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Committee Report brought to you by George Mokdsi:

Dear members,

What a brilliant result for the Thunder on grand final day.

All 4 teams 12/2, 16/2, 16/3 and 18/1 won their respective grand finals!!! Could not ask for better.

Thank you to all the coaches and managers and supporters who all did their part. But the credit really goes to all the players who played their hearts out to come away with wins.

Please read the reports below.

Presentation Gala day still ear marked for Sunday 10 September 2017.

Kind Regards,
George Mokdsi



U16/2 Premiers and Champions 2017



U18/1 Champions 2017



U16/3 Champions 2017



U12/2 Champions 2017

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MATCH REPORTS FROM 19th August 2017 – Grand Final Day:

U12/2 Thornleigh 8 vs Gladesville Sharks 2

U12/2's took their 100% record into the Grand Final and faced a determined Gladesville Sharks. The game started fast and Thunder quickly built a 3-0 lead and held that until half time. The sharks started the second half on fire and got a goal back to kick Thunder into life. Thunder scored 4 more goals before a consolation goal closed the game out at 8-2 and rightly crowned Thunder as Champions. U12/2's have been outstanding this season. To win every game and play with respect and sportsmanship throughout is a credit to each player and the group as a whole. Next season will present new challenges in U13/1 but the team will no doubt learn, improve, smile and compete at their highest level possible.

U16/2's Thornleigh 3 vs Eastwood Epping 1

A cool windy morning meet us at Meadowbank, the team were pumped and ready to complete the season as we had started out to do, become premieres and champions. Eastwood Epping were our opposition and the only team in 2017 to inflict a loss on the mighty Thunder. The game started and from the outset EWE had turn up to play, opportunities from both sides and the Thunder where the first to crack sloppy defense and a good shot from EWE had them up 1 nil. This only helped the Thunder kick into gear and a great pass from the back line to the mid field across to Aiden with a great pass to Ben who slotted the equalizer ending the first half at 1 nil to the Thunder. 2nd half started with a frenzy and the Thunder within minutes some beautiful through balls allowed our striker Ben to take his opportunities and slotted a nice goal 2 to 1 Thunder up and a sniff of victory. Another great through ball to Ben again 1 on 1 with the keeper to beat and EWE defense bought Ben down in the box, yellow card and penalty to the Thunder. Jake up to take the shot, great diving save from the EWE keeper who had a great game, composure from Jake allowed him to push the ball into the net before the keeper could recover. 3

to 1 up the Thunder fans and team were on a high. A few minutes later Ben decide to go on another run after the ball was cleared from the backs through our mid field and yes a clear shot and a well-deserved hat trick from our striker.

3 to 1 victory with a great team effort from all the players.

A big thanks to coach Ryan who has worked on this team for three years to get them up to be Premiers and Champions.

Another nice note Thornleigh is now on the 16/2's premier trophy three years in a row, well done Thunder. The team are pumped now for the FIJI tour in September.

U16/3 Thornleigh 2 vs Hills Hawks 0

After a season and semis finals effort were they remained undefeated, the boys were eager to take on Hills Hawks again and break the stalemate after 2 draws against them.

The match really showed how determined our team was to get the win with every single player putting in 100% effort and backing each other up at every point.

Possession and play was in our favour for most of the game and was maintained by solid passes and control of play by our mids LACHLAN, MATT, HARRY, HARRISON, and DANIEL B.

Our rock solid defensive line-up of LUKE, ISAAC, DOM, ARJUN and BRANNAGH was a joy to watch as they shut down several attempts made by the opposition and also managed to feed the ball to our mids right till the end of the game.

Our goalies JOSH and ASH both made a couple of fully stretched saves during the game that were surely going in. The score line definitely reflects their efforts.

Attacking efforts by ALEX, NATHAN and DANIEL P were also awesome to watch with extreme speed and a never give up attitude that saw DANIEL P score in the first half and ALEX lob one over their goalie (even with the strong wind) from the side in the second half - just incredible!

Lastly the best thing about these guys is the commitment each player has to the rest of the team and the results speak for themselves – well done boys.

18/1 Thornleigh 1 vs North Ryde 0

Well what a nail biter of a match!!!! The 18/1's were pumped for victory!!!! Having defeated North Epping in a Penalty shoot out in the sudden death semi left the Thunder wanting more blood!!!!

Having finished 4th out of 11 teams in the minor Premiership, and high as kite's from the Semi Final victory..... we just kept the ball rolling!!!!

The boys started the game with hunger and passion, fully fuelled by a bumper crowd from SL right down to U6's..... it was outstanding. Coaches and Manager did an amazing job keeping all the ducks in a row and making sure all the cogs was well oiled.

North Ryde hammered our faultless defence, but could not break through. Anything that did get near the sticks was snapped up by our amazing Keeper!!!!

Scoring early in the second half gave the boys a 1-0 score line. A foul 10 mins later on our attacking Centre Midfielder saw the ref point to the spot. Unfortunately we put the ball just wide of the post leaving us up 1-0.

Having said that, we really didn't need any more to cement the win and walk away as Champions for 2017!!!!

A great effort boys, parents and those others who came along during the season to offer their support!!!! Many Thanks!!!!

A strong finish for 2017 which leaves a solid foundation for the boys to work off for 2018.

A big thank you goes out to our little mate Will Hewitt..... He ran the boys on to the field and brought us all the luck in the world just like he did in 2015!!!! Will you are a LEGEND!!!!