

# ANUWFC

## FULL TIME

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# 2019

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# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

## **What a season for ANUWFC!**

Firstly, congratulations to every one of our players - you are the heart of our club. This has been an incredibly successful year for ANUWFC, and none of it would have been possible without our amazing players and coaches. The contributions that you all made to your teams were huge.

For the 2019 season, we had a few changes to our club. We had Gini, Charlotte and I all take on new roles in the club's Executive Committee. We also welcomed some new coaches to the club, Rob, Leah and Michael, who all hit the ground running.

There were a few things that stayed the same, as we remained the largest women's club in the ACT with seven teams. We were lucky to hold onto Laura on the Exec, who really helped out us newbies. We were also really lucky to have a number of our coaches back this year - Simon, Richard, Stu and Sundeep.

The year started with the usual turmoil surrounding trials, and the fact that you all saw it through to the end always speaks volumes about your persistence and dedication. These feelings remained strong throughout the whole season, and everyone's hard work paid off when we saw every one of our teams make their respective finals series. We had three minor premiers and two runners up, plus four of our teams made it all the way to the Grand Final. This is the best success the club has seen in some years. Congratulations go out to all our teams, and especially to SL2 Orange who took away their finals!

I would like to extend a huge thank you to all our coaches. You all dedicate so much time and energy to taking on teams, and it makes such a difference to the club and our players. Your hard work saw us through trials and got us wonderful results at the end of the season. Your wisdom and experience also meant you gave so much help to the club, and to each other.

Thanks also go out to my fellow Exec, and everyone who volunteered their time to be on the committee. There were a lot of interesting issues to tackle this year, and we could not have gotten through it all without your efforts and support. I am really grateful that you all care about our club and were willing to lend a hand.

Thanks for the amazing year, and we look forward to seeing you all again in 2020! Let's do it again, bigger and better than before!

Rosa Newton-Walters  
ANUWFC President

# TREASURER'S FINANCIAL STATEMENT

<b>WINTER SEASON</b>			
Income		Expenses	
Items	Amount \$	Items	Sum of Amount
ANU Grant	\$ 9,775.00	ANU field hire	\$ (8,183.75)
Event income (Preso 2018)	\$ 2,204.00	ANU Memberships	\$ (9,240.00)
Event Income (Trivia 2019)	\$ 600.00	CF Awards Tickets	\$ (190.00)
FFA Rego	\$ 6,425.50	CF Club Affiliation Fee	\$ (400.00)
Merchandise Sale	\$ 2,550.70	CF Coach Training Course	\$ (655.00)
Other (Refund)	\$ 200.00	CF Field Hire	\$ (1,140.24)
Player Registration	\$ 12,977.84	CF Referee Fee	\$ (3,320.35)
<b>Income</b>	<b>\$ 34,733.04</b>	CF Registration fee (2019)	\$ (9,462.50)
		Coaches stipend 2018	\$ (11,200.00)
<b>Interest Earned in 2019</b>	<b>Amount \$</b>	Event (medals)	\$ (351.75)
Interest Summer Savings Acct	149.64	Event (Preso18)	\$ (3,396.50)
Interest Winter Savings Acct	194.68	Event (Preso19)	\$ (1,625.00)
<b>Interest Total</b>	<b>\$ 344.32</b>	Event (Trivia)	\$ (660.99)
		Merchandise Purchase	\$ (799.68)
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 35,077.36</b>	Printing	\$ (154.91)
		Refunds	\$ (280.00)
		Services	\$ (231.00)
		SW equipment	\$ (584.84)
		Uniform	\$ (722.00)
		Website Maintenance	\$ (300.00)
		<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$ (52,898.51)</b>
<b>SUMMER SEASON</b>			
		<b>Summer Season Profits 2018</b>	
Womens Competition	\$16,853.86		
Mixed Competition	\$15,231.48		
<b>Summer Season Profits 2018</b>	<b>\$32,085.34</b>		
<b>2019 INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 67,162.70</b>	<b>2019 EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$ (52,898.51)</b>
<b>END OF YEAR POSITION</b>	<b>\$</b>		<b>14,264.19</b>
<b>Notes</b>			
Winter Season - income received and expenses incurred between 16/09/2018 to 26/09/2019.			
Summer Competition: only profits provided as competition is run by third parties in the name of ANUWFC and ANUFC			



# ANUWFC DIVISION 5 BLUE

**Team list: Bonnie, Sarah, Josie, Solene, Young, Eleanor, Karman, Margot, Charlotte M, Katia, Rebecca, Gemma, Saye Kaeo, Samantha, Charlotte T, Lia, Jessica, Emma**

**Coach: Michael Song**



This year saw new players and new coaches join the club, and Div 5 Blue had both! Despite a slow start to the season, the team and Michael made huge progress and finished the season off with a run in the finals series! What a fantastic achievement for a team of people who hadn't played soccer before, or with each other, and with a new coach! You should all be really proud of yourselves, and the sky's the limit!





# ANUWFC Division 5 Orange

## BRAVE COACH WANTED!

Zesty is seeking expressions of interest for a volunteer coach for the 2020 season.

### **We are looking for an individual with:**

Immense patience;

Great sense of humour; and

Experience in babysitting/childcare.

Your stipend will fund team refreshments, so you better be ok coaching for free!

Zesty is one of the newest football teams in ANUWFC, having competed in Division 5 in 2018 as well as 2019. We are proud that our 2019 season concluded with a premiership. The team is a community of friendly kids, who share an unbridled passion for every silly sport and hobby that is not football.

You will be working with the following individuals, whose 2019 season can be summed up as follows:

- ⚽ Connor "*Nervous Nellie*" McRae, took her football way too seriously, while managing to make goalkeeping look easy;
- ⚽ Jessica "*I am so funny*" Miko, her jokes all season were as funny as her vicious tackles on her opponents;
- ⚽ Gigi "*Energiser Bunny*" Wong would keep running all game long, even when the ball was dead;
- ⚽ Catherine "*Secret Agent*" Prince kept eliminating her opponents all season long without saying a word. Be very afraid!
- ⚽ Rowan "*Rocky Balboa*" McGinness went down early in the season with a knock, got up, then things got scary for her opponents!
- ⚽ Nicole "*Boss Lady*" Vonarx, bossed her opponents and coach alike. Do not even try to sub her off!
- ⚽ Keira "*Not a Midfielder*" Dickson-Watts, played every game this season in the mids and was the most consistent player in the squad;
- ⚽ Kiara "*Sergeant Silly Sports*" Sheridan gave it her all on the pitch when fit, and found an excuse to participate in silly sports when "sick" or "injured";
- ⚽ Amber "*Cool Cousin*" Perry brought a quiet confidence in her strong stints on the pitch, and new levels of bad jokes off it!
- ⚽ Anna "*Flash*" Stewart-Yateshy and sweet for the most part and then she would start running. The wingbacks against her, have never been the same again!
- ⚽ Evelyn "*Parmi*" Hughes relished the challenge of going up against opponents who resembled her favourite dish, crusty on the outside but soft in the middle!
- ⚽ Eugenie "*I am mature now*" Martin matured as a player in 2019, and it showed in her dominating performances as a winger. Not sure about the accuracy of that claim, when it comes to her maturity off the pitch!
- ⚽ Leyla "*On my way*" Bey never made it to warmups, at trainings and games alike;



- ⚽ Zoe “*I don’t think I can play in that position*” Behrendt played in a range of positions, scored a heap of goals, and went away digging during finals!
- ⚽ Katrina “*White Line Fever*” Leske, played with no fear or concern for her safety or her opponents’;
- ⚽ Maddy “*MIA*” Matthews excelled in the VERY FEW games she showed up for;
- ⚽ Laura “*Pimms*” Sant’Ana packed a punch on the pitch with goals when required and made sure the team stayed out late during their crazy Braddon adventures!
- ⚽ Saffron “*Tough Cookie*” Lowe, was supposed to sit the season out with an injury. But no physio or coach could stop the inevitable from happening!

The photo below summarises what the girls think about anyone who will dare to split the team up:



If you are still reading this and interested, please email me with your personal details and experience.

Do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries.

Cheers,  
Sundeep



## ANUWFC Division 4

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The best coach you can have is your own motivation to be better ... and **annoying.**

To be a **proper** football crazy person however, find time to talk football, watch football and learn about football ... **friends are overrated.**

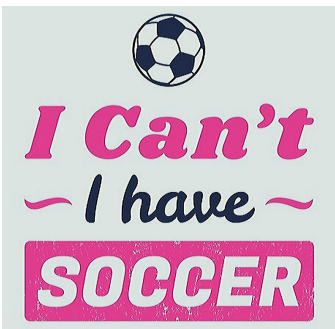
Remember, when the opposition faff about or drag the ball back into their own box ... **put them out of their misery and finish them for good.**

And always **back yourself.**

**#coachleah**

Team List: Natalya Catzikiris, Shenny Chiu, Ashleigh Cook, Gini Deakin, Gini Fuller, Alice Gill, Ellen Hansen, Rose Hosking, Caitlin Hosking, Christina Lim, Rin Rin Ly, Kristin McKinnon, Georgia Morton, Anabelle Nshuti, Gena O'Brien, Phoebe Sale, Laura Trobianni, Zoe Clarke, Mina Louise Brcic.

Coach: Leah Dwyer



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THIS TEAM OF QUEENS





# ANUWFC DIVISION 3

**Regular Season: Second Place**  
**Grand Final: Runner's Up v Weston Molonglo 0-0 (4p-2p)**

POS	TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
1	O'Connor Knights	17	15	1	1	70	6	64	46
2	ANU WFC	17	13	1	3	79	20	59	40
3	Canberra City	17	12	1	4	46	26	20	37
4	Weston Molonglo	17	11	2	4	44	23	21	35
5	Brindabella Blues FC	17	4	3	10	36	52	-16	15
6	Palerang United	17	3	2	12	17	57	-40	11
7	Belsouth FC	17	3	2	12	30	74	-44	11
8	Narrabundah	17	1	0	16	20	84	-64	3

We started this team from scratch. New players to the club. New players to me. New players to football itself. And I'm so grateful, because every player was keen to learn as if they were starting for the first time too.

I have a simple philosophy about football: keep the ball. Doing that is not so simple. We needed to be fit, sharp, disciplined, strong at the back, and ruthless in front of goal.

We trained hard. Really hard. If it wasn't Bec coughing up a lung it was Charlotte staying back late to practice her shots. If it wasn't Frankie trying out a new set play it was Nicole practicing her goal kicks. And before every session, before every game: rondo, rondo, rondo. There is nothing better.

By the end of the season, this group of players had become a slick, cohesive, ruthless attacking team. Spectators started to notice: "do they play like this every week???" Yes, yes they do. Five of the top ten goal scorers in the league came from our team. We didn't just rely on one player to score. We won as a team.

We played some absolutely beautiful football this year, and it has been the greatest joy to be your coach and watch you play every week. Thank you for rewarding each other when we won, and for picking each other up when we lost. The Grand Final was heartbreaking. You deserved to win. You were the best team. But if you take one thing from that experience I hope it's this:

We're not done yet. Let's finish this project.

I really hope you've enjoyed your football this season. I hope you've fallen in love with the game as much as I have. I hope you keep playing, whether you're on the other side of the world or back here for more rondos next year. Wherever you are, I hope you know how proud you've made your coach.

WBHFMSFMFAW - Winning but having fun, maintaining skill and fitness, and making friends along the way.





# Player Profiles

## Maya Binns – Defence



Move over Virgil Van Dijk, we've discovered a new world class defender and her name is Maya. **\*\*Sings in Scouse\*\*** She's our centre-half, she's our number four, watch her defend, and watch her score, she'll pass the ball, calm as you like, she's Maya Binns, she's Maya Binns!

There's something a little bit breathtaking about watching your barely-out-of-high-school left-back take on an entire team, beat five players on her own, and curl a blistering shot on goal only to be denied by the inside of the post – in a Grand Final no less! One of the superstars of this team, Maya, you have an incredible future ahead of you, and I will do everything I can to help you achieve your goals. Congratulations on a wonderful campaign!

## Chiara Cementon – Midfield



There's graceful, and then there's Chiara-level graceful. A graduate of my Division 5 class of 2018, Chiara was one of the most poised and classy players I've seen. An astonishingly naturally gifted attacking player, Chiara found the back of the net from attacking midfield and as a striker. And if she wasn't scoring, she was winning the ball in midfield and skipping past defenders to set up a striker or winger. Chiara, it's a huge loss to the club to farewell you on exchange, but I hope you keep playing and enjoying your football, and teach that mob over there a thing or two about how football should be played. Congratulations on a wonderful season Chiara, I'm so proud!

## Klarisa Cengic – Striker



Our captain for finals, Klarisa led from the front, scoring 13 goals from 13 games. One of the most threatening strikers in the league, Klarisa's passion and vocal support for her teammates pushed us when we needed it most. Kla has an unteachable instinct for goal, and was always in the right place when a cross flew in. I really enjoyed seeing you take your game to the next level this season, particularly your attacking positioning and timing. One of my favourite goals of the year came from a passing move that involved all defenders and all midfielders, before Karen put in a perfect cross and you finished with your left foot into the bottom corner. I couldn't be prouder of you Klarisa, you've sparked as a striker and become a wonderful captain.

## Felicity Copeland – Defence

Each year I celebrate a player whom I believe best represents the values of the club and the philosophy of my team. This player demonstrated unmatched commitment, self-improvement, ability, and personal qualities that make her stand out as an ambassador for the club. In 2019, Felicity Copeland has impressed me beyond words. Felicity took a few years away from the game, and in that time she became a mum to little Pippa. This year Felicity came back to football, feeling a little rusty and nervous, while also juggling all the other commitments in her life. Felicity still made time for training, and when she was there, she was a brilliant student, doing everything she could to learn and improve her game. All of this was done with such a wonderful attitude and Felicity was a quiet and humble support for her teammates. Come match day, Felicity courageously put herself on the line to win the ball in the air and on the turf, leading the way when it came to clearances and headers. Felicity has improved out of sight this season, and she is barely recognisable as the player who tentatively talked to me about her defensive positioning in April. By the end of the year, Felicity's technique and positioning was outstanding, and I relied on her to play 90 minutes whenever possible. Both in our semi-final and Grand Final, Flixly was the best player on the park, and it speaks volumes about her growth this year.

Felicity, the manner in which you have carried yourself on and off the pitch, and the commitment you have made to improve and develop into one of the finest defenders I've coached, gives me no doubt that you deserve to be recognised as my player of the season, and a shining example of the very best of this club. I'm sure Pippa will be proud of her mum, hopefully as much as the club is proud of you. Congratulations!





## Lauran Davis – Midfield



The most important element for any great team is balance. For all the attacking flair and defensive power a team has, someone has to link it all together. If you had to design the perfect linking midfielder, you wouldn't even bother, because you'd just send Lauran Davis out there and be perfectly happy about it. Lauran's passing was one of the main reasons we scored so many goals this season, and if Capital Football kept stats on key passes, I'd bet Lauran would be top of the ladder. Lauran perfectly exemplified our possession style of play, and was one of the most reliable and consistent players all season. Oh and she's also a fierce, fabulous, and humble competitor. An absolutely sensational season Lauran!

## Amie Gunawan – Midfield



When I selected this team, I designed our formation around Amie Gunawan. Every player in our team was selected based on the way they could play around this creative number 10. If everyone could do their job, it would leave Amie free to be the foundation for patient possession and give her a chance to unlock the defence. I wasn't disappointed. Amie exceeded even my high expectations, and developed into one of the most creative and talented midfielders in the league. Consistently one of the best players every week, Amie put on a masterclass on how football should be played. An outstanding season Amie!

## Mhairin Hilliker – Midfield



Mez. My heart absolutely shattered for you on that cold Sunday morning in June, when your ACL decided it didn't want to get up early on cold Sunday mornings anymore. The impact of an ACL injury is enough to put someone off football for life. Not you, Mez. You continued to be the life and soul of our team, hobbling along to support the girls on your crutches, in defiance of those cold Sunday mornings. You were there for us when we were winners, and for those heartbreaking final penalties. I sincerely hope that you put your hand up to coach, and I'll do everything I can to support you. Thank you for taking care of our team every week from the other side of the white line. Oh, and you played like a demon too.



## Kate Holland – Defence



If a Genie could grant three wishes to any coach who plays a 4-3-3 formation, the first wish would be to have a really quick right-back. The second wish would be for that really quick right-back to take two touches. The third wish would be for that really quick right-back to be Kate Holland. I picked Kate to be a winger. I was wrong. I was so very wrong. Kate quickly became the best right-back in town. She could outrun anyone in the league and still smile like a kid on a jumping castle. The rest of us were out of breath just watching you. Kate, your enthusiasm and spirit absolutely made this group of players feel like a team. Yes you have developed into a wonderful player, but also, you've become a leader. I cannot wait to see what you do next season. Two touches.

## Bronte Hunter – Midfield



Bronte made a massive impact this season in midfield, with some excellent passing play, but especially some incredible defensive work that shut down even the most aggressive attackers. Bronte's natural abilities were matched by her strength on the ball, and she definitely gave us a defensive edge when we really needed it most. Unlucky not to score more goals from distance, don't stop shooting with that fantastic left foot of yours. You're only just beginning to show off your talent, and I'm so excited to see you develop even more next season. Best penalty in the final too!

## Rebecca Kriesler – Defence



One of the shining graduates of my Div 5 class of 2018, Bec stepped up and proved she can tangle with anyone. Despite protesting that she was really a striker, Bec spent most of the season killing it in defence. But Bec is a perfect defender because she's such a good striker. Her first touch is impeccable, her clearances are just like her shots (she has a canon where her right foot should be), and her composure is phenomenal. I will really miss you next season, but you're going to do incredible things in Sydney, and any club you play for will be lucky to have you – in defence, or attack. Thanks for another great season Bec, you're officially an ANUWFC legend.

## Anastasia Likouresis – Defence



Is she left footed? Is she right footed? No you fool, she's just as good with both, so back the truck up! We relied on Stazzy at both left back and right back this season, and it was a huge relief to know I could count on her no matter who we were playing. Our midfield definitely enjoyed having you at their backs Staz. Some of your short passing work was fantastic and gave us the foundation for plenty of attacking opportunities. I'm so glad you'll be playing futsal over the summer, and I think you'll thrive in the short passing environment. You'll be a force to be reckoned with next season, just don't take any notice of those sneaky scouts on the futsal court! A true team player, and an absolute delight to coach.

## Karen Milewska – Wing

"I can't make it to this (really important) game because I'm playing badminton." Yeah, right. As if the most valuable player on the team would miss a game for badminton. Narrator: she was playing badminton. Despite this unexpected betrayal, the team has voted for Karen as our player of the year. A freakishly gifted natural footballer, Karen WRECKED the careers of just about every defender in the competition. When she wasn't scoring goals, she was setting them up, or sending in glorious crosses for our strikers, or racing back to win a loose ball, or making lightning fast runs down the wing to get behind the defence. Her right foot was a bazooka too. When Karen took a shot on goal at training, one of two things happened: she either broke the net, or added another satellite into orbit.

Karen you are a truly remarkable athlete, and you should be so proud of your achievements this season. I can't remember a game when you didn't shine.





## Nicole O'Donnell – Goalkeeper



No position on the field is more challenging than goalkeeper. A 'keeper might spend 89 minutes with nothing to do before a single shot threatens the goal, and changes the result. A keeper needs tunnel-vision levels of concentration, cat-like reflexes, and unfailing judgment. But most of all, a keeper needs to be brave. In just about every match this season, Nicole was hands down the bravest player on the park, often sliding in at the feet of a striker to snatch the ball, saving the team and earning a win, as she did in the semi-final against O'Connor. Congratulations on a wonderful season, Nicole, your spirit and commitment helped the team so much, and you have really made me proud.

## Dhigna Rubiano – Midfield



The Rondo Queen: Dhigs. You are a force of nature Dhigna, I don't know what you've done in a past life but the football gods have blessed you with filthy skills and abilities. Nobody in the team can execute a no-look-weak-foot-back-heel pass while under pressure from two defenders like you can Dhigs. I chose you for this team because you share my philosophy for football, preferring to pass and share with your teammates. I'm so happy with the way you have dedicated yourself to your game this season and shared your wealth of experience and talent with the team. You are a true student of football and it has been a pleasure having you in the team.



## Francesca Thompson – Wing

This season, Frankie developed from a naturally gifted player into a truly exceptional one, all because of hard work and dedication. Frankie was one of the most determined players each week to learn and improve. There wasn't a training session or half-time break that didn't involve Frankie coming over to ask a question about her game. Most rewarding for me: she listened, ran back onto the pitch, and absolutely nailed it. By the end of the season, Frankie was twice as good as when she started, so much so that teams were dedicating one and often two players to try to stick to her. Spoiler alert: they couldn't, nobody can. She already had the pace to beat anyone, but now she had a fabulous first touch, great passing instincts, and one of the best football minds on the park. We are lucky to have you in the team Frankie, you've had an outstanding season, and it has been an absolute joy to be your coach. Keep pushing yourself and you'll be unstoppable.



## Lily Wade Collins – Midfield

*If you believe you must be big in order to be tough, then you should get to know Lily, she'll teach you all the stuff.* When I selected Lily, I knew she had potential, despite nutmeg being her favourite spice in a rondo recipe, but even then I underestimated the player she would become. Plenty of players have raw talent and ability, but I challenge you to find a player who worked as much as Lily did this season. Each week, Lily trained harder than anyone I've coached to learn her position. The results started to show on match day, as Lily began to find space, and developed the confidence to thread perfect passes to split defences and feed our hungry attackers. As she started getting confident, she began tackling like someone twice her size, packing a punch in midfield that frankly terrified and delighted me at the same time. To cap it off, in our brilliant semi-final when Lily and our midfield dominated the game, one exasperated opponent screamed *"REF! Count them! They must have an extra player! We can't get the ball!"* Relax mate, that's just Lily: she counts as two.



## Charlotte Wen – Striker

Scoring 17 goals in 16 matches this year, Charlotte is undoubtedly one of our club's rising stars. After making the jump from Division 5 in 2018, Charlotte thrived in Division 3, consistently rewarding the fantastic work by midfield and the wings, and providing invaluable assists of her own. Charlotte took her game to the next level, especially her composure in front of goal. When she wasn't running one-on-one at a terrified goalkeeper, Charlotte was breaking ankles with some neat play around the edge of the box to leave defenders for dead. Charlotte is a prolific striker with a brilliant future ahead, not only as a wonderful player, but a future leader of this team and this club. Congratulations!



## Katie Williams - Everywhere

One of the most common questions asked in job interviews is “what’s the one thing you would wish to have if you were stuck on a desert island?” The most common answer is a Swiss Army Knife, because it’s basically cheating: you get loads of useful gadgets in one small, dangerous, weapon. Katie Williams was our Swiss Army Knife. If I needed a ‘keeper, Katie could do it. If I needed a defender, Katie could do it. If I needed a midfielder, or a winger, or a striker, Katie could do it. And she did it all brilliantly. Katie, you are an absolute weapon, and I cannot (I just cannot) believe this was your first full season. You have nothing but the stars ahead of you, keep kicking ass.





## ANUWFC SL2 - BLUE

**Team list: Annarose O'Ryan, Chelsea Podmore, Elise Palethorpe, Ellen Lesslie, Elysa Graham, Erin Hinton, Jacqueline Pham, Laura Hannigan, Lucinda Leten, Mereki Leten, Mikaela Glasson, Minwei Xie, May Pantad, Rennae Sillett, Rosa Newton-Walters, Samantha Cheah, Suzanne Bridgman, Vienna Barker**  
**Coach: Rich Wise**



After the selections, got the team together and said to them - with the talent that I've seen, I think we should be aiming for a Finals spot and realistically finishing in the top 2 on the ladder. We achieved both and made the Grand Final, after a few extra dramas. Which was a great achievement.

**Resilience is a word that well describes our season.**

The start of our season was very disrupted with two matches followed by a 3 week break, due to rescheduled games. Which meant the season felt like it had not really started. Then we had 5 games in two weeks, it really was a strange way to get our season under way. Throughout it all the team stepped up and performed well, in fact we were sitting in 2<sup>nd</sup> place on the ladder at the midway point of the season.

We again had a 3 week break in the middle of the season, however this time it worked in our favour. It coincided with Uni Break and sending over some players to support the Matildas in the World Cup.

The second half of the season we were very consistent and continued to get good results. Including a great result against ADFA in a night game. We finished the season in 2<sup>nd</sup> place.

The finals are always tricky to navigate. With no one wanting to lose, games are very tight and then there is extra time and those dreaded pens in the back of your mind. We lost the Semi Final in extra time to the Orange team. Game was very close and either team could have won the match in normal time. Then got a tight win against Narrabundah in the preliminary final, with the winning goal scored in the last 80 seconds of normal time. A very exciting way to win, however not great for the coach's stress levels.

Was really looking forward to the rematch and an all ANUWFC Grand Final. There is one way to guarantee that the club wins a Grand Final, have both teams from the same club playing. Then we had a major issue with Capital Football, the week of the Grand Final. They decided that an exemption for a player that they had granted for the preliminary final was not valid and overturned our win. It took until midday on Friday for them to see reason and reverse that decision.

The first half of the Grand Final, we were not in it. Our minds were still on the week's events. That is to take nothing away from the performance of the Orange team, who deserved their win. Our second half was much better and more in keeping with the previous games between us.

We had a great run with injuries in the first half of the season, nothing but the usual sickness and the normal knocks and bruises. The second half our luck did not hold. We lost Chelsea and Sam to season ending injuries. And a big thanks to May and Zan who both played the finals series when they were not 100%.

Highlights of the season were the ANUWFC Derby games! Two night matches on Willows, that Semi Final... and the Grand Final. The atmosphere and tension of the games were great. Congrats to the Orange team. To win the Double is great work.

Thank you to all the players who filled in for us during the season. In particular, Nicole and Isobel who played in a number of games for us. Thank you all. Finally, a big thank you to the team, we had many barriers and reasons why this was not going to be a great season but each time you stepped up. You should be very proud of your efforts this season. Hope to see you again at the club next year.



## ANUWFC SL2 ORANGE “THE MOLES”



**Team List:** Niamh Armstrong, Johanna Biddle, Sarah Biggins-Gilchrist, Lucy Bucknell, Sally Cook, Claire Eaton, Josie Gouvoussis, Cara Irvine, Kate Ives, Sydney Jantos, Matilda Jureidini, Chloe Kaney, Roisin Lafferty, Xin Xin McMahon, Alice McNeill, Chelsea Rolls, Shayal Singh, Alison Wijnen, Madeleine Willett.

**Coach:** Simon Whiting

With the merger of last season’s mid-table SL2 Orange (Niamh, Sarah, Lucy Sally, Sydney, Madi) with the premiership winning SL3s (Joey, Cara, Kate, Tilley, Chloe, Ro, Xin Xin, Alice, Chelsea, Ally) and complimented by some star recruits (Claire, Josie, Shay), the 2019 “The Moles” were always destined for the finals. But to what heights could we reach was the question, particularly as we knew from preseason and selections that the competition would be tough if last season’s SL2 Blue were anything to go off.

And this rivalry between the two ANUWFC SL2 teams would play out throughout the season with the rest of the comp there largely as training for our derby days as the local news sites would herald:

- ⚽ *The spoils are shared 1 – 1 (derby #1)*
- ⚽ *A goal at either end of the game bookends a thrilling victory. 2 – 0 to “The Moles” (derby #2)*
- ⚽ *It takes extra time to find a winner. 2 – 0 again to “The Moles” (derby semi-final)*

🏆 *A hat-trick sees "The Moles" crowned Champions 4 – 1 (derby grand final)*

But the comp wasn't just solely about ANUWFC SL2 teams (other than the ladder where we held the top two spots. Oh and the top scorers where we had three of the top 5 spots. And then there is defensively where our two teams conceded the least amount of goals ...etc...). It was a lot harder than that (especially as we now had to play a full 90 minutes!!!).

Though we started the season well with a thumping 7 – 0 win against Weston, a third of the way into the season saw us sitting in outright 6<sup>th</sup>, two spots short of finals as early injuries started impacting our large playing squad (particularly a brutal ADFA midweek night game defeat that saw us collect a number of injuries as well as the only foul of the game – though it was our serial "one yellow card a season" offender Kate that got it). And although the situation sounded more direr than it was (the top team was only two points ahead of us), the chase was on to see if we could run down all those that stood in our way of claiming as much silverware as possible. And so our 12 game winning streak began as we slowly over took each team on our way to become outright minor premiers by four points (from ANUWFC Blue who ended up in outright second place). With the Premier's medal around our neck and Joey sporting her new competition Golden Boot (pinched from Xin Xin by a single goal), only one thing remained for the taking ... the Champion's medal.

The Semi-Final derby – with immediate qualification to the grand-final and a week off on offer this was a thoroughly stressful game as both teams struggled to land that killer goal in regular time. And so with the game at 0 – 0 and going into extra time, the threat of penalties fired up the team for our two serial goal scoring offenders to make sure luck had no hand to play (Joey scoring in the first half of extra time and Xin Xin ensuring things in the second half of extra time).

But the magical story still had a twist or two before its ending. Our number one keeper collapsed from a horrible knee clash that could be heard from the other end of the field during a practice game on our off weekend. Then there was the dreaded "appeal" that had the potential to delay the grand-final by a week or two when up to a third of the team would be away. And so it was the night before grand-final weekend that we finally got clarity - ANUWFC Blue would be our opposition; the game would be played that Sunday; and Josie was good to keep.

The Grand Final derby – with a full fit squad (actually Lucy and Sydney kindly sat out to focus on GAMSAT) and a perfect day for a grand-final the atmosphere was electric. The game started with high intensity as Blue resolutely shutdown and repelled our incessant attack. However it took a cracking corner by Cara and a clinical penalty by Xin Xin to unlock Blue's defence. Xin Xin added another goal from free play before half-time to give us a comfortable three goal lead. The second half start similarly, except with Blue leading the attack and us fending them off. A free kick just outside the box gave Blue a chance to get back into the game which they thundered into our goal. With Blue now having a sniff of an upset this shocked us into action resulting in Xin Xin finishing off a fast break to claim a hat-trick and return our three goal lead. And this is how this five goal thriller finished, 4 – 1 to us.



Game of the season – while finals are always thrilling, our game against Brindabella for me had everything. On the losing side of the score for the majority of the game, a goal early on by Joey kept us in the game at 1 – 2 before Sydney squared things up late in the game with the greatest headed goal I have ever seen in-person. Chelsea then got a sneaky tap-in at the far post in the dying seconds for us to steal the victory 3 – 2. And while the scorers feature heavily they expertly finished the great support play by the entire team that would underpin our exciting season. And this is all the while Brindabella are complimenting us on being one of the nicest teams in the comp (even though Kate picked up a yellow card that no one really understood what for).

Some other season highlights for me were:

- ⚽ Cara scoring directly off a corner in the grand final as up to then SL2 Blue offered us no path into their goal.
- ⚽ Madi getting flattened by UC which resulted in a sharp “are you right” followed by some very angry pants for the rest of the game
- ⚽ Xin Xin’s hat-trick in the grand-final, not just for ensuring victory for the team but to also ensure she would not lose “top scorer” for the team on any count back (she pipped Joey by two goals in the end)
- ⚽ Ally’s line dancing inspired “tush push” tackling style that was effective as it was strange (i.e. very)
- ⚽ Sydney’s thunderous headed goal against Brindabella
- ⚽ Niamh’s mazy run to thunder in a goal from wingback in her last game of the season

So with the club being the biggest it ever has (seven awesome teams with a number of people turned away at selections) and the most competitive it ever has (all teams making the finals, four making the grand-finals, three minor premiers, and one league champion), SL2 Orange achieved something I last achieved as a coach in 2000 – the treble of prems, champs and golden boot. Hopefully it doesn’t take me another 19 years to be part of something like this again.

Finally I’d like to thank the entire team for a fairy tale season. It really was a fantastic, fun time and a true joy to watch our fast, exciting attacking style of play. I’d also like to give a big thanks to Alice for all her support and drive to help ensure we had that winning edge. And a big cheer goes out to Sydney and Lucy for their selfless offer to sit out finals (I know stresses of GAMSAT made the decision easier but I also understand the huge personal sacrifice this was).



**Flashback to the Year 2000!**

This time 19 years ago coach Simon Whiting also coached an ANUWSC team to the treble!



# ANUWFC DIVISION 1

**Team List: Rikke Andersen, Eliza Baker, Alexandra Black, Isobel Brigden, Shelly Dawson, Linley, Jenkins, Jasmine Law, Emily yons, Jane Mahar, Sheridan McElligott, Sophie McGlynn, Aleka Serras, Lisa Somsouk, Isabella Tobiano, Hannah Tyler, Sukreeti Vasal Anand, Talia Westley.**

**Coach: Rob Illingworth**



Another fantastic season for our Div 1 team! Having quite a few new faces this year (including a new coach) didn't hold you back at all, as you worked hard to remain undefeated all year, you took home the minor premiership, and made it to the grand final! A fantastic achievement for a fantastic bunch of footballers, and you made it look so easy! There are rumours that Rob has made multi-year plans for the squad, so we can all expect great things in the future as well.







# 2019 Club Awards

<b>Division</b>	<b>Player</b>	<b>Award</b>
Division 1	Talia Westley	Golden Ball
Division 1	Alexandra Black	Most Improved
Division 1	Linley Jenkins	Players' Player
Division 1	Sheridan McElligott	Golden Boot
Division 2 Blue	Vienna Barker	Golden Ball
Division 2 Blue	Laura Hannigan	Most Improved
Division 2 Blue	Elise Palethorpe	Players' Player
Division 2 Blue	Rennae Sillett	"Fullback?" Award
Division 2 Orange	Xin Xin McMahan	Golden Ball
Division 2 Orange	Alison Wijnen	Most Improved
Division 2 Orange	Johanna Biddle	Players' Player
Division 2 Orange	Alice McNeill	Team Motivator Award
Division 3	Charlotte Wen	Golden Ball
Division 3	Lily Wade Collins	Most Improved
Division 3	Karen Milewska	Players' Player
Division 3	Felicity Copeland	Coach's Award
Division 4	Ashleigh Cook	Golden Ball
Division 4	Alice Gill	Most Improved
Division 4	Caitlin Hosking	Players' Player
Division 4	Rosie Hosking	"Back Yourself" Award
Division 5 Blue	Samantha Sylivris	Golden Ball
Division 5 Blue	Saye Kaeo Saylan	Most Improved
Division 5 Blue	Bonnie Burns	Players' Player
Division 5 Blue	Sarah Callinan	Defending-like-a-boss
Division 5 Orange	Connor McRae	Golden Ball
Division 5 Orange	Keira Dickson-Watts	Most Consistent
Division 5 Orange	Nicole Vonarx	Players' Player
Division 5 Orange	Zoe Behrendt	Zesty's "Duct Tape" Award