



# December Update

## Comments from our President

G'day Everyone. Can I start by saying how humbled and grateful I am to have recently been voted in as your **new President** for our great Club, Ballajura AFC. I have been associated with the Club for longer than I can remember, not only as a player, but as a Committee Member and a coach, and it is a great privilege to now take on the role as President. Please always feel free to stop me for a chat and to share any thoughts about how we can continue to build and improve our Club, and I'll continue to do whatever I can to maintain the great community culture we have developed and to keep us moving forward over the coming years.



I'd like take this first comms opportunity to acknowledge the fantastic efforts of my friend and fellow Committee member **David Shephard** who has stepped down from the president position at our recent AGM, but who thankfully will be sticking around on our Committee so he can continue to help our Club into the future. 'Sheps' has been a wonderful leader and contributor for our Club and we are ever grateful for his tireless contributions over the last couple of years. Hopefully I can continue to provide a steady hand on the tiller and help build on the great work done by Sheps and our broader Committee. A big thank you as well to



those who are staying on or who have joined our Committee, and of course to those who have stepped off after giving their personal time for the benefit of our Club. We're always open to new ideas and willing helpers around the Club, so if you have an interest in being involved do please come have a chat sometime as we're always happy to add more horsepower to our team.

With Christmas on our doorstep and all formal football activities now completed, some of us (parents, coaches and players alike) will no doubt enjoy a bit of downtime over the summer holidays, and maybe indulge in a bit more 'football viewing' instead of actual 'football playing'. Fear not however as things will ramp-up again early in the New Year as our registration window opens up and we start prepping and planning for the 2024 season. The number of early sign-ups at our recent, very successful, **Junior Trials & Open Training Sessions** on 26 November suggests that next year will be another great year for the Club, and we are already looking ahead to some different things to continue to take the Club forward. Our new season registration details should hit your Inboxes early in the new year, and as always please keep an eye on our [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) pages and our [Website](#) too for other details about football at the Club in 2024.



Thank you everyone for your ongoing support of our Club, thank you for the opportunity to lead this wonderful Club which I love dearly, and please help spread the word to other families and potential new players about checking us out for the 2024 season.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and safe, happy and prosperous New Year.

Jason Earley (President)

# Junior Trophy Presentation Day

A great day was had on Sunday 15 October as we celebrated the fantastic efforts by all of our Miniroos and Junior Teams throughout 2023. As well as enjoying some kick-about with teammates and friends on the small sided pitches that were set-up, the kids also got to enjoy the bouncy castle and agility course inflatables organised by the Club, and enjoyed a sausage sizzle and drink after receiving their trophies.

Each team from our Miniroos Clusters 6s & 7s right through to our 15s Juniors were individually acknowledged across the morning with our wonderful coaches presenting all players in their teams with an individual trophy. The coaches of our Junior teams (13s and upwards) also got to present 5 special trophies to some stand-out players in their teams to acknowledge things like attitude, overall improvement, teamwork, individual skills and other standout qualities, with the complete list of **Junior Award Winners for 2023** being as follows:

- **13s North Division 4 (Coach – Aryan Pindolia)**
  - Golden Boot – Mathew Donovan
  - Coaches Award - Aidan Johnson
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Runner-Up Player of the Year – Casey Muir
  - Runner-Up Player of the Year – Ibrahim Siringul
  - **Player of the Year - Daniel Alimee**
- **13s Division 1 (Coach – Albert Ferraloro)**
  - Golden Boot – Jacob Maj
  - Coaches Award - Mahir Pindolia
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Runner-Up Player of the Year – Luke Dalglish
  - Runner-Up Player of the Year – Marco Ferraloro
  - **Player of the Year - Jacob Maj**
- **15s North Division 3 (Coach – Wladimir Jakimowicz)**
  - Golden Boot – Yousif Al-Salihi
  - Coaches Award - Adam Afifi
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Runner-Up Player of the Year – Pujan Chaudhary
  - Runner-Up Player of the Year – Bryce Brown
  - **Player of the Year - James Jakimowicz**
- **2023 Junior Team of the Year (Perpetual Trophy)**
  - **13's North Division 4**
  - Coach – Aryan Pindolia, Team Manager – Sharon Muir
  - 2023 North Division 4 Top 4 Finals Winners



# Senior Awards Presentation Night

Our Senior Teams celebrated their 2023 seasons on Saturday 21 October, where another great presentation night was enjoyed by those who attended. The Botanicals Room at the Crown once again played host to around 120 attendees, including players, guests and sponsors. Huge thanks again go to Christina Earley for all her hard work behind the scenes in pulling the event together and organising all the little touches which helped make the event a great night.



Individual team presentations took place around the different meal courses with each coach taking the opportunity to regale a story or two from their season and to acknowledge the various award winners in their team. With our members and players at the heart of everything we try to do at the Club, it is always great to see all of our different award winners (from very different backgrounds) receiving their trophies with their teammates cheering them on in the background, all highlighting the great community vibe we have at the Club.



Congratulations to all our award recipients, with the complete list of **Senior Player and Other Awards for 2023** being as follows:

- **Men's Metro North Division 5 (Coach – Andrei Fazekas)**

- Golden Boot – Darren Kristal
- Coaches Award - Aaron Jefferies
- Players' Player of the Year – Benjamin Franklin
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Runner-Up Player of the Year – Kerrod Sharpe
- Runner-Up Player of the Year – Nathan Milford-Jones
- **Player of the Year - Benjamin Franklin**



- **Men's Metro North Division 4 (Coach – Nick Reid)**

- Golden Boot – Francesco D'Agostino
- Coaches Award - Jamie Connor
- Players' Player of the Year – Robert Banchini
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Runner-Up Player of the Year – Robert Banchini
- Runner-Up Player of the Year – Francesco D'Agostino
- **Player of the Year - Damien Fouracre**



- **Women's North Division 5 (Coach – Paul Carter)** (NB. Presented post-awards night)

- Golden Boot – Briar Carter
- Young Player of the Year - Tracey Moore
- Players' Player of the Year – Emily Harrison
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Runner-Up Player of the Year – Victoria Burton
- Runner-Up Player of the Year – Briar Carter
- **Player of the Year - Emily Harrison**



- **Men's Masters 45s North Division 3 (Coach – Darren Freeman)**

- Golden Boot – Frank Danso & Slavco Sotiroski
- Coaches Award - Patrick McGrath
- Players' Player of the Year – Adam Barbuzza
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Runner-Up Player of the Year – Joe Byrne
- Runner-Up Player of the Year – Jamie McGuire
- **Player of the Year - Adam Barbuzza**



- **Men's Reserves Amateur Div 2 (Coaches – Jonathan Griffin, Cameron Peverley & John Sbrocco)**

- Golden Boot – Curtis Griffin
- Players' Player of the Year – Curtis Griffin
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Runner-Up Player of the Year – Brendan Divilly
- Runner-Up Player of the Year – Edward Stannard
- **Player of the Year - Curtis Griffin**



- **Men's First Team Amateur Div 2 (Coaches – Wayne Culverwell & Scott Urquhart)**

- Golden Boot – Brandon Rector & Lucais King
- Players' Player of the Year – Daniel Clarkson
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Runner-Up Player of the Year – Rhys Booth
- Runner-Up Player of the Year – Brandon Rector
- **Player of the Year - Daniel Clarkson**



- **2023 Club Awards**

- The "Dean Shaw Clubperson of the Year" – Albert Ferraloro
- PDRS Goal of Season (Men's First Team) – Robert McDonnell
- Goalkeeper of the Year – Edward Stannard
- **Senior Team of the Year – Men's First & Reserves Team**



## **KidSport in FY24**

Just another reminder for those eligible for KidSport in FY24 that the level of funding available through this program has recently increased from \$150 to \$300 per child. That will cover all or most of a junior registration fee at BAFC next season (depending on what age group your child will be in), so this is a very welcome development which will hopefully see more families able to have their kids enjoy our great game. Further details about eligibility requirements and how to apply can be found here -

<https://www.dlgsc.wa.gov.au/funding/sport-and-recreation-funding/kidsport>

## Sponsor Spotlight

In acknowledgement of the fantastic efforts of our most recent ex-President David Shephard, our sponsor spotlight this time around is on David's business **Pool Robotics Perth (PRP)**. David is always happy to put PRP forward to support some of the different initiatives we seek to bring to bear at the Club (the purchase of our awesome barista standard coffee machine this year is one such initiative that comes to mind) and we are very grateful to have PRP onboard as a major sponsor.



Pool Robotics Perth are the only stand-alone robotic pool cleaner sales and repair business in Western Australia. Whether it's the sale or repair of domestic or commercial robotic cleaners, PRP are committed to providing an exceptional level of repair, sales and after sales service. That is why they have been recognised by the Swimming Pool & Spa Association (SPASA) as the Best Professional Service Business in WA over recent years. Check them out when you have a need for your own pool cleaner and please continue to support all of our valued Club Sponsors whenever you can.

## UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE

Early January 2024 – Registration Information Sent Out to Players & Families  
4 February 2024 – Miniroos & Junior Registration Day - Clubhouse

### **Recommended Viewing**

*16 December – Perth Glory Men vs Newcastle Jets (Away – 3:00pm)*  
*17 December – Perth Glory Women vs Sydney (Home – 7:00pm)*  
*22 December – Perth Glory Women vs Western United (Away – 2:00pm)*  
*23 December – Perth Glory Men vs MacArthur Bulls (Home – 7:30pm)*  
*31 December – Perth Glory Women vs Central Coast Mariners (Away – 1:15pm)*  
*31 December – Perth Glory Men vs Central Coast Mariners (Away – 4:00pm)*

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