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Committee Report - brought to you by Geoff Knowles:

Happy Thunder all,

I must start this week again congratulating all the 'sportsmanship' and RESPECT we continue to see from Thunder teams, parents and supporters. It's our way of enjoying sport even more. Thanks for reinforcing our RESPECT Culture to all you know in every occasion you can. It's so important. Please do continue to support this culture on the sidelines, after the games and by reinforcing the messages on Facebook. It's about having fun.

Again we have been blessed by the weather. Sun shining, not too cold and hardly any rain is seeing lots of training and most rounds played. Of course that's taking its toll on the fields that are wearing a little thin. (Please avoid the brown areas). A reminder that all goal mouths and 6 yard boxes are out of bounds please except for weekend games as we struggle to preserve what's left of the grass.

Holiday weeks always put pressure on numbers, so please do offer your kids to older teams for a 2nd run if you can: great experience, an honour to play up an age group and the fun of 'being needed' and playing with fresh faces. If you google iCompMan (main) and select GHFA, Thunder and the age group above yours, you'll see all their games. It takes minutes. Or email the manager.

Continuing great play from many of our teams having terrific seasons and leading their competitions. Terrific play from a smaller and smaller Super League Squad as injuries take their toll: great to see the SL1's WIN again at home to finish off a lovely Saturday afternoon.

Fiji fundraisers continue with the Trivia night getting closer. Do come along July 22 and there's lots of Sausage Sizzles. Our new bread rolls are also proving a great hit at the Oakleigh BBQs! Bacon and egg rolls are that little bit yummiier.



Another week with more work than the Committee expected and thin on the ground due to Holidays, thanks to the season volunteers and Coaches and Managers for their ongoing commitment.

Kind Regards,
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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. **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

★ Interested ✓ Going ➔ Share ⋮

🕒 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 22nd 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
- 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 large, orange, cursive font on a dark grey background.The logo for Suttons Motors Waitara, with the name in white serif font on a red background. Below it, in smaller white text, it says "member of the Suttons Group of Companies".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 word "Healthy" in green and "INNOVATIONS" in grey, accompanied by a green stylized 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 above the name "FirstGrammar" in blue and orange, and "Early Education Centres" below it.The logo for Westleigh Service Centre, with the name in white and blue text on a blue and red background.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 with a black border.

MATCH REPORTS FROM 24th June 2017:

U10 Yellow Thornleigh Thunder vs Ryde Saints

Back at Ruddock Park for yet another 8.30am game this week and to take on Ryde Saints United for the second time. Unfortunately due to injury we were missing a couple of players which had us down to bare numbers. At training we worked on creating space as well as keeping possession and the boys have worked really hard on these skills. We have also had an issue with still being asleep for the first half due to having nothing but 8.30 games! The boys started the game well and took control of the midfield quickly. We worked hard to get back behind the ball as quickly as possible making it hard for the opposition to get anywhere near our goal. From some good work and persistence we were able to score within 10 minutes putting our opposition on the back foot. We scored again a few minutes later and went into the half time break well on top. We spoke at half time about moving the ball quickly and using the early option. The second half saw the boys completely out play Ryde Saints United in every facet of the game. Our defence of Dan, Chris and Auden played as a unit where our keeper Bryce had very little to do. In saying that Bryce was quick to get our defence back in to attack quickly today making our transition easy. The defence was calm under pressure and only allowed 1 shot on target the whole game.

Our midfield and attack of Daniel, Cooper, Mitch, Levi and Franco were a pleasure to watch today as the passing and movement off the ball was the best all season. This saw us not only score more goals in the second half but also create some excellent chances as well. Fantastic "football" was played by the whole team and it was a pleasure to watch. A big thank you to Cooper Rhawiti who helped out from the 10/Red today. Cooper played a couple of positions and fitted in very well!

Player of the Week was Mitch. This week he played our defensive midfield role for the first time only learning the position 20 minutes before the game. Not only did he take to the position well but also managed to be in the right place to score a great goal from the edge of the box. Well done Mitch!

Next week we are up against our arch enemy West Pennant Hills and if we will play the way we did today we will be a very tough opponent!

MATCH REPORTS FROM 1st July 2017:

U7 Red Thornleigh Thunder vs Roselea

This week the Under 7 Red T-Rex's took on Roselea at Oakleigh Oval, in an evenly matched affair.

With school holidays under way, the Roselea team was a player short and the T-Rex's showed some great football spirit by loaning a player to the opposition. Each Thornleigh player that spent some time in the Roselea colours played their very best. Coach Marcus experienced some mixed emotions as his well-drilled players scored or set up some excellent Roselea goals.

The highlight of the first half for Thornleigh was a great team effort that was set up by a textbook cross from Ella to Leo, who slotted the goal. A contender for 'goal assist of the year' by Ella who took out player of the match honours.

Tyler impressed with his raking kicks and enormous commitment to the team; at one stage throwing himself across the sideline in an effort to retain possession.

Marley and Lachie both played to their usual high standard. Marley gained valuable territory with his dribbling and passes and was unlucky not to score during the second half. Lachie saved multiple goals and also led many of the T-Rex's forward moves with his constant attack on the ball.

Special mention goes to Elise who was a tackling machine throughout the game. She laid at least half a dozen magnificent tackles including some courageous physical encounters where she stripped the ball from Roselea's best players.

It was a great victory for fair play, with even the post-match lolly snakes being shared with Roselea. Great work T-Rex's.

U10 Yellow Thornleigh Thunder vs WPHC

This week saw us take on our arch nemesis West Pennant Hills for the second time this season. This time on a very small field compared to our home at Ruddock.

We knew that it was going to be a tough game and even though it is non-competitive (not that I think the players would agree!) we always know it will be an end to end game.

West Penno took it to us from the first whistle and we found the going difficult. Under pressure for most of the first half we seemed to be struggling to play the ball out from the back causing problems for ourselves. The opposition took full advantage of this and we had conceded twice before half time.

At the break we spoke about not giving the ball away as easily and getting back to our game plan. We needed to shift the ball from defence to attack quicker but also move off the ball quicker as well.

The second half saw a different Thunder side as the boys took the game to West Penno. As the second half wore on we took more and more possession away from them and put a lot of pressure on their defence allowing us to score good goals. Our defence of Auden, Dan, Bryce and Jayden stood up to everything that was thrown at them and are starting to talk more, organise and generally improve in all facets of the game.

This week saw our midfield and attack of Mitch, Cooper, Franco, Daniel, Levi have to work a lot harder in transition as well as do more defending than usual. However in the second half they certainly showed what they could do.

A really impressive part of the boys play is their "never say die" attitude. No matter what is happening in the game they play out every minute and this was shown again this week.

Cooper Rawhiti was again asked to help us out this week from the 10 Reds and even though he had to play a few different positions he did a fantastic job. Thank you Cooper.

Player of the Week was Cooper P who worked hard all game. Playing up front wasn't easy as for the first half he didn't see a lot of the ball but made some great runs both with and without the ball throughout the game. Well done Cooper!

12/2 Thornleigh Thunder vs. Gladesville Sharks

The mighty 12/2s were at home for the top of the table clash with the Gladesville Sharks this week. The weather was perfect and the pitch was in top condition to allow for some fantastic football. The boys arrived early to use the dressing rooms and got themselves fired up for the game with some top tips from coach Paul. Lachlan Fox, the captain, led the team out onto the pitch to rousing applause from the sell-out crowd.

Thanks to the pre-match ritual Thunder started strongly with some attacking football and were controlling the midfield well. Lachlan Fox played an inch-perfect pass out to the right to allow Sam to slot the ball home into the bottom corner after only five minutes.

The Sharks were keen to hit back quickly and pressed hard, but the Thornleigh defence was able to soak up the pressure with Olivia calmly clearing the ball to set up another Thornleigh attack. Josh sprinted down the left wing and laid the ball across goal to Alex who forced the keeper into a fine save to deny him.

Both midfields were playing well allowing for some end-to-end football. After some smooth passing the Sharks were through on goal but Hamish spotted the danger and sprinted off his line to clear the ball. At the other end, Alex and Josh were combining well which saw two great shots go just past the Sharks posts.

Suddenly Thunder were on the attack again. Alex took a quick throw-in to set Sam on path to goal. He jinked and jived past four defenders then unselfishly pulled the ball back across the goal to allow Lachlan to calmly side-foot the ball home.

The rest of the half saw more strong attacking football from Thunder, with the boys unlucky not to add to their score.

Thunder again started strongly in the second half, with Alex crossing from the right hand side and Eric combining with Sam to draw another fine save from the Sharks goalie. From the resulting corner Sam was keen to add to his tally of headed goals but unfortunately his header was wide of the post. A few minutes later however he slotted the ball home in a mirror of

his first goal.

Not long after, Sharks enjoyed their strongest chance of the game, with their striker through on goal and only the Thornleigh keeper to beat. Hamish ran out and forced the Sharks wide, which was enough to narrow the angle and the shot went harmlessly past the post. The Sharks' spirit was up though and they continued to press high, with Thornleigh unfortunately conceding a penalty. Hamish chose the right way to dive but the shot was just out of his reach.

From the subsequent kickoff Thornleigh were keen to hit back straight away. Alex took the ball up and past two defenders; his shot was saved by the keeper but fell perfectly for Lachlan Bailey to fire it home.

Thunder continued to press high but were not able to take any more chances, with Alex bouncing a curling effort off the crossbar and Hamish just missing out after a goalmouth scramble.

Not long after the referee blew for full time. All in all a great game of football; the whole team contributed with George being voted man of the match. Afterwards Hamish led the team on a rousing rendition of the victory song.