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# KENSINGTON JUNIOR SOCCER CLUB

## 2018 Soccer Operations Committee

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| Susan Rushworth      | Soccer vice-president<br>Administration & Registrations<br>FFV liaison |
| Andrew Hollow        | Kensington Boys Co-ordination<br>Registrations                         |
| Louise & David Aiton | Uniforms   |
| Nancy & Andrew Cover | Graphic Design   |
| Peter Higgs          | Ordinary member  |
| Kathryn Harker       | Secretary  |

## Coaches & Team Managers

| Team               | Coaches                                 | Managers                           |
|--------------------|---|------------------------------------|
| <b>Girls</b>       |   |                                    |
| Under 9 Blue       | Neil Cunningham                         | Lisa Whiffen                       |
| Under 9 Green      | Ben Ellinghaus                          | Phong Nguyen                       |
| Under 10 Gold      | John Turone                             | Justine Kippin                     |
| Under 10 Blue      | Brent McDonald                          | Lianne Rowlinson                   |
| Under 11 Joeys     | Jodie Bennett                           | Dana Nelson                        |
| Under 12 Joeys     | Nancy Cover                             | Louise Aiton                       |
| Under 14Ds         | Paul Carnovale                          | David Aiton                        |
| Under 14 Cs        | Sam Azzopardi                           | Andrew Cover                       |
| Under 16 As        | Peter Higgs                             | Sujata & Keith Joshi               |
| Under 16 Bs        | Andrew Hollow                           | Louise Bourke                      |
| Under 16 Cs        | Danie Mellas                            | Christy Klassen                    |
| <b>Boys</b>        |   |                                    |
| Under 7 Joeys      | Paul Kippin                             | James Bulinski /<br>Richard Warren |
| Under 8 Joeys      | Peter Dijkema                           | Mairead Slattery                   |
| Under 9 Joeys      | John Hey                                | Leon Raudys                        |
| Under 10 Joeys     | Neil Cunningham                         | Nick Harford                       |
| Under 11 Wallabies | Juan Carlos Moscardo<br>/ Andrew Hollow | Helen Walker                       |
| Under 12 Joeys     | Dominic Gibbins                         | Andrew Carra                       |

## **Recognition for Players with Long Standing Service**

*The following 22 Under 16 players will be leaving the Club at the end of the season and we wish them all the best and thank them for their contributions over their junior soccer careers with us: A number of players have played more than 4 seasons at the Club but special mentions to Rozie Higgs for her 9 seasons; Ishani Joshi for her 8, Bijan Bologna, Ruby Sommerville and Lam Nhi Nguyen for their 7 seasons playing at Kensington. Let's hope you all keep playing somewhere in the 2019 season.*

**Eloise Klassen; Nada Osman; Ella Tapson; Olivia Bykowska;  
Halima Akalo; Bijan Bologna; Zoe Ngo; Sarah Tay; Victoria  
Jones; Ishani Joshi; Rozita Higgs; Amelia Manciewicz; Lucy  
Thomas; Natasha Matanious; Lucinda Dawson; Lola Marsh;  
Stephanie Park; Charlie Longfield; Ruby Sommerville; Lam Nhi  
Nguyen; Chiara Rice; Tika Merchant.**



## Season Summary

This is my first report as Club President, having taken over from Peter Higgs this year - anyone who knows Peter will agree he's a difficult act to follow. It's been a big year for the club! We opened to boys expecting maybe 3 teams and ended up with 6! We introduced new uniforms for the girls and don't they look great? We continued our partnership with T3 Grassroots for the weeknight training of the Miniroos, running a total of 12 sessions each week. It has been organized chaos at times, but we count it another great year for the Club.

Once again, we had over 150 girls playing and added 65 boys, fielding 11 girls and 6 boys teams. We welcomed many new families - boys of course, but also girls taking up soccer for the first time, or joining our club due to our continued reputation as a welcoming, inclusive place to play. There are too many to mention individually, but we continued the tradition of enrolling a 5 year-old called Maddie! It is a testament to our players and families that new girls have integrated so well into existing teams.

Not long ago Kensington had the largest girls only club in the state. It is important to the club to ensure that girls retain equal status with boys as the proportion of boys grows. Also valuable for grant applications!

T3 coaching continues to deliver great value to the club and the skills development during the season (and building on last season for the girls) is noticeable. Juan Cuellar, President of Kensington City, came on board as our goalie coach for the Junior girls and boys. His training sessions have improved goalies' confidence and skills.

Some quick stats for our graded teams (Under 12s and up):

We played 114 games for 45 wins, 12 draws and 57 losses. The u16 girls alone scored 85 goals with 37 of those from our Golden Boot striker, Ishani Joshi, who almost achieved the distinction of top scorer for all three u16 teams, but was edged out by Amelie in the 16Bs. We also saw our first goals from headers in memory - congrats to Zoe Merrigan and Claudia Cover (3!!).

2018 was a stronger season than 2017 results wise, despite the struggle to

field a full team in the 16s (3 matches forfeited due to lack of numbers). Three of our juniors teams finished in the top 4 of their league and none finished last! 10 of our juniors (girls and boys) juggled footy and soccer fixtures, sometimes playing both sports on the same day. Though we don't keep count of Minirooms scores one of our teams was undefeated for the whole season (read the coaches' reports to find out which one...)

We say goodbye to more than 20 girls who turn 16 in 2018, but we hope to see some of them playing locally for the Kensington City Senior Women, where two of our 'graduated' players have already found a home.

A big thank you to all those who helped during the season, to all our coaches and team managers, but special mentions to Andrew Hollow who made boys soccer happen at last; to Louise and David Aiton who drove the project to update our girl's uniforms and to Nancy Cover who designed them. And, of course, to Peter who continues to do so much for this club. Bronwyn Jefferson has stepped up to run a fundraiser for us next year – many thanks!

Next season will be bigger again, so please consider putting your hand up to help out around the Club we will need it. There are plenty of roles to help with so don't be shy. Thanks everyone.

**Susan Rushworth (Club President)**



## Team Reports

### Boys Under 7 (Paul Kippin)

Most of the boys had never played soccer before so the T3 coaches had a blank canvas to work with and over the season our boys improved immensely. On game day in the last month of the season these little superstars started playing with confidence and showed a lot of the skills they had learnt throughout the year, it was impressive to see how far they had come. Myself and all of the parents at the games were very proud of how the boys handled themselves on the field, they were competitive but very respectful of the opposition players.

A big thank-you to my co-managers – James Bulinski & Richard Warren for all your help, especially Richard for refereeing the games.

A special mention goes to Adrian Van't Wout for helping with the coaching and taking some great photos of the boys throughout the season.

- **Hector** - Played very well for a player that was new to soccer and was developing well with his skills.
- **Liam** - Best Exponent of the “Ronaldo chop” loved doing cutbacks and passing to teammates.
- **Sudays** - One of the most improved players. Trained hard and it reflected on his performance throughout the season.
- **Rhys** - T3 skills improved so much over the season, very good defender and was super quick running all over the field.
- **Aymon** - Biggest kick in the team and always tried to control the ball and pass to a teammate.
- **Jesse** - Started a little later than the other boys but had an instant impact. He learnt the T3 way quickly and became a very good team player. Loved playing and loved training. He has a lethal kick and used it to great effect.
- **Abdullahi** - Improved so much this season and his personality on field is just priceless. My favourite was when he stopped playing and told an opposition player that he loved his boots! Admittedly, they were cool boots.....
- **Thomas** - Had a real knack at reading the play and knew when to drop into defensive mode and stopped the most goals. He also was so quick on his feet that he could steal the ball off opposition players without them seeing him coming.

I loved coaching your boys and I look forward to seeing them next year, Go Colts!



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## Boys Under 8 (Peter Dijkema)

The first season of the U8 boys was a tough but great season for the boys. If you compare how the team played when we started the season to the end of the season every player can be proud of the progress they have made. The biggest challenge was the number of players this year. So, we regularly had to call in fill ins from the Under 7s, Under 9s and the girls teams. A couple of boys from the U7s agreed to join the team permanently which made Mairéad's work as a team manager a lot easier even though we still only had 8 players to field a 7-a-side team.

Wins were hard to come by this season. Especially when we lost Lukas who moved for six months to Canada and we only had 7 players left in the team. We had to wait to over halfway in the season to record our first win and what a win it was. A couple of the girls were helping the team out and that seemed to be the catalyst for a great team spirit. I must say that most of the season the boys were having a lot of fun and it didn't matter too much whether they were losing, drawing or winning.

Some of the highlights for me were seeing Alador glide through the defence of the opposition with five players around him, Lukas improving



week by week and scoring goals, Ciarán despite his ankle injuries defending the goal like a lion, Austin finding his way and taking the defence by the hand, Eamon being the solid rock that everyone can count on, Hugo running everywhere on the pitch until he literally dropped to the ground and having a rest in goal with amazing saves, Yasin's feistiness and improving skills and Yasir's love to be in defence.

It has been a fantastic season I surely have enjoyed coaching the boys and I hope everyone will return next year.

## Girls Under 9 Blue (Neil Cunningham)

We couldn't be more proud of the under 9 Blue team this year. For the most part, we were all new recruits to girls' soccer – players, coaches, team manager and parents alike. But it soon became clear there was great commitment from all to create an inclusive team that would enable the girls to reap all the benefits that comes from sport: fun, resilience, teamwork and a feisty 'girl-gang'.

We took to the pitch for our first match with passion and enthusiasm against an older and experienced side. It's fair to say on this occasion we were outplayed but the girls showed great determination and potential.

A testament to their enthusiasm was the 'extra training' they decided to do each week after their T3 session. With help from Coach Annabelle (U16), Coach Danny (brother of Alice in the team) and Coach Taban (Achol's Dad) the girls practiced positions, passing, tackling and attacking. Before long, their skills and confidence grew.

Armed with oranges and snakes, the parents supported the girls in all weather conditions and we are very appreciative of their sideline support and encouragement, and the occasional reminder to the girls that they needed to stop talking/dancing/holding hands... and run!

Fast forward to our last match and we saw a team transformed for a thrilling 3-3 draw. Fearless goalkeeping, determined tackling, accurate passing, competitive attacking and holding positions, all pulled together by a contagious team spirit and a shared love of playing soccer.

With that finish, the end of season is bittersweet, and we have much to celebrate for a first year. We look forward to bringing the girls back together for another year in under 9's and building on all that the girls achieved this year.

- **Achol Taban** – brought agility and speed and an instinct for creating space up front and attacking the goal.
- **Alice Plevy** – a tenacious tackler and good organiser of the team on the pitch, versatile all round-player.

- **Isabelle Creighton** – brave and bold and brand new to soccer, safe hands in goals and courageous against bigger and older competition.
- **Lara Cunningham** – a competitive, reliable player with great positional awareness, match savvy and accurate passing.
- **Leila Turone** – made the centre-back position her own and organised the defence from here which got tighter as the season progressed.
- **Madeline McLachlan** – our youngest member of the team, fearless in goal and not afraid to take on the older girls.
- **Millie Stone** – the master of throw-ins, approached every game with enthusiasm and a cheeky smile and grew in confidence and skill as the year progressed.
- **Olivia McLachlan** – our ‘veteran’ showed great leadership for the new players. Fast and competitive, her double hat-trick was just reward for her determination and ability to run with the ball.
- **Sophie Richter** – strong and determined, a tireless runner, composed on the ball and dependable in any position.
- **Sophia Sharma** – joined mid-season and quickly showed skills as a competitive defender and strong kick.
- **Weaam Abubaker** – joined mid-season and brought new energy to the team with her ability to chase and control the ball.

## Girls Under 9 Green (Ben Ellinghaus)

Coach: Ben Ellinghaus, Team Manager: Phong Nguyen

When the season started in April, the U9 Green team's 10-girl match-day squad had two five year olds (Phoebe and Maddalene), two six year olds (Alessia and Nancy) and two seven year olds (Nim and Willa). Much of the team's improvement, over the course of the season, came from this group of youngsters, whose development was complemented – indeed accelerated - by consistently strong and skillful performances from our quartet of 'senior' players (Nabat, Jie, Madeleine and Abigail) both at training and on match days.

This mix of young and old quickly formed into a competitive and determined outfit, ultimately going through the 18-game season undefeated, an outstanding achievement. The girls simply refused to give in, despite conceding the first goal in more than a third of their matches.

Special thanks to the skills coaches from T3 for instilling in the girls confidence on the ball and a preparedness to take the game on and take risks. And an even bigger thank you to all of the girls' parents and other family members for being so supportive, enthusiastic and understanding throughout what was a hugely enjoyable season. Yee-hah!!

## Boys Under 9 (John Hey)

The Under 9s have had a fantastic first season in the competition.

The improvement in their skills has been a delight to see, thanks to T3, and their game-craft has developed well over the course of the season.

We are lucky to have a wonderful group of boys who are pleasure to coach – they listen and learn and they work together really well as a team. Sharing the ball, positioning and persistence have been some of the key focus areas this year – they have made strides on all fronts.

The boys won a high percentage of their games this year, reflecting their skill levels, team work and endeavour. They were also able to display their abilities in an U9s tournament at Moonee Valley Knights at the end of July. Having already played a game that morning versus one of the toughest teams in our competition (South Yarra) they then played a further three games pretty much back to back! They beat Green Gully and Heidelberg to top their group before just running out of steam in the semi-final v Moonee Valley Knights.

Leon and I have could not have asked more of the boys this year – the way they have conducted themselves all season has been a credit to the club. None of this would be possible without the support of you as parents, so thank you for setting your alarms and bringing them to all the games –

sometimes way out east – and providing such great support. The oranges and snakes have also been a highlight for many. Huge thanks to Leon who has been an absolute star as team manager getting us organised week in, week out and keeping us informed of everything we need to know on the app. What we do without him? His selfless efforts extend to picking up dog poo pre-match and setting everything up for home games with Andrew (I was dreading the day Leon might not be there to erect those goals)!

Special thanks also to Sandy for his invaluable support and assistance with coaching and for taking over for the games when I was overseas for work. He and Dan both had impromptu run-outs as umpires, stepping in with aplomb! Finally, a big thank you to Andrew and Susan for their tireless efforts and great enterprise and commitment to get this project off the ground. They are pioneers! The main thing is the enjoyment, and I know from the smiles on the boys faces, their teamwork, and their eagerness to get back on the field every time they're subbed off – that they have had a ball. I am truly excited to see what more can come from this team next year. Onwards and upwards!



## Girls Under 10 Gold (John Turone)

The Kensington Gold team had a great season full of highlights. Our team was made up of 13 enthusiastic players of which 2 were new to the game. There were some memorable moments that included terrific team goals, solo runs, goal keeping saves and newly developed skills that left the opposition in awe. Each week the girls grew in confidence and understanding of the game this is a direct result of the continuation of the T3 skills development and the experience they gained playing week in week out with each other. Their enthusiasm (except when it rained) and sportsmanship was outstanding.

- **Maisha** – great team player, always willing to play in any position, was one of the team's most improved showed great determination to win the ball.
- **Winnie** – growing in confidence on the field and sensational in goal.
- **Emily** – hard running and tackling player with a nose for goal never give up attitude
- **Alia** – developed a knack for intercepting opposition attacks, grew in confidence through out the season, loves to take the through in and was exceptional in goal
- **Isobel** – first year player that developed confidence and position awareness as the season developed.
- **Abbey** – all round team player, loved going forward, dependable and competitive
- **Jacinta** – enthusiastic player that loved to run with the ball at her feet
- **Loaner** – tough tackling player that could hold and run with the ball into attack
- **Adelle** – fantastic skilled player that intercepted and tackled at will, loved playing central defence.
- **Lara** – committed and enthusiastic team player that ran hard and grew in confidence, exceptional displays in defence and midfield
- **Abigail** – hardworking runner that improved her positional play, developed an ability to find space and always looked to make a pass
- **Olive** – first year player, ne of our most improved, grew in confidence with each game, good with the ball at her feet, solid positional play
- **Zoe** - ran hard between the boxes was committed to winning the ball and running forward to create chances.

A big thank you goes to Justine Kippin our team manager, a superstar in organizational excellence and getting all involved. Thank you to all the parents who rode the highs and lows with the players and for the continued positive support. Finally a big thank you to the girls you should be proud of your performances throughout the season.

## Girls Under 10 Blue (Brent McDonald)

The 2018 season proved to be very successful in many ways for the under 10 blue team. The girls were competitive in every match, always put in a big effort and played with great spirit. They scored some superb goals (nearly every player scored), worked hard in defense and started to develop an excellent passing game. There was some significant skill development and it was always fabulous to see each girl have the confidence to try a new move, hold up the ball, or beat a defender.

## The players

- **Amy:** Natural attacker with some serious wheels and an accurate right foot, deadly once she got in behind the defense. Loves a goal or two
- **Carli:** Positional understanding and big second and third efforts allowed Carli to produce some memorable runs and hold the team structure together.
- **Chiara:** Excellent ball control and a good passing game. Chiara brought a positive energy to the team and was always encouraging others.
- **Ella:** Very talented player. Always passed the ball to a player in a better position and worked hard all over the pitch. Ella's right foot is a weapon!
- **Georgia:** When 'on' she can dispossess anyone. Very determined and saved the day in defense many times with some super clearances.
- **Jordyn** – Attacked the ball fearlessly and with great energy. Volunteered in goals many times and pulled off some very sharp saves.
- **Katie:** Really started to get involved in the game as the season went on. An uncanny ability to be in the right position and provide a link from defense into attack.
- **Matilda:** Always brought a very positive energy to the team and gave a strong effort on the field. Bit of a nutmeg specialist and attacking threat (needs to work on her floss).
- **Mia:** Strong ability to hold the ball up and look to pass to someone in a better position. First year player, she developed some real game smarts.
- **Rosie:** Really ran hard to link with attacking raids and started to use her body to hold position. Developed a signature 'scoop' shot on goal that proved quite successful.
- **Scarlett:** Best placed in the mid-field, Scarlett really developed some poise when she had the ball and used it well. Also provided many insightful half time comments.
- **Seren:** Enjoys playing in defense and has a BIG clearing kick. Very dependable - put her body in the way of many opposition shots on goal.
- **Sofia:** Very good ball control and protection. Passing game developed throughout the season and she can play anywhere on the pitch.
- **Tara:** Really improved this season. Her positional play was great as was her long passing game. Tara has developed a very strong and accurate 'hoof'. Super reliable!

It was a fantastic and very positive season and special thanks need to go to the T3 coaches for developing the girls' skills, all the parents for providing affirming support on game days, the Club for providing the opportunity to play together (loved the new uniforms), and finally the girls for their enthusiasm, energy and commitment to playing as a team that was so enjoyable to coach.



## Boys Under 10 (Nick and Neil)

All players and supporters of the Under 10s can be proud and pleased for the enthusiasm, skill and sportsmanship displayed throughout season 2018 and the great results achieved.

Overwhelmingly the stand-out result was the cohesiveness and team work that developed as the season progressed. From a highly enthusiastic assembly of players with a range of experience and skills, the Under 10s steadily developed into a tight group with all players proving adept all around the pitch, and teamwork being the hallmark of each Saturday's game. Through season 2018 the Under 10s, all players grew in confidence and skill. The players slowly but surely formed a cohesive team, so consistent and unified that the season ended with a six-game winning streak.

From starting the season being overwhelmed by many rivals, the under 10s concluded the season being on even terms or beating those same teams. At training and on match day the Under 10s had an attitude of being tough but fair. Players displayed a love for the game, a growing appreciation of its complexities, respect for opponents and endless enthusiasm and energy. Thanks to the T3 Coaches who harnessed the abundant enthusiasm and channeled it into not only improve control and skill, but knowledge and understanding of the Game.



The season and team of course would not have been the success it was without the supporters. Thanks to all parents, families and friends who not only helped run all facets of game days from setting up, half time sustenance to cleaning up, but cheered and supported all players in great spirit.

## **Under 11 Joeys (Jodie Bennett)**

Thank you to all the families for supporting the u/11 Blue team this year, without you this would all not be possible or as much fun. Thank you also to my/our amazing manager Dana, you make our Sundays easy. Thank you for all your work.

To all the girls, what an amazing season you have had, each and every one of you should be so proud of your year. Every girl has improved in all aspect of the game and we as a team really came together in the second half of the season. Developing our skills to stay in position so to create good movement of the ball forward was our aim. We achieved this with you all looking to pass and move the ball fearlessly forward with your powerful kicks. Watching plays come together where you all took part in moving the ball from the backline or sideline all the way forward to kick a goal was a joy to see. You also got the hang of kicking hard to score those goals.

Thank you for taking turns as goalie each week, it was hard but you did so well and to our regular goalies you are amazing. To the girls that played backline this year, you are all rocks. You stayed strong and were a tough line to get passed. Well done!!!! To all the girls that played in the midfield this year, you ran and ran and ran so well to help move that ball forward to help us score. Well done!!!! And the girls that played forward during the year – well how much fun is it kicking goals. Wow you did so so well. Keep practicing over the summer to develop your kicks, it was such a pleasure coaching you this year girls and I look forward to 2019.

## **Boys Under 11s (Andrew Hollow)**

What a season, as a new club, the U11's was a mix of boys who had previously played at other clubs, new players to soccer and several boys who were U12 who could play down as per FFV rules for their first season. We ended up with 16 players for the season, meaning each week we needed to roster a couple of kids off to ensure sufficient game time.

Given the score lines in the first three games we moved the boys to Wallabies from Joey's to provide a greater challenge.

The boys tenacity ensured they were competitive in all matches only losing one match all year, as coach it was about teaching them how to play the game. It wasn't the school yard where you try and beat the entire opposition and just run anywhere. Control, pass and move and be in the correct position, it's that simple. As the season progressed their positioning



slowly began to take shape (and they all played in many positions), this coincided with their improved skills from the T3 training each week. Thanks to Nathan and all the T3 coaches, the skill improvement was there for all to see. Better skills and positioning and all of a sudden the game is a lot easier to play and enjoy.

For their parents at each game the boys provided many highlights, including many team goals, they saved even more and even managed a headed goal in their first season.

Thanks to all the parents for helping in so many ways, getting the kids to the games (especially Justine and Kippa), Team Manager Helen, Juan Carlos for coaching.

It's been a great year well done boys and parents, onwards and upwards for Boys soccer at Kensington.

### **Our team:**

Haneef Abubaker, Mohammed Ali, Musaab Ali, Henry Crunden, Abdirahman Farah, Jake Filia, Harrison Gomez, William Hey, Ben Hollow, Harry Kippin, Hugh Moscardo, Sean Posar, Noah Raudys, Ben Reid, Anthony Ruiiu, Gustavo Santos

## **Girls Under 12s (Nancy Cover)**

It has been wonderful coaching the girls under 12s team. Being able to see their improved skills at training and at the game has been so rewarding. At the beginning of the season we managed to win some games and then lost and drew some in the following weeks however even if we had a loss, the team managed to play so well. The girls showed great team work and wonderful skills. Toward the the end of the season we had a few alterations in positions which was a success, as the girls played their best as a team and were undefeated for the last 5 matches. Each week their confidence grew and they believed in themselves more and more.

This year seemed to be a year where many girls got injured. Lots of sore ankles, knees and hips which I am sure was due to their growing bodies. Though it was disappointing for these girls to miss some matches due to their injuries, they were super keen and determined to get back on the field.

- **Emma Calafati:** Took on positions of forward and mid field. She scored many goals and played these positions incredibly well, taking on many touches and driving the ball forward. Great team member!

- **Jessa:** Out for a few weeks due to an operation but that didn't stop her from wanting to come back and show us her speed and ball skills. Her confidence grew each week and her tackling skills were superb. She took on advice and utilised it in her game.
- **Molly:** Our consistent and enthusiastic player for the team and has improved so much. Her strength is definitely in midfield where she stopped and retrieved many balls from some strong opposition.
- **Tieve:** Determination is undeniable and each week she shows strength to stop, take control of the ball and run as fast as she can to try and get possession. Tieve left for Canberra and has been missed by her teammates. We wish Tieve all the best.
- **Olivia:** Superb defender and has saved many potential goals while using her special ball skills to tackle and run the ball down the wing. She has also showed us how great she can play up forward with scoring a hat-trick in her last match.
- **Peta:** Once again one of our most improved players who has grown into an excellent defender. She takes control of the ball, uses her skills and is instrumental in keeping the ball out of goals. She listens well to advice and practices it on the field.
- **Isabella:** Determination to play her best each week is still so exciting to watch. Her skills and running have improved and even though she had a set back with a knee injury, that didn't stop her from playing. She has been a great contributor in all positions on the field.
- **Emma Coates:** One of our great forwards and mid fielders. Shows great versatility and endurance. Every week she tirelessly runs the length of the pitch nonstop to help the girls regain the ball and bring it up to the forward line and has scored many goals this year.
- **Claudia:** Has played many positions this year, from forward to mid, to defence and goalie. Her injuries couldn't hold her back, running with force and speed and determination to make the ball hers. A great force in goals, throwing often herself to the ground to save potential goals.
- **Sophie:** Yet another player who has improved immensely. Defence skills have been such an asset to the team. She always comes to training and to the game with a smile, listens to advice and is keen to improve and play her best each week.
- **Francesca:** Another one of our wonderful defenders who has also helped out in midfield. She's great at taking advice and using her skills and pushes herself at every game.
- **Georgia:** Has played in all position but takes on the defence role spectacularly. She is able to use her ball skills to regain possession and drive the ball to our forwards. She is always keen to listen to advice and improve each week.

- **Alessia:** Has also played many positions on the field and plays midfield extremely well. She's able to help the girls get control of the ball and drive it down the wing and pass it to our forwards to score goals.
- **Ava:** Has been a great defender all year but most recently has found her strength in goals. She has amazed us all and is a wonderful goalie and has also sacrificed her body to make that important save.
- **Ella C:** Such an enthusiastic soccer player! Always arrives with a big smile to both training and the game and keen to play her best and push her self each week. No size or age difference will stop her – her determination drives her through everything to keep on going.
- **Ella F:** A new addition to the team, joining us half way in the season. She has also improved so much since her first game and has showed us her natural skill, speed and determination to regain possession of the ball, drive it to our forward line to help score a goal.
- **Niah:** Her speed is such an asset to have on the team! Successful in regaining lost balls and great in dribbling the ball up to the forward line. She works hard and is so determined to play her best at every match.

To Louise, thank you so much for all your organising and support throughout the year, for the laughs, phone calls, talks and emails to improve and organise our team. It has been such a positive and fun experience to work together. Thank you to Anthony Venturini, for helping out with coaching while I was away, it has been greatly appreciated and to Andrew Hollow, for his help with coaching tips and advice. To the parents, thank you for getting the girls to the games on time, for your support during training sessions and at the game. Your cheers and words of encouragement to the girls and myself have been wonderful. Last but not least a BIG thank you to Susan for all her wonderful work that goes into the soccer club.

## Boys Under 12s (Dominic Gibbins)

It was a real baptism of fire for everyone involved in the Under 12s Boys team this season. From the Players, to the Team Manager, to the Parents, and myself, everyone one was on a very steep learning curve from day one. Most of us were new to Kensington Colts Soccer Club and hadn't been involved in organised junior soccer before. Asked to coach, my only qualifications were being English and watching English Premier League games on a regular basis.

The first few games of the season were tough with the boys still finding their feet and playing against teams that had played together for several years, but they played with great spirit and smiles on their faces, and

never let their heads drop when results went against us. With an attitude like this it was very clear to see that better days lay ahead for the boys.

Their ball skills gradually started to develop with the great work of T3 at training, and they started to gain a better understanding of some basic positional play, and game sense on match days. With Round 6 the team gained a huge lift in confidence with a well deserved 1-1 draw. From there their performances continued to improve with some fine efforts against some of the top teams in our league. Come Round 9 on a freezing cold, windy, rainy day, the boys finally had a day to remember with a fine 3-1 win against a top half of the table team. It was a display of grit and determination, and in horrendous conditions our boys just simply wanted the win more, and showed some great character that day.

There were two more games which stood out, in Round 11 the team was without 4 key players due to their on going AFL commitments, and up against a team that had previously defeated us 7-0. We decided to try a new system utilising a defensive sweeper rather than our regular 4,4,2 formation. It was a credit to the boys how they executed the plan and every single one of them stepped up to another level that day to earn a much deserved 1-1 draw. In Round 13 we had a full strength side and took on the team that were top of our league. I suspect that they thought they were in for an easy day judging by their reaction at the end of the game after suffering a shock 2-1 defeat. After the game their coach commented to me at that he believed Kensington were the most improved team in our league and it was another proud day for all involved.

It has been a really enjoyable and rewarding season and a pleasure to coach these boys. Their attitude and behaviour and willingness to learn was a credit to them and their parents who I want to thank for all their wonderful support. A big thanks to Robert and Chris for running the lines, Dave who often helped with the nets at our homes games and set up a top notch gazebo which helped keep us all dry in Round 9. Michelle for all her great photos and Tracey for her first aid help. Last but not least a big thanks to Andrew our fine Team Manager. We all enjoyed his weekly match reports and he had the toughest job by far making sure that we had a full team to field each week and often had to draft in regular lower aged players Sean, Jafir, Abdi, Aidan, and Muhammad who we thank for their contributions as well.

**Our players:** Nick Aiton, Alex Rawlinson, Will Hey, Khalid Hassan, Harry Kippin, Ruben Carra, Jacob Gibbins, Noah Raudys, Richmond Bagnall, Ben Reid, Cooper McKay, Theo McIntyre, Finn Scicluna-O'Prey, Muzzumnil Ali, Liam Lochery, Joshua Owen.

## Girls Under 14Cs (Sam Azzopardi)

Overall, we have had a great year and really got better and better as the season went on. By the end of the season we were very difficult to score

against, and at the same time we were scoring plenty of goals the other end. It was a joy to coach this team, they are a fantastic bunch of girls, and their improvement over the year has been remarkable.

- **Blaise:** had a great year, some tremendous performances in goals and in defence, importantly making numerous great saves. Well done!!;
- **Miranda H:** supported in goals and in defence throughout the year. Although she would prefer to be playing outfield, she often put the team first and supported in goals and did a great job. Thank you for your contribution to the team;
- **Caitlin:** solid in defence, has developed good kicking skills over the year, great year. Her game has improved, and she continues to develop into a great defender!;
- **Jordan:** really showed significant improvement over the course of the year, her defensive work has really come on with her second and third efforts a joy to watch. Steady and continual improvements consistently throughout the year, well done!!;
- **Mai:** great speed in defence to be able to run down opposition attackers, lots of potential to develop further;
- **Aoife:** gave us a glimpse of her true potential during the year, where she played left back and was unbeatable, she blocked every attack that came her way. That is the benchmark you have set yourself, your target should be to get to that benchmark more consistently;
- **Sophia F:** unfortunately not always available due to other sporting commitments, but when she played she was a stabilising factor in our backline, very reliable and rarely beaten....great performance;
- **Drew:** also not always available, she covers a lot of ground, is versatile to play in numerous positions and consistently performs well;
- **Sammi:** also not always available, played as striker, has a deadly left foot, and is an intelligent player with her passing, contributed with several goals throughout the year...Has upside potential;
- **Rosie:** great year, with goals, and skilful play in the midfield. Who would forget that brilliantly taken free kick from the left flank into the far right corner of the goal. Perhaps my goal of the year!! Great performance all year!!



- **Sofia P:** what a year!! consistently gives her all...true inspiration to the team. The midfield pairing with Rosy was one of my highlights throughout the year. Tough ball winning midfielder in Sofia, combined with the silky skills of Rosy!! Its a midfield pairing that is best in class!!;
- **Lizzie:** stepped up as one of our 4 captains, had a great year, even scoring some goals, her start to the year was amazing. A very versatile player, playing forward, midfield and defence and sometimes all in the same game. Never complained, and never questioned the move....she is a true leader and team player!! Well done on a great season;
- **Claudia:** At the start of the season, asked to try playing forward, having spent much of the prior seasons playing centre back. It took sometime to adjust, but by the end she found her way. She had many outstanding games, but our second last game was where everything just fell into place. Potential to become a fearsome striker in the seasons ahead;
- **Gian:** Had a great season, terrorising defences down the right wing, was our leading goal scorer for the season, tremendous effort, well done!!;
- **Miranda T:** Love her tenacity in the game, she has developed quickly, with loads more potential. Contributed with goals from midfield, well done on a great year;
- **Ginger:** She looks meek and mild, until you try passing her on the field, then you see another side. She is a tenacious defender, that is rarely beaten, she is developed into a key member of the backline;

- **Dusty:** Unfortunately missed a lot of games in the second half of the season. She is capable of playing at a high level, needs to find that consistent level, lots of upside potential;
- **Antonia:** Joined us late in the season with little soccer background. Her first game of soccer ever, was as good as I have seen, I think she has tremendous development potential for the new season.

In the end we won 11 and lost 5. The games we lost, we were in every one of those games and we demonstrated we can match it with any team in the league. We ended up finishing 4th out of 16 teams, and in the end the last match meant nothing because we would have finished 4th even with a win.

Great result for the team, thanks once again and congrats to all the girls!! Thank you to all the parents for their great support, thank you very much for your help Andrew!!

## Girls Under 14 Ds (Paul Carnovale)

As another season has come to a close and I look back, I can honestly say that we have had a wonderful year. This season we had 14 of our girls return from last season and had an additional 4 join our team for the start of the season. We had Alarice move up an age group and welcomed Ava, Lila and Mikayla into our club.

It was great to see the girls all get back into the swing of things and have a desire to achieve more and improve on the foundations built over the previous seasons. The season started and was rather confronting at first. In previous seasons, most of the opposition was the same age as our girls but this year, we were the bottom agers in the Under 14s. Some opponents were 2 years older than our girls. There were comments of how much bigger the opposition was but that would soon fade away and they would get on with their job. Our first 6 games were rough, whilst always trying our best and being competitive for large portions of time, we would usually find ourselves on the back foot from conceding early. 5 of those first 6 games were against the eventual top 5 of our division. However, amongst all that was our first win in of the season. It was great to hear them belt out that team song once more.

After that, we were extremely competitive. Whilst the results mostly were not in our favour, we consistently pressed the opposition and made them earn every result whilst also achieving another win and a drawer. This season was indicative of how much the girls have grown and

improved. The focus was placed on communication, moving into space and passing to teammates rather than kicking it long.

We had scored more goals and won more matches than our previous 2 seasons combined. We have won 2 games this season and earned a draw too. We also scored 13 goals. Be proud of what you have achieved girls. A massive thanks to Di who stepped in to be our team manager this season. You let me focus on coaching the girls and did a wonderful job at pulling everything together.

Thanks to all the parents, you are a valuable part of our team. From getting the girls to training and games, volunteered throughout the season as linespersons, marshals, first aid, helping out in the canteen, refereeing our games and supporting our girls from the sidelines, you have done a wonderful job. I hope everyone enjoyed playing for the U14Ds as I have enjoyed being your coach and hope you will all be back next year for an even bigger and better season.

### **Squad Members Kensington JSC Under 14D Girls:**

Samantha Bramich, Troi Delamore, Tia Rickard, Sienna Carnovale, Ava Healey, Mia Freeman, Olive Johnson, Finn Chandler, Emily Skate, Freya Ryan, Gemma Marchionna, Alarice Kamil, Alaska Di Sciascio, Asher Gordon, Lila Rust, Mikayla Kyriakopoulos, Ava-Rose Nave, Tabitha De Los Santos

### **Under 16Cs (Danie Mellas)**

This was my 2nd season here with the under 16C girls. Our season ended mid-table with 6W, 2D and 10L. As it was a very hard year as we were always looking to borrow players, we experienced a few injuries, having a core of 9 girls for each game. But it was great to see you always holding your heads high up in the air because no matter what the result was, it was obvious that you always enjoyed yourselves.

The season was off to a great start, but we were like a rollercoaster always up one week and down the next, but that did not stop us. We ended our season, and for majority of the girls their last season at Kensington Juniors, with a satisfying 2-1 win against Brunswick City.

All of us together played as one big family, together with the 16 As and Bs – in all 32 girls (including a number of girls from the U14s) helped out over the year. I am proud of all of the U16 Cs achievements for 2018, it has been an amazing year and I can't wait to see and hear what the future holds for all of you. A special mention to Peter and Andrew, who without the ultimate coaching team we wouldn't be where we are today. Find a more iconic trio, I dare you.





## Girls Under 16Bs (Andrew Hollow)

Well what a season! With just over 40 girls for three teams and many commitments being juggled by all the girls, not to mention injuries, let's just say the last 6 months have been rather busy. Juggling players to ensure we managed to field a competitive team for all 16s teams was a weekly challenge, unfortunately on the odd occasion we fell short but on the whole all the girls (and their parents) should be commended for their flexibility and their preparedness to assist their clubmates.

A huge thanks to both Danie and Peter for their assistance and teamwork as we managed the season. Thank you to Juan for coaching our keepers each week, their improvement has been there for all to see. The 16Bs managed to finish 4<sup>th</sup> with 11 wins, whilst only conceding 17 goals in 16 games (13 of those goals came in 4 games, many the coach's fault, 8 clean sheets).

We had 30 players play in the 16Bs this year with only two managing the full 16 games for the season. We welcomed Amelie, Annalise, Nada and Tika for their first seasons with Kensington, all wonderful additions. Of the regular team members, only Nada and Tika are not U16 next year ensuring a core group can play together again next year. Our girls are the loudest, most positive talking team in our competition, always assisting each other regarding position and players to mark.

To those U16s who have played their last game for the club, thank you for all your efforts. Hopefully you've formed many friendships throughout your time playing and will continue to play the beautiful game.

The girls are blessed with the wonderful support from many each year: all our linesmen (notably Ben, Louis, Julian and Brendan); our First Aid team of Blaga, Louise Aiton and Ang; Ang running training; Blaga and daughter Amy for all their delicious treats each week; and to Louise Bourke our Team Manager, thank you for the smooth running of our team and managing the coach! Finally to all the girls, thank you for all your efforts in

making training (most of the time) and match days (always). You are a joy for your coach.

## Girls Under 16As (Peter Higgs)

I started my 9<sup>th</sup> year at the Club knowing it was going to be a tough year for the Under 16s. With a few girls late in joining the team for the season and a core group of just 11 for the start of the season the whole playing group across the three teams was going to have to pull their weight. While we knew it was going to be difficult we probably didn't think it would be such a long season. Thanks to everyone involved and especially the girls who stepped up to play when they were also committed in either the Bs or the Cs especially Corrie who swapped from the Cs a number of weeks into the season. In total we had 35 girls play at least one game in the As this year including Lizzie and Miranda from the 14s who helped us out on two occasions. The weeks when we had our best team on the pitch we showed the top 4 teams that we could match them but unfortunately this year our squad just had too much else going on to be consistent enough to play finals.

This year will be the last playing with Kensington for a number of girls many of whom have played over 100 games with the Club. I wish them all the best for the future. Special mentions to Corrie and Naomi who arrived new to the Club this season and who both showed that they will make an important contribution going forward. Thanks to Andrew and Danie for helping out at training, to the supporting parents who turned up week in week out but especially to Frank for running the lines most weeks and Sujata and Keith for making sure the match book was all in order for the girls to play. Finally well done girls I'm sure you've all got some wonderful memories for the rest of your lives – it has been an absolute pleasure to watch you enjoy yourselves out on the pitch playing the beautiful game.



And thanks to our loyal supporters, just one of many shots we could have included...



## The Maloney Perpetual Cup

In 2011 the Club established an annual award to recognise the substantial contribution that Greg Maloney had made to the club since its inception in 2008. The award decided upon by the Soccer Operations Committee is made to someone within the club who has gone above and beyond their duties as a parent. It is awarded to someone who exemplifies the Kensington Club spirit and has contributed with all round sustained excellence.

### *Previous Winners*

- 2011: Maria Berry**
- 2012: David Soanes**
- 2013: Lisa Morgan**
- 2014: Fiona Parkinson**
- 2015: Denise McSweeney**
- 2016: Ray Czajko**
- 2017: Nancy Cover**
- 2018: Peter Higgs**



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## **RACISM. IT STOPS WITH ME**

### Statement of Purpose

Club purposes are to:

- be a community based junior sports club run primarily by parents for the development and enjoyment of young people;
- provide an environment that is safe, friendly and inclusive for all;
- create a culture that:
  - seeks to positively develop all players' self-esteem;
  - emphasises the primacy of learning co-operative skills within a team environment;
  - promotes a sense of good sportsmanship and respect for others;
  - ensures that participation in the Club is accessible to all regardless of gender, ability or background;
  - encourages all players to develop their sporting skills to their fullest potential;
  - promotes active, healthy living amongst young people.



Things to look out for next year ... More boys teams, a girls u8 team, regular goalie coach and more development with T3 Australia

Thanks to the City of Melbourne and SERCO for preparing the grounds most weeks especially for our Miniroos where we need the field marked up to play on every week and that the lights are working for training during the week.



**Winter's gone...Spring has Sprung... but the football season is not done!**

Our final school holiday experience of 2018 is nearly here with less than 3 weeks to the kick off of our clinics. With the weather beginning to heat up, the spring school holidays will provide perfect timing for young players to continue their football development

The Spring school holiday clinic will feature a great schedule that includes: modified small games, striker sessions & mini World Cup. We will also be handing out prizes and awards along with the final day lunch!

Also, we are excited to be running a Term 4 Weekly Training program at JJ Holland (AFL Oval) for 8 weeks. Like our School holiday experience this program is perfect for those player's interested in continuing their development throughout the off-season in preparation for the 2019 season.

Registrations are flowing in and places are limited at each program, so register today in order to not miss out!

Details are below:

**Spring School Holiday Program**

When: Wednesday the 26th of September

Time: 9am--12pm

Location: TBC (Likely JJ Holland Park)

Amount: \$49

**T3 Term 4 Program**

When: Every Wednesday starting 17th October

Time: U5-U7's: 5pm-6pm

U8-U12's: 6pm-7pm

Location: JJ Holland Park, AFL oval

Amount: \$100 - 8 week program

Registrations can be made via <http://www.t3-australia.com/programs.php>

*And finally, come and support our u11 boys in the T3 Nationals Oct 3<sup>rd</sup>&4<sup>th</sup>*