



## ***Newsletter – January 2025***

Welcome to the latest edition of the Ballajura AFC Newsletter.

We're pleased to bring you regular updates to keep you informed about all the exciting happenings around the Club throughout 2025.

A big thank you to the team at **Computing Australia** for their support in putting this Newsletter together – your efforts are greatly appreciated!

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## Comments from our President



### G'day Team

It feels like only a recently we were talking about the last few weeks of the 2024 season, and now we're gearing up for an even bigger and better 2025! A huge congratulations to all our junior and senior teams for their incredible efforts in 2024. It's always fantastic to see the passion and dedication from our players, coaches, and supporters throughout the season.

At our recent AGM on 24 November 2024, we saw some changes within our hardworking Committee. I'd firstly like to express my sincere thanks to our outgoing Treasurer, Cheryl Tisdell, for her invaluable contributions to the Club. Cheryl's dedication was also recognised by making her a Life Member at the AGM – a well-deserved honor.

Huge thanks also to Shane Tisdell, who has been instrumental as our Bar Manager and Facilities Manager, as well as long-serving Committee Members David Shephard, Bill Lyon, Jonathan Griffin, and Briar Carter who also stepped off our Committee at the AGM. Your tireless efforts over the years have left a lasting impact on our Club, and we cannot thank you enough for everything you've done.

A big thank you to Jarrad Straight, who has stepped into the role of Treasurer on our Executive team, and to our new Committee Members, Rob Bianchini, Nick Reid and Belinda Carroll. We're very pleased to welcome you all as part of the team as we continue building on the strong foundation at our Club. If anyone else is interested in joining the Committee, please come speak to myself or one of our Committee Members as we'd love to have a chat about getting you on to the team.

I'd also like to extend my heartfelt thanks to all our sponsors for their incredible support throughout 2024. It was great to see so many of you at our Coaches, Sponsors and Life Member's Appreciation Day on 8 September, where we got to see a thrilling 3-2 victory by our Men's Amateur Division 1 team over ladder leaders Hamersley United.

We also want to acknowledge and give a huge shout out to last season's Senior Men's Coaches, Wayne Culverwell, Scott Urquhart, Jonathan Griffin and Cameron Peverley, who achieved fantastic results throughout 2023 and 2024. Thank you for your dedication, leadership and everything you have done for the Club. Looking ahead, we're excited to announce Shane Fitzpatrick & Scott Urquhart (First Team), and Mike Hoy & Arthur Harrison (Reserves), as our Senior Team Coaches for 2025. We can't wait to see what we'll accomplish together in the upcoming season.

The Junior and Miniroos Trials on 24 November saw a fabulous turnout, with many parents already pre-paying their child's registration for the 2025 season. The registration portal for the new season has now officially opened – and our Junior & Miniroos Registration Day will take place at our Clubhouse this coming **Sunday, 2 February 2025**, from **10 am to 2 pm**.

As we gear up for the new season, I'm looking forward to seeing everyone back on the field, training well, and enjoying the sport we all love. Let's make 2025 another remarkable year for our Club.

See you on the sidelines soon ... and **GO BALLA!**

Cheers,  
Jason Earley (President)

## 2025 Registrations

The PlayFootball self-registration portal has now opened, and all members, prospects, and contacts should have received a Club email over the last couple of weeks.

This year, registrations for new and returning players, along with payments, will need to be completed via the **PlayFootball portal**. For detailed instructions and more information about the 2025 season, visit the **Club Notices** section on our website.

And don't forget to mark your calendar for our **Junior & Miniroos Registration Day** at the Clubhouse this Sunday on **2 February 2025**, from **10 am to 2 pm**. We look forward to seeing you there!

## Senior Awards Night 2024

What a fantastic night we had on **Friday 1 November 2024** at the North Perth Town Hall, celebrating the incredible achievements of our senior teams. It was wonderful to see so many loyal members and friendly faces, including supporters from several of our valued sponsors including **CAG, Signarama, Pool Robotics Perth, Nogi Lane, Oceania** and **Sigtech Solutions**.

A special shout-out to **Christina** for her outstanding efforts in organising such a memorable event – your hard work truly made the evening a success!

Congratulations to all our award winners from our senior teams. Their dedication and efforts on and off the field were exceptional throughout the 2024 season.

- **Club Person of the Year - Shane Fitzpatrick**



- **Men's Metro North Division 6**

- Coaches' Award - Liam Kenny
- Golden Boot – Cooper Schmidt
- Players' Player of the Year – Muiz Ajiboye
- 2nd Runner-Up Player of the Year – Riley Smith
- Runner-Up Player of the Year – Amir Habib
- **Player of the Year - Daniel Elieff**

- **Women's Division 8 – League Winners**

- Coaches' Award - Madison Hindle
- Golden Boot – Olivia Gregory
- Players' Player of the Year – Ciara Fitzpatrick
- 2nd Runner-Up Player of the Year – Madilyne Beeken
- Runner-Up Player of the Year – Lillianna Samuels
- **Player of the Year - Olivia Gregory**
- **Women's Division 8 team also claimed the Club Senior Team of the Year Trophy**
- *Special Mention – Olivia Gregory was also the leading goal scorer for Women's Division 8*



- **Men's Metro North Division 3 – League Winners**

- Coaches' Award - Robert Bianchini
- Golden Boot – Jake Everett
- Players' Player of the Year – Jake Everett
- 2nd Runner-Up Player of the Year – Jonathan Thompson
- Runner-Up Player of the Year – Mark Mule
- **Player of the Year - Jake Everett**
- *Special Mention – Jake Everett was also the leading goal scorer for Metro North Division 3*



- **Masters North Division 3**

- Coaches' Award - Kyle Hutchison
- Golden Boot – David Shephard
- Players' Player of the Year – David Brouwer
- 2nd Runner-Up Player of the Year – Steve Sotiroski
- Runner-Up Player of the Year – David Brouwer
- **Player of the Year - Jason Earley**



- **Reserves Team Amateur Division 1**

- Coaches' Award - Arthur Harrison
- Golden Boot – Benjamin Hasler
- Players' Player of the Year – Redar Saber
- 2nd Runner-Up Player of the Year – Callum Ellis and Robert McDonnell
- Runner-Up Player of the Year – Andrew Craster
- **Player of the Year - Redar Saber**



- **First Team Amateur Division 1**

- Coaches' Award - James Grehan
- Golden Boot – Lucias King
- Players' Player of the Year – Daniel Clarkson
- 2nd Runner-Up Player of the Year – Brandon Rector
- Runner-Up Player of the Year – Yahya Azizi
- **Player of the Year - Lucias King**
- **Special Mention - Daniel Clarkson also received the Football West Player of the Year Award for Amateur Division 1**



## Junior Trophy Presentation 2024



We had a fantastic turnout for the Junior and Miniroos Trophy Presentation on Sunday, 13 October 2024. It was wonderful to see all our Junior and Miniroos teams come together to celebrate a very successful 2024 season for all our wonderful kids.

A big thank you to everyone who helped make this event happen – your hard work behind the scenes and on the morning ensured a memorable day for our players, families, and supporters.

As tradition goes, we proudly recognise our **Junior team award winners** for the 2024 season.

#### **BAFC 14s Div 1 – League and Top 4 Cup Winners (Undefeated)**

- **Player of the Year – Marco Ferraloro**
- 1st Runner-Up (Player of the Year) – Luke Dalglish
- 2nd Runner-Up (Player of the Year) – Jacob Maj
- Coaches Award – Koby Straight
- Golden Boot – Mahir Pindolia
- **BAFC 14s Div 1 team also claimed the Club Junior Team of the Year Trophy**

#### **BAFC 14s North Div 3**

- **Player of the Year – Daniel Smith**
- 1st Runner-Up (Player of the Year) – Myles Strecker
- 2nd Runner-Up (Player of the Year) – Casey Muir
- Coaches' Award – Emee-Jaye Hearne
- Golden Boot – Khadar Salad

#### **BAFC 13s North Div 1**

- **Player of the Year – Tayne McRae**
- 1st Runner-Up (Player of the Year) – Lual Koch
- 2nd Runner-Up (Player of the Year) – Marko Sotiroski
- Coaches' Award – Ari Lam
- Golden Boot – Saif Al-Tameemi

## Sponsor Spotlight

Club Sponsors Signarama (Burswood and Perth CBD) offer a full-service sign centre. With over 20 years of experience in signage, we are very grateful to have the Signarama team onboard as a key sponsor for the new football season.



### Upcoming Dates to Note

**2 February** – Junior & Miniroos Registration Day (10am-2pm) – Clubhouse

**January/February** – Senior Teams Commence Training

**March** – Junior & Miniroos Teams Commence Training

**8 March** – Ian Dennis Charity Match – Home Ground

**6 April** – Amateur Men – Belt Up Cup Round 1

**6 April** – Men's Metro League – Season Commences

**13 April** – Amateur Men, Women & Master's Leagues – Season Commences

**4 May** – JDL, JCL & Miniroos Teams (including Clusters) – Season Commences

## Your BAFC Committee



**Jason Earley**

President



**Albert Ferraloro**

Vice President



**Jarrad Straight**

Treasurer



**Arthur Harrison**

Secretary



**Christina Earley**

Registrar

## Committee Members

**Alex Galaz**  
**Nick Reid**  
**Rob Bianchini**

**Belinda Carroll**  
**Phil Haddock**  
**Shaun Lacey**



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