game Rod came away very proud of the whole team and we do find it harder and harder to give out the awards because every one has their best game most weeks. Well done team and push on as we have some hard games over the next few weeks.

15/7/06 v ESC - Win 3 nil: It was raining and wet but not called off. We took to the field in the cold with no reserves or raincoats. Normally this is a fairly even game but the fight for either 4th or 5th place was on the field and there was a little pushing and shoving, with us coming off 2nd best at first. Then when the team stepped up and used their bodies as well, nothing was going to stop us, even with a penalty just outside the box not helping ESC. Liam was great again with a high, low and wet ball in goal. Hannah having a blinder, even getting a falcon didn't slow up her great defence. Tom was the exception in the mids doing everything right today and shining, which earned them both McDonalds awards this week. This win also puts us back into 4th spot and now we need to have some more wins to hold on (we hope). This is our second time in Div.1 and I believe that we did learn and I hope that we still are learning from this the great game of soccer. The team are not just learning and playing great soccer but are forming a great bond and friendship, which is fabulous to see and watch. Also a huge well done to Scott Mortimer for finishing 33rd in the state in the Cross Country 3km. Well done Scott!

U11 Div.1 - cont.

22/7/06 v CSC - Draw nil all: A superb effort ending in yet another draw. We turned up today to play soccer and give it all that we had. The tigers have only lost one game out of 14 and that was to us. That's right, good old Burra, so we knew that it was going to be one of the hardest games to play. As the game went from one end on the attack straight to the other end on the defence, our team held on tight in the corners, scrambling well and getting the ball back out. Even a free kick in the box to the Tigers set for some tight and tense moments but it hit the post and we were the quickest to get to the ball and get it back out of there. What a relief. We had many outstanding players as we do every week. We find ourselves wishing for 14 awards to hand out each week but this week we just congratulated them all in a top effort and game. We are now starting to turn heads in the comp. as some comments are made from other teams ('It is Div.1 and it's only Burra that we are playing'). But now they are saying 'watch out' as they are a great team. I simply reply by saying that they always were and are a great team and club. Go Burra! If anyone wants to watch a great contest win, lose or draw, come along and enjoy a great game of soccer. Well done our team of champion kids and parents. Well done to Cameron this week who missed the game but was successful in his grading and receiving his green belt.

29/7/06 v NAR - Win 2 nil: Now back in 4th spot on the ladder playing against the first spot team, we worked on some plays at training to help us in tight games. This started off in a rush. It was going to be a battle of the fittest. We Burra taking the lead early from a corner and then not long after putting yet another corner kick into the back of the net. We went to half time at 2 nil up and once again heads were turning at our Burra team. The second half was played in some great spirit and contest with body clashes and never give up attitude from both teams, with this game providing the most passes done by headers of the season. After this game we can almost say that we have beaten every team in the comp. except for one team that we have had a draw with every time we have played. What a great effort and Div. to be in. We gave out two awards this week. One to someone who just keeps on improving on himself - DJ, and the other was from the backs as they told us Sean had one of his best, never giving in or giving up. Well done to you both!

5/8/06 v COL - Win 2 nil: What a game, we scored fairly quick in the game as they only had 9 players and we took full advantage of that. The Col team then decided to defend up and play with only one forward and were struggling to hold our mids and forwards back. With Tom marking up one of the biggest players on the other team we really controlled some of their play, but they still made a couple of great breaks and attacks only to be stopped in their tracks from some great defence. Our goalie, Liam, held up and took some great saves as well, especially on play as the ball bounced out of his hands and was swarmed on by the Col team, only to be cleaned up by a great slide tackle only one mtr from the goal line by Hayden. Nick took a great free kick in the box (Something we practiced last year). Well done! A lot of good has come out of training hard and playing to the best each week as the team have not let a goal in for 4 weeks and only one goal in their last 7 games in this great comp.-You're all making us very proud to be your coach, managers and best of all parents and friends.

Keep on going team!

Mark and Karen

U11 Div.1 - cont.

12/8/06 v CUC - Win 2 nil: This was a game that we wanted to win as this was the only team that we hadn't beaten as we have had 2 draws with them. So now we can be proud and say that we have beaten every team in the comp. along with CSC, as we are the only team to date that has beaten them. Well done team. Today saw some different plays with some of the boys competing in the zone carnival, making them a little bit tired for soccer. However, the rest of the team lifted them to a great win. Our defence is working extremely well as the team once again did not let a goal in. Our midfield worked well together today to lift and pump the ball forward for many attempts at goal. As this is maybe the last newsletter for 2006 I would like to thank our team and parents for the support they have given us once again and to let the team know how proud of them we are, as they have gone from being in Div. 1 in the U9's with only 2 wins and 2 draws, to the Club Champions and undefeated Premiers in U10 Div 3, to finish 4th in 2006 in Div. 1 with 9 wins, 5 draws and 6 losses with 1 game to go. So what a great effort! I'd also like to thank Rick for all of his help at training and at the games week in and week out. Thanks again! I wish this team and all of the other teams who have made it into the Ron Dine Cup the best of luck for that. Also to the U11 Div. 5 team, well done on sticking it out for the last couple of years as it has come together for you this year with a lot of wins and good results. Well done! And just remember to support your teams in the Ron Dine Cup and GO BURRA GO!! See you all next year team. Your managers and coach, Mark, Karen and Rod.

U11 Div.5

24/6/06 v ING - Win 3/nil: GO SOCCEROOS! Our kids were definitely inspired by the World Cup with everyone working very hard on the field with good results. We lost to Ingleburn last time but we just keep getting better and better. Luke Campbell had a great game scoring all three goals (a hat-trick) and there were many other attempts from Gerard, Kian, Loris, Robert H. as well. Our two Matilda's, Amelia and Jessica, put in a great effort today, as did Andrew, Michael, Tyson, Zeke and Jordan, with Jordan our Player of the Match today. Robert A. was doing a great job as our sweeper until his early, dramatic exit when he was carried off after injuring his knee. Keep up the good work kids! Your hard work is paying off!

25/6/06 v APP - Win 10/nil: What a tough ask! Playing at Appin at 9am on a Sunday morning and with less than two days notice. Only 10 players could make it so we were short on the field but you wouldn't have known it. Appin, with reserves, were still easily out-played. Goals were scored by Gerard - 8, Luke - 1 and Woody - 1. Appin are really struggling this season and we know only too well how it feels to be losing every week. We hope they have a better season next year. Player of the Match was Andrew Wood. Thanks Jeff and parents for dragging yourselves, and the kids, out of bed for the game!

1/7/06 v MTA - Win 2/1: A great win today against the team coming second in the comp. We lost to them last time but we've improved a great deal since that game. Gerard scored both goals with a couple of other close attempts just missing the mark. Loris & Jessica also had very close attempts at goal. The last few minutes of the game were quite nerve-racking with Mt Annan constantly attacking our goal, determined to even the match. Everyone defended hard & our goalie, Kian, had to work especially hard, doing some great saves to ensure our win. Amelia was our Player of the Match for her consistent play on the field and in goals.

8/7/06 v APP - Win by Forfeit.

15/7/06 v ECA - Win 6/nil: What wet, miserable weather! It was a 9am away game at Airds so we were all hoping for that phone call, but it never came and our kids had to play in the rain. We only had 10 players on the field but it didn't matter as our kids played well and dominated the game. Loris Roberts scored the first goal and Gerard McGookin scored the other five with Robert Hestelow having quite a few near misses as well. Jessica Fishburn was our Player of the Match for working hard and getting more involved in the play. Amelia (and her Mum) showed great dedication and support for the team by coming to the game in the rain just in case we needed her even though she was sick with the flu. Thanks Amelia and Mum!!

U11 Div.5 - cont.

22/7/06 v RUS - Loss 1/nil: This was a close game against the competition leaders that could have gone either way but Ruse scored in the second half giving them the win this time. Our Players of the Match were

Carsen Stockley, who played very well considering he's been absent for the last five games, and Tyson Brown, who is showing great improvement in his first season of soccer. Well done everyone!

29/7/06 v LEP - Win 3/1: Everyone showed great teamwork today, tackling and passing the ball well all game. Andrew Wood scored our first goal after a great pass from Gerard, who also scored our other two goals, with many other close attempts too. Kian also had many attempts at goal but his shots just kept going wide of the goal post. Our players of the Match were Andrew Wood and Robert Hestelow. Great game everyone!

5/8/06 BYE.

12/8/06 v ING - Win 3/1: The kids played well today with everyone getting involved in the play. Gerard McGookin scored all three goals with some near misses as well. We thought Andrew Wood had scored our first goal of the game but the ball hadn't quite crossed the goal line so was disallowed (it was v-e-r-y close). Our Players of the Match today were Gerard McGookin, who always works hard all game, every game, and Thomas Downey, who has shown great improvement. Thankyou to Fonzy, from the All-Age Men's team, for training us last Wednesday as Jeff was having his knee op. that day. Fonzy did a great job training kids he doesn't know at all. A BIG thankyou to our coach, Jeff Spinner, for his dedication and enthusiasm in coaching our kids. Some kids were new to soccer this season and some others were brought in from the U10's when they were unable to form a team this year. To watch the team play now you'd have thought that they had been playing together for years. In summary, we've won all but four games this season (with one game to go), which looks like putting us in 3rd place overall and definitely in the Ron Dine Cup. Even though our team's previous two years without a win was very frustrating for all involved, Jeff and the kids hung in there as they enjoy their soccer so much, and now it's good to see they can enjoy the rewards of their hard work and dedication. Great work everyone and well deserved!!

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