



**St Ives Football Club
Incorporated**

Annual Report

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1. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

2012 was another exciting year for St Ives Football Club and has been no time to rest for the Committee. Once again we were privileged to have the support of our Major sponsors Ray White, Gordon/St Ives. Their continued support helps us to maintain and improve our club for all players.

Community Awareness

This year we made a concerted effort to increase community awareness of SIFC by :

- Distributing approximately 5000 flyers to all letter boxes in St Ives.
- Launching our new user friendly website.
- Contacting all local schools at the season start and handing out flyers to new students.
- Providing all players with new sponsored training shirts.

Ground Conditions

On the field our 920 players enjoyed a relatively dry season with very few games and training sessions being lost due to bad weather.

One difficulty we faced at the start of the season was adjusting to Councils new training allocations and field restrictions. With less access to training fields and restrictions on times for certain age groups we found it quite a challenging exercise. However, with the cooperation of most of the teams all the pieces fell into place and we were able to ensure all teams received an equitable amount of time on the pitch.

Awards

Throughout the year some of our club members have been recognised for their hard work in the form of various awards.

- Nick Jones : Club Award at our Green and White Ball for countless years of service to Mens Football.
- Dale Catzel : NSFA Presidents Award for his contribution to the Junior Football Committee
- Dell Burman : NSFA Presidents Award for her contribution to the Mens Football Committee
- Penny Howell : Council "Gem of Ku- Ring-Gai" award for service to Women's sport.

Sponsorship

This year saw our second year of our three year sponsorship partnership with Ray White, Gordon/St Ives. I would like to thank them for the wonderful contribution they have made towards our club. The playing shirts they purchased for us last year look as good as new and certainly have helped us to establish a more refined image on field.

We have also been fortunate enough to receive support from several other businesses that have agreed to come on board as our training shirt sponsors. The training shirts are very popular amongst players of all ages and were a very welcome addition to our wardrobe. The shirts advertise our major sponsor Ray White on the front and our other sponsors on the back.

A full list of all our shirt sponsors can be found on our website... and of course on the back of the training shirts!

Green and White Ball



There is a separate section at the end of the Annual report that highlights our very successful Green and White Ball. However, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Jodi Parry (Social Convenor) and her merry team for the many hours of work they put into ensuring the ball was a success. Everyone who attended will acknowledge that the night was tremendous success and we all proved that Green really is the new black !

Congratulations Social Team!

Clubhouse

The most significant development for SIFC in 2012 is the building of our new clubhouse. The initial plans to build the new clubhouse on the corner of the oval were rejected by Council in March and the architects were sent back to the drawing board with a new location on the halfway line.

Our initial fear was that the new location may limit our ability to build a clubhouse that will suit our growing membership but with the help of a very clever "football minded" architect our fears were quickly removed.

The new plans were approved and Council has worked at lightning speed to ensure the works were commenced promptly. As I write this report we are approximately 6 weeks away from the scheduled completion of the clubhouse.

The clubhouse will be up and running for next season and our hope is that every player, parent and spectator will be able to utilise the new facilities and gain some benefit.

Coaches and Managers

It takes a huge amount of effort to get 920 players onto the pitch and St Ives Football Club cannot operate without our volunteers. Every Coach and Manager has played a vital part in helping us run our club and I am very aware that it can often be a thankless role. I would like to thank you all for the work you have done this year and hope you are enjoying a break in the "off-season".

SIFC Committee

It is a hard task to adequately thank the people who have been working behind the scenes to run the club so this year I would prefer to give a collective "thank you" to the members of the Committee who have contributed. In our busy world many people seem to be very time poor and this means the bulk of the work falls on relatively few shoulders. St Ives Football club is one of the only large clubs that does not currently employ a paid admin officer. I envisage that we will need to alter this at some time in the future to ease the high commitment level on the Committee.

Looking forward to seeing everyone back on the field in 2013.

Penny Howell
President



2. FINANCE REPORT

The 2012 operations of the Club has been similar in many respects to last year. The main activities of the Club are the Winter competition and the Summer 5-A-side and have had similar expenses to last year.

The Club financial principles continue as a non for profit organisation which means the registration fees are calculated such that they represent a breakeven point over our general operating expenses. These expenses include coverage of fees levied by our parent organizations, equipment, shirts, club house & utilities, trophies & any expenses to ensure the Club can sustain it's current membership, manages it's growth and provides a beneficial experience for it's members in it's core business of Football.

In order to ensure that the Club is prepared for any emergency costs, the registration fees also contribute to maintain a buffer fund of approximately \$30,000. This is prudent financial management and provides a reasonable safety net for the Club.

From time to time there are special projects and expenses that the Committee elects to pursue that move the Club forward and extends the amenity of the Club for it's members and for the community. Any additional funds required for such special projects are raised from activities such as seeking sponsorship & grants, running the canteen, photo day & social events & BBQs.

Club Profit

The profit and loss sheet shows that the club has made a nett profit of \$29,787 at the close of the books. This was made up from the difference between \$40,157 profit and \$10,370 construction expenses.

The profit has been made up as follows :

Operating Profit from Registration Fees : \$19,593. With our continued Ray White sponsorship our requirement to purchase shirts is significantly decreased again this year. We continue to set the registration fees to cover the costs of complete new set of shirts in the event that we do not re-new that sponsorship or find new sponsorship. This represents approximately \$8,500 of this figure. The remaining \$11,000 represents the 2012 top of the operating buffer that we look to maintain.

Canteen Profit : \$6,434. The operation of the canteens at Toolang & Warrimoo continue to provide a reasonable income for the Club. Canteen profit includes the money from the sales of lollies & drinks as well as the sale of sorts & socks. For 2013 the committee is looking at feasibility of splitting these items into separate reporting groups to better understand their relative profitability.

2011 5 A-Side Profit : \$6,991. Note that with the close of books being carried out mid season of the 5 aside the annual records in this category always represent the previous year. This profit is slightly down on previous years. The reason for this is that due to the restrictions on grounds availability from Council we had to run the completion over two nights which increased our costs for grounds and staff fees. Also insurance fees were especially high for 2011.

Sponsorship, Grants & Interest : \$7,138. The majority of this income is from interest earned on balances (\$4,251) with the balance coming from sponsorship for the training T-shirts and some small grant residuals from the previous year.

Profit Not Recognised in 2012 (Rolled into 2013 Accounts)

With the Club's books closing on 31st August 2012 there were a number of fund raising amounts that did not get into the Club's accounts before the closure of the books. This amounted to \$22,088 and will be represented in the 2013 accounts and is shown here for information.

Social Function – Green & White Ball : \$18,500. The Ball was held in early September.

Junior Photos : \$2,638. Held in mid August the funds were received from the photographers on 25th September 2012

Toolang Canteen Coffee : \$950. This amount represents the Club's profit-share agreement with the baristas at Toolang Oval canteen.



Funds on Hand

The Club has \$122,090 as cash in the bank. These funds represent the profit from an accumulation of fund raising activities over the past four years. In order to provide a view of this the table below provides an overview of how these funds have been accumulated.

High Level Profit Sources over Last Four Years						
(Figures rounded)	C/F into 2013	2012	2011	2010	2009	Totals
Summer 5 A-Side (One year lag for accounting)		\$ 7,000	\$ 14,000	\$ 13,000	\$ 7,500	\$ 41,500
Canteen (Includes food and shorts/socks sales)		\$ 6,400	\$ 7,000	\$ 8,200	\$ 11,500	\$ 33,100
Sponsorship (Not including RW sponsorship)			\$ 3,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,000
Social Functions	\$ 18,000	\$ -	\$ 3,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 21,000
Junior Photo Day	\$ 2,638	\$ -	\$ 1,600	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,238
Operating Profit (From rego Fees)		\$ 19,500				\$ 19,500
						\$ 122,338

Allocation of Funds on Hand

These funds on hand have been allocated as per the table below. The funds allocation shown for the Clubhouse fit out is the amount currently agreed by the committee. Once the clubhouse has been built and we are occupying it, identification of additional funds allocation may be required to be considered by the 2013 Committee as required.

Allocation of Funds on Hand	
New clubhouse Fit Out	\$ 50,000
Equipment (Includes balls, cones, goals etc.)	\$ 10,000
Shirt Replacement Fund	\$ 20,000
Canteen Re-Stock (Note: Will re-sale for profit)	\$ 5,000
Merchandise Stock (socks, shorts, caps, bags etc) (Note: Will re-sale for profit)	\$ 5,000
Operating Safety Buffer	\$ 30,000
\$ 120,000	

Roger Dutton
Club Secretary



3. BALANCE SHEET

Balance Sheet		2012	2011	2010	2009
Assets	Cheque Ac 00900585	\$42,330	\$42,207	\$10,883	-\$896
	EFT Ac 10203270	\$10,501	\$14,666	\$6,776	\$0
	Interest Ac 10152821	\$69,259	\$59,240	\$32,519	\$30,252
	Undeposited Funds	\$0	\$3,038		
	Canteen Stock on hand (est)	\$5,775	\$7,176	\$7,176	\$9,336
	New balls on hand	\$3,510	\$4,275	\$4,275	\$11,265
	Social Prepayments	\$300	\$0		
	Total Assets	\$131,675	\$130,602	\$61,629	\$49,956
Liabilities	Expected KDSA Fees/refunds			-\$500	\$0
	Prov for ground hire	\$0	\$9,577	\$9,000	\$0
	Provisions Website	\$0	\$2,111		
	Provision for Capital Works	\$0	\$21,934		
Pre Payments	5-a-side Credit card Payments	\$17,495	\$8,227	\$9,100	\$13,300
	5-a-side direct deposit	\$2,200	\$2,620	\$1,100	\$1,600
GST/Tax/Super	GST Collected	\$2,621	\$37,796		
	GST Paid	-\$8,419	-\$26,432		
	PAYG collected	\$74	\$0		
	Payments to tax Dept	\$0	-\$13,107		
	Super Collected	\$41	\$0		
	Total Liabilities	\$14,012	\$42,725	\$18,700	\$14,900
	Net Assets	\$117,663	\$87,877	\$42,929	\$35,056
Equity	Retained Earnings	\$48,877	\$19,524	\$8,738	\$3,227
	Provisio for Next Year's Equip	\$30,000	\$8,599	\$20,000	\$20,000
	provision for capital work	\$0	\$6,318	\$6,318	\$6,318
	Prov non liquid eqt (Stock)	\$9,000	\$11,401		
	Current Earnings	\$29,787	\$42,035	\$7,873	\$5,511
	Total Equity	\$117,663	\$87,877	\$42,929	\$35,056



4. PROFIT & LOSS STATEMENT

Profit and Loss		2012	2011	2010	2009	
Income	Registration Income					
	Registration fees	\$200,517	\$190,994	\$197,415	\$177,582	
	Mariners Registration Fees	\$36,657	\$27,282			
	Player Refunds	-\$2,200	-\$3,243	-\$390	-\$2,024	
	Family Rebates	\$90	-\$1,181	-\$2,675	-\$3,445	
	Total Income	\$235,063	\$213,851	\$194,350	\$172,113	
Expenses	Player/Team charges - KDSA	\$123,662	\$126,769	\$127,230	\$113,956	
	Late Fees/Fines to KDSA	\$414	\$866	\$600	\$675	
	Ground Hire	\$6,139	\$2,030	\$9,517	\$10,340	
	Player Equipment					
	Balls and Equipment	\$8,938	\$8,523	\$10,176	\$25,918	
	Change in stock on hand	\$765	\$0	\$6,990	-\$11,265	
	Playing Strip/Clothing	\$1,601	\$27,282	\$14,667	\$12,632	
	Trophies/Awards	\$4,377	\$5,058	\$7,815	\$7,028	
	promotional gear	\$10,809	\$0	\$1,988	\$5,752	
	General expenses					
	Advertising	\$0	\$944	\$0	\$1,466	
	Bank Charges	\$4,234	\$3,773	\$3,848	\$3,874	
	Cleaning/ Maint	\$0	\$25	\$1,010	\$1,483	
	Rent	\$1,117	\$414	\$1,171	\$1,138	
	Electricity	\$1,273	\$594	\$1,170	\$799	
	Insurances	\$1,295	\$902	\$874	\$912	
	Hospitality/food	\$207	\$1,430	\$2,448	\$762	
	Other Expenses	\$476	\$0	\$1,402	\$346	
	Stationary Printing Postage	\$84	\$0	\$41	\$0	
	Admin salaries	\$450	\$0			
	Audit and Filing Fees	\$750	\$77	\$154	\$0	
	Web Site	\$1,880	\$1,995	\$1,277	\$1,218	
	Training Programs					
	Player training	\$0	-\$278	\$10,454	\$8,910	
	Courses-Coaching	\$0	\$3,236	\$741	\$0	
	Courses-Referees	\$0	\$118	\$1,040	\$520	
	Mariners Expenses	\$47,000	\$46,998			
	Expenses - Unallocated	\$0	\$1,663	\$430	\$75	
	Total Expenses	\$215,470	\$232,421	\$205,043	\$186,539	
	Operating Profit	\$19,593	-\$18,570	-\$10,693	-\$14,425	
	Misc Income	Interest	\$4,251	\$3,578	\$2,273	\$2,225
		Sponsorship	\$1,409	\$26,636		
		Grants/Misc Income	\$795	\$48,392	\$256	\$791
Prior years transactions		\$683	\$0			
Total Grants Sponsorship		\$7,138	\$78,606	\$2,529	\$3,016	
Canteen	Canteen sales	\$12,451	\$9,525	\$14,945	\$17,125	
	Canteen Cost of Goods Sold	-\$4,616	-\$2,591	-\$4,539	-\$7,232	
	Change in Stock on hand	-\$1,401	\$0	-\$2,160	\$1,671	
	Total Canteen	\$6,434	\$6,934	\$8,246	\$11,564	
Social	Social Income	\$0	\$7,431	\$0	\$500	
	Social Expenses	\$0	-\$5,252			
	Total Social	\$0	\$2,180	\$0	\$500	
Summer 5-a-s	5-a-side Income					
	5-a-side Registration Fees	\$36,430	\$38,202	\$30,125	\$13,525	
	5-a-side other income	\$0	-\$2,300	\$2,300	\$0	
	5-a-side refunds	-\$191	\$0			
	5-a-side Expenses					
	5-a-side Grounds	-\$1,246	-\$1,249	-\$474	-\$430	
	5-a-side Insurance	-\$13,178	-\$8,709	-\$5,969	-\$2,566	
	5-a-side Equipment	-\$1,050	-\$210	-\$2,362	-\$171	
	5-a-side Hospitality	-\$210	\$0			
	5-a-side Personnel					
	5-a-side Referees	-\$8,855	-\$9,310	-\$5,340	-\$2,860	
5-a-side Ground Cont/admin	-\$4,188	-\$2,605	-\$1,910	\$0		
5-a-side Superannuation	-\$522	\$0				
Total Summer 5-a-side	\$6,991	\$13,819	\$16,369	\$7,497		
Other Expenses	Construction costs	\$10,370	\$40,934	\$10,161	\$2,640	
Net Profit	\$29,787	\$42,035	\$7,873	\$5,512		



5. MENS FOOTBALL REPORT

- Mens O35/45 report:



Stand out performance of the year came from our O35 Div 2 White Reserves team who won 15 of their 17 games and romped away with their competition, 14 points clear of their nearest challenger. Other notable performances came from the O45 Div 1 Firsts who finished 2nd, behind a strong West Pymble squad, and the O35 Div 2 White Firsts whose third place finish may be enough to see them promoted to Div 1 next year!

Whilst the other teams may not have reached such lofty heights there were plenty of moments to remember across the year, and not all of them on the football field !

The enjoyment of football amongst St Ives "senior" players was borne out by our receiving a record number of registrations in 2012! More than 150 senior players signed up across 6 Over 35 and 2 Over 45 teams with ages ranging from 35 to 68 !

Let's hope for even more in 2013.

Nick Jones
M35/M45 Coordinator

- Mens All Age report:

2012 was a successful year for our MAA squads. Numbers grew enough for us to enter two full squads this year, up from one squad and one team in 2011. Our squads were entered into division 3 and division 6 and both teams were very competitive.

The MAA3 firsts finished a very credible 3rd out of 10 teams with 11 wins, three draws and only four losses. Looks like the push towards division two is on! They were ably backed up by the Div 3 reserves who finished in 5th position.

Our newly formed Division 6 squad consisted of many new and returning players to SIFC. They needed little time to settle in and gel as teams with both the firsts and reserves finishing second in their respective competitions behind a strong Lindfield team. Looks like a well deserved promotion is on the way for the squad in 2013.

Penny Howell
President

6. JUNIOR FOOTBALL REPORT

Non Competition teams - U6s - U11



Our Welcoming and Welfare Officer Megan Shave did a fantastic job letting all the new school starters know about SIFC and this was reflected in a record number of under 6s players registering to play this year. 86 U6s players across 8 squads took to the fields each Saturday morning to learn the magic of kicking the round ball.

The under 9s - 13 age groups are always the hardest age groups to arrange. During these ages many players change schools and are committed to joining a school team. It is also the age that many players



decide to try another sport so numbers are always hard to predict. We managed to field at least 4 teams in all our Junior Non-Comp Age groups.

- Competition Age Groups - U12 - U18s

The committee worked hard at the beginning of the season to get the U12s and U13 age groups on the field. Late registrations and withdrawals meant numbers changed frequently and this makes it very difficult to formulate teams. In the end we were able to form two teams in both age groups although for the under 13s it was touch and go. Our thanks to the managers and coaches who stepped up to help run the teams once they were formalised.



The U14 age group managed to form two teams that played in Divisions 1 and 3, and both teams had enjoyable seasons. This is the first time in many years that we have managed to form two U14 teams. The



strength and success of this age group can be attributed to the fact that the parents in the age group have taken ownership and invested their volunteer time, resulting in several new players joining the club this season. This has clearly paid off to the benefit of all players.

Many of the players in our U15, U16 and U18 age groups have been playing for St Ives since they were under 6s and each year we are fortunate enough to gain enough new players in each age group to ensure we field a team. School, social and work commitments often reduce the numbers in these age groups so it is always pleasing to see the numbers in these age groups. They are also encouraged by some very enthusiastic parents !

- Central Coast Mariners Coaching - St Ives FC Centre of Excellence

This was the second year of this coaching program and was again a great success. Following a survey from 2011, a number of changes and improvements were implemented as part of the on-going continual improvement activities for the program.

Following the recommendation from the coaches around industry practice, the CCM CoE has been set up for our U8 to U12 age group being the group that will gain most benefit for the players. The coaches carry out initial grading of the teams with a target to create up to two top teams per age group to participate in the program. The coaching itself is held on two evenings per week, one for skills training and the other for match tactics and training. This latter session is also especially good for the parent coaches to learn how to manage Saturday matches. The program carries an additional costs over and above registrations fees for the participants but this is partly subsidised by the Club.



Penny Howell
President

7. GIRL'S FOOTBALL REPORT

The 2012 season saw a record number of girls register to play with St Ives Football. We fielded a total of 8 teams in the Girls' Competition – for the first time entering Div 1 teams in the Under 12s and the Under 14s competition.

In the non-competition age group of the Under 10s we entered one team, many of the girls new to both the club and football. Many of these girls will be eligible to play in this age group again in the 2013 season so we are hopeful of seeing them back as a more experienced team.



The KDSA offered an Under 11 age group for girls for the first time this year. The decision was made not to enter a team in this competition as it would leave us without the numbers to form an Under 12 team. Instead



the Under 12s were graded into two teams and entered into an appropriate division – Div 1 for the 12As and Div 2 for the 12Bs. After regrading of other teams early in the season, the 12As were left as one of four teams in Div 1. They finished in fourth place making them the St Ives team to finish in best position for the season. The 12Bs finished the season solidly in 8th position, having struggled for numbers at various points in the season.

Unexpectedly high registrations in the Under 14s led to the decision to enter three slim teams of 13 and hope that late registrations and co-operation amongst the teams would make the season manageable. The teams were entered in Div 1, Div 2 and Div 4 respectively. The 14As relied heavily on the assistance of girls registered in the mixed competition to field a full team throughout the season, while the 14Cs played a number of games short due to injuries. The 14Bs ended up with a squad of 15 due to the training availability of late registrations. All three teams finished in fifth place in their division at the end of the season.

The Under 16 registrations at the beginning of the season did not make two teams while the Under 18 girls looked unlikely to make a team. The decision was made to ask girls from the 16s to play up to allow us to field two squads of fifteen and not turn any girls away from the club. The Under 16s were subsequently entered as a Div 2 team and finished 4th in the division. The Under 18s were placed in Div 1 by KDSA and ended up finishing in 6th place at the end of the season.

The 2012 season ended with a successful Gala Day for the St Ives girls. The 14As went through to the finals in their pool, losing on corners to West Pymble. The 14Bs won the finals in their pool and went on to beat West Pymble in the final round. The 12As played all day with only ten players and went through to win their division. Playing on the adjoining field was the Under18As who also won their Gala Day division.

Sue Sidaway
Girls Competition Co-Ordinator

8. WOMEN'S FOOTBALL REPORT

- Women's All Age Football

In 2012 SIFC fielded two WAA teams. Strong performances from our teams in 2011 resulted in both teams being promoted this year to compete in division one and division three. The level of skill across the KDSA WAA competitions varies greatly and both teams found it much harder competing in the higher divisions this year. That said, both teams accepted the promotion/relegation rule and took on the new challenge with gusto.

WAA Division One always fields some very strong teams our WAA1 team can be proud of their effort against some very tough opponents. They may have finished 7th out of 8 but they only conceded 29 goals in 14 matches. This just goes to show how competitive they were in the toughest division.

There were several changes to the teams across Division 3 - 5 this year and this saw our WAA2 team pitted against some much stronger teams from other clubs. Many of the players seemed to be smiling at the end of the season so I hope the experience was not too exhausting.

For the last three years we have been without a dedicated Age Coordinator for the WAAs and the responsibility for organising the teams has fallen on the SIFC Committee Members. Our Age coordinators for all other adult teams come from within the ranks so if SIFC wishes to field WAA teams in future years we will require a volunteer to step up to help coordinate the teams.

Hopefully a volunteer will step forward to help us retain this age group in 2013.



- Womens O35's Report

2012 was another strong year for the old gals at SIFC and we fielded two teams in the competition.

After finishing first in Div2 in 2011 our A team knew they had bought themselves a one way ticket to division one in 2012. The team lost quite a few players to injury throughout the year and at one stage were begging players to join to help boost numbers. The team soldiered on and finished in 6th position out of 8. This was a very credible performance against some very strong teams, including two teams from the Gladesville Hornsby Association.

A drop in team numbers in the W35 competition resulted in the competition being split into three divisions of 8 this year. As a result our Bs found themselves in division two. After the initial shock the team settled in to be very competitive and finished in 4th position.

As with the WAA, we have been without a dedicated age coordinator for the W35s for several years and the role of organising the teams has fallen on the committee.

We are seeking a volunteer from within the ranks to take over the reins next year and help ensure we are able to offer this age group in the future.

Penny Howell
President

9. SPECIAL NEEDS FOOTBALL REPORT

This year Special Needs Football saw the end of an era with the last of the original group of players leave the program.



9 years ago, St Ives kicked off a program for kids with intellectual disabilities with a group of 16 children. This spread first to Sutherland and West Pymble and then to other clubs throughout NSW. At the end of 2011, the last of the original players along with others who were leaving secondary school decided to move on to new weekend activities. I would like to thank Shaun Cromey who has also now left. Without his many years of coaching and support the program would not be anywhere near as successful as it is today.

Usually this report includes details of activities and numbers for the year, this year I thought I would make it more personal. Each child is unique and has their own particular issues and challenges with this program we try to introduce physical activities and social interaction for those who would otherwise be isolated from their peers except for the confines of school. One child started this year that perhaps best puts into context the reason for the program.

The player suffers from Prader Willi Syndrome which Wikipedia describes as “a rare genetic disorder characteristic by low muscle tone, short stature, cognitive disabilities and a chronic feeling of hunger that can lead to excessive eating and life-threatening obesity”. Imagine what it must be like to go through life being judged because of your appearance by those who do not understand your condition. Always being hungry and not knowing why.

Of his own volition, the child in his mid teens decided to join the program knowing the potential for ridicule. There was no standard shirt large enough for him to play in so the club took two XXL shirts and cut them up and re-sewed panels into each side of one, the club also made up special bibs in a similar manner, all this so that he would not feel out of the ordinary.



Just by participating, he has a Saturday activity like so many mainstream players and in the process he and his family have met others facing similar challenges who can share their experiences. Despite all the issues he proved to be a real character the enthusiasm and infectious optimism that he brought to the games was inspiring for those who met him. This player will never win any pennant or make a final but in just taking the field has shown a determination and application that is truly admirable.

Stories like this have been repeated for the other 200 children that have taken part over the years who, along with their parents have much more difficult and complex lives. They participate not to be the best but to be the best they can be.

David Howard
Special Needs Coordinator

10. SUMMER 5 ASIDE REPORT

For the fifth year running SIFC hosted a Summer five-a-side competition for players aged under 6 to under 10. Three hundred and fifty players competed from all over the local district and they all enjoy the opportunity to maintain and improve on their winter skills. The SIFC Committee works hard to ensure that this competition is a success and it is proving to be a very valuable addition to our fundraising efforts.

The competition was run over two week nights (Wednesday and Thursdays) for the 2011/12 season due to the potential loss of Koola Oval mid season for a scheduled upgrade. Koola Oval is the only local oval that is big enough to run more than six games at a time. The move to another oval mid season meant we would need to run two smaller competitions. While some families preferred the option of two nights we did find that running two smaller competitions resulted in a change in dynamics to some of the matches. The oval upgrade was behind schedule and the need to change locations did not eventuate.

A highlight of the season was our BBQ evening which was sponsored by our major sponsors Ray White St Ives/Gordon. We were also joined on the evening by some of the players from the Central Coast Mariners who came along to show us their skills. Our two CCM under 10 development teams were also on hand to entertain the crowd with some display matches.

The competition also allows us to support our local youth players by providing them with the opportunity to referee the games and we had 12 referees on our books. This also gives the parents of the players a welcome break from the winter referee duties !

As this report goes to the print the 2012/13 Summer season is well underway and again proving to be very popular.

Roger Dutton
5 A-Side Co-Ordinator

11. SOCIAL REPORT



This year we had a very enthusiastic Social Committee on board led by Jodi Parry. The main aim of the committee was to arrange our major fund raiser - the Green and White Ball and they did a simply superb job.

Over 150 people attended the function held at the Greengate Hotel and the total raised was over \$18,500. Approximately \$11,000-00 of this was generated from the raffle with the balance coming from silent auction items and games. This is a tremendous effort from Jodi and her team who spent countless hours contacting local (and not so local) businesses to drum up donations and support, arranged the raffle and raffle prizes , sourced and decorated a brilliant venue and arranged



entertainment.

Many club members contributed items to be raffled or auctioned and it was wonderful to see the club come together to support the night.

We look forward to making the Green and White Ball and annual event for SIFC. See you there next year !!





12. FACTS AND FIGURES

Player Numbers

Group	Age	2012 Players
xSN		33
U06		87
U07		59
G08		0
U08		73
G09		0
U09		43
G10		12
U10		60
G11		0
U11		36
G12		27
U12		28
U13		29
G14		39
U14		27
U15		15
G16		16
U16		14
G18		16
U18		16
MAA		74
WAA		32
M35		116
W35		36
M45		39
Totals		927

Players by suburb	
St Ives	603
Turrumurra	53
Pymble	45
Wahroonga	27
Gordon	24
Killara	23
Other	152
total	927

Competition team results

(Total Team numbers – 62 teams)

Age	Division	Position
U12A	2	5th of 8
U12B	6	6th of 8
U13A	2	3rd of 7
U13b	3b	5th of 6
U14A	1	5th of 8
U14B	3	4th of 8
U15	3	3rd of 9
U16	2	4th of 6
U18	3	1st of 6
G12A	1	4th of 4
G12B	2	8th of 9
G14A	1	5th of 6
G14B	2	5th of 6
G14C	4	5th of 7
G16A	2	4th of 6
G18A	1	6th of 6
MAA3	3	3rd of 10
MAA3R	3	5th of 10
MAA6	6	2nd of 8
MAA6R	6	2nd of 8
M352white	2	3rd of 8
M352Rwhite	2	1st of 8
M352GREEN	2	8th of 8
M352GREENR	2	8th of 8
M353	3	8th of 8
M353r	3	8th of 8
M45	1	2nd of 10
M45R	1	8th of 10
WAAA	1	7th of 8
WAAB	3	8th of 8
W35A	1	6th of 8
W35B	2	4th of 8