

Welcome to the latest edition of the BAFC Newsletter!

As the 2025 winter season rolls on, we're thrilled to bring you the latest updates from around the Club. This month's edition is packed with exciting highlights - including important announcements, sponsor shout-outs, key reminders, and upcoming events you won't want to miss. There's a lot going on both on and off the field, and we're excited to keep you in the loop about everything happening at BAFC.

A huge thank you to the team at **Computing Australia** for their invaluable support in putting this newsletter together. We truly appreciate their efforts!

Stay tuned for more updates, and keep enjoying the second half of the 2025 season!

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## **Comments from Our President**



G'day Team

There has been so much going on at the Club lately (not to mention some great results for many of our Senior, Junior, and Miniroos teams!), and as we round the halfway mark of the season, there's even more exciting things to come.

Our **Tomás Divilly Mental Health Awareness Round** on June 1st was again a wonderful occasion at the Club. We'd like to thank everyone who came together to both honour Tom and help raise awareness for mental health during this special tribute round. Congratulations to **Brandon Rector** from our Men's First Team, who was awarded the **Tomás Divilly Trophy** after his stand-out performance in the 6-2 win, rounding out a fantastic day in front of a healthy and parochial crowd.

We'd also like to thank everyone who supported our **Annual Cake Stall Fundraiser** on the same day, by either bringing in some yummy home baked goodies, or purchasing these delicious goodies with their gold coins. It's these small initiatives that really capture the spirit of what a community club is all about, and having such great support from our members and parents is truly heartwarming.

Equally exciting was seeing our **U8 Purple Koalas** walk out as mascots for the **Persebaya vs WA State Team** match on July 9th at the Sam Kerr Football Stadium. Huge thanks to **Christina**, **Robbie**, and all the parents who made this memorable experience possible for our kids.

Additionally, some more of our Miniroos players will get to enjoy a similar thrill when they join in the Junior march past, which is planned for the upcoming **AC Milan vs Perth Glory game** at HBF Park on July 31st. A big thanks to **Football West** for reaching out to our Club with this incredible opportunity, which is being offered to only a select few clubs.

The Club is also extremely proud to be supporting the **Play in Purple** initiative on Sunday, August 3rd, where all of our teams will wear purple socks instead of their usual yellow socks to help raise awareness for pancreatic cancer - a cause very close to our hearts with several members directly impacted by this horrible disease. Further details are provided below, and we'd strongly encourage you to get behind this very worthwhile cause.

Looking ahead, we're excited for our **Annual Quiz Night** coming up next week - always a great event on our social calendar. While all tables are now sold out, if you're keen, there might still be a rare spot available on someone's table if you ask around! We'd also greatly appreciate any additional prize donations from local businesses - whether it's gift vouchers, food, cash sponsorship, or other items – so do please let us know if you may be able to help out in any way.

Finally, a <u>huge thanks to all teams and coaches</u> for making our recent **team photo days** go as smoothly as they could. It's always nice to hear from our external photographer how much more organised we were compared to other clubs. Special thanks to **Christina** for handling all the logistics across all three days. Don't forget to place your photo orders if you haven't already - photo products will be available later in the year, with Junior and Miniroos photos being distributed at our **Junior Trophy Day in October**.

Enjoy reading all the updates below, and as always, be sure to cheer positively and loudly when supporting our teams (while being respectful to officials and opposing teams). I look forward to seeing you at training and at our home games over the coming weeks.

Thanks everyone - and as always... GO BALLA!

Jason Earley (President)

## **Play in Purple**

On **Sunday, August 3rd**, our Club will proudly support the Pankind **Play in Purple** initiative, with all of our teams donning purple socks that weekend to help raise awareness around pancreatic cancer.



With 3 of our members directly impacted by this insidious disease, this is a cause that is very near and dear to our hearts, and we hope that all of our members and supporters will equally get behind and support this initiative!

Pancreatic cancer is a serious and growing health concern, with increasing incidence rates and a very low survival rate. By joining hundreds of other sports clubs across Australia, we hope to help raise awareness around pancreatic cancer while spreading the vital message that a healthy lifestyle, exercise, and social connections can reduce the risk of cancer.

The Club has purchased purple socks for ALL Senior, Junior, and Miniroos players as part of our donation to Pankind, and these will replace our regular yellow club socks for that weekend.

Individual donations back to the Club to cover all or some of the cost of these socks (\$15 per pair) are greatly encouraged and will be very welcome, and can be made directly via team coaches (cash) or directly into the Clubs' football account (BSB 066-167, Acc No 1060 5173, REF Play in Purple).

We urge everyone to get behind this important initiative, as it aims to not only help improve the survival rate for pancreatic cancer but also enhance the quality of life for those affected.

Let's show our support for Pankind and make a difference together!

## **Secondhand Uniform Shop**

With the help of some of our wonderful parents, the Club is setting up a **Second-hand Uniform Shop** to help support our families and players!

If you have any outgrown or unused kits (training tops, shorts, socks, boots, etc.), please consider donating them back to the Club. Your donation will help other families access affordable gear and ensure more kids can wear the Balla colours and play with pride.

Clean, usable items can be dropped off at the clubrooms on game day, or otherwise just bring them to training and hand them to your coach, who will pass them on to the Club.

All funds raised from sales of second-hand items will go directly back to the Club to support our teams and facilities. Let's support each other and give our old kits a second chance!

A massive shout-out to **Jo Burkin**, our 15s JCL Manager, and **Sharon Muir** for suggesting this great idea and helping to get it off the ground.

### **BAFC Code of Conduct**

With the mid-point of the winter season and our only free weekend during the Junior / Miniroo competitions now behind us, this is as good an opportunity as any to remind everyone of the Club's formal **Code of Conduct** and the expectations that apply to ALL Ballajura AFC Players, Coaches, Parents, and Supporters alike.



#### **BALLAJURA ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL CLUB**

Code of Conduct

MANDATORY AND ENFORCEABLE CODES OF CONDUCT FOR COACHES, PLAYERS, PARENTS, SUPPORTERS AND OFFICIALS

As a club operated by volunteers for the benefit of its members, all members of the Ballajura Association Football Club (Ballajura AFC) have an individual and collective responsibility to contribute in a positive way to the operations of their club.

The Ballajura Association Football Club Code of conduct applies to all members and their guests which include players, parents, spectators, of Ballajura AFC and other clubs visiting our facilities for sporting competitions and social functions.

Over the past month, we've had a couple of incidents where individuals involved in or at different matches have gotten a bit 'too emotional or excited' and let their behaviour get the better of them. While we fully understand how easy it is to get overly invested in our own or our kids' games, particularly when we might

feel we're getting 'the wrong end of the stick', at no time should our behaviour boil over and become rude, intimidating, or aggressive in any way.

The Club has a **zero tolerance policy** toward any inappropriate behaviour, whether directed to officials, players, or parents / supporters! We strive to maintain a strong community feel at our Club and want everyone to feel safe and welcome when they come to our home ground. By all means, support our teams fiercely and loudly, and encourage our kids as much as you can - we love seeing this! But just remember that this isn't the World Cup, and bad / intimidating behaviour by opposing teams / supporters doesn't mean we need to respond in kind (as tough as that can be at times).

A copy of our Code of Conduct can be found by clicking on the image above or by accessing the document **here**. We'd encourage you to give it a quick glance at some point.

We look forward to all of our teams and parents / supporters enjoying the second part of the winter season and helping us showcase Ballajura AFC as a strong, prospering, and welcoming community club.

## **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!



## **Recent Senior Team Results**

#### **Men's First Team**

• Sun 1 June vs Canning City FC (Home) – 6:2 win

- Sun 8 June vs Kwinana United SC (Away) 1:2 win
- Sun 22 June vs Southern Spirit SC (Away) 1:3 win
- Sun 29 June vs Ellenbrook United FC (Home) 2:2 draw
- Sun 6 July vs Quinns FC (Away) 1:3 win
- Sun 13 July vs Perth AFC (Home) 1:3 loss

#### **Men's Reserves**

- Sun 1 June vs Canning City FC (Home) 2:1 win
- Sun 8 June vs Kwinana United SC (Away) 0:0 draw
- Sun 22 June vs Southern Spirit SC (Away) 1:3 win
- Sun 29 June vs Ellenbrook United FC (Home) 2:1 win
- Sun 6 July vs Quinns FC (Away) 3:4 win
- Sun 13 July vs Perth AFC (Home) 2: 2 draw

#### **Metro ND2**

- Sun 1 June vs Joondanna Blues FC (Home) 3:3 draw
- Sun 8 June vs Inglewood United FC (Away) 0:8 win
- Sun 22 June vs Tuart Hill Junior SC (Home) 3:1 win
- Sun 29 June vs Wembley Downs SC (Home) 2:2 draw
- Sun 6 July vs Whitford City SC (Away) 3:6 win

#### **Metro ND6**

- Sun 1 June vs Morley Windmills (Home) 2:2 draw
- Sun 8 June vs Alkimos FC (Away) 2:2 draw
- Sun 22 June vs Westnam United (Away) 3:7 win
- Sun 29 June vs Joondanna Blues FC (Home) 2:2 draw
- Sun 6 July vs Swan United FC (Away) 1:1 draw

#### **Masters 045s**

- Sun 1 June vs Joondalup City FC (Home) 3:1 win
- Sun 8 June vs Belmont City FC (Away) 2:3 win
- Sun 15 June vs Noranda City FC (Away) 3:1 loss
- Sun 22 June vs Wembley Downs FC (Home) 12:0 win
- Sun 29 June vs Quinns FC (Away) 3:0 loss
- Sun 6 July vs Morley Windmills (Home) 2:3 loss

## **Coach / Player Feature - Arthur Harrison**



#### • Nickname & Current Role / Team?

Don't really have a nickname ... maybe Arth or Art - I'm one of the Coaches for the Amateur Reserves Team and I'm the Secretary on the BAFC Committee.

### • How long have you been associated with BAFC?

I've been associated with the Club for as long as I can remember ... think it's around 15+ years with a 3 year gap in there somewhere and I've been a part of the BAFC Committee for 8 going on 9 years.

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

There's so many to choose from but there is something special about when you're coaching juniors and you watch a player grow from someone learning how to kick a ball and then the pure joy of them scoring a goal for the first time.

### • Favourite football team(s) (apart from BAFC)?

Liverpool FC YNWA

## • Favourite football player / coach?

This is a tough one, but growing up watching Liverpool it was Martin Škrtel, nowadays I know he's left, but Trent Alexander-Arnold is the player I like the most.

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

Can't beat a good steak and a pint of cider.

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

Growing and learning in this new role that I've taken on as a senior coach and seeing what we can achieve as a squad with the Amateurs.

## **Sponsor Spotlight**



This month, we're shining a light on **Nogi Lane**, who has been a fantastic Club Sponsor for the past couple of years. If you're on the hunt for scrumptious food or a banging coffee, Nogi Lane at 308 The Strand in Dianella is the best place to be!

Callum Ellis, one of our Men's 1st Team players, and his staff will make sure you're well looked after and leave completely satisfied.

With great food, exceptional service, and being fantastic supporters of our Club, Nogi Lane truly deserves your visit.

Big thanks to Callum and the team at Nogi Lane for their ongoing support of our Community Club.

# **Upcoming Dates to Note**

25 July - Annual Quiz Night - Clubhouse

31 July - AC Milan vs Perth Glory (Miniroos march past) - HBF Park

**3 August** – Play in Purple initiative – All games

**6 August** – Next BAFC Committee Meeting - Clubhouse

**30 August** – BAFC Bunnings Sausage Sizzle – Bunnings Malaga

# **Your BAFC Committee**



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President



Albert Ferraloro
Vice President



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Co - Treasurer



**Shaun Lacey**Co - Treasurer



**Arthur Harrison**Secretary



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## **Committee Members**

Alex Galaz Nick Reid Rob Bianchini Belinda Carroll Phil Haddock

# **Thank You to Our Club Sponsors**



























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