

The Wanderer

March 2017



Presidents Message

Welcome to our 2nd newsletter of the year. There has been a hive of activity over the last four weeks with registrations and team formations our main goal in February. We are on track to hit last year's number of over 1400 players in the Hurlo community.

During the off-season Ewen park was upgraded and re-laid with turf, new irrigation to compliment the drainage, and a new cement cylinder next to the dressing sheds. We are working with council to decide when the park will be available for play, but we are taking the view that it will not be available pre-season. That will mean we need to make other arrangements for training in March. This may involve obtaining additional fields or sharing Beaman so that teams alternate their training every second week. We will keep you updated via the website, Twitter and Facebook.

Speaking of the website, Twitter and Facebook, we will be utilising them much more in 2017. We've begun the process of revamping the website so that information is current and helpful, and it will become the primary source of information as the season progresses. We've also set up a calendar linked to the website so you can keep track of the important dates.

With the help of our sponsor Stanno, we will be launching an Online shop. You will be able to purchase a range of club, match day and training wear for players, coaches, managers and supporters. Our goal is to have you and your team fitted out and recognisable in a common club style and look.

We've also re-worked our Awards program for long standing members, to recognise those reaching the twenty and thirty year mark. Information will be available on the website shortly. Thankyou from the club for your long standing support.

Team of the Year 2016

Though we do not have official team accolades, at the 2016 AGM I made special mention of our All Age Women's Division 4 team. A team that represents all the values of the club and who would get my vote for Team of the Year. Most of the players in the team have been with the club since they were u12 or younger and stand out for their contribution to the club in terms of team spirit and community contribution. Building on a great tradition this team has established a culture of giving back to football. The team also punches above its weight in terms of volunteering with 3 coaches, a referee and 4 regular ground or canteen managers. Whenever they are needed these young women step up on and off the field. Last season, a great year of football culminated in playing in the grand final for the second year in a row.

In this month's *Team in Focus* you can read more about the history of the team and the outcome of a thrilling season in a report contributed by their coach Nick Price.

Good luck for the season and lets hope your team can be my team of the year for 2017?

Mark Higgins, President

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Key dates for 2017

- Training begins the first week of March
- 13 March - Coaches Meeting
- 20 March - Seniors Meeting
- 25 March - Bruce Drake Memorial Game
- 27 March - Managers Meeting
- 1-2 April - Season Commences
- 20/21 May - Charity Round



Coaches, Seniors and Managers Meetings

We will be holding 2017 briefings for Coaches, Seniors and Managers in the U9 and higher age groups (including U8Girls) throughout March.

- Coaches Meeting - 13 March

We will be presenting our plans for Coach Education for the 2017 season.

- Seniors Meeting - 20 March

Open forum to discuss Club and Team Goals for 2017

- Managers Meeting - 27 March

All Player ID cards will be issued to Managers

These are important information nights and we request that Coaches and Managers of the respective age are in attendance.

All meetings will be held from 7.30pm to 9pm at:

CDSFA HQ
42 Arthur Street Ashfield
(Pratten Park Bowling Club).

The bar will be open for refreshments, sandwiches and snacks at each meeting.

For more information and to view the HPW Calendar click [here](#)

Hurlstone Park Wanderers are a community club, that promotes playing football in an inclusive manner, with respect for opponents, officials, and for the love of the game.

Support Charity Round 2017

A reminder that we will be holding a Charity Round on the weekend of 20/21 May 2017. We encourage each team to support our efforts in their own way. This year we will be raising money for the following charities:



Some ways that your team can get involved include:

- Purchasing a set of Pink socks (\$10 for junior players, \$15 for senior players) and/or Charity Day Pink Jerseys (\$50 per player) to wear during this round.

If your team would like to be involved, confirm your Team details, number of socks or jerseys required and sizing's via email: fundraising@hurlstoneparkwanderers.com.au

- Donations can be made at <https://www.gofundme.com/hurlers-charity-round-2017>

For more information visit <http://hurlstoneparkwanderers.com.au/charity-round-2017/>

Team in Focus - Women's All Age 4 's (2016)

We were the team everyone loved. We started around 15 years ago as a group of school friends who got together to form a team. A few years later when in high school a few new faces joined and a solid core was formed. We played for the sheer joy of running around the park with our friends and that joy was obvious to anyone. But the main reason everyone loved them us is because we never won.

Rival teams loved playing us. The game was a guaranteed 3 points for them, and because we played completely for laughs there was no aggro or arguing. Our opponents scored lots of goals, had a win and a fun day out. Everyone was happy. At the end of every season we took our permanent position the bottom of the table, had a BBQ where there was little mention of football then we came back the next year to do it again.

By the time we reached U16s and the WIL the score lines were really blowing out. A single figure loss was cause for celebration. Our end of year goal difference

was minus 136. We scored 3 goals that year - one goal by our keeper in her only run in the outfield and two by a fill in from another team. A visit to the opposition's half induced extreme culture shock.

The next year two Hurlstone Park teams became one. Both teams were unacquainted with success. In previous seasons, the only chance of points was when we played each other. The two

groups blended immediately and oddly we started scoring some goals. We even had the occasional win. At season's end our goal difference was minus 8. But the season highlight came in the last game of our season. Against undefeated Marrickville, our girls fought and fought to hold the eventual premiers to a scoreless draw. We did this without altering our joyful spirit summed up by an attitude named 'Lolz Not Goalz' by striker Tara. The more we played without regard to the score, the more relaxed we were; the more we treated the game as just a run in the park with our friends, the better we played. We played without pressure. The worst thing that could happen was we would lose and we were used to that.

In 2015 we moved up to All Age Women. Sadly

we did so without goal keeper Maddi, who ruptured her ACL playing 6-a-side. By Midseason we were starting to find real confidence and began to win a few games. By the end of the season we were top of Division 4 and played our first ever finals match.



The girls in 2006 !

We won 2-1 courtesy of an unbelievable goal-to-goal solo run by captain Alicia and a header from Gabi that sent us into a Grand Final. Sadly, the constant targeting of Alicia by oppositions had taken its toll and the captain was unable to stretch out. The team was also missing talisman Gemma who was following the game from Canada. We went down 0-2 but we took the blow like we always did, with heads held high.

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Team in Focus ... continued

In 2016 we started like a train, scoring buckets of goals in the opening rounds and bolstered by the welcome return of keeper Maddi. Early in her first game back, despite the trepidation of testing out her new knee, Maddi found herself high in the air, horizontal to the ground, clutching a powerful shot to her chest. No one can resist that inspiration. The sight of her hugging her father at the end of a hugely successful return caused bottom lips to tremble for miles around. Injuries and other absences saw the team slip down the ladder but when the full squad became available late in the season we stunned unbeaten leaders Marrickville to cling on to third spot at the end of the regular season.

Week one's finals opponent was the fast rising National Sports. We took a 2-0 lead to half time, and led 3-2 with seconds left on the clock. Annoyingly, a National Sports' corner found the back of the net and we headed to golden goal. With less than a minute and a half before penalties Gabi willed her exhausted body onto a through ball from Nat to get there in front of their keeper and start the celebrations. Week two opponents were Russel Lea, who had won the previous two matches between the sides. Trailing 0-1 at half time we thought there was nothing between the teams. At the end of the match, however there was, courtesy of another hat trick from Alicia and a defence expertly led by Margaret. Week three and consecutive Grand Finals, some thing inconceivable a few short years earlier. Cheered on by a crowd full of family and body painted friends our girls took on Marrickville, whose loss to us was the only blemish on their season. A Gabi goal against the run of play gave us a 1-0 lead at the break but two quick second half goals saw the girls in red dominating the score line. In recent memory such a setback may have opened the flood gates, but a fighting spirit combined with the low pressure 'Lolz Not Goalz' mantra meant our Hurlo girls refused to buckle. Alicia glided past defenders to equalise with five minutes to play and at the end of

the 90 minutes the teams were locked at 2-2. Extra time was never going to be easy. The end seemed nigh when a Marrickville midfielder sprinted up the line to find herself, or so she thought, one on one with Maddi. Somehow Emma, after 105 minutes, made a 60 metre dash to cut her off, without conceding so much as a corner. Alicia and Maggie pulled their boots on, struggled to their feet and stepped onto the pitch in the last minute of extra time to be eligible for the inevitable penalties. We kicked first, with our first two kicks being saved, as were Marrickville's. Up stepped Tara, pale with nerves, to slam her shot into the back of the net and take the lead. That lead was maintained by Maddi diving full length to her right to palm the ball around the post. Up limped Alicia. A precision pass into the corner meant Marrickville had to score to stay in the contest. The pressure was too much. The ball flew over the bar and the tears and screaming began. It may stop soon.

So with that showing, the AAW4s brought home our first trophy. We did this without wavering from our commitment to playing for nothing but the Lolz, and as our supporters keep telling us, we represent the very best in sport. Easy beats no longer, we will continue to play with the same spirit and attitude and try to remain the team that everyone loves.





Small Sided Football (SSF) - U6, U7, U8 Update

PARENT VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers are required for the following:

House Manager - the Club needs a contact person in each house who will be provided with contact numbers for all members of the house. Age-coordinators will let the House Manager know if, for example, games have been washed out or the house is playing an away game. As decisions about washouts are often made late on Friday or very early on Saturday morning, the House Manager will need to be easily contactable by mobile phone.

Coaches - As the houses train together but play as several different teams, we need 4-6 people from each U6 and U7 house who are able to assist with training and games, and 2-3 from each U8 house. At this level, a lot of your 'coaching' will be about making sure the children are running the right way and not wandering off the pitch, singing, 30 seconds into the game. The only skills you need are skills you already have as a parent. We will provide support and some activities for coaches as the season goes on.

All parents - Set up, pack up, jersey washing and orange rosters. We are a volunteer club, and we rely on our members to assist. All parents are required to assist with set up and pack up of fields. The playing jerseys are returned to the bag each week, and the house manager will organise a roster for washing them. Your house may also like to organise half time oranges on the same roster.

TRAINING

Training is at Ewen Park on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday from 5:00pm-6:00pm. Children should not be left at training without an adult who is responsible for them. The coaches will be running training for 20 children, and cannot be expected to search for any one child's water bottle, or to accompany them to the bathroom. We recognise that the 5:00pm slot can be tricky for parents and the Club encourages carpooling and parents sharing responsibility. This is one of the major benefits of the House system.

Bring your own water bottle. Bottle sharing is not permitted.

Each child must wear shin pads to training and games. Shin pads are to be worn underneath the socks, not over the top. Football Boots are not compulsory at this age, strong sports shoes are a reasonable substitute. Please be punctual to training. Try to aim to be there about at the latest 5 minutes beforehand, ready to go so that the session can start on time. Older age groups will start training at 6.00pm, so starting late limits the time available to you. If you cannot make it, please notify your House Managers. Remember that some training activities rely on an even number of players, or groups of three, so the person running training needs to know how many players to expect.

GAME DAY

The season runs from the first week in April until the last week in August – we will circulate the exact dates closer to the season starting. Games will be at Ewen Park (Tennant Parade, Hurlstone Park), with Under 6s kicking off at 8.30 and Under 7s at 9.15. U6 and U7 games comprise two 15 minute halves with a short break between halves. U8 games will start at about 10.30, and comprise two 20-minute halves. The referee is in charge of the duration of the halves. We are a winter sport, so will play in the rain. Please assume that games are on unless you hear from the club that the ground is closed. Game Coordinators and the referees are responsible for running the games, and will rely on parents to assist with setting up the fields.

GAME DAY GUIDELINES

Be at the ground at least 20 minutes before your designated kick off so that the game day teams can be organised and parents can set up the fields. When all the fields are set up, space between the fields is quite limited- please comply with requests from our ground managers about where to stand. The Club's values are based on fairness, participation and enjoyment. Let the children play, and please leave the coaching to the coaches.

We remind all players and parents that the Club has a zero-tolerance approach to inappropriate conduct towards match officials at all levels.

Everything you ever wanted to know about Team grading

During the month of February, Age Coordinators are working hard to get teams formed and ready for submission to Football Canterbury (CDSFA). For a team to be accepted we need 11 paid up players by the beginning of March. For a team to be viable we need to know that there are at least 13 players who are committed to the season.

We are often asked about the Team grading process, and thought it would be good for our players to gain an understanding of the process, what happens next and to hopefully unravel the mysteries of CDSFA grading.

First of all, our u6, u7 and u8 mixed teams are not submitted for grading. For teams from u8 girls and u9 mixed up, we submit teams into the CDSFA competition. After that, it's over to the CDSFA Grading Committees. There are five grading committees: SSG (or Miniroos) (u8-u11 mixed), Youth (u12-u17 mixed/boys), Senior 1 (U18 U21, AA men), Senior 2 (035 and 045 men), and Women's (u8 girls to 030 women).

There are rules and guidelines that apply for these Committees to help them with grading. For example, in u12 and above, if there are 7 or more players who played in the team last season, this constitutes a "returning team", and this will be considered in grading.

If the team won Division 2 last year, they will very likely be promoted to Division 1.

There are also some tricky parameters to manage: in the big age groups (all age men, 035 men, u9-u12) there are many teams (40 or more) so lots of options about how to allocate the teams. In some of the other age groups, there may only be between 11 and 20 teams and so the grading committee has some hard decisions about how to allocate teams, balancing number of games and ensuring that everyone has a good playing experience.

For more information, and answers to questions like the ones below, visit [Grading Overview](#) on the website:

- Why don't we just have all 8 or 10 team competitions?
- Why did we get graded in Division 1 when we didn't win Division 2 last year?
- Can teams appeal against the grading decision?
- What if we don't submit a full team list of 11 players on grading night what happens?
- What are the rules that govern grading?
- Can we get regraded during the season?

Approved Club Kits and Team Specific Sponsorship

The club has embarked on a three year deal with Stanno to refresh our entire range of shirts. No other supplier kits will be allowed to be worn by Club teams. Personalised Stanno shirts can be purchased.

If your team is thinking of obtaining individual team level sponsorship, the club asks that you follow these rules:

- Non Club Sponsors logos are not permitted on the front of HPW shirts.
- Approved Sponsorship logos are allowed on the sleeves of the shirt, and on the shorts only.
- All request for team specific sponsorship deals, must be sent to the committee for review and approval.

Should you have any questions or requests email: president@hurlstoneparkwanderers.com.au



Stanno Porto - Home Shirts 2017-2019



Keep in touch via Facebook, Twitter and Instagram

Whilst we will endeavour to keep the website up to date and publish a monthly newsletter through the season, we would like to encourage all players, coaches, managers, parents and supporters to keep in touch via Facebook, Twitter, Instagram or email. Feel free to ask a question or send photos, scores and share stories from your team throughout the season.

Website: www.hurlstoneparkwanderers.com.au/

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/HurlstoneParkWanderers>

Twitter: [@HPWanderersFC](https://twitter.com/HPWanderersFC)

Instagram: [@hurlohpw](https://www.instagram.com/hurlohpw)

Email: newsletter@hurlstoneparkwanderers.com.au



Travelling Hurlo of the Month

Here's Ian, one of our over 35 men's players (in his 12th season with the club) unpacking his Hurlstone Park Wanderers kitbag whilst camping at Seal Rocks in the offseason.



If you have a travel photo in your Hurlstone Park gear and would like to be the 'Travelling Hurlo of the Month', send them through to newsletter@hurlstoneparkwanderers.com.au or post them to our Facebook or twitter accounts.

Sponsorship Opportunities

Hurlstone Park Wanderers is a not-for-profit local sporting organisation and one of the largest football clubs in the Canterbury District.

Sponsorship opportunities are available to businesses and organisations. By sponsoring the club, you are supporting a leading local sporting club and making a vital contribution to our community. Sponsorship creates goodwill and links your business with positive community experiences.

Sponsorship allows for investment in equipment and facilities to support our players and ensure a successful future. It is an opportunity to have your brand associated with a community run club with over 1400 registered players.

If you are interested or know of any business that would be interested in sponsoring the Hurlstone Park Wanderers, please contact: sponsorship@hurlstoneparkwanderers.com.au



Team in Focus - under 15/1 (2016)

The Hurlstone Park Wanderers under 15/1 boys brought their best game with them to last season's Champion of Champions quarter-final against the best team in the state at this level.

Harrington United were until then undefeated in all competitions, winning the State Cup in July. The boys won 2-1 but the score didn't reflect the dominance they exerted over the opposition. They kept their shape throughout the game, their structured build up of play with the ball was consistent, and they remained composed at the tail end of the game when the opposition threw everything at them.

Inner west clubs in Sydney have endured a player drain to the numerous premier league clubs in the

area. This team has trained very hard all season and resisted the lure of playing at a higher level.

Whilst we have always encouraged players to trial with premiere league teams, we are very fortunate to have highly accredited coaches at our club (including our president and several past and present committee members) that have taught and mentored our coaches.

Unfortunately they lost in extra-time the following week in the semi -final against Lourdes. However, they proved to themselves they are a formidable team on their day. We wish them all the best and hope the football and life skills they've been taught helps them in their personal journeys ahead in life.





Wordsearch

Can you complete our football wordsearch ? Find and circle all of the football related words from the list below:

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Astroturf
Shoot
Save
Corner
Hook
Team

Free Kick
Dribble
Defence
Half Time
Foul
Forwards
Penalty

League
Tackle
Jersey
Score
Coach
Referee

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