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Welcome to the re-birth of the HPW Newsletter where we, the committee, keep you up to date with what is happening in your club. Areas we will cover will be volunteers, coaching, information from the Canterbury District, all the way through to the Soccerroos and the Maltidas., coaching courses and those all important dates. We will let you know when the next committee meeting is, how we are upgrading our constitution, and how we can more of you involved in 2016!

**IMPORTANT DATES :**

Medal Day at Ewen Park, 22/8/15  
 Volunteers Thankyou Night,  
 30/8/15  
 Annual General Meeting, 7/12/15

## Major Success at the Kanga Cup

The Kanga Cup takes place in Canberra every July and this year HPW had its largest number of teams enter, and its greatest success, with the 16/1 boys coached by Davey Higgins becoming champions. It also looks promising for the future with the 12/1 boys reaching the semi -finals. Well done to all boys and girls who participated..



# Volunteers

In 2015, Hurlstone Park Wanderers has struggled to obtain the number of volunteers required to run a 1500 player club, across three separate parks. The committee believe that players wanted more home games, and so was successful in securing Beaman park for the 2015 season. Having done so, means that the number of people that are required to maintain these parks has doubled.

Unfortunately, the number of people that are available to perform ground manager duties, and run the canteens has not, and so the committee are spending their weekends filling the gap. While we love to be down at the park, it becomes a burden when its every weekend.

We are hoping that this newsletter will go along way to communicating to the club, that playing for Hurlstone Park, also means that you need to Volunteer to assist in its running.

In 2016, the committee will be looking to increase the number of volunteers by having 'adopt a day', where teams will be able to nominate a day, when they can send players to help in the canteen, or be ground managers. This will be part of your registration for 2016.

We can then assign teams to their day, and then fill in the rest of the season with teams who haven't remembered to fill in their day.

Everyone at HPW, needs to help in its running, otherwise the committee has no choice but to restrict the number of players that play at HPW, to go back to one



field, and players go back to playing their home games away.



## ***Building our volunteer base: HPW players giving back to the club***

A theme of this newsletter is the importance of volunteers to keeping our club running. Did we mention that we have around 1500 players and around 90 teams playing interclub football, plus our u6-u8 who play internal games at Ewen on Saturdays.

### **John and Clare Whelan: SSF superstars**

The u6-u8 teams are overseen by a fantastic father and daughter team: longstanding HPW committee member John Whelan and his daughter Clare Whelan. John organises the games each week, makes sure there are mini-refs to control the games, sets up the fields, and makes sure our parents and supporters are well drilled with those tricky igoals (we are working on a video link for the FB page to explain the proper set up and pack up of igoals). Clare takes charge of the mini-referees and oversight of games. They have been doing this now for many years. At last year's CDSFA Annual Volunteer Recognition Celebration John's and Clare's incredibly valuable contribution to the club were recognised with a Cec Barlow Award.

If you are a parent of a player who has played at HPW in the u6-u7 in the last five years or so, then we are sure you know the huge effort that is needed to get

games happening each weekend. Let's celebrate John and Clare.



#### **Robin Hawkes and Dave Tartak**

There is hardly a HPW team that would not have had some contact with Robin or Dave, but few of you would know that Dave is our go to person for making sure that Ewen Park facilities are unlocked and unlocked each night for training, that Robin and Dave make sure that Beaman Park is set up each Saturday for games. Robin and Dave also fill in pretty much any role that is required. And Dave is the coach of Robin's 030s women's team and of the 12/1s.

#### **Billy Fraser**

Billy is the manager and co-coach of our BBC team. He has been a stalwart at HPW with his Scottish accent and his terrible Dad jokes for years and years, and has seen most of the players in the BBC team through from small sided games to their current position as our premier team. For the past few years Billy has also been Mr HPW, as the manager of the canteen at Ewen on Saturday and at Beaman on Sunday – there is no truth in the rumour that he goes where the BBQ goes. Truly Billy epitomises HPW volunteers – he has been with the club and with his team for more years than most of us care to remember.

#### **Pat and Rod Jenkins**

No one in the world can wake up early enough to be down at the park before Rod on a Sunday morning. Rod is our regular ground manager at Beaman Park on Sundays and a huge football fan. His calm systematic approach to setting up and managing fields is to be hugely admired. Pat is a regular and cheery presence in the canteen at Beaman on Sunday afternoons. What many people would not know is that Pat and Rod keep our canteens and fields functioning during the week.



#### **Lauren Paddon, Gemma Viney, Maggie Price, Claire Mannion and Alicia Ottigalli**

One of the biggest challenges for a grassroots club is finding coaches for teams. As many of you will know, at the beginning of the season, we look to parents to put their hands up, and of course, many do not feel qualified or able. Not only that, but there is the challenge of a parent who is also a coach.

One of our great achievements over the past couple of years has been to start to develop a new crop of coaches – players with huge loyalty to HPW who want to develop their football experience and give back to the club. We are particularly excited that so many of our young women players are so keen to contribute to the club and who also want to see young players develop and to contribute their time and experience to this. These players have registered as coaches, taken on teams and also gone to the effort of acquiring skills through the CDSFA training courses.

The most refreshing aspect of this is the feedback from the young players and their parents about having great role models for their football experience. HPW recognises the huge commitment of these players in giving up their time to give back to the club. It is also exciting to see these teams having great seasons. They may not be the winningest teams but they are certainly achieving.

U13/2 girls – Claire Mannion

U14/2 girls – Gemma Viney, Maggie Price and Alicia Ottigalli

U9/2 girls – Lauren Padden

U16/3c girls – Clifton Ford

### And a general shout out for our other volunteers

This year, we have been helped by quite a few volunteers, who have just put up their hand to fill in on occasions, as well as our new crop of regular volunteers. It is great that we have some new recruits to the regular volunteering positions and we want all HPW members to know who these people are. Their roles are critical because without them we would simply not be able to put games on. So a big thank you to the following people

- Laurel Walker – Saturday afternoon at Beaman
- Beaman
- Quinn Ritchie – Saturday afternoon at Beaman
- Gemma Viney – Saturday morning at Beaman
- Alicia Ottigalli – Saturday afternoon at Beaman
- Dave Tartak and Robin Hawkes – Saturday morning at Beaman
- John Whelan and Clare Whelan – Saturday morning at Ewen
- Billy Fraser – Saturday morning at Ewen and Sunday morning at Beaman
- Peter Chapman – Sunday at Beaman
- Devindar Samra – ad hoc filling in wherever

needed

- Chris Pap - ad hoc filling in wherever needed
- Susan Azzi – Saturday afternoon at Ewen Mark Halliday- ad hoc filling in wherever needed
- Jim Athan - ad hoc filling in wherever needed
- Rosalie Viney and Steve Cumming - ad hoc filling in wherever needed
- Mark Higgins - ad hoc filling in wherever needed
- Paul Kougias—ad hoc filling in wherever is needed
- Tara Brett and Margaret Blackall – Sunday morning at Ewen
- Lauren Brett - ad hoc filling in wherever needed
- Sinead Shiels - ad hoc filling in wherever needed
- Warwick Moss – results recorder

## LOL'S NOT GOALS - All Age Womens 4.

### HURLO SPIRIT WINS THROUGH

'Team' is not about 90 minutes on the pitch each week. It's not about wins and losses, trophies or medals. It's about a group of people with a common purpose who respect and care for each other.

At HPW we have many wonderful teams, some of whom are year by year champions. But as a club, it is great to celebrate the teams that come back season after season regardless of their results, and who keep playing for the love of football and the culture of their team.

In this newsletter we celebrate one of our longstanding teams, the AAW4. Many of these young women began in the club in U6, and for many of them their most recent finals appearance was losing the mixed u10 Grand Final, which they celebrated as if they'd won the World Cup.

These young women are the next generation for Hurlstone Park Wanderers. In a squad of 16 we have 3 HPW

coaches and 4 ground manager/canteen managers. But what really stands out is the spirit of this team. To give an ex-ample, one of their players lives in the Illawarra, and travels each week to come to Sydney to play with this fantastic, funny, dedicated bunch of young women.

The core of the team is two Hurlo junior teams who hung out through the junior ranks, struggling every week but loving their football. They endured seasons when single-digit losses were counted as wins, and when conceding eight goals in the first half and only four in the second was evidence of shutting down the attack.

They went from U15s into the first season of the Women's Intermediate League, where they played for three years before moving into AAW in 2015. While no one wants to count chickens, they are sitting on top two of the 'AAW4 table and can't miss out on a finals berth. What is great to see is that even though they may maintain their LolznotGoals philosophy,

they are giving their utmost to do HPW proud. And at the same time celebrating their 100+ years playing history with our club.

So what is 'team' about for this group? In their final game in their second WIL season, with no hope of making the fi-nals, playing the top of the table Marrickville team, it was nil all at half time.

It was a tough, competitive, slightly antsy game. During

the half time talk, striker Tara captured it perfectly: "We're here for the LOLs not the goals". They went on to maintain the draw, and (of course) to celebrate as if they'd won the World Cup.

If they win the next three games, they'll have something more to celebrate this year. But you know what? I reckon if they don't, they'll be fronting up next year anyway. Because that's what this team's about.



## Coaching

The FFA has a number of great resources to assist coaches to improve. All these resources can be found at:

<http://www.footballaustralia.com.au/>

Under the Get Involved section.

Coaching Curriculum at FFA is broken into 4 age groups, plus keeping

- ☑ Discovery—up to 9
- ☑ Skill Acquisition from 9 to 12
- ☑ Game Training from 13 to 17
- ☑ Performance from 17+
- ☑ Goal Keeper Training

These courses are currently running on an adhoc basis, however the committee is working with CDSFA to run these courses out of season, so that you can be ready and raring to go in 2016. So, even if you haven't coached before, but you'd love to get involved, keep an eye on our facebook page, where we will be publishing

