



Guildford McCredie Uniting Soccer Club

20 Years

The beginnings

In mid 1998 at a McCredie Uniting Church One Council meeting chaired by Rev David Wrightson, Greg Wark floated the idea of the church starting a soccer club to participate in the NSW Churches Football Association.

The meeting agreed to the venture and a contribution of \$1000 was made to the setting up of the club.

From December 1998 to February 1999 advertising took place in local shops, schools and amongst local churches.

Uniforms were designed but nothing was purchased until it was sure there would be players to fill them!

And the \$1000? Paid back in March 1999.



Where does the name “McCredie” come from?



George McCredie



“Linnwood”

George McCredie was a politician born in 1859 serving as Mayor of Holroyd and a local member of parliament. He died in Guildford in 1883 with his most notable achievement being his work in quarantine and fighting Bubonic Plague! George McCredie built and lived in Linnwood House and the church bears his name.



The McCredie congregation in 1998

In 2012 McCredie Uniting Church changed its name to Holroyd UC. The soccer club has stayed with “McCredie” as our name.

From little things ...

For the 1999 season McCredie was able to field 5 teams – an U6, U8, U10 and a Raahauge Cup Squad of AAM.

The 8s and 10s were a combination of ages. The men were a collection of former Carlingford players, some guys from Auburn Baptist and a collection of locals looking for a game. At the end of June the men were on top of their Div 2 ladder but faded. The U6s though, were awesome, going through the season undefeated!

The U6s, U8s and 10s would grow to become 7s, 8s, 10s and 11s in 2000 and these teams, and many of the original players would continue through to senior football.



Achievements



- Our club was created to ensure local kids got a “fair go” and all players have always been welcome regardless of ability. That said, we have proved that this philosophy need not be a barrier to success.
- McCredie has so far:
 - Won 38 premierships, (starting in 2002 with the U11/2s and U12/2s)
 - Won 30 knockout competitions
 - Won 2 State Cups
 - Won 33 six a side competitions
 - Won 22 President Cups
 - Won 5 Kings Sevens Titles
 - Had 7 undefeated mini teams
 - Won 1 Premier League minor premiership

Six a side - 2004

Did you know?

- At the **2004** six a side McCredie won an incredible 6 competitions – U7, 9, 11, 13, 14, 15.
- We were also runners up in 4.
- In fact in the U13, 14 and 15 age groups we were first and second!
 - After the event, the then NSW CFA Secretary, Alan Spaul, quipped “let me know the next time we can run a McCredie gala!”



Six a side 2018

Did you realise?

- At the **2018** six a side McCredie won 7 competitions – U8, 12 Girls, 13, 14, 16, AAL and AAM.
- We were also runners up in 7.
- In fact in the U8, 12 Girls, 14 and 16 age groups we were first and second!
- We surpassed the 2004 heroics!



State Cups – crowning glories to date



2016

2017



Player development



Martin Lo played U7, 8, 9, 11 & AAM (when he was 15) with McCredie. In 2010 he was selected to play for the Australian U13s and in 2015 was signed to Western Sydney Wanderers.

Player Development



In 2010 with Metro West above & the U16s below



Rahimi in Malaysia

- **Mohamed Rahimi** started at McCredie in the U12s and played junior soccer with us until U17s. Rahimi has continued playing senior football with us when the opportunity has presented as late as 2018's six a side tournament
- From 2013 to 2015 Rahimi was playing professionally in Malaysia and Singapore before returning to play NPL1 with Sydney United this season.
- Rahimi has been a loyal supporter of McCredie and NSWCFA, three times representing NSW City at the National Titles and twice being named player of the tournament.

Pita Rabo — we can't claim much credit for developing Pita's game. Pita had already played international football when he joined us in 2000 and went on to captain Fiji in 2002 & 2006 World Cup campaigns.



We found Pita juggling a ball at Granville Park and asked him if he played soccer. A man of few words, he replied “yes”. Are you in a team? “no”. Would you like to be? “yes”. And he joined. It was after we had seen him play that we asked who he had played for, “Fiji” was the answer. I felt only a little guilty round 1 vs Penrith when I threw him on for the last 5 minutes of reserve grade when they were down 0 - 2. Pita scored 2 to force the draw.

More Individual success

Marc Cindric – we only had Marc for one year, but it was his first. He has played for The Wanderers and in 2011 the Australian Schoolboys, but his first club will always have been McCredie!



Kuag Reec – has been one of our most talented players, super quick and a prolific scorer. Kuag played junior football from U14 to U17s and one year of senior football. Kuag currently plays NPL2 with Mount Druitt.



“ A great win!

From On The Ball 17-09

Premier League FIRSTS vs St Columbas Castle Hill 3 – 2

With 3 overseas, 3 injured, 3 rehearsing a performance, 1 suspended and 2 others elsewhere, this was to be the real test of the afternoon.

Reserves was OK as we were fresh, but we had just 14 players today for 2 games and playing 4th ranked St Columbas, no one gave us a chance.

If we were tired going on to the field, you should have seen us at half time – and we had had the wind! 5 minutes into the second half Akom managed to release

Kuag and we were the unlikely leaders. That end of the field wasn't revisited for the next 25 minutes and eventually St Columbas got a goal. Ironically it was soft, despite the fact they played most the game in our penalty area and struggled to get a shot on target.

Some thought we should be satisfied with a draw – after all, 14 players against 26, 6th vs 4th – we were already overachieving. But we managed to release Kuag again, not once, but twice- and when we were leading 3-1 the game was over and

St Columbas couldn't believe it. Neither could we. They got a late one – a nice finish – one I bet they wish they had found 85 minutes earlier. But the game finished shortly after.

Phil Chan and Phil Rafter looked busted before the game started – but were still there at the end. Tom, Greg, Cuong, Luk, Lam played 3 hours of soccer. But it was only Kuag's magnificence, his speed and finish which won us the game. Best win of the year, up there with some of our best wins ever. And we now sit just one point outside the top four

Goal scorer – Kuag Reec 3

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Some big debuts

➤ From On The Ball 4/00

Philip Rafter

- First Grade vs Moorebank Rovers 3 – 2
- This was always going to be a tough game. Moorebank has won their last three competitions and both of us have been promoted to first division this year. Every time we scored they came back and it says a lot about our team that we could fight back again to snatch a hard fought victory. Special mention to Philip Rafter who joins us this year. He had a standout game at the back, matching the opposition's quick and skilful forwards.

➤ From On The Ball 5/07

Joe Azzi

- U6 RED vs OLQP Falcons 5 – 1
- Fantastic attack play by the 6 reds against the OLQP Falcons. Great through balls by Qais to Joe and outstanding defence by Andrew just topped the game. Man of the match was Andrew.
Goal scorers – Joe Azzi 3, Qais Sungkar 2.

Joe has gone on to score more than 320 goals and counting! Our club's record

Did you know?

That we wear black shorts and socks because Greg played for Carlingford as a kid, and they wore white shorts & socks. Terrible to clean!

That we have had people from at least 87 different cultural backgrounds play for us (that we know of) but no Brazillians!

That after our first ever registration day we had just 6 players registered – aged 6-11! We then literally drove around the streets looking for kids and their parents and inviting them to play!

That our greatest winning margin was 28-1 (U14 2016), but our U13s that won 25-0 in 2004 were playing one short (and also had an U7 playing!)

That in 2018 there are 4 players who played in our inaugural season still playing – Congrats Adem (U6-PL), Amarvir (U6-PL), Ahmed (U8-SC) & Phil Chan (RC-SC) and another now referees each week – Gaven.

That the colours were chosen as they were the colours of the Uniting Church



Thanks **Ashley Mulcahy** – for one season we had a senior squad in the RC South competition. The travel, and a probable general lack of ability, meant results were poor. But Ashley's newsletter contributions had us all looking forward to the next edition!

OTB 24/07

RC South Reserves vs Miranda Congregational 1 - 2

If we were coming second instead of last, then today would have been the top of the table clash.

RC South FIRSTS vs Miranda Congregational 0 – 12

The word hero gets thrown around a lot, but for a real definition one needs to look no further than Ashley Mulcahy, he is great. Write your name on the line

..... and return this to Greg if you think that the club should build a shrine to him in the canteen at Everley park.

OTB 21/07

RC South FIRSTS vs Salvo United 0 – 19

For something different the 2 teams decided to play rugby league today... unfortunately we were no good at that either.

OTB 4/07

RC South FIRSTS vs Narwee Baptist 0 - 11

We will never speak of this game again.

Two of these RCS players, 10 years later, still play with our club each week – resilience!

OTB 13/07

RC South RESERVES vs St George Rovers 1 - 7

We didn't have enough Y chromosomes in our system today, there was no grunt and no aggro, we pretty much let them walk the goals in after we let them walk past us

Life Members

In 2010 our first Life Memberships were awarded to Peter and Dorothy Warwick and Greg Wark. Since that time a further 6 Life Memberships have been awarded for outstanding, loyal and extended service to the club.



Peter, Ian & Greg 2009

- Greg Wark – club founder and secretary from 1999 until someone gets rid of him.
- Peter Warwick – The reason the canteen functions and the club has money. Committee since 2003 and President since 2006.
- Ian Warwick – started coaching as a 14 year old in 2000 and has been a member of the committee since 2008. Unfortunately Ian also finished his playing career with McCredie being “shot by a sniper” at Everley. Still marks the lines there to exorcise the Demons.

Life Members



- Philip Rafter – Started playing in 2000, ironically brought to the club by one of our most unreliable! Phil has been on the club committee since 2007 and has run the senior squads since 2009.



No one is lamenting the demise of ID cards – least of all Phil!

- Dorothy Warwick – The reason Peter functions. Committee member since 2003 and the driving force behind our canteen.



Dorothy and Peter at the 2015 National Titles

Life Members

- Robert French – A coach in our inaugural year and still coaching! Always ready to assist where required and coaching teams most seasons. Delegate to GDSFA since 2015.



- Carolynne Wark – the reason the club actually functions – registrar since 1999, Treasurer since 2014



Alun on the BBQ with life members Frank, Robert, Carolynne and Hendrika at the 2018 Trial matches

Life Members

- Frank Skiller – A terrific character and perennial favourite. Frank managed his childrens' teams from 2003 until 2011 and served on the committee from 2011 until 2013 when the family moved away. Frank still returns to "rule the BBQ" when needed, but we no longer hear "terminate!" echoing across Everley Park



- Hendrika Sharwood – Henny arrived as a parent of 4 players in 2003 and has gone on to play in all of our Ladies teams, manage the Ladies team since 2014 and serve on the McCredie Committee 2015 - 17.



Around the grounds

U6 White 2018 – Peter Sultana (coach)



Reiny 2016 Premier League semi final



McCredie players in U11 zone reps 2016

Characters



Brendan "Scuba" Deppi

- **Andrew "Wiggers" Wigmore** – played two seasons of senior football (incl 1999 as a 16 year old), never made it to the end of the season – remains suspended!
- **Brendan "Scuba" Deppi** – huge character, tremendous guy, couldn't play on ANZAC Day due to his religious commitment to two up, continues to support the club through his sports business. Most of you would have kicked balls into Scuba's nets or dodged his cones.
- **Ivan Bugar** – was from Hungary. He lived in Ashfield and joined because ... we never worked that out. Probably the best centre midfielder we have had. "Hello, hello, it is Ivan" was the call I received each and every Friday night. With his Boris and Natasha accent he really didn't need to introduce himself.

Characters

Bobby and Pece – They really did come as a set. Seeking a coach someone suggested their girlfriend's cousin (or something). Bobby (Borce) went on to coach one of our most successful junior teams for many years including to a tournament in Queensland. And he brought us Pece, great character and still one of our highest goal scorers. None better than his grand final winning goal against Cabramatta to win us the Raahauge Cup in 2008. The pic below shows him skinning some poor Carlingford player in 2008.



More Characters



Tom List & Dorothy 2009

- **Tom List** – after many years of coaching junior teams, being our club coach and playing senior football, Tom moved house. He would return to Everley after a few years coaching our opposition and proclaiming “Club Legend” status. He’s right.
- **Carlos Calderon** – If the player is South American, chances are that they came to us via Carlos. For a time it seemed that the majority of our senior squad was Peruvian. No one has more cousins and nephews than Carlos. And no family has more reliable, skilled or soccer mad members!
- **Geoff Mavros** – a very solid player and great fun but unfortunately ending his career at McCredie prematurely following a pyrotechnic display at Jones Park long before the Wanderers learnt how to light a flare.
- **Marco Olmos** – A perennial favourite, Chilean via Darwin now living in New Zealand. Calm on the field (mostly), solid player in the back or midfield, everybody’s friend, reliable, great coach of one of our best ever sides, birthday boy at Hooters!

Sam Tuzcuoglu – coached our current U16s from U6 to U13. It was a personality cult, everyone loved Sam and he loved coaching the team. A survivor of the mighty (?) RCS squad who contributed a great deal to his boys and our club for a number of years.



Sam Tuz with his boys in 2009.



Carlos in 2003

Ladies

In summer 2011 McCredie entered our first Ladies competitions. After watching one particular parent play with her kids each Wednesday at training, the idea to start a Ladies team was had. The summer comp got some ladies started and in 2012 we entered our first winter 11 a side comp.

At training number 1 we had 7. An attractive girl was jogging around the park so the coach approached her – she brought her sister – we now had 9. In 2018 there are five of the original team still playing – including the jogger!

In year 1 we were pretty ordinary but we got better each year, winning Division 4 in 2014 and reaching as high as Division 2 in 2017. In 2018 seven of the Ladies also coach or manage junior teams.



Coaching the Ladies isn't tough!



Great teams

U6 – 1999 to U16 – 2009



- Our first ever U6 team has an incredible record. After starting their soccer careers with an undefeated season went on over the next 11 years to win 4 competitions, 3 Knockouts, 3 six a sides and 3 President Cups. Four of their seasons were undefeated (not losing a game between 2002 and 2006) and represented McCredie at the Gold Coast Champions Cup in Qld when U11s. Two of the original U6s still play Premier league with McCredie.

Great Teams

U6 - 2000 to U16 - 2010

- Got stronger as they got older, with their first premiership in U13. In the next 4 years this team won 2 competitions, 1 knockout, 1 six a side, 1 President's Cup and a Minor Premiership. The team started with Mark Cindric playing and Ian Warwick coaching and finished with Mohammed Rahimi playing and Phil Rafter coaching, so they were blessed.



U6



U15 2009

Great teams

U8 – 1999 to U17 - 2008



- In 1999 the U8s finished second last, playing most games short of players and always with half the boys under 7 years old. In the next 10 years they never finished worse than second, lost just 2 games in NSWCFA after 2003, won 4 premierships (two undefeated), 2 six a sides, 3 President Cups and 4 Knockout Competitions. In 2008, in U17s, there were still 4 players playing from the original U8s and the same coach. In 2018 there are still 3 players from this team playing with McCredie.

Great Teams

U6 - 2001 to U15 - 2010

- In 2001 we had another group of very talented players start in the U6s. After being undefeated in the U7s they proceeded in the next 8 years to win 2 competitions, 2 knockouts, 2 six a sides and 2 President Cups. They were undefeated twice and were our first team (in the same year as the team a year older) to win a GDSFA premiership in 2008.



U7s 2002



U15 2010

Great Teams

U10 2000 to U14 2004



- ▶ This team was only together for 5 years. In those 5 years they won 3 competitions, 2 knockouts, 1 six a side, 2 President Cups and played 1 undefeated season. With manager Errol at the helm they were well lead through coaches like George and Marco. This certainly looks like the team that got away!

Great teams

U6 – 2003 to U14 - 2011



- Our 2001 U6s played through together until U13s. In subsequent years, many of the players having moved on to representative football, returned each year to compete in the Kings Sevens for their old club. Each time – they won it. Over the years they went undefeated twice, won 1 competition, 2 knockouts, 2 six a sides, 2 President Cups, 3 Kings Sevens and competed in the Gold Coast Champions Cup as U10s. In their entire history they lost just 4 games at Everley. Two of this team still play AAM with McCredie and another AAL (when she isn't giving birth!). 4 of the players in the picture have played NPL.



Great teams

U6 – 2009 to U15 – 2018

Our current U15s have won 1 competition, 2 knockouts, 3 six a sides, 2 President Cups and a Kings Sevens. They were our club's first GDSFA Div 1 semi finalists finishing 3rd behind 2 of the final 8 from the NSW State Knockout and a finalist from Champions of Champions. By the time they were U14s this team was one of the best our club has ever produced.



U7 White 2010



U14 Div 1 2017

Great teams

U6 – 2008 to U16 – 2018



- Our current U16s started U6s in 2003. The team has had two coaches, Sam Tuz (6s to 14s) and Greg Wark (14s to 16s). They skipped 7s playing two years in U8s, and they also skipped U13s playing two years U14s and U15s playing two years U16s. 1 player has played throughout all these years – well done Joe Azzi (our club's leading goal scorer with 314 goals). In this time they have won 3 competitions (1 undefeated), 2 knockouts, an incredible 6 six a sides, 2 President Cups and 1 Kings Sevens.

Great teams

U6 White – 2012 to U12 Red - 2018

- Our U6 whites in 2012 would become our U12 Reds in 2018. In the meantime they have won 2 competitions, 2 six a sides and a President Cup and they hopefully have many more years to play yet!



2012



2018

Great Teams But it's not all about winning!

U6 – 2004 to U18 - 2016

- Our U18s in 2016 thrilled us all after qualifying for the semi finals in U18 Division 1! They lost narrowly (1-0) to the eventual premiers. This was an outstanding result for a team that won absolutely nothing between 2004 and 2016, but was our first to make it all the way from 6s to 18s. One player played every year and 11 of this team had played together for many years, playing because they enjoyed each other's company. Winning is nice, but what these boys did is actually what it is all about.



Outstanding goal scoring

Did you know?

In 2004 Ahmed Abdul Hamid scored 77 goals in a season in the U13s. Ahmed was actually U12s at the time.

The most goals in a single match were scored by Mahmoud Jalloh in the U14s in 2016. 11 vs Toongabbie. It was Mahmoud's second ever game!

The most goals in a single season were scored by Junior Clark. U7 Reds 2002 – 84 goals.

In 2008 Joe Azzi scored 65 goals in the U6 Reds. The runner up golden boot was Qais Sungkar with 55 goals. Qais was also in the U6 Reds!

The most goals scored in a senior game were scored by Greg Wark. 8 vs Blacktown Uniting 29/5/1999

Selections

We have had many McCredie Juniors, Seniors and coaches selected to play in or coach representative teams. From Mohamed Rahimi gaining selection in the Met West U15s in 2008 to Martin Lo for WSW. We have always been very well represented in zone reps and since 2012 McCredie have regularly contributed players to the CFFA National Titles NSW City teams.



McCredie's National Titles Representatives in 2015

2014 National Titles Representatives from McCredie



2016 National Titles Representatives from McCredie



2017 U14 NSW City – National Runners up. Eight of these boys have worn McCredie colours at some time

Juniors to seniors (Premier League 2016 and 2017)



These cute McCredie juniors have come together to be part of McCredie's 2016 competition leading Premier League. Not cute any longer, they're all grown up. Can they go all the way?



Adem Stevens, Amarvir Batth, Mohamed Rahimi, Wil Wark, Luk Sungkar, John Zhou, Mohamed Shukur, Willem Booker, Salem Boustany & Ahmed Dbouk have all transitioned successfully from McCredie Juniors to our Premier league in the last few years.



U6 1999

U6 2003

U6 2006

U15 2006

U14 2008

U14 2013

U17 2014

Then
&
Now!



Left 2016, Right 2017

Action shots

Genell Hunt (below) and Chantelle Oo (bottom) in action AAL Grand final vs North Rocks 2014



Mohammed Abdul Hamid shoots and Daniel Jabou dribbles at the 2004 six a side U7 vs Kellyville



William Wark at the Gold Coast Champions Cup U10s 2007



U6 training 1999 (Adem Stevens in front)



Sam Tuz & Joe Azzi pre grand final at Marconi (2013)



What it is all about

Six a Side Competition - 8th June 2013



Wentworthville Uniting Vs Guildford McCredie U7 Whites
Grand Final



No one rests at Lapathon (2014)



Junior girls

- Our first junior girl player was Toni Strasshofer who signed to play U12s in 2001. Since then many girls have played “with the boys”.
- In 2015 we entered an U14 Girls team into the NSWCFA U13 boys competition. The girls had fun and won a game but unfortunately we were unable to continue the team the next year. Two of these girls still play though in our U16s and AAL teams in 2018.
- In 2018 we have been able to enter an U11 Girls team into a girls comp for the first time. This is very exciting, and their results have been even more exciting!



Toni in & the
U12s in 2001



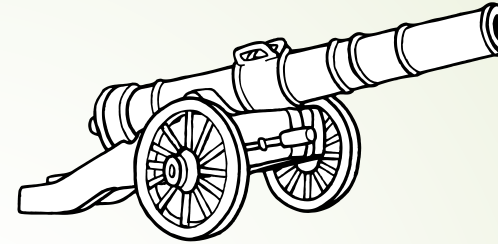
Newington Gunners

With the NSW CFA struggling for numbers McCredie sought to assist.

In 2004, following a successful 2003 McCredie ventured out into creating a satellite club at the new suburb of Newington (near Silverwater). In 2004 the Newington Gunners (named for the Naval armaments depot which formerly occupied the site) fielded two sides. The red, white and black of McCredie was incorporated into their green jerseys.

5 years later Newington was established enough to take over the running of their own club. Disappointingly 3 years later they chose to leave NSW CFA and compete only in GDSFA. It was hard not to feel like a parent of an errant teenager!

In 2018 Newington Gunners still have 16 teams, their jerseys are now blue, but the red of McCredie remains!



Logo 2004



Logo 2018





1999 - 2018



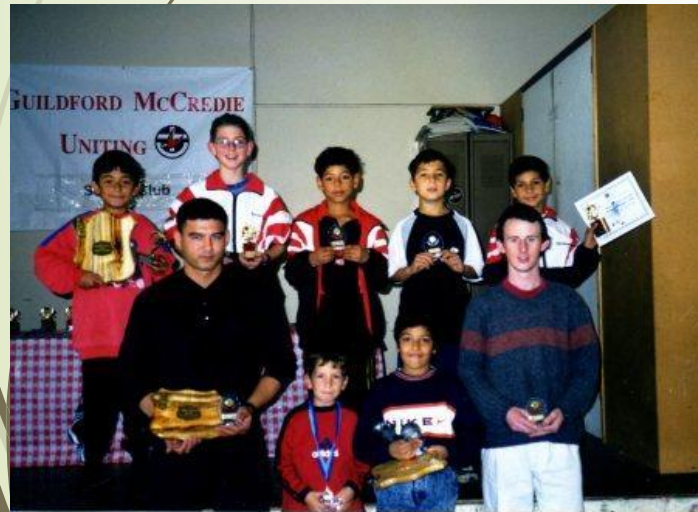
Paper newsletters are no more – but in 1999 all the mums were reading them!



2008 – Tom's U6s and U10s at six a side



The Ladies do battle in 2018



Players of the Year (2000) at the annual Presentation



U9 White 2011





Guildford McCredie Uniting Soccer Club - 2018

All Age Ladies and Under 11 Girls



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Opponents of the past



Clockwise from left – Blacktown Reformed, Greystanes Churches, Coverdale Christian School, Rouse Hill Anglican College, St Michaels Baulkham Hills, Yaralla, Hills Spirit, Penrith Churches, St Bernadettes Castle Hill, St Anthony's Coptic



These rivalries continue



Clockwise from left – OLQP Falcons, Wentworthville Uniting, Lidcombe Churches, Kings Old Boys, St Columbas Castle Hill, Mortdale Baptist, Pendle Hill Tigers



Injuries – Unfortunately they happen!



- Broken legs – Greg Wark X 2, Peter Hession, Mika Oo, Wil Wark, Taufu Kivalu, Natasha Muru-Tucker
- Knees – Tom Kennedy, Ian Warwick x 2, Paulus Zacharia, Mika Oo, Belinda Arnott, Moises Palacios, Carlos Calderon, Omar Hernandez, Wayne French
- Broken Arms/hands –Hendrika Sharwood, Wil Wark, Daniel Wark, Philip Rafter
- Ear – Michael Hession
- Hip – Jenna Nowlan, Thuzar Oo
- Clavical – Ozzie Gogebakan
- Shoulder – Wayne French



Off the field

2009 Club Disco



2007 The U10s at the Gold Coast Champions Cup

2008 AAM victory celebration end of season



Greg enjoying his gift from the AAL

Did you know?

Our oldest registered player was Armen Koopelian who first registered with McCredie in 2017. At the end of the season Armen was 58 years and 5 months old

Amongst the Ladies Sarah Dubois, Elise Burrows & Hendrika Sharwood have all played uninterrupted since our first Ladies team. Mika Oo and Sarah Irving also played in our first year and are still playing in 2018, but have had some time off.

Our longest serving senior player is Phil Chan who began senior football with McCredie in 1999. Phil C has missed a season though and Philip Rafter has played senior soccer uninterrupted since joining in 2000. Ahmad Abdul Hamid is also playing senior football in 2018 and joined in 1999 (in the U8s) but he has played elsewhere in between times.



In 2018 Alyaan Aftab played his first match at the age of 3 years and 9 months. McCredie's youngest

Sharlene Muru Tucker has played with McCredie since joining our U14 Girls in 2015 as a 12 year old. Sharlene also represented NSW City in the 16s Girls that year – and every year since. Each time Sharlene has been named in the All Stars and last year was player of the tournament. She is still age eligible for 16s Girls this year and has again been selected! In 2018 she took part in the AAL victorious six a side team

Churches Football Association, Sydney

Guildford McCredie Uniting Soccer Club are proudly affiliated with the CFA Sydney (known as NSW CFA when we joined in 1999). This Association will celebrate its centenary in 2019 and it has been a privilege having been a part of that rich history for 20% of its life. We remain committed to this Association and the opportunities that it provides.

Competition for children under the age of 12, representative opportunities for all players aged 8 and over, the annual six a side tournament, opportunities to travel interstate and participate at National Titles for players and coaches and, in recent years, the opportunity to play at Marconi Stadium on grand final day.

All this in addition to the fine friendships and friendly interclub rivalries that we have developed over the years. May there be many more.



Pre game 2013 Grand final day at Marconi Stadium



Granville and Districts Soccer Football Association

GDSFA boasts a proud history of competition since 1902.

In 2006, 2007 and every year since 2008 we have entered junior teams and Ladies (since 2011) into the competitions of GDSFA. The demise of teenage competitions in CFA meant we required another option and GDSFA was generous with their support of our entering teams. This support has remained.

Since entering GDSFA, they too have suffered their own difficulties (ironically one of the clubs that drove difficulties for CFA has since proceeded to drive them for GDSFA). We have become strong advocates for this historically rich Association also and whilst we remain a "Churches" club will continue to support the good governance of both bodies, repaying the loyalty that we have been shown.



Ania, Taufa and Mo hold the GDSFA AAL Div 4 trophy in 2014



In appreciation

We owe many people and organisations a huge thank you, because without them, we couldn't have functioned.

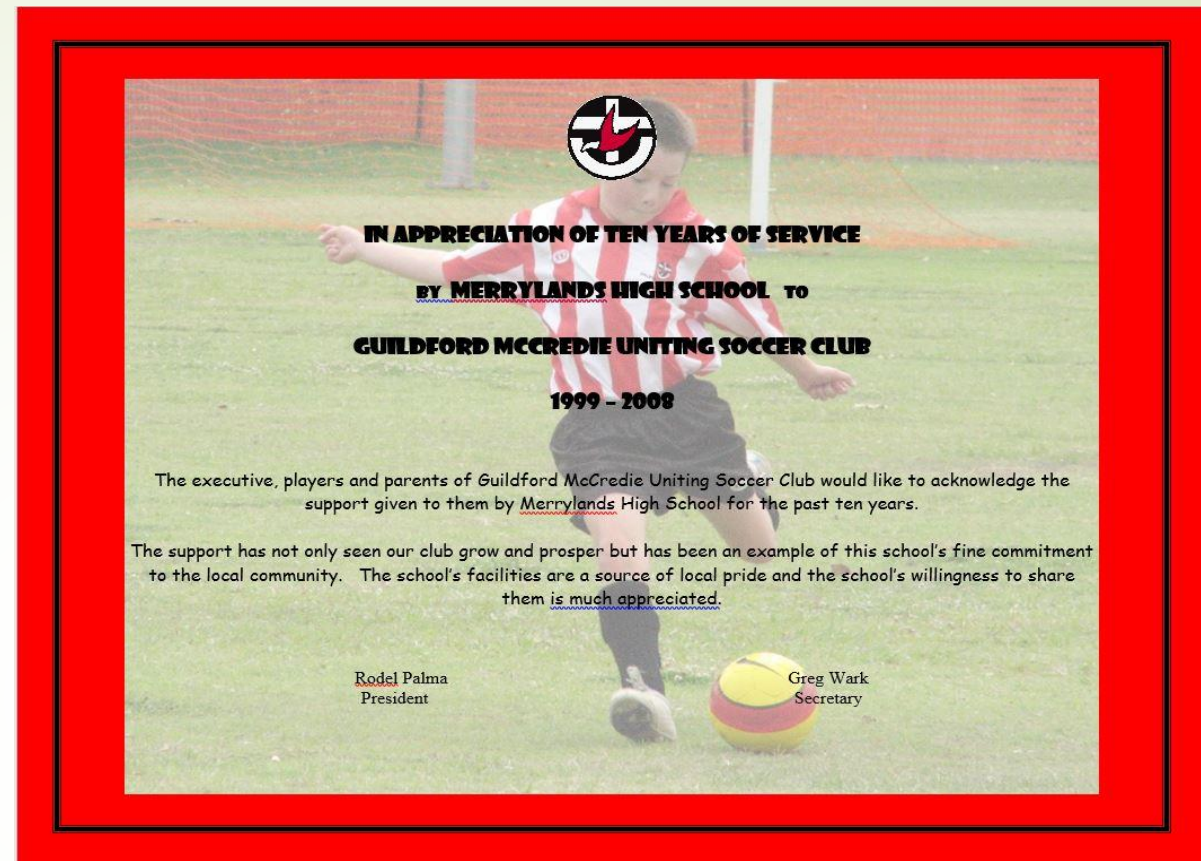
Holroyd Uniting Church, the players, parents, coaches and managers, committee members and supporters are what allow us to exist.

Merrylands High School who for 20 years have provided their fields for our trials and all of the local schools who have facilitated our advertising (especially Chester Hill IEC who has sponsored players and Granville PS who have allowed us to train on their grounds at times).

To our past sponsors who have donated their services or made monetary contributions.

To the many people who have offered to help, said kind words (sometimes just when needed) and supported our club in the community, bringing us friends and family.

Thank you all.



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