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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

The NPL competition this year is stronger, and more competitive than it was last year. As a club, this means we have to continue to strive to improve what we do and how we do it or we risk falling behind.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Janelle and Richard for their hard work throughout the year, as well as all of the volunteers, including my Board colleagues, the supporters' committee, and everyone who has helped out sorting gear, or in the canteen, or at the stadium and other grounds. The more people who help out, the more that we can all achieve. Thank you all.

I would also like to thank our principal sponsor Clive Berghofer Land Sales, Team Sponsors McDonald's Toowoomba & Lavish Constructions along with our many Club Sponsors and Club Supporters ... without whom we could not possibly continue to function as a club.

Our primary focus has remained on providing a pathway to compete at the highest level available to us. Football Queensland expect us to take a leading role in developing and fostering football in our area, and for a small club, with limited resources, that presents some significant challenges. This year I think that we have been able to manage those competing goals quite well.

We started our Skills Acquisition Program this year, and will continue to deliver that program to the next generation of talented young footballers next year. Richard and his team of coaches have been actively involved in development programs in clubs from all over the region.

This year, our second as a club, saw us compete in both the open women's and men's competitions for the first time. At both the technical and board levels, we wanted to embrace the NPL ethos of developing our players. We felt that this was an important concept if we are to have a long-term future as a club. Unlike many of our opposition clubs, we made a decision not to pay any of our senior players and our open squads are full of young players who played in the JPL program for South West Queensland.

The women have enjoyed a successful season, surprising some of their more highly fancied, and traditionally strong opponents in Brisbane. They will feature in finals football this year. We have applied for, and are confident that we will receive the licence to compete in the redesigned Womens' National Premier League which commences in 2015, with teams in the under 13, under 15, youth women and open women competitions. We are very excited about this opportunity.

The men have had a tougher time of it this year, but tasted early success in their round 1 victory in Rockhampton, only to have it taken away with the CQ Energy's licence. A personal highlight was the extra time win over Willowburn FC in the FQ Cup clash.

Our juniors have continued to shine. Once again, featured prominently at State squad trials and many represented the State at National championships.

In addition, Thunder players have been offered trials and positions with the QAS and trialled with A-League clubs. We should all be proud of these athletes and congratulate them on their achievements.

As we close the 2014 season and start preparations for 2015, I would like to call on everyone to take an active role. As a small club, we need to band together to make the most of our opportunities, and all contributions are important and appreciated. I also invite all of our athletes to enjoy a break before coming back refreshed for a new and exciting 2015 season.

Anthony Bigby

Chairman



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TECHNICAL DIRECTORS REPORT

It was without doubt a massive year for Thunder F.C and a very challenging one. We entered into the season with Senior men /Senior ladies /Youth men and Under 18s. This undertaking in terms of getting it all up and running cannot be underestimated; it was a very demanding year for everyone. Not forgetting all our Junior Girls /Boys teams, so a massive task ahead for 2014 and beyond

The senior men were basically all young players many of whom came through the system. It was a tough year but I believe great learning curve. The Coaches went beyond the call of duty to get players up to speed for what proved to be very tough competition. So well done to all our u18 led by Kris Hemmerling and Sir Alex. Youth / Men led by Dan Percy, Stevie Watt who was more than a Coach, Players Manager and Admin. One should never single out Coaches but in this instance I think Stevie Watt deserves mention as to the way he kept going with the senior team coaching / getting players / keeping them together etc was a great effort

The ladies also entered into the ladies competition with Craig Burges and Phil Franke guiding them along the way. It was a good year with the girls reaching the semi-finals of the Elaine Watson Cup and performing well in the league. Congratulations to them and to the Coaches. As well I have to mention the supporters these girls had at games, it was magic and thoroughly entertaining.

Before I get on to our junior teams we had representation at State level - U15 Girls State Team- Clarece Strudwick / U13 Boys Country Qld Team- Fletcher McDonald & Alick Gaske / U14 Boys Country Qld Team – Reiley Mason, Will Orford & Shadow Player Dan Weber. I would like to congratulate them on the efforts and expertise. You have done us proud and your achievements thus far has been noted and we are pleased for you but the road to becoming football players is not an easy one but will be rewarding .

One comment that stands in my mind over all others in all my years in junior football is when I addressed a group of young players in Wide Bay many years ago. When I asked who wanted to play for Qld etc etc a lot of hands shot up. One boy said "I just want to be a professional Football Player" Josh Brillante age 11 ----- now with Fiorentina in Serie A , so the dream for our players should be nurtured to reach their full potential

Our junior teams from u12s –u16s once again performed well and I believe the standard and the brand of football is good.

To our young boys and girls who are the future of the club I commend you on your efforts and wearing the Thunder shirt is special and rightly so. The Coaches we have at junior level are very good. The coaching at all levels in the club is improving all the time and it needs to be, the game is changing and we have to move with it. One thing that has never changed for me in football is the joy it brings to us all that will never in my eyes change. Thank you to all players, you were a joy to watch. To the Coaches/Managers etc who once again went beyond the call of duty your efforts are greatly appreciated and won't be forgotten, well not by me anyway!

So we thought we were set then the [SAP] Skills Acquisition Program appeared and we had another challenge. We had to find coaches and admin personnel to get the program up and running. So we started with one group of girls one group of boy's u10 -another group u11. Under the expert /enthusiastic guidance of Chris McLeod support by Tolly and Scotty Teakle we were up and running. Quality coaches in charge of this very important program.

This in my view is the opportunity for our young players to be technically better in all parts of the game in the years ahead

Tomorrows Success is founded on today's preparation

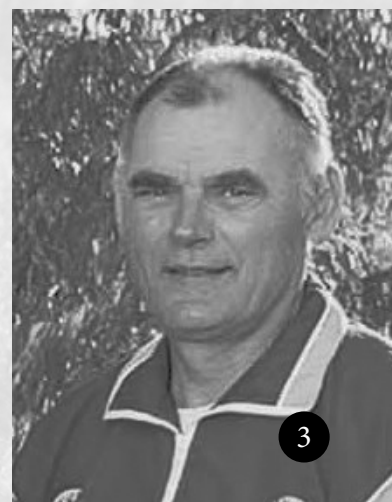
There are many people to thank but I won't go into all of them but thanks to Janelle for her support also to Anthony Bigby for his support in 2014.

If I have missed you my apologies but if you feel I have a special thanks to you. To all Coaches / Administrators / volunteers /parents and players, to my beautiful wife Marion, I thank you all sincerely for your support and your contribution to this club "Thunder F.C. a club like no other"

Train and Play the Thunder Way

Richard Mitchell
"Mr Magic"

SWQ Thunder FC
Technical Director





UNDER 12 BOYS

Coach: Chris McLeod

Assistant Coach: Doug Spinks / Callan Bailey

Manager: Sue Lister

1. MITCHELL WILLIAMS

Mitchell bravely made a career change from a defender into the crucial goalkeeping position and has not disappointed anyone. For a position that sees people mature into the role at 35.....at the tender age of 11 he has led from the back admirably with an intelligent football brain. Possessing great feet and a good passing game he has been the starting point of our attacks. More importantly, the last line of defence and courage is something he doesn't lack. A great first season for Mitchell.

2. JONATHON CROWE

Our loveable larrikin who not only entertains us off the field, but also on it. Jonny is a fearless competitor who has left a few opposing wingers prostrate on the ground this year, in addition is linked his forward forays of his own with Riley on the right hand side. He has also been Mr Versatile for us with roles in goals, wing and target man to be a great team player for the cause. Jonny has worked hard on concentration to show what a good little footballer he is when he is switched on.

3. CALLUM ATKINSON

A strong and robust defender who has an uncanny ability to read the play and break down opposition raids. He has improved his touch and distribution markedly and with further input away from the training ground in his own time and playing 1 v 1 with big brother he has all the attributes to be a great player if he believes in his ability. Callum has formed a great combination with Josh Rogers in the heart of defence.

4. JOSHUA ROGERS

When someone asks to nominate guys you want in the trenches with you when things get tough on a football field, look no further than this young man. The silent assassin has a never die attitude which is exemplified in his play every week with last ditch tackles and efforts to save goals when others would think the cause is dead. On top of this he possesses good skills and a football brain.....the complete package.....better than big brother! (that's a feat).

5. EDWARD POULTON

Mr Cool under pressure, Eduardo has been in outstanding form this year after a forgettable first 20 minutes in the NPL. Since then he has been a tower of strength on the left where nothing has gone past his post. He has a beautiful first touch to enable him to find space from defenders and his interplay with Eli on the left side has destroyed many opponents in 2014. Above all he is a thinking player who is measured and fiercely determined. Ed has added quality set pieces to his armoury as an invaluable commodity.

6. KODI BAILEY –

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The smile that never disappears will tell you how much passion this young man has for the game of football. Whenever you see Kodi you will see him with his best mate.....the football, akin to David Beckham who had a dream to play for his country. There are some areas that we will need to knock some edges off for this to occur, but when you have his attitude that is the easy part. A key man in the middle of the park who will continue to blossom.

7. RILEY SPINKS

A natural winger who has a deft touch and the ability to beat any player one on one. Whilst Riley would be the first to admit that at times he has struggled in some games with the physical nature of some contests, he has also shown that he can mix it here when he is attuned to the battle and has torn holes in opposing defences at will. Possesses a great football brain and a love of the game that sees him kicking a ball at every opportunity. So much more to come with this boy in future years.

8. CONNOR MCLEOD

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The boy that lives to play football and through harsh lessons with bigger boys in the street and front yard has had a sterling season culminating in selection in the Queensland Primary Schools team. He has an inbuilt competitive nature that has now included a slow down button to think what he is trying to achieve on the field for the team ethos and gameplay. Connors hard work on his personal game, and an understanding of those around him have enhanced his game to the next level.

9. LUKE LISTER

Our golden boot has been in tremendous form throughout the season to dominate opposing centre backs and link with his team mates from his strength on the ball. Luke has also been passionate forever with the game as shown by his high skill level and his will to play at a high competitive nature week in week out. Despite a late injury he showed great courage to display enough ability to also earn a spot in the Queensland Schoolboys team to attend the Nationals.

10. CAMERON PERCY

Cameron has come so far in 2014 with a dedication to his own personal game and the team role. He has worked hard on his distribution to compliment a fierce competitiveness that resides inside the young man to give grief to every opponent he plays against. If he continues to work on his personal skills, then the rest will fall into place when you have a thing called desire.....which can't be coached. Will find the midfield his home but can also play on the flanks from front to back.

11. ELI ADAMS

The will of the wisp who with blistering speed and a change of direction can leave any defender floundering in his path. Eli has tormented opposition this year in conjunction with Eddie and his work on taking his first touch into space has seen him glide past defenders with what seems an effortless approach. However, he like many of his counterparts have worked hard on his game to get to the level he is now at. A new found mental toughness that is still developing and a desire week in week out to be the best could see a big future for this boy.

12. JANA O PHILIP

What a revelation this young man has been after scraping into selections some 10 months ago. Through sheer hard work and desire, Janao has become one of our key defenders and just as imperative as a wingback is his strong running game forward. Forwards he confronted in the early rounds of the season certainly know a different footballer at the back end of the season when they face up. Success through hard work is never more true here from Janao.

13. PRASIDDHA PAUDYAL

Bushy has the fastest feet in the west and a mesmerising shimmy that has left many opponents running the wrong way at ease. A beautiful first touch on both sides of his body and a deft passing game that can unhinge any defensive line. He now has the foundation tools to be a super player but must now work hard on his movement beyond 5 metres and longevity in the game for longer periods. With this element added to his game he will develop into our next little Messi.....through hard work and desire.

14. SAM NOYE

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Snowie as he is affectionately known as is the perfect team man. Always a smile and a keen learner of the game he has shown an ability to adapt to different positions and situations to compliment the team. From defence to mid park and on to target man he has done all roles with aplomb. With further work under pressure the decision making process will become more automatic to showcase the skills that Sam possesses and a hard nosed edge that sees opponents looking over their shoulder is already there.

14. ALEX MUNSTER

Alex is another of our bloomers in 2014, with the longer the season has gone, the better and better he has become. Possessing natural athleticism and the ability to leave a defender in his wake, he has worked hard to understand his role on the wing and team combinations with those around him. Added to this is an improvement in his defensive armoury to become a very good footballer. With continued gameplay and work on his options in the last third he will cause many headaches to defenders in years to come.

It is very easy to coach players who have displayed so much passion and desire from the opening trials. In fact the hardest part is leaving players out, but through adversity those who want it the most achieve in the long term. The desire of these boys was there from the first kick of the season and they soon believed that they are as good if not better than anyone they play against. This has been evident in many of their performances this season with some beautiful football. Whilst the building blocks of technique have been the primary focus, their following of the game away from training has seen many formidable combinations develop. Most of all they are all good mates which lends itself to a team environment. My thanks to the boys for making coaching so enjoyable with 15 beautiful characters who are all great little footballers.

Sincere thanks to my right hand man Doug Spinks. For those that don't know Doug, he is a family man that doesn't speak about values of sincerity, honesty, strong relationships and commitment.....he lives it with every action on and off the field. A man with great football knowledge to boot that wants boys to be the best they can at every outing. To Cal Bailey whose assistance has been invaluable with the boys and the sessions, many hands make light work and here is a man who has made a significant contribution to the team's success. Sue Lister, what words can be used with a lady who is always one step ahead of the coaching staff. I can only describe her contribution as flawless, professional and nothing that is never too hard to do for the team. Thanks again manager. Finally to the parent group who have let us get on with the job of developing young men and young footballers, your support on the sidelines and positive behaviours and support of the troops and us is immeasurable. Cheers for a wonderful 2014 season to the future of the Thunder Football Club.....U/12 NPL !

Chris McLeod





UNDER13 BOYS

Coach: Jason Hall

Assistant Coach: Sean McDonald

Manager: Gary Lenkeit

1. BEN WOOD

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In his first full year playing in the NPL, Ben has shown his lightning reflexes between the posts and commitment when under attack. He is a good communicator who is willing to play as a sweeping keeper. Big things to come for this young goalkeeper.

2. ALICK GASKE

A highly successful first year in the NPL, culminating in Queensland Country selection. Alick has the ability to play in all positions on the park, and always gives 100%. He is a great utility player and is a pleasure to coach.

3. DYLAN LEGGETT

New to the Thunder family this year, Dylan brought a strong defensive game, as well as some good attacking play. Dylan was successfully identified as a potential Queensland player of the future.

4. LOGAN HENNESSEY

A great season in 2014 for Logan, where he solidified his role at #6 with strong performances in all games. He is calm on the ball with a high level of fitness.

5. DALE LENKEIT

Our "rock" in the centre of defence. Dale has shown his ability to defend as well as his eagerness to attack and take the ball forward. Scored his first goal in the NPL this year.

6. ETHAN LUNN

SPONSORED BY FK GARDNER & SONS

Another newcomer to SWQ Thunder this year, Ethan is a versatile left footer who can play in defensive and attacking roles. He reads the game well, and can quickly transition from defence to attack.

7. FLETCHER MCDONALD

SPONSORED BY HUTCHINSON BUILDERS

A highly successful year for Fletcher culminating in Queensland Country selection. He is a sensational #10 with great determination, skill and vision. Fletcher always gives 100% in training and games and is a pleasure to coach.

8. RILEY HARM

Riley is a good utility player who has the ability to play in defence, midfield and attack. Injury has marred his season but his commitment to the team has never wavered. He is a pleasure to have in the group.

9. WILFRID PHILLIP

Technically a highly skilled dribbler of the ball with speed to burn. Wilfrid has caused headaches all season down our left flank and was focussed all season at training. Higher honours are just around the corner.

10. LOCHIE TOLPUTT

SPONSORED BY AMBROSE BUILDING PTY LTD

Tolly is a very strong and fast player with a great football brain. He has performed exceptionally well in his first year of NPL. His match day maturity and understanding of the game is as good as anyone in the competition.

11. HARRY ERBACHER

SPONSORED BY TERMI HOME & COMMERCIAL

A big heart, with a big motor, Harry can run all day at #9. Harry's game has improved more than any other player in the squad over the season. He always gives 100% on and off the field and is a pleasure to coach.

12. CORMAC MCCARTHY

SPONSORED BY QUEENSLAND NITRATES

First year with the SWQ Thunder and Cormac was successfully identified as a potential Queensland player of the future. He is very aggressive in attack and is always creating chances on the right flank or at striker.

13. KY SMITH

Always reliable at right back, Ky is an intelligent defender who can handle all attackers. He is fully committed at training and has been a pleasure to coach this year.

14. JAKE SLOAN

Strong displays this year in defence, both out wide and in the central role. Jake has the ability to play out wide in attack as well, with good control of the ball with either foot.

15. ZANE HALL

Strong play in midfield all season, Zane's natural aggression has caused many opponents trouble in 2014. Zane has the ability to "Step Up" when needed in both defence and attack.





UNDER 13 GIRLS

Coach: Shane Hogan (Schultz)

Assistant Coach: Tony Maiore

Manager: Jen Thornton, Kristi Scofield, Tanya Hogan

We've inherited a good side from last year's young U13 girl's team and we've been lucky not to have too many injuries over the season. Our early rounds were all about settling in and understanding positions that suited everyone. We started the season without a recognised Goal Keeper. We take this opportunity to thank those girls who selflessly volunteered. This was much appreciated. The subsequent matches showed the sides improvement on the score board. The girls are really hitting their stride now as they've shown how competitive they can be. It has been a pleasure working with these girls and thanks to the parents for their commitment. We wish the girls all the best in their future development and hope they continue to enjoy the game.

1. LILLI BORWICK

(CAPTAIN - AWESOME GOAL KEEPER)

Lilli is our fearless Goalkeeper who makes the 18 yard box her domain and has loads of experience. Lilli missed a handful of rounds early in the season and what a difference she made to our team. Thanks Lilli and good luck in all your future endeavours.

2. ZOE BROWN

(ATTACKING RIGHT BACK)

SPONSORED BY DENTAL ELEGANCE

Zoe is a hard worker who has had a consistent season. She has shown signs of playing out and produced penetrating runs. Nice Work Zoe, you have proven yourself to be a very capable player with a positive attitude.

3. KIRRALEE BRONKHURST

(RIGHT WING)

Kirralee played in the backs the season previous, however this season she has become accustomed to her roll on the wing. She has shown improvement and a willingness to take on the opposing player with pace and footwork. Well done Kirralee you have had a fantastic season.

5. MEGAN STEPHENS

(CENTRE MID)

SPONSORED BY COUNTRY DESIGN & PRINT

Megan previously played left back and has slotted into the midfield quite well. Megan consistently trained hard, played hard. She has the ability to keep quality players under wraps and was the engine room of the midfield. It's a credit to you Megan travelling long distances to train each week.

6. DANIELLE JEFFCOAT

(MID FIELD/LEFT BACK)

AND

9. TAYLAH BULLEN

(MID FIELD)

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We have paired these two girls together because as early as round 12 they have shown composure and perception linking up and playing out. This has been a delight to watch. Keep working hard girls. Individually you have shown much improvement and have the ability to play soccer and play well.

7. NINA GRANT

(LEFT ATTACKING BACK)

Nina started the season in the forwards but found herself at left back which was a good call by the assistant coach. Nina also produced penetrating runs and oozes flair, has great foot skills and will be a player to watch in the future. Well done Nina.

8. SOPHIE THORNTON

Sophie brings a lot of energy and experience into our side. She has loads of talent and adds a spark to training and matches. Sophie is capable of playing any position on the field and is willing to fit in where needed. Keep up the great work Sophie!!

10. STEFFANI WILSON

(STRIKER)

Steff is a very capable player and could play any position on the park including goal keeper and will do a good job. She has a very powerful kick and anywhere around the 18 yard box is potentially a goal. Steff lives and breathes football!

11. JESSICA HOGAN

(LEFT WING - THE BABY OF THE TEAM)

This is Jess's first year on the big field as well as NPL. Jess has shown much improvement with her first touch, 1V1's and overall techniques. Jess has worked hard, has a positive attitude and has even managed to score a couple of goals. Jess has footy boots and ballet shoes in the cupboard. Good work twinkle toes.

#12 TESSA SCOFIELD

(CENTRE FORWARD MID)

Tessa is a dynamo, wind her up and watch her go. Tess has great speed and is exciting to watch. Tessa scored goals at centre forward and in the midfield. Tessa proves a handful for most backlines because they just cannot catch her. Tessa also plays Touch football. Great season Tess.

#13 CLAUDIA MAIORE

(CENTRE LEFT BACK)

Claudia is a very capable player who has plenty of potential. This season Claudia has shut down numerous counter-attacks with her speed and strength. Claudia has great stamina and has shown much improvement on her defending skills. Well done!





UNDER 14 BOYS

Coach: Bruce Matthews

Assistant Coach: Glenn Parish

Manager: Kerry Weber

1. REILEY MASON

GOALKEEPER

Maturing goalkeeper who has improved his awareness and delivery from the back. Season complimented this year by selection in Qld Country team, invitations to QAS and the AIS.

2. TOM FRASLE - RIGHT STRIKER

Competent shadow player from 2013 on debut this year in the top 15. Developing in his trade well. Coachable young man who regularly seeks instruction and is eager to learn.

4. JORDAN HOWARD

MIDFIELDER/CENTRE BACK

Game changer. Put in performances this year which the team built on and gained momentum. A dream to coach and with his big ticker provides enormous value to the team

5. LACHLAN MATTHEWS

LEFT BACK/CENTRE BACK

Transitioned well into CB position on occasions this season. At times showed a more mature understanding of the game with some great overlapping runs and support to the front. Improved his passing and decision making this year. Delivered some quality balls into the strike zone.

6. AUSTIN REID

RIGHT BACK/MIDFIELDER

Captain of the squad and a fine leader. Has a technical understanding of the game and a regular contributor to second half team improvement. Versatile player in midfield or defence.

7. LUKE DOUGLAS

STRIKER

Competent striker with a deceptive ability to successfully contest the ball and transition the team in attack. Has improved on last year with some solid performances also in the #10 position.

8. RILEY COKER

MIDFIELDER/CENTRE BACK

Solid consistent performer with a massive work rate. Has provided a foundation in his role as the #6 and his support play is second to none. Another one of the most coachable young men in the squad.

9. DANNY WEBER

STRIKER

SPONSORED BY HOMESTYLE BAKERY

Reliable goal scorer in the #9 position. Leads by example and at times is instrumental in winning the ball in the opposition half. Has developed his transitional game well this year. Rewarded with shadow selection for Qld country.

10. WILL ORFORD

#10

Creative player with some solid performances throughout the year, both in his support role to the front men and converting his own opportunities. Rewarded with State Country selection.

11. JOE SCOTT

LEFT STRIKER

*SPONSORED BY JACQUELINE SCOTT
PHYSIOTHERAPY*

Strong left striker. Fine toucher of the ball who has improved his decision making with quality passing combinations up front. Recurring foot injury no doubt stopped him from reaching full potential this year and probable selection at a higher level.

12. HEINRICH HOLLANDER

Improved performer making his presence felt on the left side. Capable in attack or defence, one of the better transitional players in the squad.

13. RILEY LOBWEIN

CENTRE BACK

SPONSORED BY THE OPEN RANGE

Strong defender adept at winning possession. Brilliant in cover defence. Has significantly improved his delivery to and use of adjusting midfielders this season. Fine runner of the ball when opportunities presence. Some solid performances in a midfield role during the season.

14. BRADY MASON - CENTRE BACK

Much improved gatekeeper in the #4 position. Like his CB partner, has adjusted his game to make full use of midfield support players and continued his reliable cover defence role.

15. JUSTIN MCCALL

RIGHT STRIKER/ RIGHT BACK

Also a debutante in the squad this year. With a blistering turn of pace, this young man worked hard on his finer skills of the game, improving his touch and striking of the ball. Adapted well into a defensive role, improving his understanding of the game. Diligent in his efforts this season.

16. BRANDON DIXON

LEFT/RIGHT BACK

Another consistent and determined player, who stepped up to many challenges. With some brilliantly timed runs, added another dimension to the teams attacking grunt. Good striker of the ball.





UNDER 15 BOYS

Coach: Chris McLeod

Assistant Coach: Nigel Fanning

Assistant Coach / Manager: Sue Watts



1. ALEX FIRMAN

Alex has continued to grow in stature to organise those in front of him and command the last line of defence. He has continued to make the arduous drive from Kingaroy to Toowoomba to pursue his passion of playing football at the highest level. He is a young man who has earned the respect of the whole squad for his dedication and disciplines to the game.

2. JOSHUA FANNING

The pocket rocket has grown another level this year to become one of our most prized assets. Week in week out he has destroyed opposition defensive lines to find spaces and thread passes to those in the front third. He has never shirked his defensive duties to become a very complete player. All of this combined with 5 weeks in Germany, where he was identified by Bundesliga 1 club Hoffenheim has made 2014 a great year for the wee man.

3. CHRIS TATE

A young man who does so much for so many away from the game. In fact it is these traits that sometimes have held Chris back this year as a nice young man who needs to unearth some anger and competitive lines to fulfil his skill base and physique. A great team man who is well liked by all his team mates for his unselfish attitude and commitment to the team cause. There are certainly more accolades around the corner for the Taitster.

4. THOMAS WHITE

The versatile Tank has been a major strength all over the field from centre back to target man. Tom has continued to work on aspects of his game to be an invaluable member of the squad. Despite what he may lack in explosive pace he makes up with an innate ability to read the game and deliver quality possession to those further afield. We are still to see the best of this young man as he matures into a man that has a deep competitive streak.

5. NOAH JACHMANN

Noah made his debut in higher companies last year and has now become a permanent fixture in the vital role of left wingback. He has provided a vital go forward in combination with his left wing partners to be a thorn in the opposing team's side. Noah is a natural athlete who has a big future if he works hard away from team training and becomes more consistent and disciplined in his defensive duties. Great 2014 season.

6. JORDAN TUCKER

If anyone could kick a ball and play football 7 days a week if they were allowed it would be Jordan. Without doubt he has become the best right wingback in the competition with defensive displays which belie his stature. He has now worked extremely hard on his role in the front third to contribute in assists and goal scoring. Jordan capped off a magnificent season with a call up to the Queensland U/15 selections. Superb attitude that is infectious to his teammates. expects to be the ones who do not arrive on time. This one is for you Sue ;).

7. CHARLES MILLER

If everyone possessed the same drive and desire of Charles Miller then there would not be too many games of football you would lose in a season. Every week there is that fierce competitive nature that opposing players dread to play against, knowing that they are in for a torrid encounter. He has filled a variety of roles this year from his favoured wing position to an electric attacking midfield role to see him on the ball more often. It has been a fantastic season for Charles where he has set the team standards on and off the field.

8. LLEYTON GALLEGOS

The fact that Lleyton did not have to spend some 15 hours in a car every week certainly has seen him more refreshed and better prepared for the week in week out grind of NPL. He has certainly matured in his midfield role to now start what he promised years ago.....a young player who could grab the game by the throat and dictate proceedings to establish control for his team. His commitment is now backed up by a very real physical presence in mid-park.

9. CHRIS MCCARTHY

Chris in his second season of striker has developed a real sense for goal scoring and providing quality second phase balls to his support players. The combination of resilience and a brilliant work ethic he has grown into a target man that proves problematic to opposing defences. A strong runner blessed with pace he has improved his percentages in front of goal to continue his apprenticeship up front as a successful transition.

10. MITCHELL MCLEOD

Has started to fulfil the promise as one of the most technically gifted players in the team. Mitchell has the ability to control the midfield with a range of passing on both sides of the body which many senior players would kill for. He does know however that having turned the corner with the physical component of his game he needs to work even harder to contribute even more on match days to turn in match winning performances. Should be better than his old man who was quality in his day!

11. NOAH BRAZIER

One only has to look at Noah's performances in the second half of the season to see how he has improved as a player and a young man. With this new found maturity and awareness of his role in the team environment he is playing the best football of his short representative career. A self-belief that he can compete with the best player's week in week out means that he is competing for 80 minutes every game and not 40 as in 2013. It has been a great back end to the season due to a new attitude to life and football.

12. BAILEY SALISBURY

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Has again commanded the defensive line to continue to blossom into not only a defensive entity but also as an outlet of attack from the backline. Bailey has grown to understand his role and when to go forward and when to lock up the defensive line to become one of the most reliable team members this season. He travelled to Germany for 5 weeks working in elite company at a professional club mid year.

13. THOMAS HAYNES

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Made a great start to the season with a man of the match performance in goals against the Palm Beach boys. A young man who has so much potential that is yet to be reached. Tom has shown form that can only be described as inconsistent this year and now needs to become a player that wants to perform to his unquestionable talent week in week out. Only time will tell that the player of immense potential that I know can reach his prime.....only one young man can answer that!

14. EMMANUEL PHILIP

Your captain has to be reliable, honest, respected and work harder than anyone else in the team in the quest for team success. They have to have desire, passion for the game and a love for what they do....., look no further than Emmanuel. What a player and what an incredible young man as a person. The reason this team has been so successful in 2014 is in no small means to this man. Composed and tough in the same sentence, Emmanuel is a player of immense talent.

15. KARL SPIERLING

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A young man whose desire to make this team has seen him work extensively on areas of deficiency in the off season. The result was being rewarded with a Thunder shirt and he has not disappointed anyone. Karl will be a late bloomer of the game and the lessons he is learning now in physical and tactical awareness will hold him in great stead in future years. Has scored some key goals in the season and ticked some goals set in 2013, which is a credit to him.

16. LUKE MANASSERO

If anyone deserved a spot in NPL due to persistence and hard work it is this young man. Despite Luke being Luke sometimes and being a million miles away, he is a young man who I have unbelievable respect for. His work ethic and attitude is unsurpassed to become the player he is today. Tactically, still very much learning his trade, his thirst to learn and become better every week is why we love coaching men like this. Will become a great player for the club.....and be better than his father who was quality in his day!

SUE WATTS AND NIGEL FANNING

Again in 2014 the off field team has had to be just as versatile and practical as they were in 2013 with many business, work and personal commitments for all three of us. It is here that I thank the parents and players for their understanding to the operations that took place in 2014. The fact that if one of us was away then the other 2 could step in and not miss a beat is testimony to the talents of Nigel and Sue. Both highly motivated and passionate coaches working basically as volunteers to ensure that these young men become the best they can on and off the field. Loyalty, sincerity and professionalism are traits that any head coach looks for in their support staff and in these two quality people we have it in spades. To our team sponsor in Mark and Heidi Ward, you are more than a valued sponsor; you are a friend to the team and us as coaches, thanks for your belief in the boys who have done you proud with your logo on their chests. Finally to Richard Mitchell for his ongoing support, friendship and understanding of the game here and beyond, we are extremely lucky to have a man of his experience at the helm of football operations in SWQ.

Yours sincerely

Chris McLeod

NPL U/15 Coach (one of 3!)





UNDER 15 GIRLS

Coach: Anthony Bigby

Assistant Coach: Catherine Moon

This year saw the combination of the under 14 and under 15 ages for the first time. Despite many new faces, and the blended ages, the girls came together as a group well.

We had a tough year, with injuries, illness and restricted availability of some players meaning that we often found it tough to have more than 11 girls available to play. With over 20 rounds complete, we have only had all players available once, and have played more games with 11 or less than we have with 12 or more.

To their credit, the girls never gave up and never stopped believing in themselves. By the end of the season, we were capable of beating any team in the competition.

Three of the girls were invited to trial with the State team, with Katie named as a shadow and Clarece not only making the team, but named as Queensland's player of the tournament and invited to trial with the young Matildas.

KATIE JAMES

Katie has continued to work hard this year. She is an exciting and inspirational player who always gives her all. One of our captains this year, Katie also got an opportunity to keep for the QAS when they came to Toowoomba.

LAURA GRAY

Laura is another newcomer to the club, joining us from Wide Bay. A talented player, Laura is equally comfortable, and dangerous, in defence, the midfield or in the forward line. Our top goal scorer, Laura can always be counted on to create something out of nothing.

CLARECE STRUDWICK

Struds is a great player who has worked hard to make the opportunities for herself. Clarece is capable of turning players twice her size and always creates space for herself. A quality player, she can hold up the ball, run it, or put through the killer pass when needed.

CAITLIN SCHAUMANN

Scheuey is another opportunistic goal scorer who keeps defenders hopping. A hard worker at training and during games, Caitie has the ability to get herself where she needs to be, and link up with the players around her.

MEG KILLEN

Meg is another central defender, and is also solid on the ball. Meg is always committed and links well with the players around her.

MADDY ROSS

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Maddy is always there to quickly turn defence into attack and doesn't hold back. Fast and strong on the ball, Maddy defends strongly and can find the player, or the net.

DANIELLE BIGBY

SPONSORED BY 5FBC DARLING DOWNS

Biggles is the third member of our leadership group and provided organisation on the field and lead by example. Danielle is calm and comfortable on the ball and her clinical long-range shooting put her in contention for top goal scorer.

SARAH HAACK

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Sarah is another new face this year and has impressed with her commitment and work ethic. Sarah is always keen to mix it with opponents and always wants the ball. Often attracting multiple defenders, Sarah is always a handful for defenders.

AMBER MOON-BURGESS

Amber was new to the NPL this year, and has really stepped up to the mark as a central defender. She has worked hard at training and during matches. Solid as rock one-on-one, Amber has often made the difference when it counted.

GRACE BLOOMFIELD

Grace is one of our younger girls, who made the left back role her own. Athletic and skilful, Grace has always put everything in, and is always quick with a smile.

ELLA WHISH

Ella is another of our team captains and one of our hardest workers, both in the forward line and in defence. Ella can always be counted on to win the ball under pressure and deliver a pass where it is needed.

SALLY CARROLL

Sally can hold up or run the football well and tackle strongly when needed. When things get tough, Sally can be counted on to dig deep and put in for the team. Sal trains hard and is always ready to work hard.

LILLI BORWICK

Lilli found out the hard way how Townsville in summer is different to Toowoomba in winter. Lilli has provided us with another option in goal, where she has stood tall. Lilli has also worked hard on the field, either defending or in midfield.

NICOLA PINNINGTON

Nicola proved to be a quiet achiever and goal sneak. Able to help out midfield when needed, Nicola could be counted on to be in position where and when needed.





UNDER 16 BOYS

Coach: Scott Teakle

Assistant Coach: Andrew Tolputt

Manager: Sue Lister

1. PIERCE CLARK

A keeper who has brilliant feet who is more than comfortable taking on an attacker in a 1v1 situation. Pierce is a very solid keeper who I have great confidence in to deal with most circumstances that are presented to him. He is quite competent in playing out, but also has the ability to identify an attacking opportunity further up the park quickly if required. Pierce is a pleasure to coach and quite quick witted and provides plenty of laughs.

2. LACHLAN ATKINSON

Ever reliable captain who has been given the opportunity to play further up the park this season. Lachlan leads by example, and provides the team with a lot of drive on the field. He is very strong defensively in 1v1 situations, very rarely losing a tackle. Lachy always endeavours to carry out instructions on the field, however is just as happy to argue the point during training.

3. CHRIS WALL

A quiet achiever in the team, who just goes about his roles within the team with no fanfare. Chris has been asked to make the adjustments from centre midfielder when he first joined the team, to centre back last season, and now to the wide back position. He is still to realise the potential affect that he could have in attack in games. Chris has worked hard to prove himself at this level, and I hope that he continues in his rise in improving his game.

4. JARROD OTT

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If I asked a player to run through a brick wall, Jarrod would be the one to try without question. His love for the game and his desire to play cannot be questioned, to the point that he would try to make himself available to play despite his injury. Jarrod will back himself to beat any player in a 1v1 situation anywhere on the field, and takes it personally when beaten by an opponent.

5. BEAU QUINLAN

The one player who can leave me speechless. Beau shows the greatest of endeavour every time he takes the field, either in training or games. He aims to please and carry out any instructions that are given to him, and regularly seeks feedback on his performances. Beau also has made the transition from being an attacking player to a defender, and still has plenty to learn, however I think he has the ability to improve still if he continues to apply himself.

7. JOEL THORNTON

The most versatile of players with a great first touch, I have utilised Joel in the backs, midfield and as our target player throughout the season. Joel is an imposing figure on the field and continues to prove as a calm player when on the ball. He is competent in all facets of the game (maybe shooting needs some work) and is willing to test his skills against any opponent. With an improved attitude this season he has shown that he has the ability to be a player of great stature within the game in seasons to come.

8. NYKODAH SMITH

Our marquee transfer for the season. Nykodah has shown his quality in front of goal this season, and his desire to score at every opportunity that presents itself to him. In addition to his goal scoring ability, Nykodah possesses great all-round skills and has great strength to create time and space for himself.

9. JACK LIDDELOW

The glue that holds the team together, rarely steals the headlines, but always doing the little things to help the team. Jack is quite a versatile player who gives his all whenever he plays. He has popped up for a few goals throughout the season despite predominately playing in the defensive midfield role.

10. TRAVIS STARK

Re-joined the squad after a few seasons of playing in the local league, and showed that he still had great vision when in possession of the ball. He also provided a goal scoring threat from the midfield. Trav, while a natural when in possession, had a tendency to be a little lazy in defence, however during the season he proved that he had the desire and can defend or shut down opponents when in the midfield.

11. CAMERON DARCY

An enigma. When Cam puts his mind to the task is an unbelievable talent, he has great positional awareness, offers good options in attack, and reads the play very well. I have said during the season that Cam is a barometer of the team, when he is switched on the whole team is switched on.

12 . DANIEL ASH

A gifted player who looks comfortable where ever he plays on the field. Attitude is always spot on and is very much a team player. Unfortunately Dan has suffered with injury and illness throughout the two seasons that I have coached him, but his class is undeniable. Dan can produce the subtlest of passes as well as spectacular shooting. His skills will see him become an undoubtable talent in years to come, and I hope to see him to continue to rise through the ranks of the Thunder.

13. JAKE TOLPUTT

Made a huge transition this season from playing local football to playing in the NPL, and the difference I see in the player now from when we started is huge. Jake was always a solid defender, but now is a lot more confident on the ball and is capable of maintaining possession with short passes, has the ability to create an overload in central areas and assist his fellow teammates via great positioning on his behalf.

14. KYLE PARISH

The heartbeat of the team. A player that has really come of age within the team, and always shows up with the right attitude (training and games). Kyle is more than capable in the four core skills of the game; he involves himself in every little facet of the game, and will never walk off the field wondering. Maybe sometimes he walks a fine line in the aggression side of his game, and maybe needs to learn that actions are louder than words on the paddock. He and Jack have formed a formidable partnership in the centre of midfield, and once their combination clicked we started to dominate the midfield battles.

16 . TOM LISTER

Give Tom a task, and he will endeavour to carry it out to the letter. He will always try to put into action, what we have practiced at training during the week. This season Tom has been challenged to learn a new position for the team, and during the last few rounds of the season he has shown that he has been able to adapt to playing on the wing with some very strong performances. Tom's attitude is always great; both on the training paddock and on match day, a team full of boys with Tom's attitude and endeavour would be a dream situation. I hope to see Tom continue his growth in the game through the senior ranks.

Time flies when you're having fun.

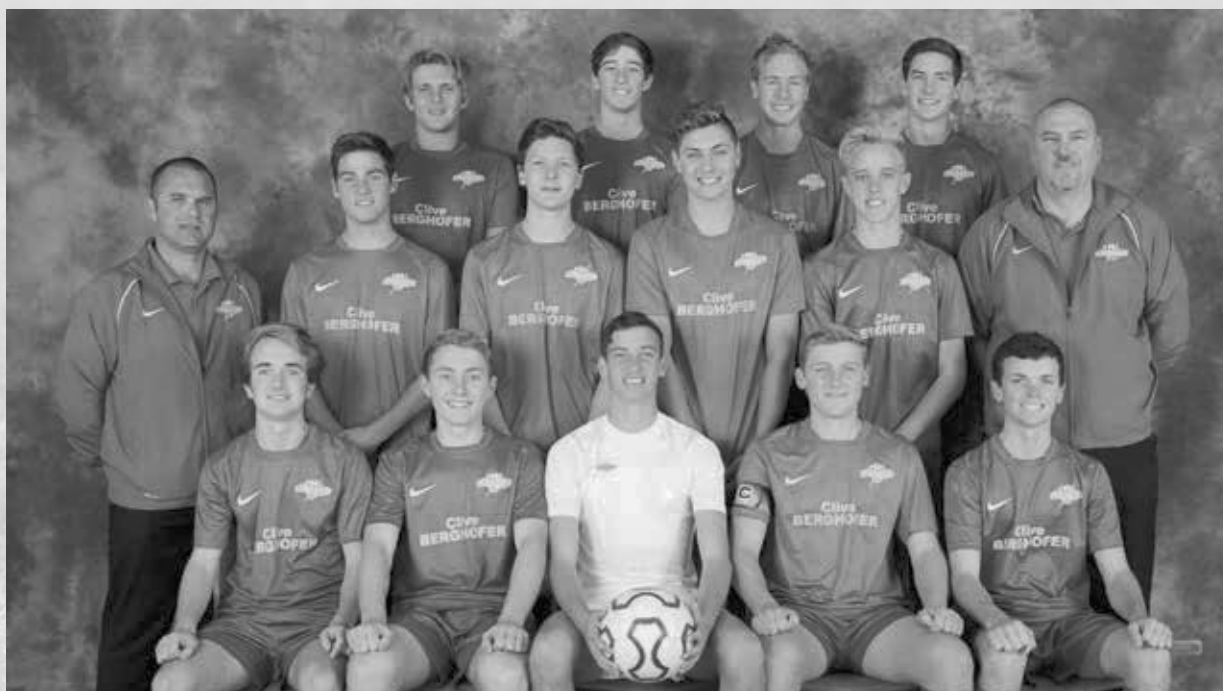
In short that is the best way to describe this season with the under 16 boys. There have been plenty of highlights during the year, as well as a couple of disappointments. It may have taken 2 years, but to see this group play a style of football that is pleasant to watch, as well as prove, that they are more than competitive against all other teams, this very satisfying. The team has a self confidence in themselves that I have seen grow in the time I have been coaching them, where they now believe that they are a genuine chance every time they enter the field.

We started the new season with the basis of a team that had been together for a few years, with the welcomed additions of Nykodah Smith, Travis Stark and Jake Tolputt for 2014, as well as Andrew Tolputt as the Assistant Coach. Also we did not suffer the terrible run of injuries that plagued the previous season, and therefore had a greater continuity in what we were trying to achieve.

I wish the boys the best of luck now that they have finished the junior part of their footballing lives and embark on the senior competitions. Recognition needs to be given to Lachlan Atkinson, Joel Thornton, Cameron Darcy, Kyle Parish, Daniel Ash and Tom Lister who have played every season in a version of the premier leagues since they were under 12. As well as a special thank you to Sue Lister, the manager of all managers, who keeps myself and the players in line, and ensures that I do what I am supposed to.

Scott Teakle

Thunder Under 16 Coach





UNDER 18 YOUTH TEAM

Coach: Kris Hemmerling

Assistant Coach: Serge Bertrand Kodja Djonou

Manager: Jesse Soric / Greg Kiepe

This season has been tough but very rewarding for all. The Team were very competitive in all games we played this season. All the boys were amazingly committed, with most playing all games and not missing training. The improvement in all is recognisable and I'm sure these players will continue moving forward in their football careers. Remember, most of these boys are playing up in this age group. I feel very lucky to have met and coached these boys, and wish them all the best with their futures, which ever way they decide to go, hopefully with the Thunder!!!! Special thanks to Serge for his help and input, kept us entertained with the warm ups. To Jesse for helping on match day.... I knew I only had to worry about the players on game day. Nik for helping out at training with the goalkeepers and Greg for his assistance also.

1. JAYDEN FORMOSA

This is....shhh. Love it mate, best keeper around. This guy got smashed from pillar to post. Still turns up for more. Best keeper in the competition and passion to boot.

2. AYMAN KHAMIS

The craziest running style ever. But it works. Good defender, never gives up and would have loved him around a bit more as he has an infective personality. Fantastic guy and would love to see him back next year.

3. HARRY SORIC

Well, Harry. You have this year started to show what you're all about. One of the best players I've ever coached. Great wing back with speed, energy and ball skills. Not many get the better of you and when you're involved with the play it generally gets to where we want to go.

4. BRENDAN CRAWFORD

I can honestly say the big improver. Has learnt a lot, and is really holding his own. Does a great job as holding mid. Well done Brendan.

6. DAVID DANIEL

Is as hot and cold as summer and winter. Can do some amazing things. Got the winning goal in the win over QAS. I wanted him to be a little harder at the beginning of the year, we achieved that and then some. Classy player.

7. MITCHELL KEIPE

The older brother in the team. Played some outstanding football this season, including the goal of the season on the windy day against City. Loved having Mitch around, no more nutmegs.

8. JACKSON FRANKE

Jackson dictated and ran our mids. Led the team with his killer pass and change of direction. Always gives his all. Jackson's a terrific man.

9. WILL KIERS

Will would love to be striker but is a quality defender. Scored a cracking header, and defends like the pros. Most of our play starts at his feet. Loves to play, and will play two games a day most weekends.

10. WADE HALL

Great when he chooses when to dribble and when to pass... Look out. His got a great passing range, and I'm not sure he realises how good it is.

11. EZIKEA PINGIDI

One of the nicest guys you will meet. Due to circumstances Ezzy missed a lot of training and if he could train with consistency he could be a great improver.. But best at wing back. Love him to come back next year with your car.

12. SAM GRAY

Should have been a dancer. Has fast enough feet. Unstoppable on the wing, and learning the 10" position well. Great player. Also travels long distance to never miss training or games. Thanks Dad.

14. KEEGAN DIXON

The most agile player in the team, just watch him stretch!!! lol Not much to Dicko but is as strong as an ox, never ceases to amaze with his defence. Has a missile boot, just needs to trust himself to get higher in attack....yeah yeah I know it's tiring



CLUB SUPPORTERS





YOUTH MEN

Coach: Dan Percy

This football season has been long and difficult for the SWQ Thunder Youth Team, with a few successes thrown in to keep us going. The team was selected by Chris Watt, Richard Mitchell and myself to play in conjunction with the Inaugural SWQ Thunder Mens Team.

As the reserve squad for the Men's team many players were required to fill in, back up or in some cases remain with the Men's team causing many new faces every week to be filling up our Youth bench.

This proved to be a positive learning experience in many ways with lots of players being asked to step up to higher levels during the year but created difficulties in sustaining a united Youth team throughout the season.

For the players that were there for me week in and week out, I thank you for your commitment, tenacity and belief in yourselves and your team. Without these team lynch pins we would not have seen the several football successes that made it all worth while.

We came away with a comprehensive win verse Western Pride, a draw verse Brisbane Strikers and a couple of close score lines verse Palm Beach Sharks and Moreton Bay Jets.

A big thank you must go out to the SWQ Thunder U/18

team who unhesitatingly filled in to assist on match days. The support from the SWQ Men's players was also appreciated.

Thanks also needs to be given to the several managers that assisted me on game days both home and away when they were able.

As a coach I valued the chance to watch and assist in player growth as they strived to step up to a higher level of competition. I am proud of the effort that the players of the Youth team have displayed this season and look forward to having them all return next year to continue strengthening the SWQ Thunder club with their skill and love of football.

Dan Percy

With Thanks
Your Coach
Dan Percy







OPEN MEN

Coach: Chris Watt

Assistant Coach: Dan Percy, Scott Teakle

This year 2014, saw the first year in which the Thunder was involved in NPL Open Men's Football in Queensland. We soon understood right from the very start that the team was going to be very young, and that they were. How they have handled themselves both on and off the park is a true credit to the club, it shows how much determination has been ingrained into the players from a very young age. I would like to thank the players, previous coaches and parents who have ingrained that "never give up attitude, no matter what".

To say in a general comment that we were outgunned overall by speed, technical ability and physically stronger men with years of football knowledge and experience is an understatement. This however did not deter us from turning up each week with sheer determination to win and be a better team. In our very first game away, we won, and it was like winning a Grand Final, this result was subsequently taken away from us from the withdrawal of CQ. As a team we soon understood from this game onwards the absolute quality teams we were playing against in the NPL Opens men's competition week in week out with no respite. We were a team put together by the best players available no matter what age they were, playing against fully paid semi professionals and ex professionals, it was so exciting to be involved in such a high standard competition with some of the best players and teams in the state.

The Thunder topside saw no less than 31 players play and get a feel what it is like to play NPL Men's football, this year saw 9 players from the 2013 Thunder 16's get a debut in the team, Kaleb Moon-Burgess, Ryan Ensor, Harry Scott, Jacob Bigby, Alex Eelkema, Ben Watt, Anthony Grant, Lachlan Percy with Ensor, Watt, Bigby, Scott, Eelkema and Grant being regular starters in the team. All our U/17 players were thrown in the deep end to say the least, some would argue that they were not physically ready, and to that comment I would have to agree, but in looking back under the exact same circumstances I would have started with more younger lads from the outset, even if the only reason was to look at our future. As a coach I will always remember the way the players toiled and performed against seasoned pros, it was absolutely brilliant to watch week in and week out through out the season, a season that has gone so quick. I would like to give a special thanks to the older boys in the squad for their continued positive support of the young lads and their appreciation of playing with them. At the start we had boys playing men and by the end we had young men, playing men.

South West Queensland Thunder Open Men's Team Participants 2014

Michael Pike, Jace Hudson, Stuart Campbell, Nathan Knox, Jace Watt, Coen Oates, Alex Eelkema, Ben Watt,

Lachlan Percy, Nic Berry, Jacob Bigby, Jesse Gordon, Jack Percy, Ryan Ensor, Daniel Fuller, Tom Fanning, Akech Ayii, Agoth Tong, Anthony Grant, Matthew Carey, Harry Scott, Mark Ferdinand, Colin Ball, Mitchell Tansky, Kaleb Moon-Burgess, Ajak Lueth, Nick Weber, Jordon Pollard, Mitchell Siebenhausen.

"Thanks for playing for me lads and thanks for never giving up"



"The Wooden Spoon", dare I mention it, but I will. If there was a trophy to be presented at the Football Queensland NPL Men's Presentation night, I would attend in my best suit and walk up as the Thunder Men's Coach a proud man and get presented it, not because we won the Wooden Spoon, for that is no special feat, but for the truly special character of my players and how proud I am as a man to represent a team of players who do truly special things week in week out for a whole season when losing games. A desire to never give up no matter what and to except that losing is not an option is a truly exceptional special feat considering our results, I would walk up and pick that trophy up because as a coach and as a man, I would do that for you my players in respect and admiration for you, I am absolutely proud and self satisfied in the way that you

turned up every week for the whole season with the same enthusiasm, high intensity of work ethic at training and in games as if you had won more than you lost. These attitudes and standards have to be kept and improved upon next year. The standards have to go to a whole new level. The extraordinary roller coaster of physical and mental emotions you went through makes you truly special and shows very high-level character strength.



To gain an overall perspective on how the 2014 season progressed was difficult to start with. It is easy coaching a winning team as in results, this year I had just as much a winning team with no results, but I have learnt more this year than any of my previous years as a coach, coming from a background where both as a coach and 90% of my players have won more games than they have lost in the last 6 to 10 years I had to find a way to understand. I was fortunate that our TD and sounding board Richard "Magic" Mitchell set me up well before the season by telling me "Stevie you are going to have to have nerves of steel, its gunna be tuff, you are going to go through things you have never gone through before". In the middle of the season another mentor said to me "have you stopped blaming yourself yet" and his fellow ex pro college rang me up and shared how he dealt with the same circumstance with his team in 2013. I was told that when you have a team of young lads playing men, "anything and everything that could go wrong, would go wrong, you wont believe the things that will happen", and that did happen. It was suggested to me to watch the first round game and compare that to the second round game against the same team and see the difference. That is exactly the way I looked at it, and in reality apart from the odd game, the improvement by the team from one corresponding game to the other was remarkable, I feel we did grow and improve dramatically over the season, we started scoring goals in the last third of the season, started giving a couple of teams a fright, stopped leaking as many goals and at times even looked threatening in attack. As a coach I feel I fell short

of my goal of winning 5 games in our first season and I wont except that as good enough, but even so that is a reality we did improve at least 50% from round 1 to round 2.

In looking forward, If we can continue to develop our elite juniors and given time by the club and Football Queensland we will have a successful open team as in results in 2 to 3 years time. If immediate results are needed, quality senior men players will be needed to be bought and will have to be paid, and this will come at a huge cost to the club, a cost which will have to come from somewhere. As a coach I hope we can develop and be given the time to do so and give a pathway for our juniors. The Thunder is an elite NPL club and with that comes the onus of winning games at a senior level, we are in a unique situation where we do not have a huge catchment of quality senior players in close vicinity to Toowoomba. A lot of our Elite Youth players are now travelling out of town or overseas to continue their tertiary education or to play football, which is completely understandable when all things are considered. This however is not ideal for the growth of a Thunder Men's team. This put together with the nationwide problem of players stopping playing the game when they leave school creates a massive dilemma in how we put an Elite Men's Team on the park in years to come when we continue to lose so many quality elite players from our area. These problems are not new for our area for many of our elite men who have played in Toowoomba with Raiders now live and play in Brisbane or elsewhere.

In closing I would like to thank Scotty Teakle and Richard Mitchell for their friendship, support, advice and being fellow mentors. To our Physio's Jess and Lach from the Wiltshire Health Centre, Physiotherapy and Psychology, you were absolutely brilliant in your service to the team this year at every game, every week. The service Jim and Jill Wiltshire set up through you guys in an absolute credit to the businesses professionalism and standards of service. To my wife Suzi, thanks for being a football wife and for washing and scrubbing those jerseys every night after we played. Janelle Sothmann has done an absolute fabulous job of keeping rosters and organisation behind the scenes, thanks Janelle. Id like to give a special thanks to Dan Percy for being tight with me and helping keep it all together, thanks Dan. The playing group and myself would like to say a big thanks to our supporters for their tireless and loyal support to us during the year, a support that the playing group want to give back in kind in a more structured and better way to you next year. Finally to the ones who stand in the trenches every week, to the playing group, to each and every player, thanks lads it was memorable to say the least and it was a very special year, a year that we will remember that we learnt more about ourselves than we thought possible.



SOUTH WEST QLD THUNDER





SOUTH WEST QLD THUNDER





SENIOR WOMEN

Coach: Craig Burgess

Assistant Coach Phil Franke

Manager: Debbie Dibley

23. KATLIN PETERSON

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A solid player that we have built our defensive shape on. A very good shot stopper. I have tried to get you more involved as our fifth fullback and I believe you are adding more skills to your game.

2. EBONNEY KIDD

Started the season unsure of whether her decision to commit to the Thunder was in her best interests. History now tells us that her contribution both on and off the field has had a big influence on our very young squad. A very good communicator, possessing good skills and a leader in our team.

3. ISABELLA NEIL

Smile and the world smiles with you... And so it is with "Bella". Look past the ever present smile and you are confronted with an athlete destined for greater things. A foundation block on which we have built a very competitive team.

4. MADISON FRANKE

Strong, fast, fearless, competitive. A future leader, you play well above your weight and experience. A wonderful asset to our team and the other half of our brilliant and dependable Three and Four

5. SHANDELL DORO

Good competitor, good player, good team member. Now if we can just get you more involved and over your aversion to training!!! A valued team player displaying a will to win.

6. TIFFANY DIBLEY

Dribbles started in the frontline, even scored a goal, but truly found her place when asked to play at Five. A right-footed left-back, hmmm, but not once let herself or her team mates down. A very good effort in a very tough league.

7. TALITHA DORO

Wonderful athlete, truly gifted and talented player. Strong, fast, and can hit the bladder out of a ball. Another future leader who not only influences the outcome of games but is looked up to by your team mates as a person to emulate.

8. JORDAN FRANKE

Everyone likes to win, Jordie "HATES" to lose... A special trait in a gifted athlete. The player that everyone looked to for direction. The vision you possess is something that cannot be coached but an asset that any coach will build a team around.

9. SOPHIE FULLER

A gifted footballer who loves to compete. Has fitted into each and every roll that she was asked to play. I believe you have so much more to offer, a mobile player who will influence many games and outcomes in the future.

10. ANGELA POTTER

A very good, strong fullback who tackles as hard as any man I have coached. Defends the player and the space, and is very rarely beaten. Passes well, moves and creates space and time for herself. A valued member of what has become a back four that is rarely pressured into defensive error.

11. AMELIA COOKE

With limited opportunities afforded you, each and every time you have played you have displayed good mobility, good communication and a strong desire to help your team succeed.

12. GRACE KRAUTZ

A wonderful competitor, a valued team asset, and you have delivered some truly "EPIC" stories and quotes. You possess a knack to score goals when your team really needs it. First touch of an elephant but quickly follows that with the heart of a lion.

13. ABBEY LLOYD

Athletic, fast, strong, single-minded, a true "Striker". You were born to score goals, with balance, desire and determination you will score heaps. True Strikers are not "Coached", it is a gift.

14. RACHAEL BARTLEY

Started the season strongly and played the house down. I believe you started to think you weren't as good as some of the girls you played against. This is not an issue as long as you perform to the level that you set for yourself.

15. CAITLYN STOCKER

Thrust into a senior team playing at a very high level and all we (Phil and I), wanted is for you to do what you are capable of... Play the Game. Hopefully the experience you have gained will help you in your future endeavours. Relax, smile, enjoy the experience.

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SAP REPORTS BOYS

2014 saw the first Skills Acquisition Program (SAP) beyond the realms of the Brisbane Metropolitan area in a move that has long been sought after by the State SAP Director Mr Dean Simpkins.

After trials in March there were 40 boys and girls selected to undertake 2 training sessions a week and 4 carnivals against the other 7 selected centres from March until November.

The results of regular training interspersed with high level competition has been evident for all to see.

Whilst there has been much ground to have been made up against centres like Brisbane City whose boys have been training 4 days a week since U/8 and playing as a unit, our boys and girls have been very quick to adapt to the demands and intensities of these teams. This comes from a desire to be the best they can and an application to training which cannot be faulted. In fact despite the demands placed upon our young players, the need to ensure enjoyment with learning has always been paramount with the coaches in a competitive environment.

In November this year the region will host its inaugural SAP tournament with 500 players converging on the city with the best talent in SEQ on show.

I would sincerely like to thank the expertise of the coaching staff in Tolly, Tom, Dennis, Scotty and Magic who all in their own special ways have created an environment for optimal learning intertwined with flair and passion for the greatest game there is. To the parents who have made the sacrifices for their children to pursue their dreams with training and competitions, thanks for your support and assistance.

Finally to Janelle Sothmann who is the unsung hero behind the scenes in 2014 for her expertise in administration and support for the programme, a million thanks Janelle for all your work.

To the players, continue to work hard to achieve excellence in your field. You now know better than anyone that training under our guise is still not sufficient to master the skills required at the top end.....the player who works away from the training field is the one who in the long run will achieve success. You have set high standards and been an absolute pleasure to coach, watching your development week by week and the way you have applied yourself with passion and a smile makes our role as coaches so rewarding.

Regards
Chris McLeod
Thunder SAP Co-ordinator





SAP REPORTS GIRLS

Girls between the ages of 10-12yrs have been given a great opportunity this year to train and compete in a girl's only environment. We have attracted players from several local clubs in the south west region. Clubs represented are Garden City, Goondiwindi Roos, St Albans, West Wanderers and Withcott.

It has been a steep learning curve for most of these girls, from training then competing against other girls from Brisbane Strikers, Redlands and Brisbane City. The kids have undertaken training to improve their 1st touch, striking the ball, running with the ball and 1v1's. The improvement in the individual players has been encouraging in these areas, when you consider where they started, and where they are now. We have attended two carnivals to date, with another two to be completed. At the first carnival the girls were drawn to play against Brisbane Strikers girls where they had a real eye opener as to what the SAP is about. Unfortunately Strikers

were the only other girls' team at this carnival; therefore they had to play against a Western Pride U/10 team before once again playing against the Strikers. In the second carnival we had another two girls teams entered into the competition (Redlands and Brisbane City). The girls were a lot more competitive this time with the girls showing their individual abilities.

It has been a pleasure to coach these girls and I wish the best to the girls who will move on next season, either due to age restrictions or players going on to play for Thunder Under 12/13 girls. And to my babies in the squad I hope to see them all again next season.

Scott Teakle

SWQ Thunder SAP Girls Coach.





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2014 AWARDS

	Player of the Year	Player's Player	Coaches Award
U 12 Boys	Edward Poulton	Callum Atkinson	Janoa Philip
U 13 Boys	Fletcher McDonald	Lochie Tolputt	Logan Hennessy
U 13 Girls	Nina Grant	Megan Stephens	Joint Winners Jessica Hogan / Kirralee Bronkhurst
U 14 Boys	Riley Coker	Jordan Howard	Justin McCall
U 15 Boys	Bailey Salisbury	Emmanuel Philip	Josh Fanning
U 15 Girls	Clarece Strudwick	Danielle Bigby	Sally Carroll
U 16 Boys	Kyle Parish	Daniel Ash	Jack Liddelow
U 18 Youth	Jackson Franke	Jayden Formosa	Harry Soric
Youth Men	Agoth Tong	Jesse Gordon	Daniel Fuller
Open Men	Joint Winners - Ryan Ensor / Ben Watt	Meticulous Service Award - Nicholas Berry	Matt Carey
Senior Women	Madison Franke	Talitha Doro	Isabella Neil

GOLDEN BOOT

Junior Player	- Luke Lister
Senior Player	- Abbey Lloyd

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**U14 Will Orford, Reiley Mason
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