



1995

The Club started the year with yet another set of wholesale changes to the composition of the Committee, the fourth time that this had happened in as many years. Gary Johnson became the fifth different president since 1990 while Marlene Bailey returned to the secretary's position briefly before resigning and being replaced by Peter Bech.

Despite this instability, player strength grew to almost 500, the highest number in a decade, no doubt helped by the introduction of the new Under 5 age group, which saw the total number of teams grow to 45 including two U5s. The number of senior players also grew to 114 with three Division Two teams and two teams in the U18A competition.

The increase in teams didn't help the overall performances which were again very disappointing. Of the 22 teams only six were able to qualify for the finals series, three senior and three junior. All three of the senior teams (Reserve Grade, All-Age Women and U18A1s) were beaten in the finals, although two of the three junior teams (U13A and U10F) did make it through to their grand finals with the U13As, coached by Dennis Stillaway, beaten 2-1 and the U10Fs winning by the same score to give the Club its only premiership for 1995.

A promising sign was that three of the non-comp teams (U6 Marlins, U7 Tigers and the U9As) all went through the season undefeated. The success of the U9As was not surprising, certainly in retrospect - the team included four future First Grade players, one of whom, Matthew Simon, would go on to play for the Central Coast Mariners and for the Socceroos.

Tony Gallagher stepped down as First Grade coach after just one year in the job, handing over to John McLafferty who had achieved outstanding results in the two previous seasons with Reserve Grade, taking the 1993 team to the final and winning the 1994 premiership.

The First Grade team was very competitive, losing just five of their 20 matches, but having a string of draws, and eight in total, that saw them miss fourth place by a single point.



1995 FIRST GRADE

Rear (l to r): John McLafferty (Coach), Phil Archer, Matthew Robson, Brad Horrell, Phil Robson, Jarrod Mobblerley, Mark Greenwood, Charlie Trippier (Manager). Front (l to r): Brett Jager, Mal Tindale, Greg Preston, Danny Wilson, Arron Hughes, David Maltby, Michael Strachan.



Although still in the early stages of what would become a distinguished senior coaching career that would eventually take him beyond club football, McLafferty's professional attitude and astute people-management skills were already obvious and despite the 1995 Wyoming First Grade team narrowly missing the semi-finals he was awarded the CCSA Senior Coach of the Year award at the Associations's end-of-season presentation night.

The 1995 season's only premiership came from the Under 10F age group. Nicknamed the 'Frogs', the team was coached by Boyd Kealy with assistance from a number of other parents from the team. They finished the re-graded competition of 14 matches in top place with just two losses. With a number of players missing going into the finals, they were able to call up several substitutes from the U9A team, one of whom was Matthew Simon, who scored the team's only goal in a 3-1 defeat by Kincumber in the major semi-final. The team bounced back, winning the final against Toukley 2-1 with Simon again scoring, along with regular team member, Glen Pritchard.

With renewed confidence the 'Frogs' headed into the grand final bent on reversing the result of the major semi-final. Lachlan Bruce gave his team an early lead but Kincumber equalised and the two teams went to the half-time break level at 1-1. Once again it was the team's highly-promising nine-year-old substitute, Matt Simon, who clinched the match and the premiership with a goal 10 minutes from full-time. Daniel Gambrill was awarded a trophy for the player of the final series.

Having been defeated in the final in each of the two previous seasons, Dennis Stillaway's U13A team were determined to take out the premiership. This time around they managed to finish in second place, with the second-chance that entailed. The major semi-final, against league champions Killarney District, was played in steady rain which acted as a leveller and so helped Wyoming. Although they played at their peak and deserved to win the match, a brilliant strike by a Killarney striker, against the run of play, was the only goal.

Into their 'bogey' match, where they had been beaten as U11As in 1993 and U12As in 1994. Again it was the tightest of matches, against Ourimbah, that went scoreless after half-time, full-time and at the half-time break in extra-time. Then with less than two minutes to play, Wyoming's Nathan Carmody scored after a goalmouth scramble, and held on their grand final berth.

Despite the team's consistency over the years that they'd been together, the U13A grand final was the first for all but one member of the team. Once again the game was played in wet conditions that prevented both teams from playing constructive football. From the starting whistle the boys



1995 UNDER 16As - FINALISTS

Rear (l to r): Bob O'Toole (Coach), Trevor Andersen, Stephen Bech, Justin Carmody, Jake Waddell, Justin Bell, Justin Sargent, Darren Sprod (Manager). Front (l to r): Steven Gardner, Mark Byrnes, Andrew Bull, Ben Johnson, Brent Challis.



were keen, however both sides were finding the wet conditions difficult. Killarney District took the early lead, and could have scored more without some fine saves by Wyoming's goalkeeper, Bradley Stewart. However Gavin Stillaway equalised for Wyoming and with the score one-all at full-time the match went into two five-minute periods of extra-time. The rules that applied at the time stipulated that, in such a situation, the match would go to two further five-minute periods of extra-time. During the first-half Killarney took the lead and, in the heavy conditions, that proved to be decisive and Wyoming were left frustratingly short of victory.

The other junior semi-finalists, Bob O'Toole's U16As were also eliminated after reaching the final with a 3-0 win over Umina in the major semi-final. Unfortunately their campaign ended with a 4-2 loss to Wyong.

It was a similar story for the three senior teams that qualified for the finals with all three going out in the finals. Reserve Grade, under new coach Alan Singleton, finished in fourth place, winning their minor semi before being beaten in the final; Lionel Copeland's Womens All-Age team went out the other way, beaten in the major semi-final and then, after a penalty shootout, in the final; while the U18A1 team, coached by Brian Mottram and Tommy Corless also won their minor semi before losing their final. Importantly for the club's future, a number of the U18A players were given some experience in the Premier League teams.



1995 WOMENS ALL-AGE - FINALISTS

Rear (l to r): Peter Morrison (Manager), Alison Williams, Katrina Morrison, Narelle Compton, Heidi Bray, Kylie Stewart, Kelly Keed, Holly Bowmaker, Christine Fletcher, Lionel Copeland (Coach).
Front (l to r): Joanne Hallett, Annamieke Vendermeulin, Catherine Thiaux, Amelia Copeland, Belinda Trembath, Michelle Arndt. Mascot: Rebecca Copeland.



1995 IN REVIEW

TEAMS

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Sen PL1 Res	Alan Singleton	20	10	5	5	44	22	25	4/8	won	lost		F		Chris Atkins
WAA	Lionel Copeland								2/?	lost	lost		F		Katrina Morrison
Sen 3rd	Phil Robson	20	8	4	8	29	25	20	5/8						Daniel Evans
Sen Div2(A)	Steve Frame	18	3	8	7	26	42	14	7/10						Geoff Swale
Sen Div2(B)	Steve Frame	18	1	4	10	13	48	6	9/9						Darren Cocks
Sen Div2(C)	Don Sime	18	7	5	6	24	18	19	5/10						Sam Henwood
Sen 18A1	Brian Mottram & Tommy Corless	20	10	3	7	42	26	23	4/8	??	??		F		Michael Kennedy
Sen 18A2	Bob O'Toole	20	4	3	13	18	56	11	7/8						Adam Coulter
16A	Bob O'Toole	21	7	6	5	32	24	20	3/7	3-0	2-4		F		Stephen Bech
16C	Chris Whittaker	21	2	3	16	14	67	7	7/8						Tim Robertson
W16	John Stewart														Lindall Agnew
14B	Mel Russon	18	4	4	9	18	44	12	5/7						Abdiqani Hassan
13A	Dennis Stillaway	21	10	3	5	41	26	23	2/7	0-1	1-0	1-2	RU	PT	Gavin Stillaway
13C	Mike Robinson	21	5	8	7	19	36	18	5/8						Ryan Conroy
12A	Rick Farr	14	1	2	11	8	57	4	8/8						Adam Oostendorp
11A	Don Sime	18	4	5	9	19	41	13	7/10						Adam Packer
11C	Ray Lincoln	22	6	6	8	22	21	18	6/11						Hassan Hassan
11D	Robert Bell	18	3	5	10	17	52	11	7/10						Eric Leigh
10C	Gerry Higgins	14	0	2	12	10	46	2	8/8						Darren Cooper
10D	Matthew Robson	14	2	5	2	5	12	9	5/7						Anthony Deaves
10F	Boyd Kealy	14	7	5	2	28	16	19	1/8	1-3	2-1	2-1	LC/Pr		Glen Pritchard

NON-COMPETITION TEAMS

9A (Wayne Packer), 9B1 (Gary Benterman), 9B2 (Charles Trippier), 9C1 (Craig Wasson), 9C2 (Neil Harris), 8A (Roger Smith), 8B (Dave Sullivan), 8C (Cameron Sloey), 8D (David Robson), 7A (Grant Heatley), 7B (Greg Blackley), 7C (Chris Harden & Clay Jackson), 7D (Rebecca Richardson), 7E (Hamish Wallace), 7F (Charles Trippier), 7G (Carl De Jager & Chris Pugh), 6A (David Wilson), 6B (Dave Mateljan), 6C (Dave Bowcott), 6D (Steven Smith), 6E (Bruce Groves), 5A (Paul Frost), 5B (Christine Morrison).

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SUCCESSFUL TEAMS

LEAGUE CHAMPIONS & PREMIERS

10F

BoydKealy

Players: Timothy Amos, Lachlan Bruce, Cade Collette, Mitchell Collier, Matthew Crossley, Aimee Cullen, Scott Fuller, Daniel Gambriell, John Kealy, Shaun Morrow, Luke Power, Glen Pritchard, Andrew Shaper.

FIRST GRADE PLAYERS

Phil Archer, Mark Greenwood, Brad Horrell, Arron Hughes, Brett Jager, David Maltby, Jarrod Mobblerley, Greg Preston, Matthew Robson, Phil Robson, Michael Strachan, Mal Tindale, Daniel Wilson.

MAJOR AWARD WINNERS

Clubperson of the Year: Dave Bowcott
 Senior Player of the Year: Brad Horrell
 Senior Womens Player of the Year: Katrina Morrison
 Junior Player of the Year: Stephen Bech
 Central Coast Coach of the Year: John McLafferty

COMMITTEE

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Charles Trippier

Football Committee

Mike Robinson

Wayne Packer

Phil Robson

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Gear Steward

Helen Carmody

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Ken Rowe

Registrar

Peter Morrison



1996

The instability that had plagued the Club's administration for most of the 1990s looked likely to continue with the sixth different president in six years being elected, closely followed by the seventh, when Charles Trippier, who had taken over the position at the 1995 Annual General Meeting, left the area because of work requirements. By way of contrast, in the 11-year period from 1979 to 1989 the club had just two presidents.

In fact it was the start of a new era with Wayne Packer, who stepped in following Trippier's departure, and Peter Bech, who had taken over as secretary midway through the previous year combining to provide a solid and reliable base for the club to return to normal. Bech, in particular, would become one of the Club's longest-serving and most important administrators, initially as secretary through to 1999, as president between 2000 and 2005, and filling a number of other positions right through until 2010 when he was elected to the newly-formed WFC Board.



"A picture paints a thousand words" – Peter Bech would play a crucial role in Wyoming's resurgence from the mid-1990s onwards. Here he strikes an appropriate pose at the 2006 Senior Presentation Night.

Player numbers in 1996 remained close to their 1995 levels with eight senior, 14 junior and 18 non-competition teams. Six of the junior teams reached the semi-finals, two as league champions, both going on to also annex the premiership, with a third team also taking out the main title. Importantly, two of the three junior wins were in 'A' grade competitions. Five of the eight senior teams also made the play-offs, and although three would reach grand finals, none were successful.

As well as taking on the presidency, Wayne Packer continued as coach of one of the club's most exciting young teams, moving up to competition football for the first time as the U10As. The team included at least five players who would go on to play local First Grade: Andrew Watts and Chiji Olujie (for Wyoming), Adam Stutz (East Gosford) and Ryan Moore (Kincumber), as well as one



1996 UNDER 10As -LEAGUE CHAMPIONS
AND PREMIERS

Rear (l to r): Ryan Moore, Paul Agius (Manager), Adam Stutz, Chiji Olujie, Matthew Simon, Leighton Packer, Wyane Packer (Coach), Peter Sharman. Front (l to r): Andrew Wells, Daniel Pollard, Daniel Holden, Andrew Watts, Daniel Agius.



Central Coast Mariners and Socceroo striker Matthew Simon played a major role in the Wyoming 1996 U10As premiership victory.

who would go all the way to the Socceroo team via East Gosford First Grade and the Central Coast Mariners, in Matthew Simon.

The U10As lost just two of their 17 competition matches on their way to a five-point win in the league championship, scoring 48 goals while conceding only seven. The 8am major semi-final was played at a fast pace with Wyoming on attack for long periods with only some last-ditch defence from Terrigal keeping them from scoring. With extra-time looming a Terrigal player hand-balled about two metres from the edge of his team's penalty box. From the resultant indirect free kick Andrew Wells and Chiji Olujie combined to set up the winning goal for Matt Simon.

The U10A grand final was played against Killarney District who had defeated second-placed Terrigal in the final. After repelling some early opposition attacks Wyoming settled into the quality football that they had played all season. The first goal came, as it had in the semi-final, from a well-rehearsed set piece indirect free-kick. Once again Andrew Wells found Matt Simon who drove the ball into the back of the net. Shortly afterwards the two combined yet again, with Simon beating three defenders and scoring, this time with his left foot. Although Killarney fought back in the second half some great goalkeeping by Daniel Holden kept them out, leaving Daniel Agius to wrap up the match with Wyoming's third goal.

The 1996 Under 10A grand final would be Matthew Simon's last club football match for seven years. The following season he stepped up to Under 11 representatives with the Manly club in Sydney, before returning to play for the Central Coast in his mid-teens. In 2003, as a 17-year-old he joined some of his rep. teammates at East Gosford where he quickly established himself as a player of rare potential. A hat-trick in East's 8-0 final win over Berkeley Vale helped his team through to the 2004 grand final at Central Coast Stadium against his old junior club. Wyoming would eventually take the match and the premiership in a penalty shootout. The coach of the newly-formed Central Coast Mariners A-League club was a spectator at the match.

After another season with East Gosford Simon played for Central Coast Lightning in the 2006 NSW Super League competition. Again his progress was being monitored and he was called into the Mariners squad, firstly for the 2006/07 Pre-Season Cup and then late in the A-League season as



a replacement for injured striker, Nik Mrdja. By the end of the 2007/08 Simon had secured a semi-permanent spot in the Mariners starting line-up although he finished the season without a goal. That goal came in the first match of the 2008/09 season and marked the start of a stellar season that saw him in contention for the Golden Boot award. That same season he was selected in the Australian Under 23 team where a hat-trick against Republic of Ireland in the semi-finals of the Intercontinental Cup impressed Socceroo coach, Pim Verbeek, sufficiently for him to win selection in the full Australian national team against Indonesia and Kuwait in Asian Cup qualifying matches. In 2010 he signed a contract extension to stay with the Mariners until 2012.

After three seasons of frustrating near-misses the 1996 Wyoming Under 14A, again coached by Dennis Stillaway, went into the competition determined to get a breakthrough premiership. As had been the case in the 1995 U13A competition their main rivals were Killarney District who had beaten them 2-1 in the grand final. Such was the domination of these two teams that Wyoming's record of 16 wins, two draws, one loss and a 74-7 goal difference, still wasn't good enough to secure the league championship. Another disappointment loomed when they were beaten 1-0 by Killarney in the major semi-final and then when they missed a penalty midway through the second half of the final against Wyong. However their fortunes turned when Gavin Stillaway intercepted a Wyong goal kick and headed the ball to the feet of Dean Wade whose clever chip kick which found the net.

The 1996 U14A grand final game was played in steady rain with the pitch wet and muddy. The conditions played their part in giving Wyoming an early lead when a long-range shot from Alan McCubbin found the only firm spot on the field and bounced over the Killarney keeper and (after consultation between referee and linesman) just over the line. Killarney levelled the match just before half-time. With both teams tiring in the heavy conditions and just two minutes of normal time remaining the crucial point of the match came when a Wyoming attacker was brought down in the box. Gavin Stillaway's successful shot was followed immediately by the referee's whistle for full-time and after successive seasons as finalist, finalist, runners-up the team had finally broken through for a well-deserved premiership.



1996 UNDER 14As – PREMIERS

Rear (l to r): Debbie Stewart (Manager), Nathan Carmody, Greg Bowcott, James Robb, Gavin Stillaway, Michael Harris, Alan McCubbin, Dennis Stillaway (Coach). Front (l to r): Carl Howard, Matthew Taperell, Nathan Mumford, Bradley Stewart, Rebecca Wales, Dean Wade, Trevor Shute.



Having seen his son, Trevor, celebrate as a member of the U14As, Ian Shute returned to his coaching duties with the Club's Under 16C team. They had wrapped up the league championship and then won through to the grand final, winning a high-scoring major semi-final 5-4. The decider, against The Entrance, was a tight affair with the score locked at 2-2 at full-time and again after extra-time. The penalty shootout decided the match 3-1 in Wyoming's favour to give the club its third junior premiership of the season.

The 1996 First Grade team, coached again by John McLafferty, was largely unchanged from that of the previous year. It contained a good blend of youth and experience with more than half of the team coming from the successful junior side that had played together up to 1992 when they had taken out the Under 17 premiership. Having missed the semi-finals by just one point in 1995 expectations were high so their final placing of fifth was disappointing, especially as they finished four points adrift of fourth place.

By contrast the performances of the Reserve and Third Grade teams surpassed expectations with both teams getting within the last three premiership contenders. Former player, Alan Singleton, had impressed as a coach in each of the two previous seasons by taking the 1994 Third Grade team to the league championship and both that team and the 1995 Reserve Grade team to the finals. In 1996 he went one better, with Reserve Grade reaching the grand final. After leading 2-0 midway through the second half they conceded two goals, the second within five minutes of full-time, and then went down in a penalty shootout.

Brian Mottram's Third Grade team finished in third place, then moved forward with a convincing 5-1 win in the minor semi before bowing out in the final.

For the second successive season Wyoming had sufficient lower grade senior players to field three teams in the Division Two competition. The best performed of these was the 'C' team coached by Cliff Deane that finished second in the competition and then went down by the narrowest of margins (1-0) in the grand final.

One of the club's best-performed junior teams graduated to the senior ranks in 1996 as the Under 18As. The core of this team had been together for eight seasons starting as the U10As of 1989. For five of the eight years, including the last two, they had been coached by Bob O'Toole with Steve Frame coaching them in 1992 and 1993, and Cliffe Deane in 1994. During this period they had never failed to reach the finals series, had won three successive league championships (from U12As in 1991 through to U14As in 1993) and three premierships - jointly as the 1990 U11As and on their own as the 1992 U13As and 1993 U14As

Their eight out of eight semi-final record looked doomed midway through the season at which time they had lost five and drawn one of their first nine matches. However their form turned around from mid-June onwards and they lost just one of their remaining matches in the competition proper, although four draws meant that they scraped into the finals series in fourth place. The minor semi-final was against one of their closest rivals, Wyong, where their record was one 1-0 win apiece with the other match a 1-1 draw

The match was as tight as expected with Wyong having the better of a very competitive first half, but with Wyoming's defence holding solid. The tide turned in the second half and Wyoming dominated and finally taking the lead through a great goal by Stephen Bech. With Wyong down to ten men after a sending off Wyoming looked to have the match won before a last-minute, highly doubtful penalty allowed Wyong to snatch a late equaliser and then go on to take out the resultant penalty shootout by three goals to two.



1996 Senior Player of the Year Brad Horrel



Junior Player of the Year Trevor Shute



1996 UNDER 18s – SEMI-FINALISTS

Rear (l to r): Derek Waddell (Manager), Justin Bell, Stephen Oostendorp, Jake Waddell, Justin Carmody, Adam Deane, Justin Sargent, Damien Bridge, Tommy Corless (Trainer), Bob O’Toole (Coach).
 Front (l to r): ‘Max’, Greg Hampstead, Paul Jones, Ben Johnson, Andrew Bull, Andrew Jones, Brett Jackson, Trevor Andersen.

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Sen PL1 Res	Alan Singleton	20	13	2	5	53	23	28	2/8	6-5		2-2 (lost)	RU	Anthony Vos	
WAA	Lionel Copeland									3-1	3-0	0-6	RU	Catherine Thuaux	
Sen 3rd	Brian Mottram	20	8	6	6	35	28	22	3/8	5-1	1-2		F	Chad Bowmaker	
Sen Div2(A)	Clive Harrison	19	5	4	10	24	34	14	6/8					Brad Dunn	
Sen Div2(B)	Timothy Hatfield	18	5	6	5	30	25	16	5/9					Phillip Gordon	
Sen Div2(C)	Cliff Deane	17	10	5	2	29	13	25	2/10	??	??	0-1	RU	David Henderson	
Sen 18	Bob O’Toole	20	9	5	6	33	29	23	4/8	1-1(3-4)			SF	Jake Waddell	
16C	Ian Shute	19	14	2	3	57	18	30	1/6	5-4		2-2(3-1)	LC/Pr	John Mulheron	
14A	Dennis Stillaway	20	16	2	1	74	7	34	2/7	0-1	1-0	2-1	Pr	James Robb	
14C	Phil Archer & Chris Atkins	20	4	3	13	25	65	11	6/8					Ryan Conroy	
13B	Mike Robinson	17	1	2	13	14	83	5	6/6					Mitchell Chivers	
12A	Don Sime	20	3	5	10	16	40	11	6/7					Adam Packer	
12C	Peter Griffin	20	3	5	10	16	40	11	6/7					Jason Gazzard	
12D	Fred Benson	20	3	5	10	16	40	11	6/7					Saryna Shute	
11C	David Eller	17	10	1	4	48	21	21	2/9	0-5	1-2		F	Gareth Higgins	
11D	Don Sime	17	11	2	4	49	18	24	3/10	2-1	0-2		F	Oliver Bastow	
11E	Bruce Barrett	20	9	3	8	27	44	21	5/8					Neale McAndrew	
10A	Wayne Packer	17	13	2	2	48	7	28	1/10	1-0		3-0	LC/Pr PT	Andrew Watts	
10B	Gary Benterman	17	6	2	9	22	41	14	7/10					Joshua Harris	
10E1	Mark Porter	21	4	2	13	15	41	10	9/11					Brett Taylor	
10E2	Mike Robinson & Luke Tree	21	12	4	4	44	23	28	3/11	1-2			SF	Kylle Rich	

NON-COMPETITION TEAMS

9A (Roger Smith), 9B (Dave Sullivan), 9C (Alan Bendeich), 9D (Jane Morgan), 8A (Chris Pugh & Paul Nield), 8B (Tim Steff & Hamish Wallace), 8C (Greg Kellerman), 8D (Tom McCool), 8E (Scott Elliott), 7A (Chris King), 7B (Clancy Metcalf), 7C1 (Dave Bowcott), 7C2 (Dave Webb), 7D (Yeoni Shute), 7E (Bruce Groves), 7F (Mark Robinson), 6A (Malcolm Holland), 6B (John Day), 6C (Scott Tilden), 6D (Glen Heron), 6E (Sue Lythgoe), 5A (Mr. Wrigley & Craig Southwood), 5B (Ian Byrnes).

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SUCCESSFUL TEAMS

LEAGUE CHAMPIONS & PREMIERS

10A

Coach: Wayne Packer

Players: Daniel Agius, Daniel Holden, Ryan Moore, Chiji Olujie, Leighton Packer, Daniel Pollard, Peter Sharman, Matt Simon, Adam Stutz, Luke Suters, Andrew Watts, Andrew Wells.

16C

Coach: Ian Shute

Players: Matthew Barrett, Troy Clucas, Luke Cumberland, Kean Eggleton, Abdiqani Hassan, Daniel Hollebon, Michael Moore, John Mulheron, Chris Pugh, Russell Rathbone, Bumrungran Shakshavarn, Yeoni Shute, Chris Tabone, Glen Turner.

PREMIERS

14A

Coach: Dennis Stillaway

Players: Greg Bowcott, Nathan Carmody, Michael Harris, Carl Howard, Alan McCubbin, Nathan Mumford, James Robb, Trevor Shute, Bradley Stewart, Gavin Stillaway, Matthew Taperell, Dean Wade.

FIRST GRADE PLAYERS

Phil Archer, Daniel Cunningham, Aaron Hood, Brad Horrell, Arron Hughes, Brett Jager, Steve Kennedy, Michael Leete, Ryan Marshall, Jarrod Mobberley, Wayne Pagden, Greg Preston, Matthew Robson, Brad Sargent, Michael Strachan, Mal Tindale, David Zuk.

MAJOR AWARD WINNERS

Clubperson of the Year: Dave Sullivan

Senior Player of the Year: Brad Horrell

Senior Womens Player of the Year: Catherine Thuaux

Junior Player of the Year: Trevor Shute

COMMITTEE

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Football Committee

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Wayne Packer

Dave Sullivan

Jarrod Mobberley

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Fred Benson

Committee

Tommy Corless



1997

Overall, 1997 was the club's most successful season since 1983 and its second most successful ever. Of the club's 22 competition teams, twelve reached the semi-finals, three of them as league champions. The club finished sixth of 21 clubs in the Sterland Trophy, fourth in the Jack Atkins Trophy and also fourth in the Senior Club Championship. Ten of the 12 semi-finalists won, with seven progressing through to grand final. Of these all but one was successful.

Contrasting to these positives there was a major disruption to the First Grade team that would have a long-lasting affect on the team's fortune. The problem arose from the First Grade coaching position becoming vacant following John McLafferty's move to coaching with Central Coast junior teams. Three applications were received for the vacancy. One came from Alan Singleton who had taken the club's Reserve Grade team to the grand final in 1996; another from Richard Pagden, who had been the junior coach of many of the young players who would form the nucleus of the team, and a former Wyoming First Grade coach (in 1985), Tony Kayes.

When Kayes was appointed, Pagden accepted an offer from the Ourimbah club to coach its First Grade team, then in the Division One competition. His acceptance of that position was followed by an exodus of players, the majority long-serving ex-Wyoming juniors, to Ourimbah. Many years of development, aimed at returning the club to the top of Premier League, was lost as the majority of those players who would have formed the 1997 First Grade team departed.

The new Ourimbah First Grade team, composed almost entirely of these ex-Wyoming players, met with immediate success in the 1997 Division One competition, winning promotion to Premier League that season and then going on to take out the 1998 Premier League First Grade title, again under Pagden's coaching.

With only five regular First Graders from 1996 returning in 1997, Tony Kayes was forced to call up a number of players emerging from the junior ranks and to rush them into the squad. Most were still in their late teens with little or no senior experience, including Adam Deane, Aaron Hood, Michael Kennedy and Stephen Oostendorp. They joined senior players such as Phil and Matt Robson, Steve Kennedy, Michael Strachan and Greg Preston to form a team that performed beyond expectations to finish just one point away from third place, but with the competition extremely tight this meant settling for sixth place.

Of the Club's six premierships-winning teams the most important in terms of the club's future was the Under 18 team, coached by Barry Jones, and likely to provide the next batch of players to



1997 FIRST GRADE

Rear (l to r): unknown, Phil Robson, Matthew Robson, Aaron Hood.

Centre (l to r): Bob Bray (Manager), Michael Strachan, Jason Potter, Michael Kennedy, Steven Kennedy, Tony Kayes (Coach).

Front (l to r): Adam Deane, Rory Waddell, Stephen Oostendorp, Trevor Rizzo, Greg Preston.



1997 UNDER 18s - PREMIERS

Rear (l to r): Barry Jones (Coach), Chris Pugh, Ananda Iyer, Jake Waddell, Troy Clucas, Michael Hull, Trevor Anderson, Jordan Burdin, Shane Butt, Derek Waddell (Manager). Front (l to r): Greg Hampstead, Ken Melvin, Justin Carmody, Andrew Jones, Paul Jones.



1997 UNDER 11As - LEAGUE CHAMPIONS AND PREMIERS

Rear (l to r): Daniel Agius, Paul Agius (Manager), Chris Bentermen, Chiji Olujie, Luke Suters, Leighton Packer, Chris Polley, Wayne Packer (Coach), Ryan Moore. Front (l to r): Andrew Wells, Peter Sharman, Darren Betts, Daniel McCamley, Ben Wallington, Aaron Shute, Andrew Watts.



the Premier League squad. As it turned out, although a number of players did play in Premier League, only two, Paul Jones and Shane Butt, would win permanent spots.

Although only beaten once during the competition proper the U18s had to settle for second place behind Umina whose 1-0 win over Wyoming during the season proved to be the difference between first and second place. The teams met again in the major semi-final, the first of two epic encounters that would decide the premiership. Umina took the lead in the first half, then after a long period of domination, Wyoming equalised through Jordan Burdon with just ten minutes remaining. With the scores locked at 1-1 at full-time the match went to extra-time and then to a penalty shootout eventually won 6-5 by Umina.

With two players suspended and a number of others injured the team had just ten fit players for the following week's final against The Entrance, forcing them to call up players from the U16A team that played immediately prior to them. Once again the game went into extra-time with Wyoming's Trevor Andersen scoring a golden-goal winner to take the team through to the grand final.

The U18 grand final was another titanic struggle between Umina and Wyoming. Both teams scored in the first half with no more scoring in either regulation or extra time. So another penalty shootout would decide the premiership. This time it almost went through the entire team before Wyoming took the shootout 9-8 to give the club its first ever success in that age group.

Three teams won the league championship/premiership double in 1997. All three lost just one match all season on their way to their respective titles. Wayne Packer's U11As included three future Premier League players in Chiji Olujie, Aaron Shute and Ben Wallington. They took the league championship with a 13-point cushion over second-placed Killarney District, who they went on to defeat 3-1 win in the major semi-final and 1-0 in the grand final, the winning goal not coming until five minutes from full-time by Aaron Shute. The win was the team's second in a row, having also won the 1996 U10A title.



Throughout its ten-year life the 'Dream Team' supported and were supported by The Grange Hotel. Here they are photographed in their team hats in the hotel's courtyard. In their first year together they would go on to take out the 1997 All-Age 3 league championship/premiership double and annex a total of six premierships.



Pat Ryan (front left) and his AA5 league championship and premiership winners.

At the start of the season the new All-Age 3 team had dubbed themselves the ‘Dream Team’ borrowing the name from the 1992 US Olympic basketball team. The nucleus of the team comprised former First and lower grade players keen to continue playing but without the demands required at the higher level. Coached by Bobby Bray they proved too good for their AA3 opponents and took out the first grand final with a comfortable 3-0 win.

The Girls U13s, coached by Don Sime, went through the season undefeated, wrapping up a great season by coming from a goal down to down Ocean Beach 5-2 in the grand final at Fagan Park.

HIGH ACHIEVERS



ANDREW CLARK began his long and distinguished football career with the Wyoming Soccer Club playing for four years from the 1980 U6As through to the 1983 U9A2s, winning the Player of the Year award in his final years with the club. When his family moved to Somersby he played for the local club, PMK, before playing for the Central Coast Coasties in the NSW First Division between 1992 and 1997.

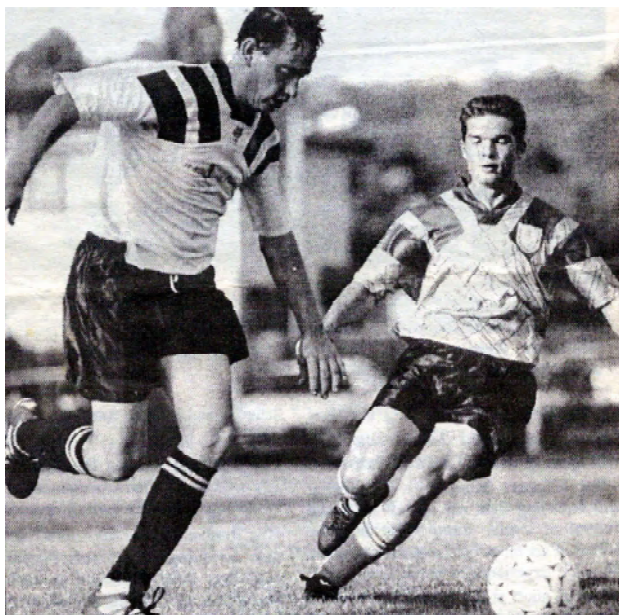
One of the game’s great journeyman, Andrew became a full-time professional in 1997, playing in Hong Kong for the 5-1-7 club. He returned to Australia in 1998 and after a few games with the Coasties he was signed by National Soccer League (NSL) club Canberra Cosmos where he scored five goals from 13 matches in the 1999/00 season. In 2000 he transferred to Parramatta Power, also in the NSL, before returning to the Coasties for the 2001/02 season.

Stints with Manly-Warringah and APIA-Leichhardt followed before he went overseas again to play in the 2003 season with leading Malaysian club Kedah. The following season he was back in Australia playing again for APIA as well as for the Northern Tigers in the NSW Super League

No player could have been happier than Andrew Clark when the Australian A-League competition was established in 2005 and he was able to return permanently to the Central Coast as one of the first players signed by the Mariners, where he played in the 2005 pre-season trial match against Wyoming at Central Coast Stadium.

Andrew would play out the remainder of his career with the Mariners, at the same time establishing a parallel career as the club’s Strength and Conditioning coach which he will continue to hold into the future. In total he played 85 A-League matches in his five years for the Mariners before retiring at the end of the 2009/10 season.





Phil Robson takes on Southern-Ettalong's Sean Pavelic in their first round First Grade match at Alan Davidson Park. SEU won the match 2-0.



Wyoming's Saryna Shute wins possession against her Ocean Beach opponent in the 1997 Girls Under 13 grand final at Fagan Park.

1997 IN REVIEW

TEAMS

Team	Coach(es)	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts	LPoS	SF	F	GF	FPos	Award	POTY
Sen PL1 1st	Tony Kayes	21	9	3	9	29	43	30	6/8						Greg Preston
Sen PL1 Res	Tony Kayes	21	5	7	9	39	37	22	5/8						Alan Duke
WAA	Bob O'Toole									0-4	3-4		F		Annette Stewart
Sen AA1	Brian Mottram	21	7	6	8	35	38	27	5/8						Arul Iyer
Sen AA3(A)	Robert Bray	21	16	4	1	88	13	52	1/8	??	??	3-0	LC/Pr		Jim Bruce
Sen AA3(B)	Don Sime	21	1	2	18	13	115	5	8/8						Michael Ling
Sen AA4	Brian Sutton	18	12	6	0	43	9	42	2/10	lost	0-1		F		Steven Knowles
Sen AA5	Pat Ryan	18	14	1	1	60	13	43	1/9	1-0			LC/Pr		Darren Cocks
Sen 18	Barry Jones	21	13	7	1	87	18	46	2/8	0-0(5-6)	2-1	1-1(9-8)	Pr		Paul Jones
16A	Ian Shute	18	11	4	2	40	13	26	2/7	lost	0-2		F		Trevor Shute
16D	Glen Watts	16	6	1	9	39	34	13	4/6	0-2			SF		Andrew Hill
14C	Colin Smith	20	8	4	6	48	39	20	6/7						Matthew Browne
13A	Don Sime	15	0	3	12	18	47	3	6/6						Kieran Perry
13D	Mark Le Cornu	18	2	0	14	16	46	4	9/9						James Griffin
W13	Don Sime	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				5-2	Pr		Saryna Shute
12B	David Eller	14	10	2	2	36	19	22	2/8	3-1		0-2	RU		Neale McAndrew
12D	Bruce Barrett	14	0	5	7	10	28	5	6/7						Cade Collette
11A	Wayne Packer	20	17	2	1	52	10	34	1/6	3-1		1-0	LC/Pr	PT	Ryan Moore
11C	Gary Benterman	18	7	7	4	41	31	21	5/10						David Tennant
11E	Mike Robinson	15	5	5	5	14	24	13	4/6	0-3			SF		Andrew Fell-Marston
10A	Roger Smith	18	8	2	6	22	21	18	5/9						Matthew Dutton
10D	Alan Bendeich	15	8	3	4	25	17	19	2/6	0-4	1-0	3-0	Pr		Dean Bendeich

NON-COMPETITION TEAMS

9A (David Darch), 9B (Alan Bendeich), 9C (Greg Kellerman), 9D (Gabrielle Holstein), 8A (Dave Webb), 8B (Wes Shutt), 8C (Bob Wallington), 8D (Rick Parker), 8E (Omar Hassan), 7A (Glen Heron), 7B (Malcolm Holland), 7C (Murray Peck), 7D (Sonya Hunt), 7E (Dave Bowcott), 7F (Jim Connor), 6A (David Maguire), 6B (Clive Harrison), 6C (John Roche), 6D (Steven Graham), 5A (Con Pantos), 5B (Les Egan).

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SUCCESSFUL TEAMS

LEAGUE CHAMPIONS & PREMIERS

11A

Coach: Wayne Packer

Players: Daniel Agius, Chris Benterman, Daniel McCamley, Ryan Moore, Chiji Olujie, Leighton Packer, Chris Polley, Peter Sharman, Aaron Shute, Luke Suters, Ben Wallington.

ALL-AGE 3 (A)

Coach: Robert Bray

Players: Robert Bray, Jim Bruce, Brad Dunn, Garry Frost, Clive Harrison, Ian Holder, Geoff Hulls, Tony McAndrew, Darren Mason, Brian Mottram, Jamie Robson, Jan Rundle, John Stutz, Dave Vickery, Glen Watts.

ALL-AGE 5

Coach: Pat Ryan

Players: Darren Cocks

PREMIERS

10D

Coach: Alan Bendeich

Players: Trent Allard, Kurt Bainbridge, Chris Baker, Dean Bendeich, Scott Bromfield, Reid Fleming, Justin Grant, Jason , Christopher Hulls, Andrew Lacina, Timothy Page, Ian Pritchard, Matthew Scaysbrook, , Rohan Mount-McCaughey.

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Coach: Barry Jones

Players: Trevor Andersen, Jordan Burdon, Shane Butt, Justin Carmody, Troy Clucas, Kean Eggleton, Ananda Iyer, Paul Jones, Andrew Jones, Ken Melvin, Chris Pugh, Jake Waddell.

W13

Coach: Don Sime

Players: Sarah Allard, Nichole Austin, Rashana Cameron, Rebecca Copeland, Aimee Cullen, Samantha Gleeson, Anneliese Grant, Mikala Gray, Elisha Kitchener, Sarah Nield, Saryna Shute, Tiffany Stanford, Angela Vanezis, Megan Whittington.

FIRST GRADE PLAYERS

Adam Deane, Aaron Hood, Steven Kennedy, Michael Kennedy, Stephen Oostendorp, Jason Potter, Greg Preston, Trevor Rizzo, Matthew Robson, Phil Robson, Michael Strachan, Rory Waddell.

MAJOR AWARD WINNERS

Clubperson of the Year: Peter Bech

Senior Player of the Year: Greg Preston

Senior Womens Player of the Year: Annette Stewart

Junior Player of the Year: Abdiqani Hassan

Life Membership: Don Sime

COMMITTEE

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Paul Nield

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Peter Bech

Registrar

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Committee

Ken Herzog



1998

A difficult season for everyone involved in Central Coast soccer with continual breaks because of wet weather and waterlogged pitches. The final results for the season were also disappointing with the 23 competition teams providing just a single premiership.

With just over 500 registered players Wyoming was the third largest club on the Central Coast and had a total of 45 teams: nine in the senior grades, 14 juniors and 22 non-competition teams. Of these there was one senior womens and two junior girls teams.

Five of the senior teams and six of the junior competition teams qualified for the semi-finals with four eventually making it through to their respective grand finals.

The promotion from the third to the second division of the All-Age competition, and a change of coach, didn't bother the second version of the 'Dream Team', as they annexed their second successive league championship/premiership double and the club's only premiership of 1998. In charge of the AA2 'Dream Team' was the previous year's First Grade coach, Tony Kayes. The team's experience once again was instrumental in their success with the team losing just two of the 20 matches that they played during the full season. The grand final was played against Gosford City and won 3-1.

The only other trophy winners were Bruce Barrett's junior team who won the U14B league championship but were then beaten in the major semi-final and grand finals.

The club's leading junior team were the Under 16As coached by Dennis Stillaway. After finishing in second place they had three tight encounters, beaten 1-0 during golden-goal extra time by league champions, Killarney District, in the major semi-final, played on a Thursday night after having been postponed from the previous Saturday due to the rain which had so disrupted the season.



1998 ALL-AGE 2 (DREAM TEAM) -LEAGUE CHAMPIONS AND PREMIERS

Rear (l to r): Bobby Bray Sen (Manager), Michael Strachan, Tony McAndrew, Dave Vickery, Jan Rundle, Brett Mason, Andy Sinnett, Jim Bruce, Tony Kayes (Coach). Front (l to r): Bobby Bray, Garry Frost, Craig Dunn, Geoff Hulls, Glen Watts, Jamie Robson, Darren Mason, Brad Dunn, Clive Harrison.



The U16As then had to dig deep in the final against Ourimbah to win through to the grand final, when after leading 1-0 at half-time, the goal scored by Gavin Stillaway, and missing a number of scoring chances, they not only conceded a penalty but also had the offending player sent-off early in the second half. But dig deep they did and a late goal from Andrew Hill gave them a well-deserved win. Unfortunately, in another closely contested match, they again went down to Killarney in the grand final beaten 2-1.

After the promising signs shown the previous year, the young First Grade team performed poorly winning just five of their 21 matches and finishing second last of the eight teams in the Premier League competition although never under threat of relegation. Under new coach Bob O'Toole the team's lack of experience, and the absence of a quality striker, told at crucial times of the season, with nine of their 15 losses being by a single goal. One of the two season highlights came in the third round when they defeated Ourimbah, now promoted to Premier League and made up almost entirely of their former clubmates. It was the start of a trend that would continue for more than a decade when, despite the strength of the Ourimbah team and their own relative weakness, Wyoming would invariably lift and were rarely beaten in these encounters. The 1998 win was all the more impressive as, despite the loss, Ourimbah would go on to take out the premiership.

The second highlight of 1998 came at the end when the team won the 'B' Division of the Margins Cup stringing together a series of wins before taking the final against Pittwater in a penalty shootout. Commenting on the season, coach O'Toole stated that "The most satisfying aspect of the year was to see the team 'bond' so well together. By season's end they were all team-mates in every sense of the word – a great starting point for real success next season."

In the absence of any suitable candidate at the start of the season Bob O'Toole also coached the Reserve Grade side, although mid-season he was joined by Craig Herring as joint coach. Herring had played his junior football at Wyoming before graduating to representative football in 1990. A



1998 MARGINS CUP 'B' DIVISION WINNERS

Rear (l to r): Andrew Jones, Jarrod Mobberley, Alistair Kennedy (Manager), Bob O'Toole (Coach), Luke O'Toole, Arul Iyer, Peter Bech (Secretary). Centre (l to r): Chris Large, Adam Deane, Paul Jones, Steve Kennedy. Front (l to r): Michael Kennedy, Stephen Bech, Stephen Oostendorp, Keenan Field, Alan Duke.



serious knee injury had subsequently cut short his playing career at just 22 years of age and, keen to remain in the game, he volunteered to take on the coaching role.

While the Reserve Grade team performed better than Firsts, they were plagued by inconsistency – capable of playing extremely good football at times, then lapsing into sub-standard performances, not surprisingly given their youth. However, the team did perform well enough to finish in fourth place where they were beaten in the minor semi-final.

The senior Womens team started the season in All-Age 1 competition but with injuries and players leaving, they were clearly out of their depth. Midway through the season they were switched to the WAA2 competition. There they performed much better eventually reaching the final where they were beaten 1-0.



1998 UNDER 10s – RUNNERS-UP

Back Row (l to r): Kevin Best (Coach), Richard Kennewell, Lachlan Hatfield-Smith, Nicholas Potts, Steven Van Dam, Evan Morris, Sean Benjamin Josefiak, Bev Eslick (Manager). Front Row (l to r): Nicholas Fisher, Grant Whittington, Matthew Schilder, Scott Nield, Brendan Crowe.

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MAJOR AWARD WINNERS

Clubperson of the Year: Dave Sullivan
 Senior Player of the Year: Steve Kennedy
 Senior Womens Player of the Year: Gaby Jones
 Junior Player of the Year: Alan McCubbin
 Life Membership: Peter Bech, Rhonda Bech, Brian Mottram

**TEAMS**

Team	Coach(es)	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts	LPos	SF	F	GF	FPos	Award	POTY
Sen PL1 1st	Bob O'Toole	21	5	1	15	22	34	16	7/8						Steven Kennedy
Sen PL1 Res	Bob O'Toole / Craig Herring	21	8	6	7	38	33	30	4/8	lost			SF		Scott Snodgrass
WAA	Don Sime									won	0-1		F		Gaby Jones
Sen AA1	Brian Mottram	20	6	8	6	19	26	26	4/6	SF					Ben Bright
Sen AA2	Tony Kayes	18	10	6	2	44	17	36	1/10	won		3-1	LC/Pr		Jamie Robson
Sen AA3	Cliff Deane	22	11	6	3	57	25	39	2/11	lost	lost		F		Daniel Fabian
Sen AA4	Pat Ryan	18	10	3	3	41	23	33	2/9	lost	0-1		F		Ashley Hardwick
Sen AA5	Keith Sutton	18	2	6	10	17	46	12	8/10						Darren Hackman
Sen 18A	Frank Carabott	21	9	5	7	66	28	32	5/6						Troy Clucas
16A	Dennis Stillaway	20	14	3	3	51	14	31	2/6	0-1	2-1	1-2	RU		Gavin Stillaway
16C	Ian Shute	18	4	4	10	35	45	12	7/10						Matthew Browne
W16	Don Sime														Saryna Shute
14B	Bruce Barrett	20	14	4	2	49	12	32	1/6	0-1	4-0	0-3	LC/RU		Adam Packer
13A	Luke Eller	21	4	6	11	19	69	14	5/8						Darren Cooper
13D	Don Sime	21	5	7	6	40	30	17	4/8	0-3			SF		MacLain Smith
W13	Paul Nield														Samantha Gleeson
12A	Wayne Packer	18	3	5	8	13	23	14	8/9						Andrew Wells
12D	Gary Benterman	21	8	8	5	40	26	24	4/8	2-4			SF		Patrick Wright
11A	Ian Shute	21	4	7	10	22	37	15	7/8						Luke Robinson
11C	Alan Bendeich	21	3	6	12	21	44	12	7/8						Christopher Hulls
10B	Kevin Best	14	7	5	2	23	10	19	2/8	3-0		0-2	RU	PT	Matthew Schilder
10E	Joe Pace	14	5	7	2	22	12	17	3/8	3-4			SF		Joshua Jenkins
10F	Don Sime	14	4	5	5	26	18	13	5/8						Matthew Street

NON-COMPETITION TEAMS

9A (Mike Robinson), 9B (Matthew Browne), 9C (Rick Parker), 9D (Mitchell Chivers), 8A (Glen Heron), 8B (Jody Dent), 8C (John Day), 8D (Warren Hillier), 8E (Pat Boyd), 7A (Steven Graham), 7B (Paul Barnes), 7C (John Roche), 7D (Dave Webb), 7E (Greg Preston), 7F (Kevin Ball), 6A (Adam Packer & Chris Pugh), 6B (Bruce Randall), 6C (Ken Kirk), 6D (Jamie Cilia), 6E (Unknown), 5A (Sue Lythgoe), 5B (Kathy Turner).

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SUCCESSFUL TEAMS**LEAGUE CHAMPIONS & PREMIERS****ALL-AGE 2**

Coach: Tony Kayes

Players: Bobby Bray, Jim Bruce, Brad Dunn, Craig Dunn, Garry Frost, Clive Harrison, Geoff Hulls, Brent Mason, Darren Mason, Tony McAndrew, Jamie Robson, Jan Rundle, Andy Sinnett, Michael Strachan, Dave Vickery, Glen Watts.

LEAGUE CHAMPIONS & RUNNERS-UP**14B**

Coach: Bruce Barrett

Players: David Barnes, Jarred Collette, Jason Gazzard, Karl Graf, Russell Green, James Griffin, Daniel Korocz, Matthew Le Cornu, Adam Packer, Kieran Perry, Paul Phillips, William Stone, Tore Tudhope.

FIRST GRADE PLAYERS

Damon Ainsley, Trevor Andersen, Stephen Bech, Adam Deane, Alan Duke, Daniel Evans, Keenan Field, Greg Herzog, Aaron Hood, Paul Jones, Steven Kennedy, Michael Kennedy, Chris Large, Jarrod Mobberley, Andrew Nielsen, Luke O'Toole, Greg Preston, Matthew Robson.

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Magazine Editor

Alistair Kennedy

Registrar

Kathy Robinson



1999

The Club had much the same committee as the previous year with some persons changing positions. Dave Bowcott took over the reins as president from Wayne Packer who replaced Susan Watts as treasurer. Peter Bech was again secretary, his fifth year in that position.

For the first time since the club was formed in 1970 the number of registered players passed the 600-mark with a total of 624 players in 48 teams, also a new record. The combination of extra players, wet weather, and a lack of regular fixtures at Alan Davidson Park made life very difficult for everyone concerned with running the club, especially Bob Wallington in his first year as fixtures officer and the new canteen managers, Sherene Kennewell and Elizabeth Heard.

Of the 48 teams there were nine in the senior grades, 16 juniors between Unders 10s and 16s, and 23 junior non-competition teams between Under 5s and 9s. This last group had a total of 240 players, a record number which still stands in 2010.

From the 25 competition teams only eight qualified for the end-of-season playoffs, with just one (Pat Ryan's AA5s) being league champions, although three did go on to win premierships. The titles came at each end of the age spectrum from two Under 10 teams at one end and the experienced 'Dream Team' at the other. For the latter team, their success in the All-Age 3 competition gave them their third win in succession and, in Brad Dunn, their third different coach in three years.

The First Grade team again struggled for stability with a number of changes in personnel and, in Jarrod Mobblerley, their fourth different coach in as many years and also the first player/coach since Dave Cronk back in 1982. Performances were again disappointing with just four wins and 13 losses from 21 matches and another second-last placing in the eight team competition just four points ahead of Gosford City who were relegated – just three years after the second of its back-to-back



1999 MARGINS CUP WINNERS

Rear (l to r): Dale Mobblerley, Bob O'Toole (Coach), Brian Mottram, Luke Gale, Steve Kennedy, Brent Mason, Nathan Carmody, Adam Deane, Dane Hokin, Shane Butt, Jarrod Mobblerley.
Front (l to r): Chris Camage, Trevor Andersen, Scott Snodgrass, Scott Howison, Shane Knight, Stephen Bech, David Wilson, Ben Johnson.



1999 UNDER 10A - PREMIERS

Rear (l to r): Nikolas Gorell, Mike Robinson (Coach), Brock Ditton, Thomas Robinson, Wes Shutt, John Robinson (Manager), Joshua Mulligan, Tim Wallington. Front (l to r): Daniel Edwards, Joel Agius, Joshua Bellamy, Aristtole Van Putten, Ian McAndrew, Brady Smith, Thomas Coventry.

premierships. The young team did however redeem themselves when, over the October long weekend, they went one better than they had the previous season by taking out the main Margin Cup with a very young side, reinforced by a couple of representative players in Shane Knight and Dane Hokin.

Of the six junior 'A' grade teams, only three reached the semi-finals with Mike Robinson's U10A the highest-placed in third position. The team contained a number of players destined to go on to distinguished football careers. Four would play in the local Premier League: Brock Ditton (for East Gosford) and Ian McAndrew, Tim Wallington and Thomas Coventry for Wyoming; while both McAndrew and Brady Smith would play for Central Coast Lightning and for the Central Coast Mariners in the A-League competition due to start six years later. Ian McAndrew, one of three brothers to play First Grade for Wyoming and the son of club stalwart, Tony McAndrew, would also go on to represent Australia in the 2010 Futsal Asian Championships in Uzbekistan.

But that was all in the future as the 1999 Under 10A minor semi-final against Killarney District kicked off at Pluim Park No.1, the first time that the boys had played on the Coast's number one field. Despite this, and the added pressure of a good crowd, they settled down quickly and after a succession of attacking raids by Josh Mulligan Wyoming took an early lead when Nik Gorell scored from a comer. Against the run of play Killarney equalised from a goalmouth scramble but Wyoming replied quickly when Tim Wallington sprinted downfield and put in a perfect cross for Daniel Edwards to score. Into the second half Wyoming continued to control the match and Edwards scored again for a 3-1 lead. A reckless tackle in the last minutes saw Killarney score from a penalty but even the panic of the last moments did not see Wyoming lose this one, winning 3-2.

The final, against Budgewoi, was an even tighter match, with Wyoming again taking an early lead through a well-taken penalty by Tim Wallington. Budgewoi countered to send the match into extra-time with Wyoming's goalkeeper, Tom Robinson, making a memorable save in the dying minutes to keep his team in the match which then went to a penalty shootout. Ian McAndrew, Josh Bellamy and Arrow Van Putten all scored before Thomas Coventry put the last goal in to win the match, replacement goalkeeper, Josh Mulligan, having earlier made some great saves.



Now with plenty of momentum the boys met Avoca in the grand final in a match that remained scoreless throughout and eventually went to another penalty shootout. Again the Wyoming players handled the pressure admirably with Ian McAndrew, Josh Bellamy, Brady Smith and Arrow Van Putten all scoring. The pressure became even greater when the referee miscounted the number of shots that had been taken, and incorrectly awarded the match to Avoca. His error was quickly pointed out by both coach Robinson and the linesman and the shootout resumed. Again Josh Mulligan, was the shootout goalkeeper and his save from Avoca's equalising attempt gave Wyoming the match, and the premiership, 4-3.

For the first time since 1988 when Wyoming won all three Under 11 premierships, the club took out two titles in the same age-group with the Under 10Gs, coached by Scott McKinnon, going from second-place directly to the grand final with a 2-1 win over the league champions in the major semi and then claiming the title with a 1-0 win over Umina in the grand final.

Despite having won the 1998 All-Age 2 premiership the 'Dream Team' somehow managed to get themselves relegated to All-Age 3 for the 1999 season. Under new coach Brad Dunn they finished in third place with seven wins, five draws and four losses from their 16 matches. Again the team's big match experience proved invaluable during the playoffs as they strung together the necessary three straight wins, culminating in a 1-0 win over Budgewoi in the grand final to maintain the 'Dreamers' perfect record of three premierships in three seasons. Needless to say, celebrations at 'Dream Team Headquarters' in Renwick Street went well into the night.

Another All-Age team with a record of success was Pat Ryan's AA5s who had been Premiers in 1997 and AA4 finalists in 1998. After dominating the competition to finish as league champions with a 12-1 win/loss ratio and conceding just nine goals from 16 matches, they went straight to the grand final with a hard-fought 1-0 win in the major semi-final. Unfortunately that score was reversed in the decider against Umina and the popular Irishman's team had to settle for a runners-up medallion in 1999.



1999 ALL-AGE 3 (DREAM TEAM) - PREMIERS

Rear (l to r): John Stutz, Jamie Robson, Clive Harrison, Matthew Robson, Jan Rundle, Brian Mottram, David Wilson, Bobby Bray Jnr, Sean Deane, Geoff Hulls, Tony McAndrew, Bobby Bray Snr (Manager).
Front (l to r): Grahame Cunningham, Ron Kelly, Peter Seaborn, Brad Dunn (Captain), 'Argy' (Manager).



Also runners-up were the Womens All-Age team, coached for the second season by Don Sime, who had now established himself as the club's longest-serving coach with his two 1999 teams taking his record to 19 teams over a 13-year period. In the minor semi-final against East Gosford, Cheronne Nicholas, battling a knee injury, dominated the match in its early stage before giving Wyoming the lead. East Gosford equalised late in the first half, and after a hard and fast second period Sue Moffit scored with only a couple of minutes to spare for a 2-1 win.

The final, against the Coasties representative team, was fast and furious but ultimately scoreless at full-time. Good goal keeping from both Catherine Thiaux and Jenny Huntington kept Wyoming in the game. Then with about four minutes to go in the first period, Jenny Wallace lobbed a shot over the opposition goalkeeper's head for what would ultimately be the only goals of the match. One of the stars for Wyoming was Chris Muldoon, formerly Wilkinson, who was placed in the unusual situation of having to mark her own daughter, who was the captain of the Coasties team.

It had been four years since Wyoming had contested a top-grade Womens grand final and during the season they had been unable to defeat their opponents Kincumber in any of their previous encounters. Continual hard work by Wyoming's Jenny Huntington was rewarded when she scored the first goal of the match. Kincumber equalised, and the teams went to half-time at one-all. The second half was a repeat of the first, only this time it was Kincumber's turn to score and take a 2-1 lead which Wyoming, despite a late flurry, was unable to match.

Another team to perform well was the very important Under 18 team, coached by former First Grade Ken Butt. Despite losing just two of their 15 regular season matches the team could only manage to finish in third place. They won through to the final with a confident 3-1 win over Umina including excellent goals to Luke Cumberland and Peter Randall. Unfortunatley that was to be as far as the team would go, being defeated 1-0 by Doyalson in a tight final.



A typically ferocious encounter between Wyoming and Ourimbah in their Round 16 match at Ourimbah Oval. Here Scott Snodgrass tussles with Ourimbah's Adam Dolling, with goalkeeper Stephen Oostendorp ready to save. Ourimbah gave Wyoming one of its biggest defeats on record, winning 5-0.



HIGH ACHIEVERS



PAUL SMALLMAN only had a brief soccer career, playing for Wyoming in the 1982 U8C1s and 1983 U9A2s, playing alongside future Mariners player Andrew Clark, before switching to rugby league. He took up boxing in his teens and turned professional in 1995. Fighting as Paul 'The Doctor' Smallman, he won the first of his four titles, the PABA super middleweight, 1998. The following year he won the South Seas Cruiserweight title and in April 2002 he fought Danny Green in Sydney for the IBF Pan Pacific Super Middleweight title, being knocked out by the future world champion in the eighth round. Paul bounced back later that year to win the NSW and Australian Cruiserweight title in front of his home crowd at the Central Coast Leagues Club. He currently lives in Fiji where he had his last fight in 2004, although he is scheduled to make his comeback fight in Surfers Paradise on June 2010.



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TEAMS

Team	Coach(es)	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts	LPoS	SF	F	GF	FPos_Aw	POTY	
Sen PL1 1st	Jarrod Mobberley	21	4	4	13	28	54	16	7/8					Michael Kennedy	
Sen PL1 Res	Shane Penfold	21	3	5	13	31	63	14	6/8					Luke Gale	
WAA	Don Sime									2-1	1-0	1-2	RU	Gaby Jones	
Sen AA1	Joe Pace	18	5	6	7	18	30	21	5/7					John Frohmuller	
Sen AA3	Brad Dunn	16	7	5	4	25	17	26	3/9	3-1	2-0	1-0	Pr		
Sen AA4	Michael Curryer	18	7	3	8	26	38	24	7/10					Jason Cottier	
Sen AA5	Pat Ryan	16	12	3	1	42	9	39	1/9	1-0		0-1	LC/RU	Phillip Gordon	
Sen AA6	Keith Sutton	18	1	8	9	20	38	11	9/10					David McKinnon	
Sen 18	Ken Butt	15	10	3	2	41	11	33	3/9	3-1	0-1		F		
16A	Bruce Barrett	12	1	4	7	11	23	7	7/7					Adam Packer	
16C	Ian Shute	17	3	5	9	17	26	14	8/10					William Stone	
14A	Andrew Betts	15	0	1	14	6	50	1	6/6					Ian Brown	
14C	Jamie & Matthew Robson	14	5	3	6	29	31	18	5/9					Brodie Tocker	
W14	Don Sime	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0					Sheridyn Fisher	
13A	Wayne Packer	12	5	2	5	21	16	17	4/7	1-2			SF	Andrew Wells	
13C	George Tychonenko	16	4	5	7	18	28	17	6/9					Dean Heather	
12A	Alan Bendeich	14	1	3	10	11	30	6	8/8					Luke Robinson	
12C	Ian Clarke	14	3	2	9	23	45	11	7/8					Daniel Bellamy	
11A	Kevin Best	12	3	5	4	10	15	14	4/8	0-1			SF	Brendan Frost	
11C	Joe Pace	14	2	4	8	11	30	10	7/8					Nathan Everrett	
11F	Dave Sullivan	14	4	4	6	11	20	16	5/7					Liam Sharp	
10A	Mike Robinson	15	6	4	5	21	14	22	3/6	3-2	1-1(4-3)	0-0(4-3)	Pr	PT	Ian McAndrew
10C	Rick Parker	14	4	5	5	21	21	17	5/8					Daniel Stobbart	
10F	Colin Harris	16	0	5	11	5	32	5	9/9					Alyssa Harris	
10G	Scott McKinnon	14	9	3	3	33	9	30	2/8	2-1		1-0	Pr	Matthew McKinnon	

NON-COMPETITION TEAMS

9A (Glen Heron), 9B (Brett Hoole), 9C (Ian Shute), 9D (Nichole Austin), 9E (Mark Chapman), 8A (Bob O'Toole), 8B (John Roche), 8C (Greg Preston), 8D (Warren Murphy), 8E (Andrew Betts), 7A (Dave Bowcott), 7B (Adam Packer & Chris Pugh), 7C (Ken Kirk), 7D (Dean Wall), 7E (Brad Young), 6A (Sue Lythgoe), 6B (John Vrana), 6C (Lal Emerson), 6D (Mark Thompson), 6E (Judy Doyle), 5A (Scott Iffland), 5B (Alan Ashworth), 5C (Mark Croser).

CODES : LPoS = Final league position, FPos = Final competition position, Pr = Premiers, PrJ = Joint Premiers, RU = runners-up (grand finalists); SF = semi-final, F = Final, PT = Presidents Trophy, AC = Northern NSW Amateur Cup winners, CC = NSW Champion of Champions winners, POTY = Team Player of the Year award.



SUCCESSFUL TEAMS

LEAGUE CHAMPIONS & RUNNERS-UP

ALL-AGE 5

Coach: Pat Ryan

Players: Howard Ainsley, Paul Coventry, David Derrick, Terry Duffield, Phillip Gordon, Glen Gregory, John-Paul Hallam, Timothy Hatfield, Sam Henwood, Steven Knowles, Matthew Leeson, James Mitcherson, Brett Mullens, Lyndon Varley.

PREMIERS

10A

Coach: Mike Robinson

Players: Joel Agius, Joshua Bellamy, Thomas Coventry, Brock Ditton, Daniel Edwards, Nicholas Gorell, Ian McAndrew, Joshua Mulligan, Thomas Robinson, Wes Shutt, Brady Smith, Aristotle Van Putten, Tim Wallington.

10G

Coach: Scott McKinnon

Players: Joel Absolon, Javid Bing, Tayden Cameron, Ashley Cooper, Mitch Danilovic, Daniel Hayden, Cameron Mapperson, Matthew McKinnon, Daniel Mulvaney, Daniel O'Hara, Nathan Smith, Roger Smith, Tom Spencer, Martin Vazquez, Daniel Watts.

ALL-AGE 3

Coach: Brad Dunn

Players: Grahame Cunningham, Sean Dene, Brad Dunn, Craig Dunn, Clive Harrison, Ron Kelly, Tony McAndrew, Paul Mottram, Brian Mottram, Jamie Robson, Matthew Robson, Jan Rundle, Peter Seaborn, John Stutz, David Wilson.

FIRST GRADE PLAYERS

Shane Butt, Nathan Carmody, Adam Deane, Aaron Hood, Scott Howison, Arul Iyer, Paul Jones, Steven Kennedy, Michael Kennedy, Brent Mason, Jarrod Mobberley, Stuart Murray, Luke O'Toole, Stephen Oostendorp, Greg Preston, Scott Snodgrass.

MAJOR AWARD WINNERS

Clubperson of the Year: Ian Shute

Senior Player of the Year: Michael Kennedy

Senior Womens Player of the Year: Gaby Jones

Junior Player of the Year: Warren McAndrew

Life Membership: Dave Bowcott

COMMITTEE

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Dave Bowcott

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Dave Sullivan

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Peter Bech

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Wayne Packer

Football Committee

Brian Mottram (Chair)

Robert Bray Snr

Ian Shute

Sue Lythgoe

Ken Herzog

Andrew Nielsen

Peter Morrison

Canteen Manager

Elizabeth Heard

Sherene Kennewell

Coaching Co-ordinator

Don Sime

Fixtures Officer

Bob Wallington

Gear Steward

Ken Herzog

Peter Peisley

Grounds Controller

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