

Deadline for Blue & Gold: Tuesday 6pm

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## Committee Report brought to you by George Mokdsi:

Dear members,

This weekend will see out the last round of the regular season as teams battle it out for a chance to play in the finals! While some Thunder teams are already safely though some teams will need to win this weekend to make the finals.

Already premiers are the U12/2 and 16/2. The U15/3, 16/3 and 17/3 have already all made the finals. Well done!

Our Super League team is currently in 3rd position after a last second win via a brilliant free kick win on the whistle at Oakleigh last week. One of the best goals you will see from a dead ball free kick. The top of the table is very tight with 3 rounds left. Epping FC out in front on 33 points, followed by Redbacks and Thunder on 29 points, with St Patricks 4th and West Ryde Eagles 5th on 28 points.

The Super League team are playing away this weekend they are playing at 3pm Saturday on LH Waud, Constitution Road Meadowbank. They would still love to have supporters there so please go along if you can.

Reminder that this Saturday 22 July at 7pm is the trivia night to support the U16 Fiji tour. If you still want to come along please see note below for booking instructions.

It is all happening the following weekend (5pm Saturday 29 July at Ruddock) with the much anticipated <u>Westleigh</u> <u>Waterboard Alliance Cracker Night</u>.

Hope to see you at these two events and on our local ovals. Best of luck for the round – Go Thunder!

Kind Regards, George Mokdsi



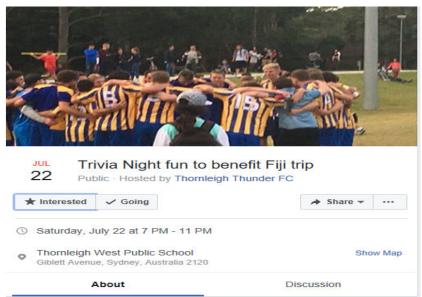
U12/5 enjoying the game and brilliant conditions at Oakleigh Oval last Saturday.



## 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 <u>mokdsi.george@gmail.com</u>. **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.



## 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
- 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 Further Craig Millard (Coach) 0425 336 560 craig.millard@transport.nsw.gov.au

# Thunder FC Sponsors – 2017 Season

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## MATCH REPORTS FROM 8<sup>th</sup> July 2017:

## Under 7 Red Thornleigh Thunder vs Epping FC

An awesome effort by Ella, Tyler, Marley and Leo on the weekend. Great attacking by TJ saw him earn a well deserved goal in the second half and overall player of the week. Marley came so close to scoring a goal from kick off and had a great game defending the opponent and driving the ball forward.

Fancy feet Leo defended well, fending off potential goals and Ella was into everything with a strong defensive game and driving the ball down the field. With no subs, these 4 players played their heart out for the full game and should be congratulated.

## MATCH REPORTS FROM 15th July 2017:

### Under 7 Red Thornleigh Thunder vs Redfield

With school holidays still upon us, the T-Rex's only had 1 sub this week. Marley, Leo, Ella, Xavier & TJ all played their hearts out in an evenly matched game. Goals were scored by both teams but the goal from half way scored by Marley has put him in contention for goal of the season and meant he thoroughly deserved the Player of the Week trophy.

Ella owned the middle with numerous bursts and was fearless in defence. "Fancy Feet" Leo danced around the opposition with ease and scored a fantastic goal. TJ (who is now known as the "Sledgehammer") was charging in attack and had numerous shots at goal.

Xavier scored a fantastic goal from a very fine angle that was thrilling to watch.

Another great game for the T-Rex's as we count down to the end of another season where FUN was definitely had by all.

### Under 10 Yellow Thunder vs Ryde Panthers (A)

After Roselea forfeited last week we were back in action against Ryde Panthers (A) at ELS Hall. Due to school holidays we were at bare numbers but the kids were keen to get started!

Thunder started well and were moving the ball around creating chances early. Ryde put pressure on our defence as well but weren't able to get a shot on target. From a corner we conceded via the old pinball action but the players had done

everything they could and were just unlucky.

From here we kicked in to gear and started playing well across the field. We were making runs off the ball and playing out from the back calmly and quickly. Soon we put together 4-5 passes to create our first goal of the game and putting Ryde on the back foot.

At half time we talked about getting first to the ball and continuing to do what we did in the first half. We also knew that we needed to make the ball do the work with no subs!

The second half was end to end with both sides creating chances and playing some good football. We were able to score a couple of goals in the second half that were from good build up play as well as the whole team doing their jobs well. Our defence this week saw Auden playing left, Jayden in the middle and Chris on our right who really held off the opposition attack all game. Even when under pressure they found ways to win the ball back and play out to our midfield. The quick transition play was great and helped us keep the ball deep in our own half.

Our midfield and attack this week saw Cooper, Franco, Levi, Daniel and Hugo push hard all game and constantly put the opposition under pressure.

A huge thank you goes to Cooper and Hugo for helping out this week from the 10 Reds. Both boys worked hard and fitted in with the team beautifully. Without you we would have been 2 short and considering you had to go and play your game straight away we really appreciate you helping us out!

Player of the Week was Franco who ran his guts out all game. If he had GPS tracking I think he could have made it back home from Ryde! The other big effort was the way he was talking on the field and really took on a new aspect to his game. Well played Franco!

#### U12/2 Thornleigh vs Macquarie Dragons

A dried out and patchy field and light drizzly skies greeted the team at Waterloo park for the penultimate league game against Macquarie dragons, and the Thunder team was keen to keep their unbeaten streak rolling. Hamish went in goal for the first half, passionate in his defence of the Thunder goal. An early attack by Thunder saw James H pass to George who crossed the ball back to James H to tap in for the first goal of the game. Hugo, Foxie and Olivia doing plenty of work in defence to keep the spirited opposition away from the goal mouth, but Dragons score, over Hamish's head into the net. Great runs by George and Henry down the sides, looking to create chances all the time. Alex taking plenty of hard shots at the opposition goal, narrowly missing. Thunder get a free kick after a push on Eric in this hard fought game, with plenty of back and forth in the middle. Dragons take another shot at goal, smacks the post – a near miss. Eric scores the second goal for Thunder in great style. Second half and Eric is in goal, with Hamish in the midfield. Hamish is unstoppable, always pushing forward relentlessly. Sam is everywhere, lots of energy and with George assisting, Sam is rewarded with another Thunder goal amid the defenders confusion around the goal mouth. Dragons score another goal, creating pressure for the Thunder side. Eric pulls off the save of the season from a Dragons free kick, getting his fingers to the ball to push it up into the topbar and getting hold of it on the rebound. A youtube moment. James D solid in the middle, passing through the opposition to his team mates and stopping the push by Dragoon's in its tracks.

Player of the match is Sam, never running out of steam and 100% committed to be the first to the ball every time.

#### Super League Update

We are currently running in 3rd position after a last second win via a brilliant free kick win on the whistle at Oakleigh last week. One of the best goals you will see from a dead ball free kick.

Ladder after last weekend's results added -

Epping FC out in front on 33 points.

Followed by Redbacks and Thunder on 29 points (differential spits us into 3rd) with St Patricks 4th and West Ryde Eagles 5th on 28 points and split by differential only.

The top of the table is very tight with 3 rounds left.

This weekend is our last away game against West Ryde, so a crucial game to try and win and keep the top 4 position with 2 home games left to complete out the season.

They are playing at 3pm on LH Waud, Constitution Road Meadowbank.

If you cannot make it this weekend we have 2 home games to finish off the regular season next weekend and the one after. **Simon Bailey** 

#### Super League Home Game Co-Ordinator