



2007

Wyoming's Premier League teams went into the 2007 season with three years of strong, consistent performances behind them. The First Grade team had finished second in each of three previous seasons as well as having its breakthrough premiership victory in 2004 while Reserve Grade were defending premiers, having defeated Ourimbah with a last-gasp goal in the 2006 grand final. Despite these recent premierships the elusive league championship had continued to elude them, and it was now 29 years since the club had won what, in football terms, was the most important title.

Much of the squad's success was due to the professionalism and discipline which successive coaches Ken Butt and John McLafferty had brought to the club. Unfortunately for the club, a re-organisation at Central Coast Football (CCF) had formed a new representative club, now called Central Coast Lightning, and McLafferty was appointed as First Grade coach, at the same time continuing as a coach with the Mariners Youth Academy. While he remained committed to Wyoming, and stayed on as the club's Senior Coaching Director, he had to step down as First Grade coach. His place was taken by rookie coach, Greg Preston, who had guided the club's Reserve Grade team to the premiership in 2006.

Four senior players, captain Marcus Steele, striker Brad Lewis, and the exciting young talents Graham Toope and Ian McAndrew, followed McLafferty to Lightning. Importantly, all five went with the club's blessing, and remained strong supporters throughout what was to be a long and arduous, but ultimately, stunningly successful season.

In what was, in retrospect, a sign of the successes ahead the First Grade team took less than a minute into their opening match against Budgewoi to score their first goal with Marc Falzon slotting home a long cross from Ben Wallington. Although Budgewoi equalised, two goals in two minutes early in the second half gave Wyoming a 3-1 win. A come-from-behind 2-1 win over The Entrance gave the team further confidence and this increased week-by-week as they strung together a total of nine successive wins including a record-breaking 9-0 win over Terrigal at Alan Davidson Park, both the most goals and the largest winning margin ever by a Wyoming First Grade team.

At the half-way mark of the competition the team already had a stranglehold on the league championship and although they dropped their first points of the season when surprisingly held to a 2-2 draw by relegation-bound Killarney District they were quickly back on track with a satisfying 5-0 victory over arch-rivals Ourimbah the following week.

The Round 14 match against East Gosford at Hylton Moore Park on 22 July gave the team the chance to wrap up the league championship and when Neale McAndrew's 85th-minute goal hit the back of the net to give the team a 2-0 lead the title had been won, remarkably with four rounds to spare.

Although held to a 1-1 draw by The Entrance the following week the team won its last two matches and at the end of the competition proper the First Grade team's record read: Played 17, won 15, drew two, lost nil, goals scored 58, goals conceded 13. They had won the league championship by a record margin of 14 points and with an amazing goal difference of plus-45.



*2007 First Grade
Coach Greg Preston*



*2007 First Grade
Captain and Reserve
Grade Coach Ryan
Marshall*



Rain was to seriously disrupt the remainder of the season and the major semi-final against Budegwoi was delayed for a week and eventually played on the number two field at Plum Park. Budegwoi dominated the match throughout the first half and Wyoming was lucky to reach half-time with just a 0-1 scoreline. However, as they had done all season, the team fought back tenaciously and the game gradually swung Wyoming's way especially so when Daniel Surridge, returning from injury, took the field in the 59th minute. Surridge made an immediate impact, however with just 13 minutes left to play Wyoming still trailed by that single goal. Then a sensational goal from striker Marc Tarring levelled the scores. Running onto the ball from near halfway the tall and powerfully-built Tarring charged through the Budegwoi defence straight at goal before unleashing an unstoppable volley. With just seconds left before extra time Marc Falzon scored from a scramble in front of goal to take Wyoming directly to its third First Grade grand final in four years.

Budegwoi returned as Wyoming's opponents in the grand final which, with Plum Park unplayable due to further rain, was eventually played at Pat Morley Oval, Bateau Bay with the match being in doubt almost until kick-off. Wyoming went into the game without Trevor Shute due to a knee injury suffered in the major semi-final, but in an indication of the team's depth, was able to call up Paul Jones as his replacement. In less than ideal conditions the premiership decider was another tight, hard encounter with neither side able to dominate on the slippery, uneven field. Wyoming took the lead in the 37th minute when skipper Ryan Marshall drove a 30-metre volley past the Budegwoi defence to give his team a 1-0 lead. The remainder of the match continued as before with both sides missing scoring chances and with the tension increasing until referee Gordon Selkirk's full-time whistle giving Wyoming a well-deserved premiership.

Despite being defending premiers, the club had been unable to attract a coach to replace Greg Preston in charge of the Reserve Grade team. Initially as a stop-gap measure, First Grade captain Ryan Marshall, volunteered to take on the job. It was hardly an ideal situation given that he needed to leave the sideline midway through the second half of each match to prepare for his own game.

But, like everything else in the 2007 Premier League season, it worked well. The two teams trained together throughout the season and formed a bond that carried them through numerous difficult situations.



2007 FIRST GRADE – UNDEFEATED LEAGUE CHAMPIONS & PREMIERS

Rear (l to r): Dave Boyd (Manager), Scott Bromfield, Warren McAndrew, Marc Tarring, Andrew Bull, Keelan Austen, Andrew Watts, Trevor Shute, Greg Preston (Coach).

Front (l to r): Michael Kennedy, Ethan Kennedy (Mascot), Daniel Surridge, Marc Falzon, Elliot Marshall (Mascot), Paul Jones, Neale McAndrew, Ben Wallington, Jackson Preston (Mascot), Anthony Skinner, Nathan Sefton (Mascot), Aaron Hood.



As First Grade league champions, Wyoming had automatically earned the right to represent the Central Coast in the All-Age division of the statewide Champion of Champions competition. After some discussion it was decided to take up the nomination despite a number of factors which would clearly reduce the team's chances of success. First up, the Round One match against Nepean champions, Blue Mountains at Richmond, was held on the same day as Wyoming's Reserve Grade grand final at Pluim Park. This meant, not only that the team couldn't take any reserve players but that coach Ryan Marshall and at least one player, may have needed to leave the match early to ensure that they were back on the Coast in time to prepare for the grand final.

The decision to contest the Champion of Champions didn't look like a good one, when after just twelve minutes Wyoming trailed 2-0. However the never-say-die attitude and confidence that had characterised the team throughout the season once again came to the fore and an 18th minute goal from Keelan Austen stopped the momentum of the classy, experienced Blue Mountains team. Then, with Michael Kennedy's 37th-minute equaliser, the game swung Wyoming's way and another goal from Marc Falzon midway through the second half proved to be the decider. The full-time whistle saw everyone scurrying to their cars for the trip to Pluim Park where Reserve Grade capped off a great day with their grand final victory over East Gosford.

There were more problems for the Champion of Champions second round match with the game coinciding with the previously-arranged end-of-season trip to the Gold Coast. The team, without a coach and with just seven regular First Graders but bolstered by five Reserve Graders and promising Under-18 Sean McLafferty, travelled to South Granville to take on Granville champions, and 2006 Champion of Champions runners-up, Pendle Hill.

Not surprisingly, expectations weren't high but yet again the self-belief of the team was apparent. This time Wyoming took an early lead with a brilliant strike from Marc Falzon in the 13th minute. Pendle Hill equalised within minutes and, although the understrength Wyoming team dominated, the game eventually went through extra time to a penalty shootout. Ironically Wyoming's two most dominant players during the match, Michael Kennedy and Ryan Marshall, missed with the first two penalties but despite this the team went on to take the shootout 4-3 with manager, Alistair Kennedy, providing shot-by-shot description to an enthusiastic group gathered around coach Preston's mobile phone in a Gold Coast pub. The game was marred by a season-ending injury to Marc Falzon who finally succumbed to a niggling knee problem which would eventually require surgery and keep him out of the game until the 2010 season.

Yet again there was a barrier to the team proceeding further with the quarter final match, against Beacon Hill, being scheduled for the day after the club's Senior Presentation Night, although fortunately it was to be played at Pluim Park. But by now the momentum of the team had reached the stage where it didn't seem to matter what problems there were, or who was or wasn't able to play. This was a team that, quite simply, had forgotten how to lose.

The season had now extended into October and in hot, energy-sapping conditions the match against Beacon Hill was yet another tough encounter. A goal in the 38th minute by defender Luke Hiscock gave Wyoming a lead which it held until the last five minutes when an unlucky own goal took the match into extra-time. With just two minutes separating the team from a second straight penalty shootout Marc Tarring headed home the winner, the tournament being played under the 'golden goal' rule.

The team now had a fortnight's break before the semi-final which was played at the headquarters of Football NSW, Valentine Park, Glenwood. The match was against typically tough Sydney opposition, in Fairfield Hotspurs. Again the weather was hot and humid testing the patience of players and spectators alike. A superb lob by Marc Tarring gave Wyoming the lead midway through the second half before Fairfield equalised. Again the match went through golden goal extra-time and on to a penalty shootout. This time however there were no hiccups and Andrew Bull's save against the first Fairfield penalty taker proved decisive as each of Wyoming's shots were successful.

Unfortunately, the game was marred by an ugly incident involving spectators from both clubs which not only cast a pall over the match but which actually threatened Wyoming's place in the



final. However, following some frantic behind-the-scenes work by the Wyoming secretary, Alistair Kennedy, and president, Murray Peck, the result was eventually confirmed.

The 2007 NSW Champion of Champions final was the first-ever to be contested by two non-Sydney teams, Wyoming's opponents being Coffs City United. From the kick-off it was clear that this was the best team that Wyoming had met all season. A young, classy and talented team they dominated the first half hour of the match and looked the more likely to score. However, against the run of play, Wyoming took the lead in the 40th minute when a diving header from Ben Wallington beat the Coffs United 'keeper. The goal spurred on Wyoming and from then on the match was evenly-contested. Coffs equalised in the 58th minute when a shot took an unlucky deflection and wrong-footed Wyoming goal-keeper, Andrew Bull. However it was Bull who had a final say with a sensational save in the last 10 minutes which would otherwise almost certainly have given the match to Coffs. Within minutes Wyoming scored its second goal when defender Paul Jones was on hand to deflect the ball into the net from a goalmouth scramble. The last five tension-filled minutes dragged on interminably but the Wyoming defence held to give the club its greatest-ever achievement.

So, a season which had started with some apprehension for the Wyoming Premier League squad, proved to be a stunning success. Their achievements remain unparalleled in the history of Central Coast club football with the squad winning an unprecedented six titles: First Grade league championship, First Grade premiership, Reserve Grade league championship, Reserve Grade premiership, Premier League Club Championship and the NSW Champion of Champions title. To cap it off they were awarded the Team of the Year award at the 2GO Sports Starts of the Year presentation.

The club's third premiership for 2007 was won by the All-Age 7 team, giving Alan Bendeich his third title as a coach, having previously won junior premierships in 1997 with the U10Ds and again in 2005 with the U16Bs. The team had a mix of youth and experience, ranging from 19-year-olds Ilyas Arte and Dean Bendeich through to 60-year-old Bill Bulmer and they combined well throughout the season to finish on top of the competition ladder and so win the league championship with four losses from their 19 matches.



These two photographs from the 2007 Champion of Champions final between Wyoming and Coffs United at Valentine Park illustrate the defensive skills of Michael Kennedy (top) and the attacking brilliance of Daniel Surridge (above).



2007 FIRST GRADE – CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS WINNERS

Rear (l to r): Keelan Austen, Luke Hiscock, Marc Tarring, Chiji Oluje, Ben Wallington.
 Centre (l to r): Greg Preston (Coach), Ryan Marshall, Caine Hanshaw, Anthony Skinner, Andrew Watts,
 Neale McAndrew, Dave Boyd (Team Manager), Alistair Kennedy (Squad Manager).
 Front (l to r): Ethan Kennedy (Mascot), Dean Wade, Michael Kennedy, Scott Bromfield, Andrew Bull,
 Daniel Surridge, Paul Jones.



Left: Wyoming captain, Ryan Marshall, holds up the 2007 All-Age Champion of Champions trophy presented by former Soccerroo coach, Rale Rasic (obscured)

Right: In January 2008 the Wyoming First Grade was awarded the Central Coast Team of the Year at the 2GO Sports Stars of the Year award ceremony. Rear (l to r); Alistair Kennedy (Club Secretary & Squad Manager), Dave Boyd (Manager), Keelan Austen, Michael Kennedy.
 Front (l to r): Murray Peck (Club President), Ryan Marshall (Captain) and Greg Preston (Coach).





2007 MENS ALL-AGE 7 - LEAGUE CHAMPIONS & PREMIERS

Rear (l to r): Bill Bulmer, Brendon O'Connor, Dean Bendeich, Sean Bendeich, Mark Bohringer, Adam Coulter, Jason McKinnon, Yongjin Yun. Front (l to r): Jason Cottier, Alan Bendeich (Coach), Matt Rogers, Ilyas Arte, Trevor Gledden, Mattie Cook, Scott Fuller, Brad Warden.

The major semi-final, against second-placed Mountains was always going to be a tough encounter but Wyoming played near their best, took their chances and won the first grand final spot with a morale-boosting 3-0 win. The defeat must have shattered Mountains because they were surprisingly beaten by Umina in the Final.

With defeat in the 2006 MAA7 grand final still fresh in the minds of many of the players, the old adage "you have to lose a grand final before you can win one" was there to spur on the Wyoming team. As had been the case when these teams had met during the competition rounds the game was hard and physical, although unlike these earlier matches in this case the match had a referee and two linesmen to control things. After a tough first quarter of the match Wyoming gradually began to dominate and were rewarded with a goal to Jason Cottier late in the first half. Shortly after the break Dean Bendeich doubled the lead with a free-kick from just outside the penalty box. That broke the spirit of the Umina team and ill-discipline saw two of their players sent off in the last 15 minutes. A second goal to Jason Cottier gave Wyoming a well-deserved 3-0 win and capped off a memorable season.

Although the Club was performing well at the senior level, there was concern that coaches of teams in the U5-U9 (non-competition) age groups were not receiving any training and, consequently, that players were not being given the chance to fully develop their football skills. A new initiative was introduced by Kevin Best and Eric Marshall to try and address these issues. Called the ABC Junior Football Program it provided a structured training program with 18 skill exercises that players were encouraged to continually practice. Player skill levels were regularly measured and progress recorded from year to year. The Program also provided guidance and training for team coaches as well as advice and assistance to parents in the pathway for their child.



JUNIOR FOOTBALL PROGRAM

By 2010 the program had proved so successful that five Wyoming players had been chosen in high-performance coaching clinics run by Football NSW and/or the Central Coast Mariners.



2007 IN REVIEW

TEAMS

| <u>Team</u> | <u>Coach(es)</u> | <u>P</u> | <u>W</u> | <u>D</u> | <u>L</u> | <u>GF</u> | <u>GA</u> | <u>Pts</u> | <u>LPos</u> | <u>SF</u> | <u>E</u> | <u>GF</u> | <u>FPos</u> | <u>Award</u> | <u>POTY</u> |
|-------------|----------------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|------------|-------------|-----------|----------|-----------|-------------|--------------|---------------------|
| Sen PL1 1st | Greg Preston | 18 | 15 | 3 | 0 | 54 | 12 | 48 | 1/10 | 2-1 | | 1-0 | LC/Pr | PT | Ryan Marshall |
| Sen PL1 Res | Ryan Marshall | 18 | 12 | 2 | 4 | 37 | 18 | 38 | 1/10 | 3-2 | | 2-1 | LC/Pr | | Aaron Shute |
| WAA3 | Colin Muldoon | 21 | 1 | 6 | 11 | 9 | 44 | 9 | 7/7 | | | | | | Rena Stone |
| Sen AA1 | Ken Melvin | 18 | 2 | 6 | 10 | 24 | 51 | 12 | 7/10 | | | | | | Scott Snodgrass |
| Sen AA2 | Gareth Bray | 18 | 6 | 5 | 7 | 26 | 29 | 23 | 6/10 | | | | | | Greg Seiders |
| Sen AA4 | Daniel Wiecekowski | 18 | 1 | 3 | 14 | 16 | 87 | 6 | 10/10 | | | | | | Andrew Fell-Marston |
| Sen AA7 | Alan Bendeich | 18 | 12 | 4 | 2 | 88 | 20 | 40 | 1/10 | 3-0 | | 3-0 | LC/Pr | | Mark Bohringer |
| Sen 35 | Brad Dunn | 21 | 12 | 3 | 3 | 47 | 19 | 39 | 1/7 | 1-0 | | 1-2 | LC/RU | | Brad Dunn |
| Sen 18A1 | Tony Gallagher | 21 | 15 | 4 | 2 | 42 | 18 | 49 | 2/8 | 2-1 | | 0-1 | RU | | Timothy Wallington |
| Sen 18A2 | Alan Bendeich | 21 | 6 | 4 | 11 | 31 | 32 | 22 | 6/8 | | | | | | Myles MacQuillan |
| W18 | Robert Blandford | 20 | 6 | 6 | 8 | 32 | 46 | 24 | 5/6 | | | | | | Sarah Hilton |
| 17A | Brad Finch | 21 | 9 | 5 | 7 | 42 | 26 | 32 | 5/8 | | | | | | Mark Bellemore |
| 16C | Kim Lincoln | 18 | 8 | 4 | 6 | 45 | 32 | 28 | 4/10 | 4-6 | | | SF | | Will Wigginton |
| 14A | Murray Peck | 21 | 8 | 9 | 4 | 37 | 17 | 33 | 3/8 | 5-6 | | | SF | | Brendan Harris |
| 14B | Gareth Bray | 21 | 0 | 2 | 16 | 5 | 101 | 2 | 7/7 | | | | | | |
| W14A | Paul Collins | 20 | 3 | 4 | 13 | 10 | 68 | 13 | 5/6 | | | | | | |
| 13A | Bret Lomax | 21 | 9 | 4 | 5 | 28 | 21 | 31 | 3/7 | 2-1 | 1-0 | 0-1 | RU | | Stuart Adams |
| 13B | Bob Fredewell | 18 | 9 | 2 | 5 | 38 | 34 | 29 | 3/9 | 3-1 | 1-4 | | F | | Thomas McCann |
| 12A | Gordon Millar | 18 | 5 | 4 | 7 | 17 | 22 | 19 | 5/9 | | | | | | |
| 12E | Katrina Stewart & Andrew Stewart | 18 | 11 | 4 | 3 | 52 | 25 | 37 | 3/10 | 2-0 | 0-2 | | F | | Justin Grealy |
| 11B | Jason Cottier | 22 | 5 | 6 | 11 | 24 | 53 | 21 | 8/12 | | | | | | Matthew Bateup |
| 11D | Martin Rayner | 21 | 11 | 6 | 4 | 39 | 17 | 39 | 3/8 | 2-1 | 0-4 | | F | | Matthew Rayner |
| 10A | Tony Offord | 14 | 1 | 3 | 10 | 3 | 50 | 6 | 7/8 | | | | | | Declan Cassidy |
| 10D | Timothy Hatfield | 14 | 8 | 3 | 3 | 44 | 20 | 27 | 2/8 | 0-3 | 3-1 | 0-2 | RU | | Chris Mitcherson |
| 10E | Jason Cottier & Alistair Stewart | 14 | 5 | 7 | 2 | 25 | 12 | 22 | 3/8 | 2-0 | 2-1 | 0-1 | RU | | Marc Smithson |
| 10H | Darren Fraser | 15 | 6 | 2 | 7 | 29 | 24 | 20 | 4/6 | 1-2 | | | SF | | |

NON-COMPETITION TEAMS

9B (Aden Omar & Mark Johnston), 9C (Peter Bone), 9F (Peter Bech), 9G (Shaun Smithson), 8A (James Mitcherson), 8B (David Whittaker), 8C (Rick Hogan), 7A (Shannon Beavan), 7B (David (1972) Smith), 7C (Dale Reynolds), 7D (Robert Wege), 6A (Robert Van Roosmalen), 6B (Aaron Quill), 6C (Michael Walsh), 6D (John Goodyear), 6E (Stephen Keiler), 5A (Shelly Rayner), 5B (Brett Ryan), 5C (Kirsty Squires), 5D (Michael Kennedy), 5E (Liza Halliday (Mesiri)).

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.

MAJOR AWARD WINNERS

Clubperson of the Year: Peter Morrison
 Senior Player of the Year: Ryan Marshall
 Senior Womens Player of the Year: Sarah Hilton
 Junior Player of the Year: Ryan Hoare
 Life Membership: Eric Marshall, Greg Preston
 CCF Coach of the Year: Greg Preston

FIRST GRADE PLAYERS

Keelan Austen, Andrew Bull, Marc Falzon, Aaron Hood, Paul Jones, Michael Kennedy, Ryan Marshall, Neale McAndrew, Trevor Shute, Daniel Surrige, Marc Tarring, Ben Wallington, Andrew Watts.



SUCCESSFUL TEAMS

LEAGUE CHAMPIONS, PREMIERS & CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS WINNERS

PREMIER LEAGUE FIRST GRADE

Coach: Greg Preston

Players: Keelan Austen, Andrew Bull, Marc Falzon, Aaron Hood, Paul Jones, Michael Kennedy, Ryan Marshall, Neale McAndrew, Trevor Shute, Daniel Surridge, Marc Tarring, Ben Wallington, Andrew Watts.

LEAGUE CHAMPIONS & PREMIERS

PREMIER LEAGUE RESERVE GRADE

Coach: Ryan Marshall

Players: Stephen Bech, Scott Bromfield, Caine Hanshaw, Simon Hardie, Luke Hiscock, Russell Isaac-Cole, Chris Large, Warren McAndrew, Rohan Miount-McCaughey, Chiji Olujie, Aaron Shute, Anthony Skinner, Ben Smith, Dean Wade, Paul Winspear.

ALL-AGE 7

Coach: Alan Bendeich

Players: Ilyas Arte, Sean Bendeich, Dean Bendeich, Alan Bendeich, Mark Bohringer, Bill Bulmer, Mattie Cook, Jason Cottier, Adam Coulter, Scott Fuller, Trevor Gleddon, Jason McKinnon, Brendon O'Connor, Matt Rodgers, Brad Warden, Yongjin Yum.

LEAGUE CHAMPIONS & RUNNERS-UP

OVER 35s

Coach: Brad Dunn

Players: Howard Ainsley, Robert Bray, Grahame Cunningham, Michael Curryer, Brad Dunn, Anthony Fenton, Timothy Hatfield, Steve Heardman, Glenn Mayall, Steve Preen, Jamie Robson, Peter Seaborn.

COMMITTEE

President

Murray Peck

Vice President

Rick Parker

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Alistair Kennedy

Treasurer

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Football Committee

Peter Bech

Steve Sutton

Lorraine Little

Michael Kennedy

Canteen Manager

Craig Wasson

Andrea Wasson

CCF Delegates

Kevin Best

Dennis Silvers

Fixtures Officer

Elizabeth Heard

Gear Steward

Brendon O'Connor

Grounds Controller

Peter Bech

Rick Parker

Bret Lomax.

Marketing & Promotions

Peter Bech

Match Reports

Elizabeth Heard.

Member Protection Officer

Lorraine Little

Public Officer

Michelle O'Connor

Publicity Officer

Alistair Kennedy

Registrar

Peter Morrison

Social Secretary

Andrea Wasson

Webpage Administrator

Brad Warden.

Committee

Kim Lincoln

Lynda Lomax

Historian

Kevin Best

Junior Development Coach

Kevin Best

Eric Marshall



The 2007 Annual Reunion celebrated the 25th anniversary of the grand final win by the 1982 Under 19 team. Left to right: Phil Robson, Brad Strachan, Glenn Pudsey, Joyce Bulley (representing son Bryan), David Taylor and team coach, Col Menzies.



2008

After a number of years of ongoing debate the club finally made the decision to change its name to the Wyoming Football Club in line with the changes made in recent years at the three higher administrative levels of the sport by Football Federation Australia (FFA), Football NSW (FNSW) and Central Coast Football (CCF). The establishment of the A-League competition in 2005 and its live television coverage had given the sport a significantly improved profile. While the battle to have the Australian public and media fall into line with virtually every other country in the world and accept that the name 'football' instead of 'soccer' is unlikely to ever be won, the name change throughout clubs and associations was a forward step.

The Wyoming Football Club Committee was again led by president Murray Peck, who had a memorable season, coaching a premiers-ship-winning team before having his many years of service formally recognised at the 2008 Annual General Meeting when he became the club's 41st Life Member.

In a major step forward the club was able to field a team in the Womens Premier League competition for the first time since the 2005 season. That latter team had finished last with just one win from 20 matches, however this time around the groundwork and recruitment, done primarily by Eva Horvat, would ensure that any team that was formed would be competitive right from the start. Horvat, who was the fiancée of Mens Premier League (MPL) First Grader, Keelan Austen, was able to persuade a number of



Former Australian U19 player, Briony Holcombe (left), seen here in a match against Gosford City at Alan Davidson Park, was the star signing as Wyoming's Womens Premier League team was re-formed in 2008.

disaffected Central Coast Lightning players and players from other clubs to sign up for the new team. The big signing was 22-year-old Briony Holcombe. A member of the Australian Junior Matildas team that reached the quarter-finals of the 2004 Under 19 World Championships in Thailand, Holcombe added a level of class and skill to the team.

Eva was also able to attract an experienced coach in Diane Farek, who as Diane Fathers, had played for Wyoming in the mid-1980s. Diane was the younger sister of Jeff and Norm Fathers who had contributed so much to the club as coaches of girls and womens team in that era.

Unfortunately, illness forced Diane to step down as coach early in the season. Team manager, Kim Lincoln, took on the job despite her other commitments as Club registrar and coach of the U16B junior team. The WPL put up a creditable performance to finish in third place, from where they were eliminated following a penalty shootout in the minor semi-final. Importantly, through the groundwork of people like Eva Horvat and Kim Lincoln a strong platform had been laid that would lead to success in the following season.

The MPL teams went into the 2008 season with the all-but impossible task of matching or bettering their stunning 2007 performances which had seen them take out the league championship/



premiership double in both grades and also win the NSW Champion of Champions competition. Greg Preston remained as First Grade coach with veteran Paul Winspear, replacing Ryan Marshall as coach of the Reserve Grade team. The squad remained largely unchanged, the most notable additions being Dane Hokin, who had played in the First Grade team in 2005, and two young ex-Lightning players in Alex Burrell and Adam Woodbine. The major losses were Marc Falzon who was still recovering from surgery following the knee injury that had ended his 2007 season during the Champion of Champions competition, and Ben Wallington through university commitments

Seven drawn matches from the 18 played severely limited the First Grade's chances of defending their premiership. Even though they lost just three matches the steady loss of points means that they could only manage to scrape into the top four in fourth place. A disappointing season was capped off when they were beaten 1-0 in the minor semi-final by The Entrance. For the third successive season, and despite having won each of the previous two premierships, the Wyoming Reserve Grade team went into the competition with a new coach. A former representative player who had joined the club in 2006, Paul Winspear took on the job as player/coach. The team didn't reach any great heights through the competition proper but still performed steadily, winning ten of their 18 matches on the way to finishing in third place.

As defending premiers for the second year the experienced team entered the play-offs with plenty of confidence. By half-time in the minor semi-final, with a 3-0 lead over Umina, they had taken the next step, and although Umina fought back in the second half Wyoming always had a two-goal cushion to win the match 5-2 with Chris Smith, back at the club after a 15-year absence, scoring a hat-trick.



Tim Wallington (second from right) heads home the second of his two goals in the team's 3-2 win over East Gosford in the 2008 Reserve Grade grand final against East Gosford at Plum Park.



The 2008 Wyoming Reserve Grade team made history with their third consecutive premiership win.



Three Seasons, Three Coaches, Three premierships. And all in their first seasons as senior coaches. Wyoming's 2008 Reserve Grade coach, Paul Winspear (left), with Ryan Marshall (2007) and Greg Preston (2006).



The semi-final win meant that the Reserve Grade team had now won six straight finals matches. That became seven when they defeated Budgewoi 2-1 in a tough encounter on a barren Plum Park pitch. A trademark Luke Gale long throw led to Wyoming taking a lead into half-time and when the in-form Chris Smith scored the team looked set for its third grand final, and although Budgewoi scored from the penalty spot with ten minutes to go Wyoming held on for a good win.

For the second successive season Wyoming and East Gosford fought out the premiership and for the second successive season East Gosford went into the game as firm favourites. However, as they had done in 2007 Wyoming skipped away to an early two goal lead, this time with Tim Wallington scoring both goals. East Gosford countered with a series of attacks and had a number of narrow misses before they pulled a goal back. With Wyoming in defensive mode they were relying on counter attacks and with twelve minutes to go one of these paid off as Chris Smith scored his fifth goal of the finals series. Wyoming relaxed briefly and East Gosford bounced back to take the score to 3-2 but that was to be the final goal of the match, giving Paul Winspear and his Wyoming team a historic third straight Reserve Grade premiership.

The performances of the club's junior teams were generally disappointing. While two teams did win premierships, both were in lower divisions, U15B and U14D. Of the four 'A' Division teams only one, Bret Lomax's U14A1s was competitive, finishing second before being beaten narrowly in both the major semi-final and final.

Despite having finished third in the 2007 Under 14A competition, Wyoming U15 team was relegated to the 'B' division for the 2008 season. With only eleven registered players in the team coach Murray Peck had to consistently call upon players from the U14A1 team to back-up after their own match, often having to play in unaccustomed positions. Without this assistance it's unlikely that the team could have done what they did. Defence was the team's strength and they conceded just nine goals in their 18 matches in the competition proper with just one loss. The major semi-final against East Gosford ended 1-1 at full-time and so went to a penalty shootout. Both teams scored from three of their five shots forcing the game into sudden death penalties. Wyoming then scored again before goalkeeper, Matthew Peck, saved to take the team into the decider.



2008 UNDER 15B - LEAGUE CHAMPIONS & PREMIERS

Rear Row (l to r): Ben O'Connor, Derek Shute, Daniel Balkan, Andrew Owen, Patrick O'Brien-Halls, Liam Lomax, Jamie McLafferty. Centre Row (l to r): George Stack, John Goodyear, Luke Gunn, Matthew Peck, Abdihakim Waeis, Reggie Whelpdale, Anthony Bernauer. Front: Stuart Adams.



The U15B grand final, against Woy Woy, also ended in a draw, this time 2-2, and once again went to a penalty shootout. Woy Woy went behind when their second shot struck the post and deflected away, then when Matt Peck saved their fourth attempt it was left to Andrew Owen to wrap up the match and the premiership for his team.

Steve Sutton's Under 14Ds went into the finals series as undefeated league champions. Despite only playing 16 matches (for 15 wins and one draw) the team had the highest points total of any team in the club as well as the best goal difference (58 for, ten against). Then, in a major upset they were beaten 2-0 by Southern-Ettalong United in the major semi-final. A tough final followed, against Kariong, which they won 1-0 to win a second chance at the premiership.

The grand final at Plum Park 2, was played at a sweltering and energy-sapping 31 degree temperature. Down two players due to the game having been postponed from its original date two substitute players were called up from the U12C1 team. The game remained scoreless until, with just ten minutes remaining, Southern took the lead. Then, with just 40 seconds left Matt Baggott scored from a corner to give Wyoming a reprieve and take the match into extra time. With both teams now drained from the heat there was no further scoring, so sending the game to a penalty shootout. When Wyoming missed their third shot the game again looked lost as SEU converted each of their next two meaning that Wyoming's goalkeeper, Daniel Benson, had to save Southern's fifth penalty to keep his team in the match. Amazingly he did, taking the match into sudden-death penalties. When Wyoming's Justin Grealey scored the pressure went on to SEU for the first time in the match. With his confidence high Daniel again pulled off a save to win the match for Wyoming and give them a well-earned league championship/premiership double

Wyoming's only other grand finalists for 2008 were the U10Es coached by Aaron Quill. After finishing in second place they went through to the grand final with a 1-0 win but were then beaten 2-0 in the grand final.

With the 15Bs and 14Ds each finishing as league champions and Premiers the President's Trophy was awarded jointly to these two teams.



2008 UNDER 14D - LEAGUE CHAMPIONS & PREMIERS

Rear Row (l to r): Cameron Hudson, Justin Grealey, Declan Forrester, Dominic Hibberd, Stephen Hofkamp, Jack Sutton, Matt Baggott, Steve Sutton (Coach). Centre Row: Adam Avery, Jay Tombs, Luke Johns, Andrew Penn, Cain Sayers. Seated Front: Afnan Yasdan-Parast, Daniel Benson



For the first time since the early 1970s Wyoming didn't host its popular Under 7 Gala Day following an instruction from Central Coast Football that there were to be no competitive gala days for non-competition age groups.

The 2008 Reunion recognised the contributions of the club's First Grade coaches. In attendance and presented with awards were Dan Wilkinson (1974), Eric Marshall (1975-1977 and 1986), Frank O'Toole (1979), Kevin Best (1983 and 1987-1989), Bill Vrolyks OAM (1992-1993), Bob O'Toole, (1998), Barry Jones (2000), Craig Herring (2001) and Ken Butt (2002-2003).

Special guest at both the Junior Non-Competition Day and Senior Presentation Night was former Wyoming player Brady Smith who had recently been chosen in the Central Coast Mariners squad for the Asian Champions League competition. Brady had played with Wyoming for the first five years of his football career, between Under 6s and Under 10s, before moving up to representative football.



Eight former First Grade coaches were recognised at the 2006 Wyoming FC Annual Reunion. Left to right: Eric Marshall, Frank O'Toole, Barry Jones, Dan Wilkinson, Craig Herring, Kevin Best, Bob O'Toole and Ken Butt.

2008 IN REVIEW

TEAMS

| Team | Coach(es) | P | W | D | L | GF | GA | Pts | LPos | SF | F | GF | FPos | AW | POTY |
|-------------|----------------------|----|----|---|----|----|-----|-----|-------|----------|-----|----------|-------|----|-------------------|
| Sen PL1 1st | Greg Preston | 18 | 8 | 7 | 3 | 34 | 19 | 31 | 4/10 | 0-1 | | | SF | | Trevor Shute |
| Sen PL1 Res | Paul Winspear | 18 | 10 | 3 | 5 | 33 | 20 | 33 | 3/10 | 5-3 | 2-1 | 3-2 | Pr | | Anthony Skinner |
| WPL | Kim Lincoln | 18 | 9 | 5 | 4 | 55 | 25 | 32 | 3/7 | 0-0(3-4) | | | SF | | Shannon Hockey |
| WAA2 | Robert Blandford | 16 | 6 | 0 | 10 | 17 | 44 | 18 | 6/9 | | | | | | Saryna Bohringer |
| WAA4 | Colin Muldoon | 18 | 2 | 2 | 14 | 11 | 48 | 8 | 10/10 | | | | | | Lisa Cook |
| Sen AA2 | Gareth Bray | 18 | 0 | 0 | 18 | 13 | 84 | 0 | 10/10 | | | | | | Greg Sieders |
| Sen AA3 | Alan Bendeich | 18 | 10 | 3 | 5 | 39 | 31 | 33 | 5/10 | | | | | | Scott Fuller |
| Sen AA4 | Carl Derbyshire | 17 | 5 | 3 | 9 | 41 | 41 | 18 | 8/10 | | | | | | Damien O'Keefe |
| Sen AA5 | Scott McKinnon | 18 | 6 | 0 | 12 | 37 | 52 | 18 | 8/10 | | | | | | Michael Post |
| Sen AA6 | Dale Moberley | 18 | 1 | 0 | 17 | 12 | 106 | 3 | 10/10 | | | | | | Luke Wales |
| Sen 35 | Brad Dunn | 18 | 8 | 4 | 4 | 47 | 24 | 28 | 3/9 | 1-0 | 0-1 | | F | | Gordon Millar |
| Sen 21 | Bret Lomax | 21 | 9 | 6 | 6 | 43 | 23 | 33 | 4/8 | 2-1 | 0-2 | | F | | Mark Bellemore |
| Sen 18A | John Roche | 18 | 7 | 3 | 8 | 33 | 35 | 24 | 5/7 | | | | | | Matthew Browne |
| 16B | Kim Lincoln | 21 | 11 | 0 | 10 | 43 | 41 | 33 | 4/8 | 0-4 | | | SF | | Brendan Franklin |
| W16C | Rebecca Arnfield | 18 | 7 | 4 | 7 | 32 | 23 | 25 | 4/7 | 0-1 | | | SF | | Shannon Arnfield |
| 15B | Murray Peck | 18 | 13 | 4 | 1 | 41 | 9 | 43 | 1/7 | 1-1(4-3) | | 2-2(4-2) | LC/Pr | PT | Daniel Balken |
| 15D | Bryan Richardson | 20 | 8 | 4 | 8 | 38 | 38 | 28 | 4/6 | 1-4 | | | SF | | Luke Greening |
| 14A1 | Bret Lomax | 18 | 11 | 1 | 6 | 55 | 20 | 34 | 2/7 | 0-0(0-3) | 0-1 | | F | | Liam Lomax |
| 14A2 | Bob Fredewell | 18 | 0 | 1 | 17 | 21 | 105 | 1 | 7/7 | | | | | | Anthony Bernauer |
| 14D | Steve Sutton | 16 | 15 | 1 | 0 | 58 | 10 | 46 | 1/9 | 0-2 | 1-0 | 1-1(5-4) | LC/Pr | PT | Stephen Hofkamp |
| 13A | Gordon Millar | 20 | 2 | 0 | 18 | 17 | 65 | 6 | 8/8 | | | | | | Alex De Jong |
| 12B | Jason Cottier | 18 | 11 | 4 | 3 | 79 | 24 | 37 | 4/10 | 4-1 | 0-1 | | F | | Brodie Winsor |
| 12C1 | G Mayall & J Semmens | 18 | 4 | 3 | 11 | 20 | 40 | 15 | 7/10 | | | | | | Brooke Archer |
| 12C2 | Craig Lamotte | 18 | 0 | 2 | 16 | 7 | 66 | 2 | 10/10 | | | | | | Belinda Allen |
| 11B | Tony Offord | 18 | 10 | 3 | 5 | 60 | 34 | 33 | 4/10 | 1-3 | | | SF | | Dylan Wallace |
| 11C | Patrick Collins | 16 | 4 | 1 | 11 | 17 | 45 | 13 | 7/10 | | | | | | Laura Robertson |
| 11F | Darren Fraser | 18 | 8 | 1 | 9 | 29 | 26 | 25 | 6/10 | | | | | | Amelia Fraser |
| 10B | Martin Rayner | 14 | 2 | 5 | 7 | 11 | 21 | 11 | 7/8 | | | | | | Mitchell Robinson |
| 10E | Aaron Quill | 14 | 8 | 4 | 2 | 30 | 12 | 28 | 2/8 | 1-0 | | 0-2 | RU | | Michael Penn |

NON-COMPETITION TEAMS

9A (Greg Preston), 9C (Rick Hogan), 9E (John Goodyear), 9G (Rod Ford), 8A (David (1972) Smith), 8B (Robert Wege), 8C (Scott James), 7A (Rob Van Roosmalen & David May), 7B (Michael Walsh), 7C (Peter Bech), 7D (Stephen Keiler), 7E (Neil Gray), 6A (Michael Kennedy), 6B (Damien Montgomery), 6C (Brett Ryan), 6D (Garry Hempstead),

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 AND PREMIERS

15B

Coach: Murray Peck

Players: Daniel Balken, John Goodyear, Alexander Maurer, Jamie McLafferty, Patrick O'Brien-Halls, Ben O'Conner, Andrew Owen, Matthew Peck, Derick Shute, George Stack, Abdihakim Waeis.

14D

Coach: Steve Sutton

Players: Adam Avery, Matthew Baggott, Daniel Benson, Jacob Burdack, Alexander Crecca, Declan Forrester, Justin Grealy, Dominic Hibberd, Stephen Hofkamp, Luke Johns, Andrew Penn, Jack Sutton, Jacob Tombs, Afnan Yazdan-Parast.

PREMIERS

PREMIER LEAGUE RESERVE GRADE

Coach: Paul Winspear

Players: Scott Bromfield, Luke Gale, Karl Graf, Caine Hanshaw, Luke Hiscock, Russell Isaac-Cole, Chris Large, Neale McAndrew, Rohan Mount-McCaughey, Chiji Oluje, Darryn Rampono, Aaron Shute, Anthony Skinner, Chris Smith, Tim Wallington, Paul Winspear.

FIRST GRADE PLAYERS

MPL: Keelan Austen, Andrew Bull, Alex Burrell, Dane Hokin, Aaron Hood, Paul Jones, Michael Kennedy, Ryan Marshall, Warren McAndrew, Trevor Shute, Daniel Surridge, Marc Tarring, Andrew Watts, Adam Woodbine.

WPL: Rebecca Arnfield, Danielle Asgar, Jacqui Bastock, Sophie Fanning, Rebecca Hartley, Jessi Heaton, Kayla Herbert, Sarah Hilton, Shannon Hockey, Briony Holcombe, Eva Austen (Horvat), Jacinta Ling, Nicole Mackie, Shauna McKay, Rachel Potts, Renae Stone.

MAJOR AWARD WINNERS

Clubperson of the Year: Jason Cottier

Senior Player of the Year: Trevor Shute

Senior Womens Player of the Year: Shannon Hockey

Junior Player of the Year: Joshua Armstrong

Life Membership: Murray Peck

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Michelle O'Connor

Publicity Officer

Alistair Kennedy

Registrar

Kim Lincoln

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Brad Warden

Alistair Kennedy

Committee

Diana Dyer

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Steve Sutton

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Kevin Best

Junior Development Coach

Peter Bech

Kevin Best

Eric Marshall

Robert Van Roosmalen



2009

Although player numbers remained static the 2009 season saw more Wyoming teams take the field than at any time in its history, a total of 53. This apparent contradiction was explained by the introduction of Small-Sided Football (SSF), a new approach adopted by Football Federation Australia (FFA) aimed at developing the skill level of players at the very youngest age groups.

Under SSF rules teams would play on smaller fields with fewer players on the field so as to provide players with more touches and more time to control the ball. At the youngest age there would be no goalkeepers and the goals were small and portable. Although the adoption of SSF was mandatory, local associations did have some leeway in terms of the timing of the introduction. For the 2009 season Central Coast Football (CCF) chose to bring it in for age groups from Under 5 through to Under 7 only but for it to be progressively expanded year by year.

Wyoming's 53 teams were made up of 21 non-competition (U5-U9), 18 junior (U10-U17) and 14 senior teams. There had been a steady growth in senior player numbers in recent years and the 2009 total of 174 was the most in the club's history so far.

The disappointing performances from the club's junior competition teams continued and of the 18 teams only five made the finals series, and none got past the finals. And while there were 'A' grade teams in five of the seven age groups, only one, Bret Lomax's U15As reached the semis with most of the others finishing at or near the bottom of their tables. These performances were reflected in the 2010 gradings when the club had only one 'A' grade team for only the second time since the club's first season in 1970 - and that year the club only had five teams.

The U15As were in fact the club's best-performed junior team, finishing in fourth place, then winning their minor semi-final before going down 3-1 in the final; and Rick Hogan's U10Ds who

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Sport

Double delight

STEVEN MAHER

CELEBRATIONS were long and loud around Wyoming on Sunday night after the Tigers claimed a rare Premier League soccer double.

In one of the best achievements in the club's history, Wyoming scored two first half goals to beat minor premier Berkeley Vale 2-0 in the men's Premier League grand final in front of a big crowd at Plum Park, Lisarow.

Straight after that outstanding victory Wyoming's women's team took on Budgewoi and came from a goal down to defeat the northerners 4-1. It was Wyoming's third men's title in six years and a first ever premiership in the Women's Premier League.

■ See full stories on both matches pages 76 and 77.

Wyoming celebrates its win over Berkeley Vale. Right: Wyoming's Natalie Gale and Rachael Potts take on Budgewoi's Tegan Eckwith. More pictures on both games at expressadvocate.com.au

PICTURES: WAIDE MAGUIRE

The headline in the 'Central Coast Express-Advocate' says it all as Wyoming takes out both Premier League titles for the first time in its history.



had similar results, winning 1-0 then losing 2-0. The U17Bs, U16Cs and Girls U12s were all eliminated in their semi-finals.

Performances from the senior teams were better with eight of the 14 teams qualifying for play-offs, two (MAA2 and WPL) as league champions with both of the season's two premierships coming from senior teams. Importantly though, the two titles came from the highest graded teams, with the club winning the Mens Premier League First Grade and Womens Premier League grand finals one after the other on the same day at Plum Park.

With its strong record over the previous five seasons, Wyoming's Mens Premier League team went into the 2009 season as one of the favourites. Neither of the 2008 Premier League coaches, Greg Preston (First Grade) and Paul Winspear (Reserve Grade), stood for the positions and with no response to the request for applicants, two of the club's leading administrators and junior coaches,



Referee Darren Sprod (left) blows full-time in the 2009 First Grade grand final as two-goal hero, Alex Burrell, Michael Kennedy and Ryan Marshall celebrate another top grade premiership. The Coast's top referee for many years, it was to be Sprod's last major match prior his election as CCF Chairman at the 2009 Annual General Meeting from where he would lead a major restructure of the local game.



The win enhanced the already proud record of skipper Ryan Marshall (left, with coach Bret Lomax) and Michael Kennedy (right, with older son Ethan) . Both had played every minute of each of the team's four major victories in the previous six years: the 2004, 2007 and 2009 Central Coast grand finals as well as the 2007 Champion of Champions final. It was Marshall's sixth Premier League grand final (for five wins) and Kennedy's fourth (for three wins).



Bret Lomax (First Grade) and Murray Peck (Reserve Grade) volunteered to take the jobs with John McLafferty taking on a consulting role.

The squad remained settled, the main newcomers being three ex-Lightning players, Darren Cooper, Jay Pilson and Rhys Snodgrass, and Nigerian, Christian Okonkwo, who came to the club from the Malaysian professional competition. After a protracted battle to gain a clearance Okonkwo left Wyoming after just three matches, eventually playing the remainder of the season with Kincumber. Okonkwo was quickly replaced by 24-year-old Eban Luland, who had a mid-season transfer from the Sydney club Inter Lions.

After winning its first match against Doyalson 1-0, Wyoming went down by the same score against East Gosford before going on a six-match winning streak. By midway through the first round the competition had split in two with Berkeley Vale, Wyoming, Budgewoi, Umina and East Gosford in the top half and the other five clubs in the bottom. This remained the position for the rest of the season. Wyoming's chances of taking the league championship slipped away over the next six rounds with losses to Budgewoi, Berkeley Vale and Umina and a draw against Kincumber. Indeed by the end of this poor run there was serious question mark over whether they could even reach the semi-finals.

The situation looked even more serious midway through the first half of the team's return match against Budgewoi at Alan Davidson Park when they went 2-0 down. This proved to be the pivotal point in the season. A goal to Daniel Surridge just before half-time reduced the deficit. The second-half resurgence saw Wyoming score five times to run out impressive 6-3 winners. The team then won their final three matches in the competition proper including a critical 1-0 last round win over East Gosford at Alan Davidson Park that clinched second place.

Despite this strong finish by Wyoming, Berkeley Vale remained firm favourites to take the premiership having finished five points clear as league champions and with just one loss all season. Their position became even stronger when they took an early lead in the major semi-final at Plum Park 2. However the setback proved to be the spur that Wyoming needed and they fought back with three goals in 15 minutes to Darren Cooper, Alex Burrell and Eban Luland and then held out for the remainder of the match for a 3-1 win. Berkeley Vale defeated East Gosford in the final to set up a re-match in the grand final. This time it was Wyoming that took the early lead when two forward forays from defender Alex Burrell gave his team a 2-0 lead by midway through the first half. Again the Wyoming defence remained rock-solid and despite a few tense moments during the second half they held on for their third First Grade premiership in six years.

The 2009 Wyoming Womens Premier League (WPL) team was strengthened by a number of new players joining, or in most cases, returning



Wyoming's 2009 WPL team was strengthened by the recruitment of former NSW junior representative player, Kym Russell, and former Ourimbah coach Ron Galea.



The return to Wyoming of one of the Coast's outstanding women players, Amelia Copeland, seen here scoring against Berkeley Vale at Alan Davidson Park, was a major component in the restructured WPL team.



to the club many for the first time since the early 2000s. These including former NSW junior representative, Kym Russell, and one of the Coast's best in Amelia Copeland. Other additions to the squad included Carisa Hoban, Rebecca Wales, Rebecca Stone, Zoe Milne and Vanessa Savidis.

Also joining the club for the first time was leading WPL coach Ron Galea who had played a leading role in the development of the womens' football locally. Galea had previously coached the Ourimbah WPL team, between 2001 to 2004, leading them to three league championships and three premierships as well as two victories in the Womens Association Cup. He was also a four-time winner of the CCF WPL Coach of the Year award.

The team had a couple of early season setbacks with a season-ending knee injury to leading player Briony Holcombe in a pre-season match followed by a simialr injury that kept team captain, Jacinta Ling out until late in the season. Despite this the Wyoming WPL team dominated the competition with a string of wins, some by large margins, to take out the league championship with their only loss being against Budgewoi in the final competition round, and that through only through an own goal.

In a tightly-contested major semi-final against Budgewoi, Wyoming scored within the first 10 minutes and then held on to take the match and first grand final spot. As expected the decider was a re-match against Budgewoi but this time the northerners grabbed the early advantage with a goal in the 30th minute. A crucial goal to Carisa Hoban had the teams go to the break all square. The crucial point in the match came early in the second half when a Budgewoi shot struck the crossbar and rebounded out. Within a minute Wyoming had taken the lead through a breakaway goal scored by Nicole Mackie that broke their opponent's spirit. By midway through the half Wyoming had cleared out to a 4-1 win both scored by Carisa Hoban who brought up a rare grand final hat-trick.

The win gave Wyoming its eighth Womens/Girls premiership since it entered female competitions in 1981 and its first in the top Womens grade since 1987. It was the club's first WPL title and the first occasion that it had won both Premier League competitions in the same season. The *Central Coast Express-Advocate's* back page headline 'Double Delight' summed it up nicely.



2009 WOMENS PREMIER LEAGUE - LEAGUE CHAMPIONS & PREMIERS

Rear (l to r): Rebecca Stone, Amelia Copeland, Carisa Hoban, Jessi Heaton, Nicole Mackie, Vanessa Savidis, Jacqui Bastock, Rachael Potts, Rebecca Arnfield, Jacinta Ling, Mandy Fuller.
Centre (l to r): Bec Wales, Nat Gale, Kym Russell, Shannon Hockey, Danny Asgar, Briony Holcombe, Kim Lincoln (Manager). Front: Ron Galea (Coach), Bronte Galea (Mascot).



The long and the short of it. Wyoming's two Senior Players of the Year for 2009, Alex Burrell and Kym Russell.



Special guests at the 2009 Senior Presentation Night were Wyoming's Mariners Ambassador, Nik Mrdja (left) and former Wyoming junior, Brady Smith, who made his debut for the Mariners late in the 2009/10 season.

2009 IN REVIEW

TEAMS

| Team | Coach(es) | P | W | D | L | GF | GA | Pts | LPos | SF | F | GF | FPos | Award | POTY |
|------------|------------------------------|----|----|---|----|----|-----|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|-------|-------|----------------------|
| Sen PL 1st | Bret Lomax | 18 | 13 | 1 | 4 | 40 | 21 | 40 | 2/10 | 3-1 | | 2-0 | Pr | | Alex Burrell |
| Sen PL Res | Murray Peck | 18 | 11 | 0 | 7 | 44 | 25 | 33 | 3/10 | 4-2 | 2-3 | | F | | Warren McAndrew |
| WPL | Ron Galea | 18 | 13 | 2 | 1 | 87 | 19 | 41 | 1/9 | 1-0 | | 4-1 | LC/Pr | PT | Kym Russell |
| WAA4 | Colin Muldoon | 18 | 6 | 3 | 9 | 17 | 32 | 21 | 7/10 | | | | | | Sarah Kershaw |
| WAA5 | Sharon Hatzl | 15 | 7 | 3 | 5 | 18 | 16 | 24 | 3/6 | 3-4 | | | SF | | Belinda Norris |
| Sen AA2 | Scott Snodgrass | 18 | 13 | 3 | 2 | 57 | 20 | 42 | 1/10 | 0-3 | 0-2 | | LC/F | | Jarrad Collette |
| Sen AA3 | Gareth Bray | 18 | 5 | 3 | 10 | 16 | 36 | 18 | 8/10 | | | | | | Ryan Dowling |
| Sen AA4 | Mark Bohringer | 18 | 5 | 3 | 10 | 23 | 24 | 18 | 8/10 | | | | | | John Mulheron |
| Sen AA5 | Alan Bendeich | 18 | 8 | 5 | 5 | 48 | 32 | 29 | 4/10 | 1-3 | | | SF | | Dean Bendeich |
| Sen AA7 | Oliver Bastow | 18 | 4 | 1 | 11 | 20 | 42 | 13 | 8/9 | | | | | | Bradley McMullen |
| Sen AA8 | Dale Mobberley | 18 | 5 | 1 | 12 | 37 | 66 | 16 | 8/10 | | | | | | Shaun Higgins |
| Sen 35B | Tony Kayes | 18 | 3 | 7 | 8 | 20 | 43 | 16 | 8/10 | | | | | | Peter Seaborn |
| Sen 35D | Robert Bray & Brett Farrell | 21 | 9 | 6 | 3 | 38 | 18 | 33 | 3/7 | 1-0 | 2-1 | 1-3 | RU | | Robert Wege |
| Sen 21 | Jason Cottier | 18 | 9 | 5 | 4 | 55 | 19 | 32 | 4/10 | 2-3 | | | SF | | Jonathan Bish |
| 17B | Kim Lincoln | 15 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 27 | 26 | 20 | 4/6 | 0-2 | | | SF | | Mark Powter |
| 16A | Murray Peck | 18 | 5 | 3 | 8 | 21 | 25 | 18 | 7/9 | | | | | | Colin Moon |
| 16C | Tracy Price & Andrew Mercer | 20 | 7 | 6 | 7 | 25 | 40 | 27 | 3/6 | 5-6 | | | SF | | Shane Anderson |
| W16C | Rebecca Arnfield | 22 | 9 | 6 | 5 | 60 | 32 | 33 | 6/11 | | | | | | Kelly Heard |
| 15A | Bret Lomax | 18 | 8 | 4 | 4 | 49 | 22 | 28 | 4/9 | 2-0 | 1-3 | | F | | Jacob Hansford |
| 15B | Bob Fredewell | 18 | 6 | 2 | 8 | 33 | 47 | 20 | 6/9 | | | | | | Luke Johns |
| 14B | Darren Birt & Craig Lamotte | 20 | 1 | 3 | 16 | 15 | 85 | 6 | 8/8 | | | | | | Thomas Millar |
| 13A | Jason Cottier | 18 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 31 | 28 | 24 | 7/10 | | | | | | Bridgette Winsor |
| 13D | Glenn Mayall & Michael Hatzl | 18 | 4 | 3 | 11 | 24 | 49 | 15 | 8/10 | | | | | | Brooke Archer |
| 12A | Tony Offord | 21 | 0 | 5 | 16 | 12 | 100 | 5 | 8/8 | | | | | | Daniel Probert |
| 12C | Steve Sutton & Peter Bech | 18 | 9 | 3 | 6 | 44 | 23 | 30 | 5/10 | | | | | | Joshua Corkill |
| 12E | Darren Fraser | 18 | 4 | 5 | 9 | 12 | 29 | 17 | 7/10 | | | | | | Jordan Fraser |
| W12A | Rick Hogan | 18 | 10 | 2 | 5 | 72 | 25 | 32 | 4/5 | 0-2 | | | SF | | Kelly Hogan |
| 11B | Aden Omar | 18 | 4 | 1 | 11 | 17 | 40 | 13 | 8/9 | | | | | | Emma Smith |
| 11C | Aaron Quill | 21 | 0 | 2 | 19 | 12 | 103 | 2 | 8/8 | | | | | | Matthew Shipley |
| 10A | Greg Preston | 14 | 0 | 3 | 11 | 10 | 62 | 3 | 8/8 | | | | | | Georgia Davis |
| 10D | Rick Hogan | 14 | 6 | 1 | 7 | 46 | 31 | 19 | 4/8 | 1-0 | 0-2 | | F | | Zachary George |
| 10G | Phillip Allman | 14 | 4 | 3 | 7 | 20 | 42 | 15 | 6/8 | | | | | | Jack Graham-McIntosh |

NON-COMPETITION TEAMS

9C (David Smith), 9E (Graham Sales), 8A (Michael Walsh), 8B (David May), 8C (Stephen Keiler), 7A (Michael Kennedy), 7B (Michael Kennedy), 7C (Martin Atkins & Noman Shoaib), 7D (Ben Emery), 7E (Anthony Wong), 7F (Tad Moffitt), 7G (Shane Benson), 7H (John Semmens), 6A (Dean Bell), 6B (Kevin Flanagan), 6C (Kevin Flanagan), 6D (Ian Gough), 6E (Ivan Sajko), 5A (Nathan Magee), 5B (Megan Wallace & Damien Doyle), 5C (Anthony Wong).

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SUCCESSFUL TEAMS

LEAGUE CHAMPIONS & PREMIERS

WOMENS PREMIER LEAGUE

Coach: Ron Galea

Players: Rebecca Arnfield, Danielle Asgar, Jacqui Bastock, Amelia Copeland, Natalie Gale, Jessi Heaton, Carisa Hoban, Shannon Hockey, Jacinta Ling, Nicole Mackie, Zoe Milne, Rachael Potts, Kym Russell, Vanessa Savidis, Rebecca Stone, Rebecca Wales.

PREMIERS

MENS PREMIER LEAGUE FIRST GRADE

Coach: Bret Lomax

Players: Keelan Austen, Scott Bromfield, Alex Burrell, Darren Cooper, Luke Gale, Paul Jones, Michael Kennedy, Ryan Marshall (C), Chris Smith, Rhys Snodgrass, Marcus Steele, Daniel Surridge, Marc Tarring, Andrew Watts.

LEAGUE CHAMPIONS & FINALISTS

ALL-AGE 2

Coach: Scott Snodgrass

Players: Steve Ahtow, Glenn Cadman, Jarrad Collette, Michael Cooke, Luke DeVincenzo, Steve Duck, Alan Duke, David Duke, Stuart Hagelburg, Chris Large, Ken Melvin, Shannon Middleton, Matthew Monie, Scott Snodgrass, Robert Sproule, Scott Timp.

FIRST GRADE PLAYERS

MEN: Keelan Austen, Scott Bromfield, Alex Burrell, Darren Cooper, Michael Kennedy, Ryan Marshall (C), Trevor Shute, Chris Smith, Rhys Snodgrass, Marcus Steele, Daniel Surridge, Marc Tarring, Andrew Watts.

WOMEN: Rebecca Arnfield, Danielle Asgar, Jacqui Bastock, Amelia Copeland, Natalie Gale, Jessi Heaton, Carisa Hoban, Shannon Hockey, Jacinta Ling, Nicole Mackie, Zoe Milne, Rachael Potts, Kym Russell, Vanessa Savidis, Rebecca Stone, Rebecca Wales.

MAJOR AWARD WINNERS

Clubperson of the Year: Diana Dyer

Senior Player of the Year: Alex Burrell

Senior Womens Player of the Year: Kym Russell

Junior Player of the Year: Matthew Peck

Life Membership: Michael Kennedy, Rick Parker

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