



August Update

Comments from our President

G'day Team.

Can you believe it? We're already over three-quarters of the way through our winter season! It feels like just yesterday we were kicking off with those first matches, everyone full of excitement and anticipation. Time really does fly when you're having fun playing this great game that we all love. It's wonderful to see so many teams across our Miniroos, Juniors and Seniors doing so well in their respective divisions, and also seeing so many kids enjoying their football with their team mates.



I'd like to extend a very warm welcome and a massive thank you to our new major sponsors who have come on board this season: [Oceania Plumbing & Gas](#), [Nogi Lane](#) & [Sigtech Solutions Australia](#). Your support of our Club, together with all of our existing Club sponsors, is invaluable, and we're thrilled to have you as part of our football family.

As we head into the backend of our season, I want to remind everyone about our spectator code of conduct. As a Club and as individuals we always want to show respect and sportsmanship both on and off the pitch, so we ask that all spectators please be mindful of the following: *encourage our kids to play by the rules; don't publicly question the referees' decisions; refrain from coaching your child or other players during games* (that's for our wonderful, committed coaches to manage 😊); and *always make sure that any commentary about the game or the efforts of our players is positive in nature*. A reminder also that no-one should be coaching from or standing behind the goal lines during a match (a Football West rule). Cheer loudly, support passionately, and please remember that our actions reflect our Club's values.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to thank our coaches, players and parents for supporting our Miniroo and Junior team photos last weekend. Doing this on a Saturday was always going to introduce logistical difficulties for many families, so it was great to see the bulk of our kids getting along to their 'shoot time' and enjoying the process with their team mates. Thanks to **Kangaroo Photos** for looking after this massive undertaking this year, and to our Registrar Christina for coordinating the whole thing on the Saturday. We'll let you know when the job is complete and the photos have been delivered to the Club, and it is at that time that anyone who forgot can place a late order for their child.

A final big shout out as always to all of our **coaches, team managers, volunteers and my fellow Committee Members** who give up so much of their time to help out in so many different ways. Our Club would be much poorer without your valuable contributions, no matter how big or small, and we greatly appreciate the time and effort you put in for the benefit of all our players and members.

I'm hoping that we can now finish this season strong, enjoying every opportunity to train and play, and making the most of our remaining matches.

See you on the sidelines over the coming weeks ... and GO BALLA! - Jason Earley (President)

Boot Library

For those who don't know, the Club now has a 'boot library' which lives inside our Clubhouse. If your child forgets their boots on match day, they are welcome to borrow a pair from the boot library to avoid missing out on playing. We are also happy for any families 'doing it a bit tough' at the moment to feel free to exchange a smaller pair that your child has grown out of for a larger pair if there is something available in the library that works for you.



More donations for the boot library to help support this initiative are obviously greatly welcome. So if there's a bunch of previous boots still in a decent condition kicking around in your child's room and no longer being used, please consider bringing them in for our boot library instead of chucking them or palming them off elsewhere. Just another way we are looking out for our own players at our wonderful community Club.

Fundraising Update

Huge thanks to everyone that has supported our fundraising initiatives over the last few months, whether as a volunteer, donator of goods or a purchaser of something. We've done numerous things so far this season which is great to see, with a quick wrap of just a few of our initiatives being provided below:

- **Fundraising Chocolates** – thanks to all our Mini-roo and Juniors (and their families) who each sold a box of Freddos and Caramelo Koalas earlier in the season which helped bring in vital funds for our Club. A few families still have to bring in their \$60 for the box that they sold, so if that might be you, can you please do that ASAP.
- **Cake Stall** – so fantastic to see so much yummy sweet (and savoury) stuff donated for our cake stall when we ran it back in mid-June. Thanks to everyone who contributed something or handed over some hard-earned coin to buy some of the tasty treats. Noteworthy also was that 50% of proceeds from this initiative were donated by the Club to **Beyond Blue!**
- **Quiz Night** – what a great night was had on 5 July at the Clubhouse, with all tables full and a packed crowd in to enjoy the nights' activities. A very fun quiz was again run by **Andy the Quizard of Oz**, with the usual supporting games and raffles ensuring that lots of attendees went home with a prize of some sort. A huge shout out to all of our wonderful prize donors, and especially to **Loan Market (Jarrad Straight)**, **PRD Autos (Paul Dalglish)** and **Signarama (Dave & Steve from the Burswood & Perth CBD stores)** who made some significant contributions for our prize pool. With over \$5,500 brought in from this event, it's sure to be a mainstay on our events calendar for the coming years.
- **Bunnings' Sausage Sizzle** – this one is about to happen this weekend (Saturday 3rd August) at Bunnings Malaga. Be sure to get down and buy some hotdogs for the family, with all proceeds going to the Club to help with numerous different equipment purchases. Huge thanks as well to all of our wonderful volunteers who have rostered on to help over the course of the day, with 5 shifts running back-to-back from 7am to 5pm.



Sponsor Spotlight

Our Club is incredibly fortunate to have the enduring support of **Mike Cox** and his business, **Acclaimed Catering**, who are the subject of our sponsor spotlight this time around. For many years now, Mike has been a steadfast supporter of our Club, always helping us however he can, whether that be by providing food for our players or for different events, contributing prizes for events such as our Quiz Nights, and attending games to share a drink and cheer on our teams whenever he can. His commitment to our Club over a great many years is very significant and massively appreciated.

We encourage everyone to look-up **Acclaimed Catering** for any catering needs, whether it's a family festivity of some sort or a large corporate event - <https://acclaimedcatering.com.au/>. Mike and his team deliver top-notch service and delicious food that never fails to impress. We are deeply indebted to Mike for his ongoing support and contributions, which all help play a significant role in maintaining our Club's community spirit and camaraderie. Be sure to say hi and thanks whenever you see Mike at the Club as he is very much one of our Club legends!



UPCOMING DATES TO NOTE

- 4 August – Ballajura First Team vs Port Kennedy SC (Home – 3:00pm)
- 18 August – Ballajura First Team vs Olympic Kingsway SC (Home – 3:00pm)
- 25 August - Junior Teams & Miniroos (including Clusters) – Final Games of Season
- 8 September - Sponsors, Coaches & Life Members Thank You Event – Clubhouse**
- 22 September – Men & Women Senior Teams – Final Games of Season
- 29 September – Men Metro & Masters Teams – Final Games of Season
- 13 October - Junior Trophy Presentation Day (10am-2pm) – Clubhouse**
- 1 November (Friday) - Senior Awards Night – North Perth Town Hall**

Recommended Viewing

- 17 August – English Premier League Kicks-Off*
- 5 September – Socceroos vs Bahrain (5pm WST)*
- 10 October – Socceroos vs China (6pm WST)*
- 18 October – A-League Kicks-Off*
- 1 November – W-League Kicks-Off*

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