



# Lane Cove FC News

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**Thank you for  
your support  
throughout  
2014!**

## President's Report

Welcome to our final newsletter for 2014, which has been another successful season for Lane Cove FC on many levels. On the field we have achieved great things in many age-groups, but just as importantly this year we have consolidated our foundations for some outstanding future successes.



**Club President  
Ted Merewether**

To all our players, parents and friends, thanks for playing with Lane Cove FC this season – our numbers are the strongest ever, with over 750 registered players kept busy with our expanded football programmes to cater for players of all ages and standards.

Off the field we have had some 'wins' too – the inaugural Blue and Gold Ball was a highlight, re-kindling the social spirit of the club that previously flourished with the annual dinner dances. The strongest-ever committee is working hard to ensure that we cater for the needs of all our players and families in the Under 6 MiniRoos right through to our over 45's, and including boy's, girl's, men's and women's football. We have enjoyed the continuing support of our loyal sponsors, and welcomed some new ones as well!

We look forward to seeing all of you back in 2015 for an exciting year, if you can wait that long! Look out for plenty of activities over the summer including our popular skills programme for our U8-U12 age-groups and the Northern Suburbs Summer 6-a-side comp to be held at Blackman Park and open to our U12 – O45 age-groups.

### Successes on the Field

Notable performances in 2014 include:

- Lane Cove teams finishing in the top division of their U6, U7, U8 and U9 competitions, with some great results across all teams in the MiniRoos (U6 – U11) age-groups, including our Development Squad teams,
- Our U12A and U15 mixed teams winning their divisions, and our U14, U16 mixed teams 3<sup>rd</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> respectively,
- Our Girls U16 and Girls U18 teams coming 3<sup>rd</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> respectively in their divisions,
- Our Women's All Age Div 3 team coming 2<sup>nd</sup> earning promotion to Div 2 in 2015,
- Our Men's All Age Div 6 squad were 1<sup>st</sup> = earning promotion to Div 5 next season (with our MAA Div 5 missing out on promotion by just 1 point!),

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## Lane Cove Football Club Annual General Meeting 2014

Monday 17 November 2014.

Lane Cove Club, Lane Cove

As a player or parent of a player in the Club, you are invited and encouraged to attend the AGM. This is your opportunity to contribute your opinion to matters relating to the running of our Club.

**WHEN:** Monday, 17 November 2014 at 6:30pm

**WHERE:** Lane Cove Club, Birdwood Ave, Lane Cove (opp. Rosenthal Ave Carpark)

**WHY:** Hear from and speak to the Club Committee about our Football Club.

If you want to have your say on matters relating to the Club, then this is your chance.

### **Want to get involved?**

Committee membership gives you a direct say in the running of your Club, the direction of NSFA and more importantly a chance to "give back" to our community. The Club relies on its volunteer committee members to ensure you and all members are able to enjoy the sporting facilities and competition available each football season. So, if you want to be involved in the Club management please complete the nomination form you will receive with the notice of AGM, or contact the office, and come along to the AGM.

Our Men's Premier League squad cementing their position in this top division of men's football for 2015.

Of course there are many of our 50+ teams who had some outstanding results during the season, and we look forward to more great results on the new synthetic pitches at Blackman Park in 2015.

### Off-Field Events

The Blue and Gold Ball in July was a huge success – look out for a separate report in this issue, along with some photos of this colourful event. Make sure you book early next year, as its sure to be a sell out!

What a shocking last few weeks at the end of the season – the kid's Gala Days washed out, along with our Club Day. Thanks to the committee who scrambled an indoor presentation together at the last minute.

Meanwhile our Over 45 and 35 squads enjoyed their traditional dinner, our All Age squad Presentation night was a great success and many of our dedicated coaches, managers and committee members enjoyed our Thank-You night courtesy of Sybiz, who have supported this club function for some years.

To those coaches, managers and supporters who couldn't make it to our Thank You night - our sincerest 'thank you' for all the work you put in during the season.

### Award Winner!

Congratulations go to Robbie Kerr from our Premier League squad for winning the Northern Suburbs Football Association Premier League Player of the Year in 2014.

The award is presented to the Premier League's most popular football player, as voted by the managers of opposing teams during the 18 week season. The NSFA Premier League is the top level of men's football played by clubs like Lane Cove FC, and the Player of the Year award is coveted by our very best club players.

Robbie has played at Lane Cove since he was 10 years old, and his long-time goal-scoring skills helped cement Lane Cove FC in Premier League for 2015. The team is looking forward to the new synthetic turf pitches at Blackman Park in 2015 to further display their talents.



### Summer 6-a-Side at Blackman Park

NSFA is running a 6-a-Side at Blackman Park, commencing on 21 October. The competition will cater for Junior teams from U12 – U18 (depending on demand) as well as adult teams. For more details go to [www.nsfc.com.au](http://www.nsfc.com.au) or call NSFA on 9449 4933.

Get a Lane Cove team together and be amongst the first to play on the new synthetic grass pitches at Blackman Park!

### Talking of Blackman Park.....

The completion of Blackman Park is only weeks away, with the 2 new synthetic grass pitches, picket fences and light towers looking fantastic already! These new pitches will offer state-of-the-art all-weather surfaces for our Junior (U12+) and adult age-groups. No more wash-outs!

The new facilities will also open up opportunities for increased training hours, and NSFA competition games on Friday and possibly Saturday nights. NSFA's new Summer 6-a-Side competitions will also be run on these pitches.

Needless to say, we are lobbying NSFA to schedule as many of our 'home' games as possible on these fantastic new pitches.

Council and Lane Cove Scouts are also building a new Scouting and Amenities building at the east end of Blackman Park in 2015. We certainly look forward to improved storage, change facilities and amenities, as well as opportunities to use these facilities for football functions and activities as the need arises.



### Development Squads and Coaching Initiatives for 2015

2015 will see an expanded and improved Development Squad programme for our MiniRoos and some Junior age-groups. There has been some hard work put in by our MiniRoos sub-committee over the past months, and we are really excited to make some announcements:

Girls Diamond League: In 2015, St Michael's Junior Football Club will be joining with Lane Cove FC to expand and develop the girls Diamond League programme. This will see teams in the U11 and U12 age-groups presenting the highest level of girl's junior football in the Lane Cove area.

Development Squads: Next year will also see an amalgamation of the St Michaels and Lane Cove FC Development Squad programmes for our U8, U9, U10, U11, U12 and U13 mixed teams. Bringing the very best players from each club together will provide a pathway through MiniRoos and into Junior football at the highest level – and all within Lane Cove!

The merged Diamond League and Development Squad programmes will be managed by a joint committee and administered by Lane Cove FC. Registration for the 2015 season will be through the normal Lane Cove FC on-line process. The programmes will provide:

- football opportunities for our younger players at the highest level within Lane Cove,
- professional coaching,
- multiple coaching sessions per week

Meanwhile, our very popular Summer Skills programme will run again in Term 4 2014 and Term 1 2015, offering professional coaching opportunities to players of all levels in the U8 – U12 age-groups.

I am sure you will agree that these initiatives are a huge boost to local football, and will keep our younger players in the game, in Lane Cove and in our club through their junior years and into adult football!

## Sponsors

We have again been supported by our long-standing Principal Sponsor **HYECORP Property Group** during 2014. Our Associate Sponsors **Lane Cove Physiotherapy**, **Foot Group Lane Cove**, **Crust Gourmet Pizza** and **The Association Specialists** have also provided fabulous support and we will see them back next year. Our thanks also to **Kingsgrove Sports** who has stocked our strip and provided financial support.

Without such support from all our sponsors, we could not provide the thousands of dollars worth of training equipment, coaching support and coach development required for a large club such as ours. Thank you to all these sponsors who are prepared to back community football in Lane Cove!

Our sponsorship sub-committee has also forged relationships with other local businesses who have provided services and/or supported our events. These include Birds Commercial Interiors who supported our Blue and Gold Ball and Sybiz who supported our end of season Thank You evening.



Do make sure you support our sponsors – and always mention your connection to Lane Cove FC!

## Committee Matters

Our committee and many willing sub-committee supporters have achieved a huge amount in 2014, and we look forward to bigger and better things in 2015. To all these people, a huge thanks!

At the Annual General Meeting on Monday 17 November, I will be stepping down as President, after 4 terms in the role and many more on the committee. I am absolutely confident that the Club will grow and prosper on and off the field in future years in the hands of an extremely capable and enthusiastic committee and well developed sub-committee structures.

To all those who have supported the Committee, the Club and me over the years, a big Thank You!

See you at the AGM at the Lane Cove Club (top of Birdwood Ave) on November 17 at 7pm – and join us for a drink afterwards!

***Ted Merewether***

***President, Lane Cove FC***

## Email Contacts

When you register in 2015, please provide email addresses which will be read every week. We have been disappointed that many emails don't get seen, or read, or just get deleted. We recommend that multiple addresses be provided to ensure we catch everyone with important news.

It is the only way we can contact you directly, our developing social media channels are great for general Club news but won't include team specific updates.



## Principal Sponsor



**HYECORP Property Group's** support continues throughout 2013 as Principal Sponsor. Their logo is proudly displayed on all our playing shirts.

Hyecorp has extensive local experience in property development, construction and funds management. Specialising in medium density residential development on Sydney's lower North Shore, Hyecorp not only offers impressive properties, but also allows investors to participate in its development and investment projects via its funds management operations. Check out their website via our own homepage.

## Associate Sponsors



**Lane Cove Physiotherapy** continues their support in 2013 as an Associate Sponsor. Lane Cove Physio were previously supporters of our adult teams, and they returned stronger than ever as supporters of our Junior and adult age groups.

Lane Cove Physio and Hydrotherapy Centre is a state-of-the-art physiotherapy centre catering to all musculoskeletal needs. Conveniently located down Longueville Rd with easy parking, Lane Cove Physio and Hydrotherapy Centre offers the most up-to-date and technologically advanced physiotherapy available. Ask for the Lane Cove FC discount!



**Crust Gourmet Pizza, Lane Cove** remains as a supporter of our Small Sided Football age groups, and of those of us who enjoy yummy pizzas! Crust have kindly provided a number of "player of the round" awards which have been well received by the junior teams and their parents in particular as the award entitles you to a free pizza!

Crust offers restaurant quality gourmet pizzas, for you to pick up, or delivered piping hot to your door. And they offer a discount to Lane Cove FC players who wear their LCFC shirts into the store!



**The Association Specialists** (TAS) supports the club's secretariat and administration. Their involvement since 2010 has made a world of difference to the professional way our club is administered, and our presentation to our community.

**TAS's** business is providing event management, administration and 'back-of-house' support to professional, industry, and now sporting associations.



**The Foot Group Lane Cove** (previously Lane Cove Foot Clinic) continues as an Associate Sponsor in 2013, and their involvement is very welcome.

The Foot Group specialise in diagnosing and treating an extensive range of foot, lower limb and postural problems. They provide comprehensive, up-to-date advice on foot pain, heel pain, knee pain, tendinopathy, plantar fasciitis and other lower limb problems. The Foot Group also specialise in children's foot problems, gait analysis and orthotics to remedy pain at school, home, work and on the sports field.

## Partners



Kingsgrove Sports has again supported LCFC this year as our equipment supplier, supplying our strip and branded clothing, with discounts to LCFC members.



Longueville Sporting Club, and their Diddy's bar has remained our watering hole. Join us after the adult games on Saturday afternoons, or why not book a barefoot bowls afternoon?



Sybiz returns as supporter of our end of year coaches and managers function – a new tradition we hope to build to acknowledge all the work these folks put in during the season.

What an amazing 2014 season for all in the LCFC MiniRoos? Well done and thanks to all the volunteers, Coaches & Managers – we wouldn't have such an amazing club without YOU. Despite the shocking weather patterns and the lack of Gala Day and on-field activities at Pottery for club day, it was a rewarding and high-energy presentation session at our great friends Xago.

We have most of the kit and shirts in but if you do still have any items please contact the club as these items have to be purchased again and impact our registration costs. The final few games of the season were extremely rewarding for me, the level of passion and player progression this year was outstanding. I have a good feeling next year will be even bigger and better.

We are very pleased to be partnering with St Michaels FC for Development Squads (u8-u13) and Girls Diamond League (u11 and u12) for 2015. This gives us scale to compete with some of the bigger regional clubs that were historically attracting our players away and helps keep local kids playing locally. We have signed SoccerKickStart, junior coaching providers to the Western Sydney Wanderers, to be our coaches for both our combined Development Squads and our soon to go live Skills Development Sessions (10 week blocks).

We (StMFC and LCFC) recently ran a demonstration day on 8th October with SoccerKickStart. Over 90 kids attended and feedback was very positive about the coaches (great technically, organisationally and on discipline) and we aim to have between 1-2 development teams per age group from u8s to u13s as well as u11 and u12 Diamond League teams.

Our 2nd year of Skills Development Sessions (Term 4) 1-hour week, Tuesday and Thursday afternoons is kicking off and we have over 100 enrolments. Importantly in 2015 we look forward to further involvement from SoccerKickStart supporting our LCFC volunteer coaches for our regular teams helping us with implementation of on the field training to aid the kids of all ages and levels – LCFC is passionately committed to the development and enjoyment of all players.

Enjoy your summer, keep the World Game alive (ball and park is all that's needed) and we look forward to seeing you and your kids back at LCFC in early 2015

**Gavin Houchell**

MiniRoos Co-ordinator LCFC



Let's not beat about the bush - it was a tough season!

Lane Cove 035's hit their straps, first time back "in the saddle" of 1st Div diving into the first game showing great promise & football leadership with the half time score reflecting favourably to LCFC.

It ended poorly however, and that seemed to be a common thread throughout the season. We led in a number of games, only to give up the lead in the second half. Our training was more concise during the 2014 season, so we reckoned this was not the key reason for the consistent losses, albeit in most cases, by a whisker, as mentioned. It simply came down to a case of not being able to finish, somewhat disappointing.

It became clear to us that although it looks like we will head back to Div 2, we were certainly not outclassed during the year, and that in itself was a pleasant discovery....

And so the season drew to a close and the annual awards evening was, as always, a great event, and some players were honored, across the first team and the reserves, including:

Manager's Players: Biagio Abignano and Lee Darlison

Player's Players: Ben Reid and Darren Thompson

Top Goalscorers: Ben Reid and John Zrno

Big thanks to the boys, especially the new lads, and in particular Darren Thompson and Phil Hyde, who ran both teams with dedication and commitment.

We're looking forward to the inaugural NSFA Summer Comp at our new grounds and watch out for the new LCFC 035/45 Facebook pages - soon on a web browser near YOU!

**Peter Whalley**  
*035 Coordinator*

### LCFC Facebook

A reminder that the LCFC Facebook page is now active and a good source of information on all things happening around the club and more broadly in football.

If you haven't already





## Men's 45's Report

Another year for the over 45's who by incredible application of science, good red wine and love of football appear to be getting younger - or maybe with memory lapses the the year of birth is forgotten.

Anyway - the season of 2014 - a tough season in a tough league - with some very strong teams in Division one.

The first team put in some strong performances against the top teams of West Pymble and St Ives but didn't take advantage of the weaker teams from "up north". Overall an enjoyable season, with a comfortable finish in the top eight, but unable to make the finals.

Some great, but also forgettable individual performances...the key awards went to...

Managers Player of the year:	Mr Kenneth Wagner
Top goalscorer (again)	Mr David "Ronaldo" Carter
Players player	Dave Carter

The reserves had an adventurous year... knocking on the top four spot for most of the season, but with a few players missing in Brazil the season fell away but at least they maintained a top eight position. Again some great to interesting performances with Charlie Russell always setting the standard, even from Germany....the key awards went to....

Managers Player of the year:	Jonathan Morris
Top goalscorer:	Mr Chris "Newcastle" Fendley
Players player:	Jerome Forcus

....and to next year...to hopefully push for a top four spot, we need to introduce more youth into the side or players without hip replacements ...the over 45's are on a recruitment drive, so if you still have your teeth or wish to move on from the rough and tumble of the over 35's we would love to see you

**John Holland**  
O45 Coordinator

## Shirt & Kit Returns

If you missed Club Day and still need to return any kit and/or jersey's from the 2014 season, all outstanding kit can be dropped off at our kit manager, Andrew Britt's house. Please ensure you include a tag/note with any gear, indicating the Team Name and player information on any outstanding items.

Address:

1 Tantallon road  
Lane Cove North  
Corner of Johnston cres, driveway off Johnston cres (cream house)

Age/Team	Division	Position	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	GF	GA
<b>Girls 12</b>	2	7/10	13	4	3	6	14	18
<b>Under 12 A</b>	2	1/8	14	10	2	2	45	15
<b>Under 13</b>	2	8/9	14	1	3	10	23	56
<b>Under 14</b>	2	3/7	15	9	2	4	42	18
<b>Under 15</b>	3	1/6	15	12	2	1	88	17
<b>Girls 16</b>	2	3/8	14	6	2	6	28	41
<b>Under 16</b>	2	2/8	16	7	1	8	31	34
<b>Girls 18</b>	1	2/6	12	8	0	4	39	33
<b>Under 18</b>	2	6/8	14	4	2	8	27	43
<b>Mens All Age</b>	Prem	8/10	18	5	6	7	23	37
	Prem Res	8/10	18	4	4	10	27	35
	3	7/10	18	6	1	11	23	35
	3R	7/10	18	5	3	10	30	46
	4	9/10	18	5	1	12	18	48
	4R	7/10	18	8	1	9	32	33
	5	3/10	18	11	3	4	56	30
	5R	5/10	18	8	1	9	26	36
	6	2/10	18	13	1	4	57	30
	6R	3/10	18	10	3	5	33	21
<b>Womens All Age</b>	3	2/7	13	7	0	6	19	26
	4	6/7	16	2	0	11	8	41
<b>Mens Over 35</b>	1	10/10	18	2	4	12	20	54
	1R	10/10	18	2	1	15	20	75
<b>Mens Over 45</b>	1	7/8	17	1	3	13	12	49
	1R	7/8	17	2	2	13	24	61
<b>Total</b>			<b>406</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>765</b>	<b>932</b>

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**Northern Suburbs Football Association (NSFA formerly KDSA)** - [www.nsfa.asn.au](http://www.nsfa.asn.au)

**My Football Club (Registration Site)** - <http://www.myfootballclub.com.au>

**Football Federation Australia (FFA)** - [www.footballaustralia.com.au](http://www.footballaustralia.com.au)

**Football NSW** - [www.footballnsw.com.au](http://www.footballnsw.com.au)

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