



Newsletter – May 2025

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

With the 2025 winter season now in full swing, we're excited to bring you all the latest updates and news from around the Club. This month's edition is filled with plenty of highlights – including important announcements, sponsor shout-outs, key reminders, and upcoming events you won't want to miss. There's a lot happening both on and off the field, and we're obviously very keen to keep you in the loop so you know about everything that is going on.

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

Busy, busy, busy - that's officially the phase of the season we've now entered! And what a great vibe we currently have around the Club.

With the season now well underway, it's been fantastic to see all of our Senior, Junior, and Miniroos teams out on the pitch enjoying regular training sessions and weekend matches. The energy around the Club is wonderful – and on training nights and match days, our grounds and Clubhouse are alive with activity.

On the weekends, in particular, our grounds are buzzing - with our kids out there playing the game they love, their families actively supporting and cheering from the sidelines, the canteen humming with activity, and then later in the day, our seniors and their supporters out in full force with the Clubhouse and Bar a hive of activity on most Sunday afternoons. All of which is just awesome to see!

This coming Sunday sees us observing our **BAFC / Tomás Divilly Mental Health Awareness Round** at the Club - something that is very near and dear to our hearts. We strongly encourage everyone to get along and support the senior games in big numbers as we come together to raise awareness and show our support for this very worthwhile cause. Further details about what is planned for this important round are provided below.

Our various fundraising endeavours are also now well underway, with others already locked into the calendar for later in the season - so, to the extent you're able to support these when they come around, it's so greatly appreciated. Every dollar raised goes straight back into the Club, helping us improve facilities, resources, and opportunities for all our players and members.

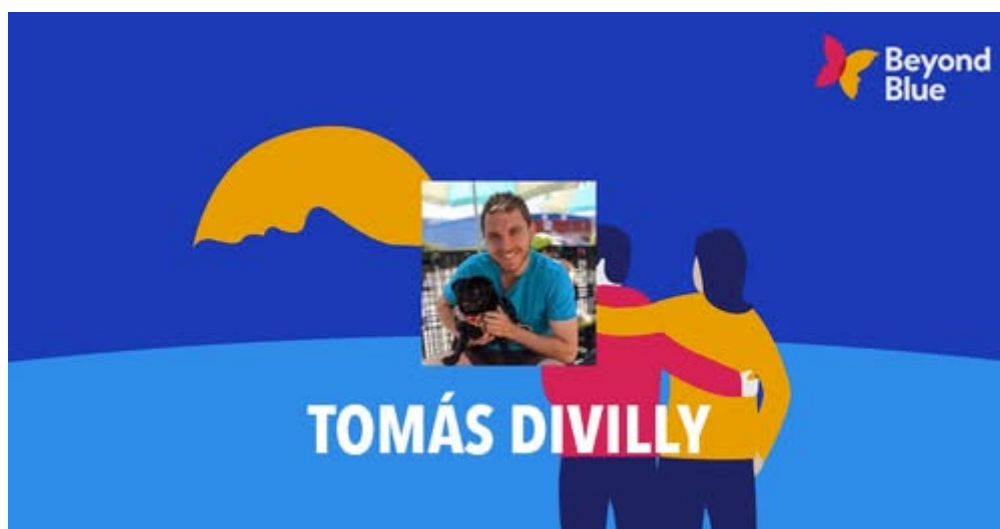
In this connection, our Sunday game meat raffles have been a huge hit, so be sure to keep an eye out for our volunteers walking around selling tickets (check out the big smiles on Helen and Sharon above - our lucky Round 2 winners!). Our annual cake stall is also happening this weekend, and as always, it's sure to be a crowd favourite. We also have the Hyundai Community Football Raffle ticking along in the background - I'd encourage you to grab a few tickets (further details below). Looking ahead, our annual Quiz Night and Bunnings Sausage Sizzle Day are already scheduled and confirmed – so keep an ear out for more info about those and be sure to get involved to help make these great events a big success for the Club.

I can't wait to catch up with many of you at the grounds and around the Clubhouse in the coming weeks as we come together to support both our kids and senior teams. Let's keep cheering loudly and proudly, but always with respect for our visiting teams and officials, so we can continue making BAFC a welcoming and respectful place for all. This is something we're really focusing on this season as we build on the great progress made over recent years.

Thanks to everyone for your ongoing help and support - and as always... **GO BALLA!**

Jason Earley (President)

BAFC / Tomás Divilly Mental Health Awareness Round



This Sunday, 1st June, marks a very special and meaningful day for the Club - our **Mental Health Awareness Round**, held in honour of our dear friend **Tomás Divilly**, who we sadly lost two years ago.

Tomás was the kind of person who truly reflected the values that Ballajura AFC is built on, and it's a **special tribute round** that gives our community, family, and friends the opportunity to honour Tom while also raising much-needed awareness around mental health.

This round will feature a minute's silence before all seniors' games, with both our First Team and Reserves proudly wearing their blue kit and blue armbands in Tom's honour. We also encourage everyone to get behind our "Buy a Beer for Tom" initiative, with a \$5 donation able to be made with each beer purchased to help raise funds for Beyond Blue. After the First Team game, the Tomás

Divilly Trophy will be presented in the Clubhouse to one of our Amateur League players who exhibits the great qualities that we always saw from Tom on and off the field - selflessness, perseverance, and fairness.



Alongside this, our **Annual Cake Stall Fundraiser** will run all day during Sunday's round, raising funds for both the Club and this very important cause. It's been a great success over the past few years, and we're hoping for the same generous support with donations of delicious cakes and treats again this year. If you love baking, feel free to bring your welcome donations to the cake stall next to the Clubhouse when you arrive at the ground that day. And don't forget to bring your gold coins and stop by to grab some sweet treats that are on offer on the day and help us raise valuable funds!

Australian Mental Health Statistics

- 45% of Australians will experience a mental health condition in their lifetime
- 14.4% of the population experience Anxiety Disorders
- 5.1% of the population deal with substance use disorders
- Suicide is the leading cause of death for Australians aged 15-44
- Less than 50% of people with a mental health condition access treatment

Support Services

- Lifeline: **13 11 14**
- Redefine Life Counselling: **www.redefinelifeline.com.au**
- Lifeline Text Support: **0477 13 11 14**
- Beyond Blue Support Service: **1300 224 636**
- eHeadspace: **1800 650 890**
- Kids Helpline: **1800 551 800**

Social Media Helper Wanted!



Are you a regular on social media and a bit of a 'dab hand' with **FACEBOOK** and **INSTAGRAM**?

We're on the lookout for someone to help us with our Club's social media posts - especially to keep our followers up to date with what's happening around the Club, and in particular, to share senior game details ahead of each weekend (and maybe a quick follow-up with how the games went).

Once a simple post template is set up, it should only take 5–10 minutes ahead of each weekend to smash out a timely blast to let all of our followers know who we are playing, where, and what's on the line. We'll obviously make sure you have all the details you need to do these weekly posts.

If you're already in and around the Club, love social media, and think you could help with these regular weekly posts, we'd really love to hear from you.

And like all the wonderful people who volunteer their time to support the Club, we're always good at looking after and rewarding our helpers in lots of little ways!

Hyundai Community Football Raffle

Don't forget to grab your tickets for the **Hyundai Community Football Raffle**!

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

No paper tickets this year - it's all online! Just click the image below, select **Ballajura AFC** as your Club, and grab a few tickets for just \$3 each.

Thanks heaps for your support - it all makes a big difference!

Hyundai Community Football Raffle

ON SALE NOW

First prize: Hyundai Tucson N-Line Hybrid valued at \$55,992

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Recent Senior Team Results

Men's First Team

- Sun 4 May vs Stirling Panthers SC (Away) – 1 : 2 win
- Sun 11 May vs Port Kennedy SC (Home) – 4 : 1 win
- Sun 18 May vs Emerald FC (Home) – 1 : 3 loss (Cup Game)
- Sun 25 May vs Alkimos FC (Away) – 3 : 0 loss

Men's Reserves

- Sun 4 May vs Stirling Panthers SC (Away) – 4 : 1 loss
- Sun 11 May vs Port Kennedy SC (Home) – 8 : 2 win
- Sun 18 May vs Emerald FC (Home) – 1 : 7 loss (Cup Game)
- Sun 25 May vs Alkimos FC (Away) – 2 : 0 loss

Metro ND2

- Sun 4 May vs UWA Nedlands FC (Home) – 1 : 0 win
- Sun 11 May vs Noranda City FC (Away) – 3 : 6 win
- Sun 18 May vs Kwinana United SC (Away) – 2 : 9 win (Cup Game)
- Sun 25 May vs Morley Windmills FC (Away) – 1 : 4 win

Metro ND6

- Sun 4 May vs Swan United FC (Home) – 2 : 4 loss
- Sun 11 May vs Stirling Macedonia FC (Away) – 1 : 2 win
- Wed 14 May vs Joondanna Blues FC (Home) – 0 : 1 loss
- Sun 25 May vs Whitford City SC (Away) – 2 : 0 loss

Masters O45s

- Sun 4 May vs North Beach SC (Away) – 2 : 0 loss
- Sun 11 May vs Woodvale FC (Home) – 6 : 2 win
- Sun 25 May vs Subiaco AFC (Away) – 3 : 2 loss

Coach / Player Feature – Nick Reid



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

Gaffa – I'm the head coach of the Metro Div 2 Team, and am also part of the BAFC Committee member where I serve as the Facilities Manager.

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

On and off for about 10 years and as a supporter for around 25 years!

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

Winning the league in 2024 as Head Coach of the Metro Div 3 Team.

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

Crystal Palace FC (2025 FA Cup Winners!!).

- **Favourite football player / coach?**

Player - Paul Gascoigne : Coach - Oliver Glasner.

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

Food - big steak : Drink - Great Northern Larger with a dash of lime (ladyboy).

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

Well my team Crystal Palace FC has already made one wish come true, but also having my Metro Div 2 lads win the league and achieve promotion to Div 1 would be the icing on the cake.

Sponsor Spotlight



This month we throw a big shout out to **AFGRI** for their generous support and sponsorship over the last few years.

For those who may not know, **AFGRI Equipment** is a leading provider of agricultural, turf, construction, and forestry machinery and services across WA. With 19 branches, they're the largest John Deere dealer in the state, delivering top-quality products and exceptional support to farmers, businesses, and contractors alike. And for the home handymen amongst us, AFGRI also play in the lawn & garden space, and in particular offer a wide range of wicked STIHL Hand Tools - well worth checking out if you are in the market for something new.

Huge thanks must also go to our good friend and BAFC stalwart **Jason Paolone**. Not only did he help forge this sponsorship arrangement with AFGRI, he's a gun and consistent performer in our Masters Over 45s team, and this year has also stepped up to coach our new 12s Girls Team. What a legend!

Thanks heaps AFGRI Equipment and Jason for your invaluable support of our Community Club - your commitment to BAFC and our community means the world to us.

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Upcoming Dates to Note

1 June – BAFC / Tomás Divilly Mental Health Awareness Round

1 June – Fundraising Cake Stall – Clubhouse

8 June – Football West Belt Up Round

15 June – No League Games for Amateur Men, Metro & Master's Leagues

24, 25, 26 June – Minirooms, Junior & Senior Team Photos – Clubhouse

Your BAFC Committee



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