

Welcome to the latest edition of the Ballajura AFC Newsletter

After a well-earned off-season break, it's great to see our players, families, and supporters ready for another exciting year of football. This edition highlights the many achievements of 2025, recognises the incredible efforts of our teams, volunteers, and sponsors, and looks ahead to a big season in 2026.

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 2026 another memorable season for Ballajura AFC!

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Comments from Our President



Hi Everyone and welcome to the 2026 football season!

We trust all players, parents, and supporters are well rested from the off-season and are now looking forward to a new season of football fun, challenges and triumphs.

A huge congratulations again to all of our junior and senior teams for their incredible efforts in 2025. We love the joy and fulfillment that our sport can bring to many, and all the more better when there are so many individual and team achievements we can get to celebrate along the journey. Summaries and awards lists from our Junior Trophy Presentation and Senior Awards Night are included below, and I'd encourage you have a look through the long list of award winners. Some nice pics from each event can also be viewed on the **Gallery page** of our website.

Great to also see so many Miniroos and Juniors attend our Trials Day back on 23 November. Some initial 'controlled chaos' quickly improved and it was wonderful to see so much interest in the Club with a large number of pre-registrations taken for the 2026 season.

Our Club AGM then took place that same afternoon, where we saw a number of changes within our hardworking Committee. I'd firstly like to express my sincere thanks to our outgoing Secretary, **Arthur Harrison**, for his stellar efforts while in this role. Whether it was preparing

Minutes, marking pitches, or cleaning the beer lines in the bar, Arthur always went above and beyond with his efforts. **Alex Galaz** has ably stepped into the Secretary role, and we know he will also do a great job, noting also that Arthur is not being lost to us, and is remaining on the Committee to help however he can when he is in Perth. Thanks also to **Jo Burkin** for stepping into the new position of Junior Registrar, and also to **Johnny Cao**, **Wladimir Jakimowicz**, and **Ciara Fitzpatrick** for stepping onto the Committee recently.

It would also be remise of me to not thank our incredible Sponsors and Supporters, as well as our volunteer Coaches and Managers, and everyone else on our hardworking Committee who are the lifeblood of our Club. Without their collective support and tireless efforts, our Club would struggle to deliver and achieve the many accomplishments we did in 2025.

Just to highlight a few of these achievements, I have noted the following:

- **First Team Amateur Division 1** - Promoted to Amateur Premier Division and voted Club Senior Team of the Year
- **Daniel Clarkson & Joshua Anderson** - Selected for the WA Amateur State Team
- **Daniel Clarkson** - Voted as the Amateur Division 1 Fairest & Best Player
- **Men's Metro North Division 2** - Promoted to North Division 1
- **Francesco D'Agostino** - Leading goal scorer for Metro North Division 2
- **BAFC 15s JDL2** - Mid-season promotion from JDL3 to JDL2 and voted Club Junior Team of the Year
- **BAFC 13s JCL ND4** - League and top-4 cup winners

We now look forward to a bigger and better season for all of our members, players and supporters in 2026.

Hopefully everyone will also note the new goals, portable lights and other specialist training gear that the club purchased over the off-season (with huge thanks to **Rita Saffioti** and the pledged contribution she provided to our Club last year).

Finally, don't forget our **Miniroos & Junior Registration Day** which is happening THIS SUNDAY at the Clubhouse from 10am - 2pm. More details are provided below about registration requirements and we hope to see lots of people there on the day collecting their Balla gear.

Thanks again everyone for your ongoing support and I look forward to seeing everyone back on the field and enjoying our World Game as the next few weeks and months roll on by.

Looking forward to another great season for our Club - and as always … **GO BALLA!**

Cheers,
Jason Earley (President)

2026 Registrations

As many of you will already be aware, the **PlayFootball self-registration portal** is now open and the Club is currently taking registrations for Miniroos & Juniors for the 2026 football season. Check out our **Registration Info** on our website or please reach out to our **Registrars Christina and Jo** if you have any questions about signing-up with Ballajura AFC this year.

To help avoid any confusion with registrations:

- ALL REGISTRATIONS require to be completed via the **Play Football online portal** as highlighted in our Registration Info
- If you pre-paid your fees back in November, you still require to complete a registration in Play Football
- Online registrations via Play Football are also still required even if you do a KidSport application for your child

And don't forget that our **Junior & Miniroos Registration Day** is happening **this Sunday on 8 February 2026, from 10am to 2pm** at the Clubhouse.

This is where new and returning players can finalise any payments and collect their registration items… assuming they have done their prior online registration via the **PlayFootball portal**.

We look forward to seeing many of you there on Sunday.

Secondhand Uniform Shop

Just a reminder as the new season approaches that, with the help of some of our wonderful parents, the club has set up a **Secondhand Uniform Shop** to help support our families and players.

If you've recently done a sort of your kids' clothes before they head back to school and found any outgrown or unused kits (including training tops, shorts, socks, boots, etc.), please consider donating these to the Secondhand Uniform Shop instead of sending them to landfill.

Your donations will help us to continue to build-up a stash of affordable secondhand gear ahead of the new season and help ensure more kids can wear the Balla colours and play with pride.

Clean, usable items can be dropped off at the clubrooms on our Miniroos & Junior Registration Day on 8th February, otherwise please reach out to us and we can arrange a time for these to be dropped off at the Clubhouse or to one of our Committee Members.

With all funds raised from sales of secondhand items going directly back to the Club to support our teams and facilities, we hope that many of our Balla families will get behind this wonderful initiative and help give our old kits a second chance.

Senior Awards Night 2025

Saturday 1 November 2025 proved to be another great night on the Balla social calendar when we had a very good crowd join us at Cleaver Hall in West Perth for our Senior Awards Night.

It's always wonderful to see so many loyal members, supporters and friendly faces helping to celebrate the fabulous achievements of our senior teams.

A special shout-out as well to those valued sponsors who were also able to join us on the night including folk from **Computing Australia Group**, **Signarama**, **Pool Robotics Perth**, **Nogi Lane**, **Oceania Plumbing & Gas**, and **Apex Tiling & Stone**.

A special shout-out must again go out to **Christina** for her massive effort in bringing the event together for the rest of us to enjoy, and to her various helpers who popped in and out over the course of the day the get the venue readied for another very enjoyed Club event.

Congratulations to all our award winners from our senior teams whose efforts and dedication on and off the field were exceptional throughout the 2025 season.

Men's Metro North Division 6 (Coach – Alex Galaz)



- Coaches' Award - Aaron Jefferies
- Golden Boot - Benjamin Franklin
- Players' Player of the Year - Benjamin Franklin
- Runner-Up Player of the Year - Daniel Vince
- Player of the Year - Kyle Da Camara

Men's Metro North Division 2 (Coach – Nick Reid) – Promoted to North Division 1!



- Coaches' Award – Jordan Perry
- Golden Boot – Francesco D'Agostino
- Players' Player of the Year – Johnny Thompson
- Runner-Up Player of the Year – Jake Everett
- Player of the Year – Dean Payne
- **Special Mention – Francesco D'Agostino was also the leading goal scorer for Metro North Division 2**

Masters 45s North Division 3 (Coach – David Shephard)



- Coaches' Award – Jason Paolone
- Golden Boot – David Shephard
- Players' Player of the Year – Steven Strangward
- Runner-Up Player of the Year – Philipp Stocker & Dejan Pavlovic
- Player of the Year – Steven Strangward

Reserves Team Amateur Division 1 (Coaches - Arthur Harrison & Wayne Culverwell)



- Coaches' Award – Alex Tharby
- Golden Boot – Robert Mc Donnell
- Players' Player of the Year – Alex Tharby, Paul Le, Brendan Divilly
- Runner-Up Player of the Year – Alex Corner & Brendan Divilly
- Player of the Year – Zachary Tun

First Team Amateur Division 1 (Shane Fitzpatrick & Scott Urquhart) – Promoted to Amateur Premier Division!



- Coaches' Award – Rhys Booth
- Golden Boot – Lucias King
- Players' Player of the Year – Daniel Clarkson & Liam Kubach
- Runner-Up Player of the Year – Liam Kubach
- Player of the Year - Lucias King
- **Special Mention 1 – Daniel Clarkson & Joshua Anderson selected for the WA Amateur State Team**
- **Special Mention 2 – Daniel Clarkson was voted as the Amateur Division 1 Fairest & Best Player**
- **Special Mention 3 - First Team Amateur Division 1 team also claimed the Club Senior Team of the Year Trophy**

- PDRS Goal of the Year – Francesco D'Agostino
- Goalkeeper of the Year – Andrew Craster (Shrekky)
- Dean Shaw Club Person of the Year – Johnny Cao

Junior Trophy Presentation 2025

Despite a slightly improvised start due to some minor showers, 19 October 2025 saw another fantastic turnout for our Junior & Miniroos Trophy Presentation day at our Clubhouse.

It's always so wonderful to see all our Junior & Miniroos teams come together to celebrate their successful football seasons and acknowledge their special efforts and achievements.

Huge thanks are deserved by 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 2025 season.

BAFC 15s JDL2 (Coaches - Albert Ferraloro & Paul Dalglish) - Mid-season promotion from JDL3 to JDL2!



- Player of the Year – Koch Koch
- 1st Runner-Up (Player of the Year) – Mohammed Ahamed
- 2nd Runner-Up (Player of the Year) – Ryan Etoum
- Coaches' Award – Andre D'Vauz
- Golden Boot – Mohammed Ahamed
- **Special Mention - BAFC 15s JDL2 team also claimed the Club Junior Team of the Year Trophy**

BAFC 15s JCL ND3 (Coach – Aryan Pindolia)

- Player of the Year - Daniel Smith
- 1st Runner-Up (Player of the Year) – Aiden Bukin
- 2nd Runner-Up (Player of the Year) – Brody Bowra
- Coaches' Award – Jackson Fisher
- Golden Boot – Abass Al-Zayadi

BAFC 14s JDL5 (Coaches - Steve Sotiroski & Kevin Maj)

- Player of the Year – Jaydon Prior
- 1st Runner-Up (Player of the Year) – Andrew Maj
- 2nd Runner-Up (Player of the Year) – Mostafa Ahmadi
- Coaches' Award – Omar Jehel
- Golden Boot – Saif Al-Tameemi

BAFC 14s JCL ND4 (Coach - Andrew Hayden)

- Player of the Year – Andrew Hayden
- 1st Runner-Up (Player of the Year) – Xavier Stephens
- 2nd Runner-Up (Player of the Year) – Harris Ahmed
- Coaches' Award – Amr Abdelrahim
- Golden Boot – Andrew Hayden

BAFC 13s JCL ND3 (Coaches - Warren Griffin / Paul King)

- Player of the Year – Hussien Abed
- 1st Runner-Up (Player of the Year) – William McGuire
- 2nd Runner-Up (Player of the Year) – Griffin Higgins
- Coaches' Award – Lachlan Davies
- Golden Boot – Riley Cooper

BAFC 13s JCL ND4 (Coach - Jonny Thompson)



- Player of the Year – Khang Phu Pham
- 1st Runner-Up (Player of the Year) – Jai Fisher
- 2nd Runner-Up (Player of the Year) – Jacob Kennedy
- Coaches' Award – Jai Fisher
- Golden Boot – Jai Fisher
- **Special Mention - BAFC 13s JCL ND4 team won their league and their top-4 cup**

Coach / Player Feature – Jason Earley



- **Nickname & Current Role / Team?**
  El Presidente (of all the nicknames I've had over the years this is my favourite). Currently I'm BAFC President and play Masters 45s

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

- **Most memorable event during your playing / coaching time at BAFC?**
  1st team winning the league to be promoted to Division one and then promotion again to Sunday Premier League. Coaching my son and his team for a few years was special (going unbeaten in 9s), and coaching my daughter in 5/6/7s was also fun

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

- **Favorite football player / coach?**
  Roberto Firmino / Jurgen Klopp

- **Favourite food & drink (even if not available from the Canteen / Bar at BAFC)?**
  BLT and a pint of Swan

- **What are you looking forward to football-wise in 2026?**
  Some rest before getting prepared for Sunday Prems😉

Sponsor Spotlight

This Newsletter's Sponsor Spotlight shines on our most recent sponsor **Apex Tiling & Stone** who came onboard as a valued Club Sponsor during 2025.

If you need help with stonework or a customised tile installation, **Robbie Bianchini**, one of our Socials 1 players and club stalwart is the person to speak to!

So easy to work with and able to deliver some awesome and very professional results - just check out their various job photos on their **Facebook page**.

Huge thanks to Robbie and his team at Apex Tiling & Stone for coming on-board as one of our valued major Club Sponsors.

Upcoming Dates to Note

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

11 February - Next Club Committee Meeting - Clubhouse

14 February - 2x back to back Amateur Night Series Games (BAFC vs North Perth Utd at 5:30pm) - Kingfisher Reserve

21 February - Club Equipment & Facilities clean-up day - all help welcome (9am - 1pm) - Clubhouse

27 February - 2x back to back Amateur Night Series Games (BAFC vs Hamersley at 6:30pm) - Kingfisher Reserve

6 March - 2x back to back Amateur Night Series Games (BAFC vs Swan Utd at 6:30pm) - Kingfisher Reserve

Mid-Late March - JDL, JCL & Miniroo Teams commence training - Home Ground

Your BAFC Committee



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