

HISTORY OF MACQUARIE CITY SOCCER ASSOCIATION

1991 – 2003

Macquarie City Amateur Soccer Association 1991-1993

Macquarie City Sports Club 1994-1998

Central Coast Lakers 1999-2001

Mingara Lakers 2002-2003



The Macquarie Sports Club evolved primarily from the desire of Phil Collins (pictured), who for the four years prior to 1991 was a Macquarie & District Soccer Association representative soccer coach, to take Representative teams (U11-U17) to Sydney in their Youth Leagues. He saw a need for talented players to expand their soccer experience by playing in a higher level than club soccer, by competing in the Youth League competition against Sydney Clubs.

When Macquarie & District Soccer Association withdrew their planned intentions to enter teams into the Youth League competition, he decided to investigate the possibility to still participate in the Sydney competition. With the assistance of Mr Bill McIlveen, President of Sydney Branch of the NSW Soccer Federation and after many discussions with interested coaches and players, the concept of forming a new soccer association was proposed.

The prospect was fraught with many hurdles and legalities with difficulty in finding a home ground on which to play. The year 1990

was spent by a dedicated foundation committee of parents and supporters fundraising, handling the legal activities, administration, designing uniforms of the chosen red and grey and selecting players in readiness for the inaugural season in 1991.

By 1991 season, the Macquarie City Amateur Soccer Association was formed in time to play at Northlakes Oval, Speers Point, Lake Macquarie – the first home ground. The club entered teams in the **U11 & U12 in Junior League and U13 to U17 in the Umbro Youth League** playing on a home and away competition conducted on Saturday and Sunday.

Teams travelled in coaches to and from the Sydney venues often forced to leave at the early hours of 6am to arrive in time for early matches with the senior teams back home in the early evening. This was true dedication by both the players and their parents who travelled with them. Phil Collins held the position of inaugural foundation President, head coach for the years 1991-2002.

During this time he was also the Northern NSW Amateur Rep Coach in various age groups and held a position on the Board of Directors of Northern NSW Soccer Federation representing the club and attended the monthly Sydney Youth League meetings. The inaugural season ended successfully with the U15 and U12 Premiers and U15 Branch Champions with six Macquarie Players selected in the Northern NSW Amateur **Soccer Federation Branch Titles Rep team**. In 1991 the **U15 team won the Northern NSW Amateur competition and 10 players were selected in the Northern NSW Metro side to play in the Country Championships at Orange and the U15 State Championships at Bathurst.**

Eight of those U15 players were selected in the NSW Country side to compete in the Australian Championships proving the high standard of talent in the initial squad.

Due to continuing soccer politics, the 1993 season saw the Macquarie City Soccer Association having to switch home grounds for the next few years.

1993 saw the home ground venue changed to Doyalson RSL and the U17 team comprising the original U15 team became the competition's U17 Premiers coached by Phil Collins.

In 1994 due to an affiliation with Central Coast Branch the Association's name was changed to Macquarie Sports Soccer Club. The home Ground was Tunkawallen Oval at Gwandalan and U16 were Premier winners.

1995 saw the club play one season at Pluim Park, Lisarow and during 1996/1997 the home ground was North Lakes Oval, San Remo.

In 1999 the Association merged with Mingara Sports & Recreation Club, who offered security of a permanent home ground and the name changed to Central Coast Lakers Soccer Club.

This year was the inaugural year and formation of Men's 5th Division State League.

In the year 2000 the Central Coast Women's Soccer Association (as it was then) intended to hand back its licence to run a team in the Women's State League 1st Grade - the highest level of competition for women in the State. They had found it impossible to organise a squad to compete. At short notice, Phil Collins brokered a deal with the NSW Soccer federation in order that the Central Coast Lakers could take over the licence.

He appointed coaching staff and a playing schedule to fit in with the other teams and in the first year of competition the women finished an equal fifth.

The formation of Men's State League 1st Grade, 21's and 18's Soccer followed.

In 2001 knowing that his original intentions and goals had been fulfilled Phil Collins retired from 32 years continuous years of coaching youth and senior level including State League with great success and wins in many State Titles including 56 premierships.

The following year 2002 Phil Collins was named as the first patron of Central Coast Lakers and a new committee of parents took over the running of the club.

The name of the Club changed again for 2002, this time to Mingara Lakers Soccer Club.

The demise of the Club came after a directive by the Football NSW requiring both Central Coast Coasties and Mingara Lakers to combine and to form one sole Club to represent the Central Coast. The Mingara Lakers Club (and its previous identities) had become over the years a second tier club for representative players on the Central Coast. Its main object at the start 1991 was to provide avenues for the Macquarie area junior players (about seven different age groups) to play in the tougher Sydney competition. It achieved that, in the first instance, but with the settling of the Club in the heartland of the Wyong Shire in 1999, and the entering of eleven teams in 2000 to 2002, it was at loggerheads with the local Central Coast Association representative teams.

The directive of Football NSW was a part of the NSW strategic plan to regionalise football, where there was only one entity in each region. The amalgamation happened for the 2004 season to form the Central Coast United Football club and so ended a 13-year dream.

**MACQUARIE CITY Association, MACQUARIE SPORTS,
CENTRAL COAST LAKERS, MINGARA LAKERS
1991-2003 TEAM RESULTS**

| Year | Competition | Gde | P | W | D | L | GF | GA | Pts | LPosn | Semi | Final | GFinal | FPosn | Comments |
|------|----------------------|------|----|----|---|----|----|----|-----|-------|------|-------|--------|-------|--------------|
| 1991 | Macquarie City Assoc | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | Unknown |
| 1992 | Macquarie City Assoc | | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | Unknown |
| 1993 | Macquarie City Assoc | . | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | Unknown |
| 1994 | Macquarie Sports | . | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | Unknown |
| 1995 | Macquarie Sports | . | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | | | Unknown |
| 1995 | Macquarie Sports | 11 | 14 | 0 | 0 | 14 | 3 | 75 | 0 | 8/8 | | | | | as at 10Aug |
| 1995 | Macquarie Sports | 12 | 14 | 0 | 2 | 12 | 1 | 41 | 3 | 8/8 | | | | | as at 10Aug |
| 1995 | Macquarie Sports | 13 | 24 | 8 | 2 | 14 | 28 | 55 | 27 | 10/14 | | | | | as at 10Aug |
| 1995 | Macquarie Sports | 14 | 24 | 1 | 2 | 21 | 24 | 96 | 7 | 14/14 | | | | | as at 10Aug |
| 1995 | Macquarie Sports | 15 | 24 | 7 | 2 | 15 | 13 | 33 | 24 | 11/14 | | | | | as at 10Aug |
| 1995 | Macquarie Sports | 16 | 24 | 11 | 5 | 8 | 45 | 29 | 43 | 3/14 | ?? | | | | as at 10Aug |
| 1996 | Macquarie Sports | 11 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 1 | 32 | 0 | 8/8 | | | | | as at 4July |
| 1996 | Macquarie Sports | 12 | 8 | 1 | 0 | 7 | 6 | 38 | 3 | 8/8 | | | | | as at 4July |
| 1996 | Macquarie Sports | 13 | 17 | 6 | 3 | 8 | 26 | 25 | 21 | 10/14 | | | | | as at 4July |
| 1996 | Macquarie Sports | 14 | 17 | 5 | 3 | 9 | 31 | 28 | 18 | 10/14 | | | | | as at 4July |
| 1996 | Macquarie Sports | 15 | 17 | 4 | 3 | 10 | 14 | 23 | 15 | 12/14 | | | | | as at 4July |
| 1996 | Macquarie Sports | 16 | 17 | 3 | 6 | 8 | 13 | 20 | 15 | 12/14 | | | | | as at 4July |
| 1997 | Macquarie Sports | 11 | 12 | 0 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 5 | 8 | 9/9 | | | | | as at 4July |
| 1997 | Macquarie Sports | 12 | 11 | 0 | 2 | 9 | 6 | 37 | 4 | 9/9 | | | | | as at 4July |
| 1997 | Macquarie Sports | 13 | 16 | 3 | 2 | 11 | 13 | 31 | 11 | 9/11 | | | | | as at 4July |
| 1997 | Macquarie Sports | 14 | 16 | 6 | 5 | 5 | 24 | 18 | 23 | 6/11 | | | | | as at 4July |
| 1997 | Macquarie Sports | 15 | 16 | 2 | 0 | 14 | 15 | 67 | 6 | 11/11 | ?? | | | | as at 4July |
| 1997 | Macquarie Sports | 16 | 16 | 2 | 4 | 10 | 11 | 27 | 10 | 9/11 | | | | | as at 4July |
| 1998 | Macquarie Sports | 13 | 18 | 10 | 5 | 3 | 37 | 16 | 35 | 2/10 | ?? | ?? | ?? | | |
| 1998 | Macquarie Sports | 14 | 18 | 4 | 4 | 10 | 10 | 33 | 16 | 10/10 | | | | | |
| 1998 | Macquarie Sports | 15 | 18 | 8 | 2 | 8 | 38 | 40 | 26 | 5/10 | ?? | | | | |
| 1998 | Macquarie Sports | 16 | 18 | 3 | 5 | 10 | 15 | 31 | 14 | 9/10 | | | | | |
| 1998 | Macquarie Sports | 11 | 16 | 2 | 0 | 14 | 8 | 41 | 6 | 17/17 | | | | | |
| 1998 | Macquarie Sports | 12 | 16 | 5 | 2 | 9 | 15 | 31 | 18 | 13/17 | | | | | |
| 1999 | Central Coast Lakers | 11 | 16 | 14 | 1 | 1 | 59 | 9 | 43 | 1/13 | ?? | | | | as at 31July |
| 1999 | Central Coast Lakers | 12 | 16 | 10 | 0 | 6 | 36 | 16 | 30 | 3/13 | ?? | | | | as at 31July |
| 1999 | Central Coast Lakers | 13 | 14 | 8 | 4 | 2 | 31 | 11 | 28 | 3/12 | ?? | | | | as at 31July |
| 1999 | Central Coast Lakers | 14 | 14 | 9 | 4 | 1 | 33 | 9 | 31 | 1/12 | ?? | | | | as at 31July |
| 1999 | Central Coast Lakers | 15 | 14 | 6 | 1 | 7 | 18 | 28 | 19 | 6/12 | | | | | as at 31July |
| 1999 | Central Coast Lakers | 16 | 14 | 6 | 0 | 8 | 28 | 29 | 18 | 8/12 | | | | | as at 31July |
| 2000 | Central Coast Lakers | W1st | 17 | 6 | 3 | 8 | 21 | 46 | 21 | 7/10 | | | | | |
| 2000 | Central Coast Lakers | W21 | 15 | 1 | 1 | 13 | 17 | 54 | 4 | 9/10 | | | | | |
| 2000 | Central Coast Lakers | 13 | 18 | 15 | 3 | 0 | 65 | 8 | 48 | 2/10 | ?? | | | | |
| 2000 | Central Coast Lakers | 14 | 18 | 10 | 3 | 5 | 43 | 16 | 33 | 5/10 | ?? | | | | |
| 2000 | Central Coast Lakers | 15 | 18 | 12 | 3 | 3 | 42 | 17 | 39 | 2/10 | ?? | | | | |
| 2000 | Central Coast Lakers | 16 | 18 | 12 | 3 | 3 | 54 | 20 | 39 | 2/10 | ?? | | | | |
| 2000 | Central Coast Lakers | 11 | 22 | 13 | 6 | 3 | 33 | 11 | 45 | 3/8 | ?? | | | | |

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|------|----------------------|------|----|----|---|----|-----|----|----|-------|----------------------------|---------------------------|--|----------|--|
| 2000 | Central Coast Lakers | 12 | 22 | 10 | 5 | 7 | 37 | 20 | 35 | 5/8 | ?? | | | | |
| 2000 | Central Coast Lakers | 18 | 18 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 29 | 23 | 32 | 6/12 | | | | | |
| 2000 | Central Coast Lakers | 1st | 19 | 6 | 1 | 12 | 32 | 45 | 19 | 11/12 | | | | | |
| 2000 | Central Coast Lakers | 21 | 19 | 7 | 3 | 9 | 31 | 33 | 24 | 7/12 | | | | | |
| 2001 | Central Coast Lakers | 13 | 22 | 5 | 6 | 11 | 25 | 35 | 21 | 8/12 | | | | | |
| 2001 | Central Coast Lakers | 14 | 22 | 13 | 4 | 5 | 38 | 16 | 43 | 3/12 | 2-0 Hajduk Wanderers | 1-6 Southern Branch | | Finalist | |
| 2001 | Central Coast Lakers | 15 | 22 | 11 | 7 | 4 | 35 | 20 | 40 | 3/12 | 1-0 AC United | 1-2 Illawarra Lions | | Finalist | |
| 2001 | Central Coast Lakers | 16 | 22 | 11 | 5 | 6 | 34 | 21 | 38 | 4/12 | 2-1 Southern Branch | 3-4 Mt. Pritchard | | Finalist | |
| 2001 | Central Coast Lakers | W1st | 18 | 3 | 3 | 12 | 22 | 71 | 12 | 9/10 | | | | | |
| 2001 | Central Coast Lakers | W21 | 18 | 2 | 5 | 11 | 18 | 57 | 11 | 9/10 | | | | | |
| 2001 | Central Coast Lakers | 18 | 22 | 17 | 2 | 3 | 112 | 22 | 53 | 2/12 | 2-4 Nepean Assoc. | 1-3 Uni of NSW | | Finalist | |
| 2001 | Central Coast Lakers | 21 | 22 | 7 | 6 | 9 | 44 | 41 | 27 | 8/12 | | | | | |
| 2001 | Central Coast Lakers | 1st | 22 | 4 | 6 | 12 | 29 | 40 | 18 | 9/12 | | | | | |
| 2001 | Central Coast Lakers | 11 | 22 | 7 | 7 | 8 | 29 | 20 | 28 | 5/8 | ?? | | | | |
| 2001 | Central Coast Lakers | 12 | 22 | 11 | 7 | 4 | 34 | 14 | 20 | 3/8 | 4-3 Illawarra Lions | 1-3 Parramatta City | | Finalist | |
| 2002 | Mingara Lakers | 11 | 18 | 8 | 1 | 9 | 39 | 39 | 25 | 6/10 | | | | | |
| 2002 | Mingara Lakers | 12 | 18 | 4 | 1 | 13 | 15 | 34 | 13 | 9/10 | | | | | |
| 2002 | Mingara Lakers | 13 | 26 | 12 | 8 | 6 | 24 | 27 | 44 | 6/14 | | | | | |
| 2002 | Mingara Lakers | 14 | 26 | 8 | 8 | 10 | 27 | 28 | 32 | 9/14 | | | | | |
| 2002 | Mingara Lakers | 15 | 26 | 4 | 8 | 14 | 28 | 56 | 20 | 13/14 | | | | | |
| 2002 | Mingara Lakers | 17 | 26 | 12 | 8 | 6 | 49 | 34 | 44 | 6/14 | | | | | |
| 2002 | Mingara Lakers | 19 | 19 | 5 | 4 | 10 | 34 | 52 | 19 | 8/10 | | | | | |
| 2002 | Mingara Lakers | 1st | 19 | 2 | 1 | 16 | 20 | 54 | 7 | 10/10 | | | | | |
| 2002 | Mingara Lakers | 21 | 19 | 6 | 3 | 10 | 37 | 45 | 21 | 7/10 | | | | | |
| 2002 | Mingara Lakers | W1st | 20 | 3 | 3 | 14 | 15 | 59 | 12 | 10/11 | | | | | |
| 2002 | Mingara Lakers | W21 | 20 | 2 | 1 | 17 | 13 | 75 | 7 | 11/11 | | | | | |
| 2003 | Mingara Lakers | 12 | 26 | 5 | 2 | 19 | 20 | 67 | 14 | 12/14 | | | | | |
| 2003 | Mingara Lakers | 13 | 26 | 9 | 3 | 14 | 33 | 54 | 21 | 12/14 | | | | | |
| 2003 | Mingara Lakers | 14 | 26 | 6 | 2 | 18 | 23 | 47 | 14 | 13/14 | | | | | |
| 2003 | Mingara Lakers | 15 | 26 | 6 | 8 | 12 | 18 | 33 | 21 | 12/14 | | | | | |
| 2003 | Mingara Lakers | 17 | 26 | 4 | 4 | 18 | 27 | 55 | 12 | 14/14 | | | | | |
| 2003 | Mingara Lakers | W1st | 22 | 1 | 4 | 17 | 10 | 82 | 6 | 12/12 | | | | | |
| 2003 | Mingara Lakers | W21 | 22 | 4 | 4 | 14 | 22 | 75 | 16 | 10/12 | | | | | |