



April Update

Comments from our President

Hello everyone and welcome to a new season of football at **Ballajura AFC**. It doesn't seem that long ago that we held our Junior Trophy Day and Senior Awards Night at the end of last season, and here we are again at the beginning of our new season. With 25 teams registered across a range of competitions, it will be a very busy season for the Club and we are greatly looking forward to seeing all of our members, young and old, playing and enjoying their football with their teams.



Our Senior teams kicked-off their season the weekend just past (14 April) with some good results achieved, and our Juniors & Miniroos start their regular season fixtures this coming weekend (21 April). Be sure to get onto those sidelines and cheer for our Balla players as actively as you can everyone and we look forward to seeing and hearing about some great wins and performances by our teams.

You may have noticed when completing your registration this year that we have introduced a **fundraising initiative** for our juniors and a new **volunteer initiative** for our seniors. As a Community Club we always rely on the help and support of our member and supporter base, so please get behind these initiatives as we want to make them as successful as possible. Any and all feedback and suggestions are always welcome as we start to roll these out, but please remember that at their core is the desire to help 'spread the load' a little more throughout the Club so we can do and offer the very best things that we can for our members.

A huge thank you as always to all of our wonderful **Sponsors** (listed below in this newsletter, on our Club website, and displayed and promoted around the Club whenever/however we can), some of who have been on-board with us for many years now. Your contributions, whether they be cash sponsorships or in-kind sponsorships help us enormously and we are very grateful of your association with our Club. Keep an eye on our comms over the coming weeks and months as we hope to unveil yet more sponsors that are keen to get onboard with Ballajura AFC to support our teams.

Lastly, I wish to acknowledge our friend and Club stalwart **Leonie Shaw** who for personal reasons has chosen to step away from the Secretary role on our Committee. We are extremely grateful for Leonie's efforts and significant contribution to our Club over the past few years. An ever-present at Committee Meetings, in the Canteen and at most events over recent seasons, we are very sad to see her step down, but want to wish Leonie the best of health and happiness going forward and of course still hope to see her around the Club now and then at a few games or Club events. Another Club stalwart, **Arthur Harrison**, has kindly offered to step into the Secretary role, with this change being approved at our most recent Committee Meeting, so a big thank you also to Arthur for taking on this important role.

Thank you everyone for your ongoing support of our Club and I look forward to seeing all of our members, young and old, and their families, around the Club over the coming weeks and months.

GO BALLA! - Jason Earley (President)



Club Canteen

Be sure to check out and support our **Club Canteen** on game days folks as we'll be doing our best to have it opened regularly on Sunday mornings over the course of the season. As well as the usual staples you're likely to be looking for on a cold morning like bacon & egg rolls and hot chips, don't forget that we've now got a kick-arse barista quality coffee machine too and so can dish up very decent coffees for those that need them for an early kickstart or to warm the soul. Be sure to swing by and check out what's on offer to cure your grumbling tummies.

A big shout out too to the wonderful and ever-helpful **Sheryl Smith** who will be a mainstay in the Canteen this year and will probably be the one preparing those tasty burgers and hotdogs. Stick your head in at the window and say hi, and of course if anyone might be interested in helping Sheryl now and then in the Canteen, we'd love to chat to you about how we can make that happen.

Fundraising This Season

The Club will be doing a few things throughout the year to help raise some funds to go towards new gear and equipment for our players. Keep your eyes and ears open and do please support these initiatives however you can as it is the support we get from our members and their families that stands us apart from other Clubs. Some of the things we've got planned for this year include:-

- **Meat Pack Raffles** – over the first 4 or so weekends of the season, our Committee folk will be walking around during our Junior & Miniroos fixtures selling raffle tickets to win a fantastic meat pack (one up for grabs each of those Sundays) which has been supplied by our fabulous sponsor McLoughlin Butchers. Bring your gold coins and be sure to grab some tickets to help kick-off our fundraising endeavours.
- **Hyundai Community Football Raffle** – we'll be grabbing a stack of raffle books again this year and distributing them amongst all of our teams to sell. With 100% of proceeds of tickets sold coming back to the Club, be sure to grab a ticket or two to help raise some \$\$\$\$. And who knows, maybe someone from Balla can take away the **Hyundai Kona Hybrid Premium N Line** on offer this year.
- **Fundraising Chocolates** - unless you opted to pay the fundraising levy when you paid your child's registration fees, we'll be asking all of our junior members to help out with this Club-wide initiative later during the winter season.
- **Bunnings' Sausage Sizzle** – keep an eye on our socials for when this will be and be sure to come down and grab a hot dog or 4 to make it a worthwhile endeavour for the Club.
- **Cake Stall** – we'll be running this again later in the year after the great success it proved to be last year. Hopefully we can get the same level of support and donations of yummy treats and cakes again this year to make it another great fundraiser for the Club.
- **Quiz Night** – one of the staples on our annual calendar of events and always a great night. Currently slated for early July, start thinking now about who you might want on your table and be sure to get along for a fun night of trivia, snacks, drinks and meaningless banter.



Sponsor Spotlight

Our sponsor spotlight this time around shines on our great and valued friends at **The Computing Australia Group**. Take a look at our fresh, simple to view and navigate Club website, and you'll instantly get a feel for the ongoing support that these guys provide our Club, as they helped design and maintain our online presence for us! Always happy to help with the regular updates our website requires to remain relevant, we are very grateful for the ongoing support they have been providing to us for a number of years now.



The Computing Australia Group have also recently advised us about their new home user offers in respect of IT hardware (e.g. webcams, monitors, keyboards etc) that our BAFC Members can access if interested. In fact, they have kindly offered a 5% discount to all Ballajura AFC members throughout April which can be accessed by using the following code - **BFC5**. Have a look here <https://catech.au/> for some of the great products you can now source through **The Computing Australia Group**. And it also goes without saying that they come highly recommended for anyone looking to create or upgrade their business website.

UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE

- 21 April – Junior Boys/Girls Teams & Miniroos (including Clusters) – Season Commences
- 21 April – Ballajura First Team vs Kwinana United (Home – 3:00pm)
- 28 April – Ballajura First Team vs Ellenbrook United (Home – 3:00pm)
- 6-12 May – Female Football Week
- 12 May - Mothers' Day Round

Recommended Viewing

- 21 April – Manchester City vs Chelsea (FA Cup Semi Final – 12:15am)
- 21 April – Perth Glory Men vs Western United (Home – 3:00pm)
- 21 April – Coventry vs Manchester United (FA Cup Semi Final – 10:30pm)
- 28 April – Perth Glory Men vs Sydney FC (Away – 1:00pm)

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