



Newsletter – April 2025

Welcome to the latest edition of the **BAFC Newsletter!**

We're excited to bring you all the latest updates and news from around the Club as the 2025 season gets into full swing this weekend. This edition is packed with highlights - from important announcements and sponsor spotlights to key reminders and upcoming events. There's plenty happening, and we're looking forward to keeping you informed throughout the year.

A special thanks goes out to the team at **Computing Australia** for their support in putting this newsletter together. Their efforts are greatly appreciated!

Stay tuned for more updates, and here's to making 2025 another memorable season for BAFC!

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Comments from Our President



G'day Team

With May almost upon us, things are about to get very busy around the Club! You know the football season has truly kicked off when our Junior and Miniroos games return - and that's exactly what we have to look forward to this weekend.

From now through to September, we'll be hosting anywhere from 10-20 games at our home ground every weekend, with plenty of eager boys and girls keen to hit the pitch and show us their skills. I know our proud parents and caregivers are just as excited to see their kids back in action.

As we support our teams, let's continue to do so loudly and positively, always respecting our volunteers, referees, and opponents. Together, we can create the best atmosphere for our kids and set a great example for other clubs.

Speaking of volunteers, a massive shout-out to all those amazing individuals who have stepped up to coach and manage teams this season. Junior football in Australia is built on the efforts of volunteers, and without you, many children would simply miss out. Your time, passion, and dedication are deeply appreciated.

I'd also like to thank our hard-working Committee members and all the helpers behind the scenes. Whether it's organising and updating fixtures across limited pitches, helping with line marking, maintaining grounds and equipment, or keeping the canteen and club bar running - none of it 'just happens'. Your efforts are what make our Club such a fantastic place for everyone involved.

We're also proud to welcome two new sponsors this season - **Apex Tiling and Stone** and **Programmed**. A huge thanks to **Rob Bianchini** (8s Purple coach and Metro ND2 stalwart) and **Shane Fitzpatrick** (First Team men's coach and Club legend) for making these partnerships happen. We're excited to have both sponsors on board for 2025 and beyond, and we look forward to achieving great things together.

I can't wait to see our Juniors and Miniroos back on the field this weekend.

Here's to a fantastic season ahead for all our young players - **GO BALLA!**

Jason Earley (President)

Parent Reminders / Requests



With the first official Junior and Miniroos matches of the winter season just around the corner, we kindly ask all parents and caregivers to take note of a few important reminders and requests. These guiding comments will help us create the best possible environment and experience for all of our children.

- Your child's Coach and team greatly appreciate any assistance you can offer, whether it's collecting and returning balls during drills, setting up and packing down goals, washing bibs and tops, or acting as the game controller at home matches. Every bit of help makes a difference.
- Please be sure to note that fixtures displayed in **Squadi** (the app used by Football West to manage game details) are subject to change - often at short notice. Your Coach or Team Manager will always be the most reliable source for up-to-date information regarding game times and venues.
- We encourage all parents to come together as one group to support our players, particularly when travelling to away games. It's wonderful for the kids to see and hear a united, positive support base on the sidelines.
- Loud, encouraging support and recognition of good play and effort is always welcome. Equally, it's important to support and understand the use of age-appropriate development strategies and modified rules in the Miniroos competitions, ensuring that our young players develop in a positive and suitable environment.
- Spectators are respectfully reminded to support the decisions of referees and game controllers. Any comments from the sidelines should always be positive and constructive. And for safety reasons, and in line with Football West Community Junior Rules, spectators must not stand next to or behind the goals during matches.
- We kindly ask that parents refrain from coaching their child or other children during games. Please trust and respect the efforts of our volunteer Coaches, who are there to guide the team.
- Finally and most importantly, let's all remember that **this is not the World Cup** - the focus is on giving our kids the opportunity to do their best, enjoy themselves, and improve their skills throughout the season.

Thank you for your support one and all, and we look forward to a fantastic season ahead.

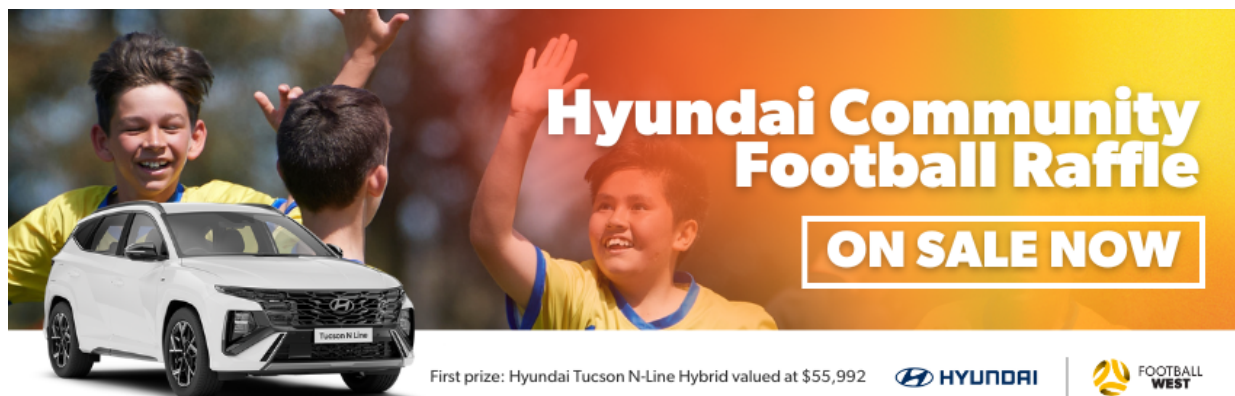
Hyundai Community Football Raffle

We're excited to be part of the **Hyundai Community Football Raffle** again this year, run by **Football West** to support local clubs like ours.

Not only do you have the chance to win an incredible **Hyundai Tucson N-Line Hybrid** (1st prize), but 100% of the proceeds from tickets purchased by BAFC players, parents, and supporters come straight back to our Club to support our fundraising efforts for 2025.

This year, it's all online - no paper tickets!

Click the image below, select **Ballajura AFC** as your club, and grab a few tickets for just \$3 each. It's as simple as that!



We'll continue to share reminders about the raffle over the coming months, and our coaches will also be in touch with their parent groups directly. We're hoping for strong participation across the Club to help us raise valuable funds for new equipment and upgrades that benefit both our junior and senior players.

Thanks in advance, everyone, for your kind and generous support of this fundraising initiative - it means a great deal to the Club and will help us continue to grow and improve.

Recent Senior Team Results

Men's First Team

- Sun 6 Apr 2025 vs Sorrento FC (Home) – 3 : 2 win (Cup Game)
- Thur 17 Apr 2025 vs Joondalup United (Home) - 3 : 1 win
- Sun 27 Apr 2025 vs Cracovia (Away) – 5 : 5 draw

Men's Reserves

- Sun 6 Apr 2025 vs Sorrento FC (Home) - 7 : 0 win (Cup Game)
- Sun 13 Apr 2025 vs Perth AFC (Away) – 2 : 1 loss
- Thur 17 Apr 2025 vs Joondalup United (Home) – 2 : 1 win
- Sun 27 Apr 2025 vs Cracovia (Away) – 3 : 1 loss

Metro ND2

- Sun 6 Apr 2025 vs Wembley Downs SC (Away) - 3 : 4 win
- Sun 13 Apr 2025 vs Whitford City SC (Home) - 2 : 3 loss
- Fri 25 Apr 2025 vs North Beach SC (Away) - 2 : 2 draw
- Sun 27 Apr 2025 vs Lynwood United FC (Home) - 3 : 1 win (Cup Game)

Metro ND6

- Sun 6 Apr 2025 vs Alkimos FC (Home) - 1 : 3 loss
- Sun 13 Apr 2025 vs Westnam United (Home) - 4 : 3 win

Masters O45s

- Sun 13 Apr 2025 vs Perth Hills United FC (Home) - 2 : 1 win
 - Sun 27 Apr 2025 vs Ellenbrook United (Home) – 1 : 4 loss
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Coach / Player Feature – Daniel Clarkson



- **Nickname & Current Role / Team?**

Clarky - Captain of Men's first team

- **How long have you been associated with BAFC?**

I've been involved with the senior men's team for the best part of 13 years - otherwise I played all my junior football at the club since 2001

- **Most memorable event during your playing / coaching time at BAFC?**

From a team perspective, winning the first team title in 2023 was amazing. On a personal level, winning the best and fairest player award for Division 1 league in 2024 was incredibly humbling.

- **Favourite football team(s) (apart from BAFC)?**

Liverpool

- **Favourite football player / coach?**

Steven Gerrard

- **Favourite food & drink (even if not available from the Canteen / Bar at BAFC)?**

I love my Danish pastries with a coffee, and I've been known to enjoy a glass of red wine from time to time.

- **What are you looking forward to football-wise in 2025?**

This year, I'm most looking forward to building on the momentum we've created over the past couple of seasons. After winning the league in 2023 and successfully consolidating our place in Division 1 last year, I'm excited to lead the group through another big year, pushing for even better performances and hopefully challenging at the top end of the table.

Fun Fact

Our Club's sustained growth has continued into the new season! With **24 teams** in 2023, **25 teams** in 2024, and now **28 teams** in 2025, we're thrilled to see our numbers continuing to grow. This season, we have **5 Senior teams**, **6 Junior teams** (13s-15s), and **17 Minirooms teams** (5/6s-12s). It's awesome to see that the **mighty Balla** is still on the rise, and we can't wait to see what the future holds for our growing Club!

Sponsor Spotlight



We're thrilled to shine a light on one of our long-time supporters - **Onside Sports!**

Over the past several years, Onside Sports has been a generous and valued partner, providing a huge range of donated and discounted equipment and teamwear to our Club.

A special thanks and shout out to our good friend **Caesar** for his ongoing help and dedication - your support means the world to us!

Don't forget to check out the awesome range of **BAFC merch** available at our **official online store**, kindly made possible by Onside Sports.

And if you're visiting their Malaga store, make sure to mention you're from **BAFC** to enjoy a **10% discount** off regular retail prices!

Thanks again to Caesar and the entire Onside Sports team for being such an important part of our Club's journey.

Upcoming Dates to Note

30 April - Next Committee Meeting

1 May - Coaches "How to use Squadi" Information Session (6:00 - 6:45pm)

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

11 May – Mothers' Day Round

Your BAFC Committee



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