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**SOCCER DIVISION**

**Blue & Gold Newsletter**

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## Committee Report - brought to you by Craig Denyer:

Dear members

Well what a refreshing change to the weather last weekend! Still a tad fresh, but fine and sunny for both Saturday and Sunday matches.

Oakleigh and Ruddock were both buzzing with positive vibes. Plenty of smiles on faces, lots of laughter and good cheer which is always welcomed and encouraged.

Plenty of good results across the club from mini's right through to Super League. A great turnout of support at Oakleigh for the Lads of Super League. Reserve Grade unfortunately weren't able to get 3 points this time around, but 1<sup>st</sup> Grade had a fantastic tussle with Ryde Saints United and walked away Victorious and another 3 points under their belts.

The U16 Fiji BBQ was going ahead in leaps and bounds at Ruddock Park with Sausage, Bacon & egg sandwiches and drinks which are fantastic on a cool morning. Please come along and support the U16's at the BBQ as they are trying hard to raise much needed funds to support their soccer tour in October. Every dollar helps the players so get in and grab a feed and get a cheesy grin from the kids!!!!

On the topic of the U16 Fiji Tour, they have organised a trivia/social night which will be held on 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2017 at TWPS School Hall. Tickets are only \$30 per head so get a table of 10 people together, dig out your favourite tropical clothes and come along. You can book online at <https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=283399> It's really easy to do!!!!

As always, a big thank you to all that give up huge amounts of their time to make sure everything operates as close to clockwork as possible. It's often a thankless job, so if you see one of our regulars around the fields, give them a thank you!!!! It can really lift spirits ☺



U12/5 Thornleigh Thunder enjoying a great game against WPHC – scoring in the last minute to draw 2-2.



We also have the BBQ at Oakleigh in full swing cooking up a storm each week along with hot tea and coffee in the canteen with pie's and sausage rolls as well. Quite the selection!!!!

Keep on keeping on people!!!!

Yours in Football  
Craig Denyer  
Vice President

### Important Notices:-

Please send the match scores immediately after the game to Graeme Hewitt 0419 167 950.

The e-mail address for Match Reports this season is [mokdsi.george@gmail.com](mailto:mokdsi.george@gmail.com). **Submissions should be in Arial, font size 9** and attached as a word document to your e-mail is preferred. Please have your match reports sent by 6pm on the Tuesday following the weekend's match. Even if you miss deadline send it anyway and it may be ok or can go into following week.



**JUL 22** Trivia Night fun to benefit Fiji trip  
Public · Hosted by Thornleigh Thunder FC

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🕒 Saturday, July 22 at 7 PM - 11 PM

📍 Thornleigh West Public School  
Giblett Avenue, Sydney, Australia 2120    [Show Map](#)

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## **Thornleigh Under 16 Fiji Tour October 2017**

The main fundraiser for Thornleigh Under 16 Fiji Tour is a Trivia Night which will be held at the Thornleigh West Public School hall on 22<sup>nd</sup> July commencing at 7pm.

Each player will be allocated to a table and help you to enjoy your evening.

A great night's entertainment is planned. Why not make up a table of 10 and come along, or we can place you at a table. The evening will commence at 7pm and we ask that you bring along nibbles. We have authorisation for BYO alcohol to be consumed. The hall will be decorated in our blue and gold and with an Islander theme. We have a professional quizmaster to run the trivia part of the evening. Please bring along your gold coins so that you can take part in raffles. We will also be conducting an auction of items donated by our generous sponsors, and Martin Dargan will be our auctioneer.

We promise a ton of fun for only \$30 per head. There will be lots of prizes. Booking is easy.

- 1 Go to [trybooking.com](http://trybooking.com)
- 2 Select "Buy tickets"
- 3 Type in "Thornleigh Trivia Night"
- 4 Follow the prompts to give your name.

If you cannot make it on the evening, but would like to support the team, we welcome donations. BSB 012 373 Account 304521681

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# Thunder FC Sponsors – 2017 Season

Thunder FC relies on the financial support of its sponsors to provide the necessary gear and equipment to supplement the various running costs of the club. Therefore, we gratefully acknowledge the support of the following sponsors for the 2017 season and encourage everyone associated with Thunder FC to support these local businesses.

The logo for Westleigh Village, featuring the name in a stylized, cursive orange font on a dark grey background.The logo for Suttons Motors Waitara, with the name in white bold font on a red background, and the tagline "member of the Suttons Group of Companies" below it.The logo for Allen & Sheppard, featuring a circular emblem with "A&S" and the name "ALLEN & SHEPPARD" in white serif font on a dark blue background.The logo for Healthy Innovations, with the name in green and a stylized green figure icon.The logo for Westleigh Quality Meats, featuring the name in a blue banner with stars above and below it.The logo for First Grammar, with a graduation cap icon and the name in blue and orange, with "Early Education Centres" below it.The logo for Westleigh Service Centre, with the name in white on a blue background and a stylized graphic below.The logo for Ashlyn Financial Pty Ltd, featuring a stylized "A" with a red triangle and the name below it.The logo for Seams - Westleigh, with the name in black text inside a white rectangular box.

## **MATCH REPORTS FROM 17<sup>th</sup> June 2017:**

### **Under 10 Yellow Thunder vs Redbacks FC**

We were back to face the team we played in the first round of the season at their home ground. The ground is a fair bit smaller than what we are used to at Ruddock and with the grass quite thick and slow we found the early going tough. Our defence was tested a lot in the first 5 minutes and we were finding it very difficult to play it out of own half. This was partly due to our passes not sticking but also good defence from the opposition. When we finally got out of our own half we put 4 passes together and scored the first goal of the game. From here Redbacks really came back at us and we conceded quite quickly.

From this point Redbacks became very physical changing their tactics and putting us off our game. At half time we spoke about trying to get back to playing our game and making sure of our passes.

Unfortunately the game became even more physical from the opposition in the second half and we weren't able to dominate through midfield and into the front third.

Our defence of Dan, Luca, Bryce, Auden and Jayden withstood a lot of pressure the entire game and stood tall throughout. It has been great to see the defensive unit grow from week to week and the way they are working together has limited teams to very few scoring opportunities.

Our midfield and attack of Mitch, Levi, Franco, Daniel and Cooper had limited chances going forward against a good defence but this was not through lack of trying!

Player of the Week was Dan. He has been one of the key parts of our defence and goes about his work quietly but very effectively. He took a beating this week but didn't give up in any way. Well played Dan!

The game certainly didn't go our way today but in saying that the boys continued to work as hard as they could all game and the way they stuck at their game and put up with some very physical football without giving in was absolutely outstanding from a team of great boys. It certainly makes it a pleasure to be their coach!

### **Under 12/2 Thorneligh Thunder vs Ryde Saints**

Big game against Ryde Saints United to stay top of the table.

George was in goals for first half with James and Hugo strong in defence. It wasn't too long before the action started.

Thunder on the attack. Sam controlled the ball up the right side of goal and took a shot. The ball rolled along the top of the crossbar and didn't go in, but LB fixed that by putting the ball in the back of the net.

Henry was strong in attack running up the right side of the field. Alex also was also strong in attack up the left side bringing the ball to the Centre ready for a strike.

Thunder survived a number of attacks down the middle but Olivia and George were there to shut them down.

After our usual warmup period at the beginning of the game there was some excellent midfield passing by Josh, LB and Alex to promote the ball to a player in better position allowing Alex to have a shot at goal.

Foxy, James and Hugo as always were strong in defence making it difficult for any attacker to get past.

Unfortunately just before half time there was a break by two Ryde attackers but despite a brave effort from Olivia they managed to put one in the back of our net bringing the score board square at one all.

The second half was a bit of a mixed bag and both teams struggled to control the ball on the rough surface. Fortunately we had Hugo in goal for the second half and he managed to keep the ball from crossing the goal line. The team was so keen to get the ball there were a few times where teammates crashed into each other.... not ideal. It wasn't long before the scoreboard was back in our favour when Hamish made a great break up the left side defeating three defenders and put in the ball squarely in the back of the net.

There was a number of opportunities with corners through the match with the closest from Josh into LB but LB had too much power in the boot and just missed the goal.

The final big cheer went up when George made a break and only had to beat the goalkeeper when he was called offside .....disappointing but that's the way it goes.

A strong challenge by Ryde Saints but a great team effort by Thunder to chalk up another win.