



Newsletter – March 2025

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

We're thrilled to bring you all the exciting updates and news happening around the Club as we prepare for an incredible 2025 season. This newsletter is packed with highlights, from player features and sponsor spotlights to key announcements and upcoming events. There's plenty to look forward to, and we're excited to keep 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 let's make 2025 a memorable season!

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Comments from Our President



G'day Team

Our pre-season is off to a great start, with plenty happening at the Club as we prepare for our first official matches in a few weeks' time. The goals are finally up at Kingfisher, and the main pitches have been marked – many thanks to our good friend **Neil Hookway** for once again unleashing his line marking robot on our pitches this year.

It's fantastic to see so many players back on the field for friendly matches across both our Senior and Junior teams, proudly wearing our mighty Balla red strips. Recently, our Amateur Men's 1st and Reserves teams took a Club road-trip down to the south-west for their **Round 3 Australia Cup match** (Saturday, 15 March vs. Football Margaret River). Though the result didn't go our way with the 1st Team falling 2-1 in a tough match after a long bus trip, we are incredibly proud of our boys' efforts and are also thankful to the other Balla members and players who came along to support the team on the day.

I would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate **Rita Saffioti**, who successfully retained her seat of West Swan in the recent state election. As many of you may recall, Rita had pledged \$20,000 worth of specialist football equipment to the Club should the Labor government be successfully returned. We're thrilled to move forward with Rita and her office over the coming months to ensure this valuable support is realised for the benefit of all our players and members.

Finally, a massive thank you to everyone who has helped sort equipment and clean / organise our storage areas over recent weekends. This considerable effort will greatly benefit both our Junior

and Senior teams, and we kindly ask that all members continue to help maintain these areas throughout the season.

I'm now looking forward to seeing even more of our Juniors and Seniors getting into their training sessions over the coming weeks.

See you on the sidelines – let's have a great season - **GO BALLA!**

Cheers, Jason Earley (President)

Equipment & Storage Area Tidy-Ups



As you can see from the above images, a considerable amount of work has gone into sorting and organising all the Club's equipment and storage areas recently. Everything is now easily accessible and ready for the upcoming season!

Ball bags and kit bags have been refreshed and are ready for use by all of our Senior and Junior teams. Coaches, if you have not yet collected your team's equipment, please reach out to **Alex or Christina** to arrange a time to pick-up your gear.

We also kindly ask that all coaches and parents do their part to help keep these areas clean and tidy throughout the season. Returning equipment to its allocated spots in the sea-container and centre store will help avoid mess and ensure easy access for everyone over the course of the season.

A huge thank you to those tireless Committee Members who dedicated one or some of their weekends to sorting everything out for our teams. Special thanks also to **Adele Attwood** and **Marco Ferraloro** for their assistance with ball sorting on **1st March**, and to **Jason Paolone**, **Ross Harrison** and **James Batchelor** for their efforts on our big tidy-up day on **22nd March**.

Lastly, a special shout-out to **Johnny Cao** (our 7s coach) for supplying some yummy sandwiches and savory items to help fuel the team on our most recent clean-up / sort day – so greatly appreciated mate and thoroughly enjoyed (and well-earned) by everyone who helped!

C-Diploma Coaches



A big shout-out to three of our Junior coaches who recently earned their C-Diploma licence from Football West!

Jarrad Straight, **Steve Sotiroski** and **Albert Ferraloro** dedicated several weekends throughout February and March to attend the **Sam Kerr Football Centre**, where they completed this advanced course.

It's great to have more qualified coaches amongst our ranks to help train and guide our Junior and Senior players. The Club is proud to support the development of our coaches, knowing it will benefit our teams over current and future seasons.

The Foundation of Football and Miniros Certificate courses are other introductory coaching courses available through Football West, and the Club is happy to assist coaches in accessing these opportunities when they become available. If any Junior or Miniros coaches are interested in these courses, please reach out to **Christina** for more details.

Coach / Player Feature – Scott Urquhart



This month, we're shining the spotlight on **Scott Urquhart**, a dedicated member of the BAFC coaching team. We caught up with Scotty to hear about his journey at the Club, his most memorable moments, and what drives him both on and off the field.

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

Scotty – Assistant Coach of Men's Amateur Division 1 First Team

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

4 or so years now I think

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

Coaching and playing with the Reserves in 2023 and the First's title win that same year

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

Arsenal and Perth Glory

- **Favourite football player / coach?**

Thierry Henry

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

My wife's BLT and a gluten free beer

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

Getting the opportunity to coach a wonderful bunch of players with a new coaching team

A huge thanks to Scotty for sharing his story! Keep an eye out for more coach and player features as the season unfolds.

Fun Fact

Did you know that our Club's first games were played on **4th April 1993**? It was an exciting day as our first junior teams took the field for the very first time, proudly wearing our traditional red and yellow Ballajura colours.

These historic home games were held at Green Park, now known as **Alexander Heights Park** (located just across from the Ballajura Tavern), which was also the Club's very first home ground.

Sponsor Spotlight



We're excited to have **The Firkin** back on board for another year as a major sponsor! Their continued support means a lot to us, and we couldn't be more thankful for their involvement over the past few seasons.

A big shoutout to **Sanjay** and the team for their ongoing commitment – your support truly helps us grow and make each season better than the last. Cheers to more great things ahead!

Upcoming Dates to Note

2 April - Next Committee Meeting

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 & Minirooms Teams (including Clusters) – Season Commences

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