



# **RANDWICK CITY FOOTBALL CLUB**

## **2019 ANNUAL REPORT**



## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Well... what a year!

The Club really is blessed with on and off-field leaders. Our thanks firstly goes to our Club Committee. After many years of dedicated service, Julian Busic stepped down as Club Secretary at the 2108 AGM. His role was filled by Ian Mears and we welcomed Amanda Davis as a new Club director. Midway through 2019 our long serving Treasurer, Gareth Swarbrick, also stepped down. The Treasurer's role now being undertaken by Jim Welsh. All Committee positions are declared vacant at the 2019 AGM.

Vice President	GAVIN FIELDS
Secretary	IAN MEARS
Treasurer	GARETH SWARBRICK, JIM WELSH
Registrar/ IT	CHARLIE MUSCAT
Committee member	BEN FOLINO
Committee member	AMANDA DAVIS

Good governance is a very important part of the equation. Equally important are the people at the coal face, our coaches and managers who keep the week to week show on the road. The Committee and I are deeply appreciative of their drive, enthusiasm and selflessness. They are:

Mens' Championship	SAM KARIM, JP THOMPSON, SANDY NEISON
AAM4	LEON CARNEVALE
AAM7	NIAL BAXTER
Masters	CHARLIE MUSCAT, BEN FOLINO
AAW2A	ANTHONY MURRAY, SINEAD HEALY
AAW2B	TOM & LILLI McMORROW
AAW4	JENNY WAUGH, AMANDA DAVIS
Purple Hearts	BEN FOLINO, CHARLIE MUSCAT,

### SPECIAL NOTE OF THANKS AND APPRECIATION GOES TO-

- Our loyal sponsors who share our vision and support it financially- *Integrum Management Systems, Visionstream, Community Bank Clovelly, Regent Hotel* .
- Our 2019 Awards Night was attended by Federal Member, *Matt Thistlethwaite* State Members, *Michael Daley* and *Marjorie O'Neill* and Randwick City Council Lord Mayor, *Danny Said*. We are very grateful for their ongoing support.
- *Dave Doyle* from *Creative Castle*, for continuing to shape the look of our club, including our strips, graphics and online presence.
- *Randwick City Council* who facilitate our use of, and maintain Chifley Sportsfields.

2018 was a terrific year in the Clubs history and growth, incredibly 2019 topped it . Significant achievements this year are-

- \* **On Field Results-** Mens 1<sup>st</sup> grade making the prestigious FNSW State Cup final. Mens Reserve grade top 4 finish for the first time. AAM4 winning the League and Grand Final double. AAM7 winning their League with 4 games to spare and grand final runners up. AAW2A finishing second in the League and winning the Grand Final. AAW4 a brand new team and coach and a top 4 finish. Purple Hearts runners up in the FNSW AWD Futsal Grand Final.
- \* **Women's football-** a burgeoning sector of the Club. Our victorious 2018 AAW3 team form the nucleus of both our Div 2 and 4 teams plus we welcome a brand new team, mainly from 2018 Dunbar Rovers GCL. Our AAW2A winning promotion to Womens Premier League in 2020
- \* **Mid Season Social/ Fundraiser**  
**Randwick's Got Talent-** inaugural event won by AAW2A
- \* **Chifley Sportsfield Canteen-** thanks to RCC for allowing us to set up and run a match day canteen. Staffed by, and all profits going to, our Purple Hearts disability footballers, earning valuable funds and teaching invaluable life skills
- \* Inaugural **Club Spirit Award.** A perpetual shield awarded to the team who, throughout the season best exemplifies the unwritten "Randwick spirit". Enthusiasm for and application to training, playing the game the way it is meant to be played, support of Club functions, sponsors and other teams. This year won by Mens' Championship Reserves in a close run contest with AAW4s and AAM4s.



The larger and more successful the Club becomes reminds me that Club is more about people and less about football. When people are enjoying their football results look after themselves. Every player, supporter, friend should take pride in the Club's 2019 achievements and growth.

Getting involved and making a difference in people's lives via football is not difficult at Randwick City FC. Nominate for the Committee or just participate in the **AGM and Planning Day** at the Coogee Legion Club, **11am-2pm on 16<sup>th</sup> November** to share your ideas and have your say. You will be welcome and heard.

Best regards

Richard Baldwin

Club President

# TEAM REPORTS

## PURPLE HEARTS

The Purple Hearts had another strong year.

We had 14 new players join the Hearts and 22 returning players in 2019.

Three words characterise the Hearts' year: growth, innovation and heartache.

We achieved *growth* with the Hearts by recruiting a record number of new players.

The *innovation* came from the Hearts' participation in more organised competitions and working the club's canteen. The juniors and seniors participated in the FNSW Football4All league competing in five gala days April, May, June, July and August. A few of our seniors were given the opportunity to do some paid work by running the club's canteen at Chifley during the home and away season.



And *heartache* came from the Hearts making the AWD2 Futsal grand final and going down 4-2 to Phoenix. It was their best performance against this team. We had chances to win the match but we weren't able to take advantage of our opportunities when these came up. Still, it was a thrill to see them make it this far and everyone's proud of their achievements.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the players for choosing to play with the Hearts and be part of the Randwick City Football Club. I trust we've done the right thing by players and parents.

Of course, the Purple Hearts would be nothing but a concept if not for the many volunteers who gave up their time during the year to help out with coaching. My thanks to: Brett Richardson, Denis Gorey, Gareth Swarbrick, Greg Lin, Ivan Boulle, Jorke Janssen, Julian Busic, Martin Keating, Joanne Faglioni, Jocelyn Kemp, Sinead Healy, Richard Baldwin, Tim Harwood, Rebecca Williams, Andre Molle and Romane Molle.

A big special thanks to Charlie Muscat and Yoshua Simasaki for turning up nearly every week to help with the training sessions. We could not have had the successful year we had without you both.

We also had some hired help from a few of the senior Hearts – Thanks Luis Gutierrez, Thomas Grujoski, Tyson Gold and Paige Cook – you were fantastic!.

Thank you to Lehan Zhang and Speedy Shatari for leading the group as our paid coaches every week too and managing them at the gala days.

Finally, a big thanks to our main sponsors for the year – The Clovelly Community Bendigo Bank, Tradeformation, and Sports Access Foundation for their generous financial support in 2019.

**Awards:**

***Juniors***

Coach's award: Noah Finnane

Most improved: Aaron Song

Players' player: Labron Miles

***Seniors***

Coach's award: Paige Cook

Most improved: Karim Bouchafaa

Players' player: Luis Gutierrez

Ben Folino – Program coordinator



## MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP 1<sup>ST</sup> GRADE

For the champ squad, a state cup final and 4th and 5th place finishes, semis for the reserves. We can certainly be proud. But hungry to go that step further next year.

To the squad. Easily the strongest bunch of footballers ever to wear the Randwick purple. We have many long standing returning members who, despite not getting any younger, still manage to compete at the top level of amateur football. But we couldn't keep on improving without the new additions, who not only added quality on the pitch but also, most importantly, bought into the culture of the club. So a few shout outs:



- Ell - semi professional left winger. Who's still yet to put in a decent cross from the left. But chipped in with a fair few goals
- Matt Treadmill Ellis - he literally can run for days. Pipped to top goal scorer by a left winger playing defensive mid though Matty
- Seany Fortune - ever present on the pitch - thanks Seany
- Sammy Inder - brought Ell to the club. Thanks Sammy. Honestly, Sam could feel a bit hard done by with some of my selection decisions but never once complained and always put a shift in. Top lad.
- Jake Armo - who could've easily played at a higher standard but is an absolute sucker for a good tear up. Fitted in very nicely
- Dan Bekkevold - the Norwegian Dave Metcalf. Absolute enigma. Fantastic one season wonder - hopefully we can prise him back to Sydney next year
- Fridge and Freezer - who got a pretty good shout out from JP. Made huge contributions across both teams. Seany, I literally had that Fridge on pre-order. What could've been? Freezer that state cup semi final goal will live long in the memory.

A sign of how far we've come is In previous years we've just done combined awards for the squad as we pretty much ended the season with 15 players.

Players player - there was a pretty standout winner. A lad who has performed consistently all season. I thought his little on field tantrums might hamper his chances for this award. But the lads clearly saw past that. So congrats to Ell Goward

Manager's player - there were really 2 stand outs for me for this award.

He doesn't win anything but an honourable mention to Aled, had his best season at the club. Absolute rock at the back.

Coach's Player Ali Hartley

A few final thank you's to JP and Sandy: I think we made a pretty good team this year. Thanks for everything - the progress we've made wouldn't have been possible without you. Richy Baldwin: for whom we would all be lost without

This will be my last full season with the club and I'll be handing the 1st team reins over next year. I'm hugely proud of what we've been able to achieve on the field over the last 3 years.

It's more than just football, we're a family. And that's what makes this club so special. I look forward to watching as the club continues to go from strength to strength in the future.

Sam Karim, Coach/ Manager

## MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP RESERVE GRADE

The Men's Championship Reserve Grade team made the ESFA playoffs for the first time in Randwick history. The team made it through to the preliminary final by winning our elimination semi final, beating Glebe Gorilla's after 120 minutes (3-2).



We were awarded

Randwick's Club Spirit Award with consistent training attendance, team cohesion, Randwick spirit, and regular attendance at the Regent Hotel post matches. We were the first team to receive this award.

We doubled our league points from the previous year. In 2018 the reserve grade finished on 17 points and in 2019 finished with 35 points.

Picked up points against every team in the league.

Placed 4<sup>th</sup> overall on the league table.

Many of the reserve grade players also played in first grade throughout the year and significantly helped the first grade in their FFA cup and State Cup campaigns.

We finished the season with a goal difference of +13.

Beat Phoenix in our last regular season game in order to secure a playoff position.

This was also the first time in Randwick City FC's ESFA history that either grade defeated a Phoenix side (2-1).

The team were undefeated throughout the pre-season and won 5 consecutive games to start the 2019 regular season.

Overall, the Randwick City FC Reserve team significantly lifted the bar compared to any previous year whilst in the ESFA competition. The team bonded quickly, supported each other both on and off the pitch and consistently worked very hard during the 2019 season.

Players Player award – Daniel Stanley (defender/winger)

Coaches Player award – Sean O'Loughlin (striker)

Coaches – JP Thompson & Sandy Neison



## **ALL AGE MEN'S DIVISION 4**

2019 what a SEASON, top of the LEAGUE and grand final CHAMPIONS.

I was asked to help Randwick AA4 team with potential but with no direction.

The team came together after a simple question, do you want to win or have fun?

The answer was Win and the fun followed. The rest is history.

There were lots of excuses for not playing early games on Sunday, some games we started with 9 players. What made this team special is that who ever showed up gave 100 per cent and found a way to win games.

A few notable mentions are Tom for his leadership on and off the field, Sunny for playing any position that was asked of him and Joe for his high intensity on the field.

A sensational year for team and club.



Regards

Leon Carnevale, Coach

## ALL AGE MEN'S DIVISION 7

The 2019 season starts off with great promise with the majority of last seasons team returning as well as a few quality new signings joining us this year, which ended with us winning the league with 4 games to spare and narrowly defeated 2-1 in the grand final.

Some of the highlights of the season were.



The amount of goals we scored, most of the thanks for that is probably to Jamie Kelly for his contribution of 24 goals but we had the best goal difference in the league which comes down to our defense just as much as goals scored.

Alex and Oscar with their 1st goals for the club.

Marcus with some fantastic goals and Soren almost getting his 1st goal.

Jason Haney and Chris Dutton putting in excellent shifts and Jim Welsh still doing it like a young bloke at 50 years of age.

Best of all was probably Gavin Fields scoring a cracker for his 1st goal for the club after 8 seasons.

It really was a fantastic season for the 7s even if we did fall that bit short in the grand final but I guess we will have next year to look forward to and make that right.

Lastly our end of season awards are as follows:

Players' player: Oscar Zeleny

Coach's player: Butsy.

Niall Baxter

Player/coach.

## MEN'S MASTERS O45s

After six years of having two Masters teams with an intense rivalry between them, the 2019 season started with a big squad of players that was an amalgamation of the Suns and Wanderers. Many players decided not to return this year and so we farewelled some old friends and teammates. We



recruited only one new player in *Nathan Whittle*, and he has proven to be a very useful asset to both the team and to the Club.

With ESFA's decision to combine the Over 45s Championship Division and Division 2 into a fourteen-team competition we suspected that we would be in for a very challenging season, and that indeed proved to be true. After the euphoria of the opening match draw against Dunbar Rovers Division 2 side, we then went on to lose the next seven, following that two victories against our rivals Maroubra United, then three more losses. The positive things behind these statistics were that our losses, at least to the other Division 2 teams, were by very small margins, and that we won against Maroubra United Green who are a Division 1 (Championship) side.

Despite the somewhat dismal picture painted by the statistics, the team spirit was always great, regardless of the performance on the day. Each week the players gave their very best, and we still managed to enjoy ourselves on the pitch and over a beer after each game.

As always, I've thoroughly enjoyed being both a player and manager of the Masters this year. Both on and off the pitch there is a strong sense of camaraderie and a respect for one another which makes it a delight for me to come back each week, year after year. This year's team award winners are **Jorke Janssen**, voted *Player's Player* once again for his consistent outstanding performance, and **Dean Hatzinikolaou** to whom I've awarded the *Manager's* award. Since joining RCFC in the 2018 season, Dean has always been both the "quiet achiever" and a great team member, in keeping with the spirit of the Club. I would like to thank the following people who helped make it another great season for me: **Ben Folino** who helped manage the team; **John Fedele** who provided leadership and inspiration whenever he was there; **Ian Mears** for helping out in goals and sustaining fairly serious injuries; **David MacNiven** for returning to the team mid-season and taking over the reins as goalkeeper.

I really want to thank all the players in the team for their continued efforts and for making my job as manager a pleasant one, and I look forward to the 2020 season, our tenth anniversary year, where we can celebrate our achievements together.

**Charlie Muscat** - Manager

## ALL AGE WOMEN'S DIVISION 2A

Very entertaining season both on and off the pitch, very small squad this season, but an extremely talented one.

Started the season with 11 new players I thought the girls bonded pretty much instantly, they were excellent all season and really bought into everything I was trying to preach about always wanting the ball and always being confident on the ball.



I think we were hard done by in regards to the league, I honestly feel like we were on the wrong end of a bad call from the ESFA organisers that cost us the league.

Highlights of the season:

- Div 2 Grand Final
- Runners up in league
- 3rd consecutive promotion
- Randwick now have a ladies team in the top division
- An amazing bunch of ladies that really bought into the Randwick club

Thanks for the season:

- Huge thank you to Richard who played as big a part as me this season and filled in for training and matches constantly, also dealt with everything in the background
- Thank you to everyone at Randwick for putting on another top season and to all those who came to support us throughout the season.
- Massive thanks to all the AAW4 girls who backed us up when needed and always stayed to support after their game. In particular to Jen & Amanda for always helping to organise.
- Last but definitely not least a massive thanks to our manager and rock at the back Sinead Healy, organised everything for me and the girls every week and we would be lost without her both on and off the pitch.

Anto Murray

Coach



## ALL AGE WOMEN'S DIVISION 2B

Firstly thank you to RCFC for accepting our team for the 2019 season.

With the majority of players completing their HSC and a large contingent travelling overseas on some very exotic holidays presenting challenges to name a consistent team week in week out and players needing to play in multiple positions.



That said I would still like to focus on the positives. It was a great opportunity for the players to test themselves against more mature physical opposition.

We played some very good football at times and even though we did not get the results we wanted, no team really took us to the cleaners.

Special mentions goes to our goal keeper Manny who was superb, our tough working defenders / midfielders who, although small in stature, never shirked a challenge against stronger, bigger players.

Our set pieces namely corners were well executed and resulted in a number of great headed goals.

Thank you to the entire squad, parents and friends who all provided great support across the season also thank you to our team manager Lilli who always made the life of a coach easy.

To Richard and the Committee, great job and once again we were grateful of the opportunity you presented us with this year. Football clubs made of good people are a recipe for success, keep up the good work.

Regards

Tom McMorrow, Coach,



## ALL AGE WOMEN'S DIVISION 4

The AAW4 team without a doubt exceeded my personal expectations.

Thanks to a very successful year in 2018, trials for the female team attracted a lot of interest allowing a Div 4 team to be established.

At the start of the season our team was made up of players who ranging in experience, some of us seasoned players and some having never played football. On top of that the girls had an untrained coach who was luckily paired with Mr Randwick FC Richard Baldwin and behind the scenes our manager Amanda Davis, making the magic happen (as she does so well!).



Led by our captain Sara Montgomery, the final team very quickly showed great potential with early wins and of course the team making our mark at the top of the table.

With each passing week the girls put in the effort and grew stronger as individual players and more importantly as a team.

We lost the semi final in penalties in a nail biting game to Coogee and although we lost, the girls really made themselves (and me) proud. They played some great football, they supported each other and had each other's backs for the entire game, however it wasn't meant to be.

Coming out of our first season as a team 4 points off the top of the table was a great result.

Everyone had a part to play in our success but come awards night there could only be 2!

Sarah Keating won the coaches award. A skilful player outfield as well as in goals, Sarah's commitment was second to none and her leadership skills and outright passion really stood out. Sarah saved the day on many occasion with miraculous saves!

The Players Player award went to the midfield assassin Amy Seskin.

Amy played game after game with relentless determination. Amy is a very skilled player who has the ability to read a game and not only adapt her own play, but the play of her team mates. She is one in a million and a great addition to the club.

This season was our warm up....Bring on next year!

Jen Waugh, Coach

RANDWICK CITY FOOTBALL CLUB 2019 AWARD WINNERS

TEAM	
<b>PURPLE HEARTS SENIORS</b>	
COACH'S PLAYER	FAIGE COOK
MOST IMPROVED	KARIM BOUCHAFIA
PLAYERS' PLAYER	LUIS GUTIEREZ
<b>PURPLE HEARTS JUNIORS</b>	
COACH'S PLAYER	NOAH FINNANE
MOST IMPROVED	AARON SONG
PLAYERS' PLAYER	LABRON MILES
<b>MASTERS</b>	
COACH'S PLAYER	DEAN HATZINKOLAOU
PLAYER'S PLAYER	JORKE JOHANSEN
<b>CHAMPIONSHIP 1ST5</b>	
COACH'S PLAYER	ALISTAIR HARTLEY
PLAYER'S PLAYER	ELLIOTT GOWARD
<b>CHAMPIONSHIP RESERVES</b>	
COACH'S PLAYER	SEAN O'LOUGHLIN
PLAYER'S PLAYER	DAN STANLEY
<b>AA MEN DIVISION 4</b>	
COACH'S PLAYER	SUNNY SHETTY
PLAYER'S PLAYER	JOE WARD
<b>AA MEN DIVISION 7</b>	
COACH'S PLAYER	CATHAL BUTTERLY
PLAYER'S PLAYER	OSCAR ZELENY
<b>AA WOMEN DIVISION 2A</b>	
COACH'S PLAYER	SHAUNA ROONEY
PLAYER'S PLAYER	TANYA KENNEDY
<b>AA WOMEN DIVISION 2B</b>	
COACH'S PLAYER	EMMANUELLE TOBIANO
<b>AA WOMEN DIVISION 4</b>	
COACH'S PLAYER	SARAH KEATING
PLAYER'S PLAYER	AMY SESKIN
GOLDEN BOOT	ELLIOTT GOWARD (MCT)
GOLDEN BOOT	JOE WARD (AAM4)
GOLDEN BOOT	KELLY FARRELL (AW2A)
GOLDEN BOOT	MATTHEW ELLIS (MCT)
GOLDEN BOOT	NALL BAXTER (AAM7)
GOLDEN BOOT	REBECCA COLLING (AAWH)
GOLDEN BOOT	SEAN O'LOUGHLIN (MCR)
GOLDEN BOOT	SUNNY SHETTY (AAM4)
GOLDEN BOOT	TANYA KENNEDY (AW2A)

RANDWICK CITY FOOTBALL CLUB 2019 AWARD WINNERS

<b>GOLDENEST BOOT (24 GOALS)</b>	JAMIE KELLY (AAM7)
<b>GOLDEN GLOVE (11 CLEAN SHEETS)</b>	LAUREN PAQUETTE (AAW2A)
<b>CLUB PERSON OF THE YEAR</b>	LEON CARNEVALE
<b>BEN FOLINO SHIELD</b>	YOSHUA SHIMASAKI
<b>5 YEAR PIN</b>	ALISTAIR HARTLEY
<b>5 YEAR PIN</b>	DAVID MACNIVEN
<b>5 YEAR PIN</b>	DENIS GOREY
<b>5 YEAR PIN</b>	JP THOMPSON
<b>5 YEAR PIN</b>	MISCHA GWASPARI
<b>5 YEAR PIN</b>	PAUL RAWLINGS
<b>5 YEAR PIN</b>	RAL ITALIANO
<b>5 YEAR PIN</b>	TIM HARWOOD
<b>5 YEAR PIN</b>	TOM RUSSELL
<b>CLUB SPIRIT AWARD (TEAM)</b>	CHAMPIONSHIP RESERVES
<b>OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION</b>	SAM KARIM