

The Wanderer

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Presidents Message

Season 2017 has ended, and it is always a good time to reflect on what we set out to achieve, what went well, and what needs further work.

As a community club, we have a strategy to stay volunteer based, but this continues to come under pressure. The committee will be conducting a planning day in November, and Volunteer development, recruitment and retention will be top of the agenda.

A big thankyou to all our volunteers, to our coaches, managers, age coordinators, ground officials, canteen staff, gear steward, volunteer coordinator, our referee payment manager, our results coordinator, and the wonderful committee who have worked tirelessly since January to ensure that we have had the season we had.

A special call out to our registrar, Jim Athan, who is stepping down from the role this year. Jim has been registrar through the computerisation of registrations, and has led, not only our club, but has shown leadership at the Association level, to ensure that smaller clubs, and some not so smaller clubs, understood the changes and processed their registrations correctly. He has been outstanding, in every way, and we owe him a great deal of gratitude in registering players, coaches and managers for as long as I can remember. Thank you Jim.

The club is at a tipping point, with the secretary, the treasurer and the registrar NOT nominating for the 2018 season. This leaves the committee exposed, with three senior positions vacant, and four positions over all. The AGM will be during the first week of December, and applications forms for these positions at the end of the newsletter. If we cannot fill these positions, then we will have no choice but to reduce the number of teams that represent the club. This is not something that we have ever had to do in our 94 years, but if club members – players, coaches, managers, mums and dads and supporters - do not step up to assist, then we will have no choice. Selecting teams to miss out would not be easy, but it will come down to 'Volunteers'. The more your team helps, then more likely your team will be registered. If your team does not consist of volunteers, then the more likely your team will not be registered.

So please, we are all busy, we all have full time jobs, but the time has come to make a choice: either more people from the club step up as committee members and volunteers, or we reduce the number of teams, to fit the number of volunteers we have. The other choice is we hire people for these roles, and look to cover the estimated \$100,000 salary bill, by increasing registrations by \$100 per player. If there are other options, then please drop me an e-mail and I would be happy to discuss.

Our player growth and retention has been static for the last 3 years, hovering between 1400 and 1500 players. As we do not have the volunteers or the field, space to do so there is no plan to increase these numbers

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18 November - 2018 Season Planning

Presidents Message continued

So there you have it, the good and the bad, but always as a community based club I am confident that there are people out there who would like to help, but may not know how to go about asking. You don't need to start at the top, any assistance is appreciated, joining the committee as a junior member to see how things work or committing to volunteer in another supporting role, would be greatly appreciated.

On a more positive note, we have taken further steps this year to promote positive behaviour, to ensure that the entire Hurlo community understands that officials and ground managers are volunteers and that without opposition there is no game. Each of these deserve to be treated with the utmost respect. It is frustrating that a small number of our community still do not get it. In 2018, we will continue to promote Fair Play and a Zero Red Card Philosophy.

We took strides this year to improve our coaching development, with several meetings and sessions aimed at passing on knowledge from our senior coaches to our newbies, with the goal of building better coaches to build better players. We will look to continue these programs next season and welcome feedback as to how we can improve and continue to develop our coaches.

Unfortunately, we have struggled in the Facility development area however with changes to the Local Council and with new Council elections just occurring, movement in that space was glacial. We will be making this a key focal point in 2018, now that council has settled down, so that we can look at getting better lighting at both Ewen and Beaman.

I am extremely proud of the continued efforts of all our Mini-refs, and in particular Gemma Viney, who is their mentor and supervisor. This magnificent program continues to give young people the opportunity to develop their officiating skills in a safe environment. Nowhere is respect for officials more important than in this age bracket, and if you feel that, the result is more important than these youngsters' development, then you are at the wrong club.

We have organised and executed two 'everyone can play days' for people with less ability to play regular football, but whose passion for the game is endless. Over two weekends the number of smiling faces, enthusiastic supporters and band of volunteers was one of the highlights of the 2017 season. Huge thanks to all the Hurlo players who came down and volunteered to play, to make both days a tremendous success. We will be looking to hold this again next season.

Our newsletter has gone from strength to strength in 2017, along with our social media, the monthly newsletter has become a key communication tool, not just within our community, but it further expands our reach into the wider community. We thank all the teams that contributed photos and stories and look forward to featuring more teams next season. Finally, thank you to all that supported our Charity Round weekend and Rainbow laces weekend.

We look forward for 2018 to being bigger and hope that our teams will look to support the club not only on the park but as volunteers and with our Charity Round and fundraising efforts

Mark Higgins
President

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CDSFA Volunteer Recognition– Vince and Val Laws Medal

Award: Vince and Val Laws Medal - The Vince & Val Laws medal is given to an individual who has been nominated for their outstanding contribution to the development of football in the CDSFA. It recognises a person who has been dedicated to football across their life time and has exceeded expectations of what would normally be expected of an individual.

Winner: Albert Stein

Length of Service: 40+ years

Club and CDSFA positions held: Albert devoted 26 years to the Hurlstone Park Wanderers Club, and was the President of the club for a number of years. He was also the Treasurer of the CDSFA in 1977 and 1978. In 1984 he was the Vice President of the CDSFA and President CDSFA in 1985, 1988, 1989 and 1990.

Achievements and accomplishments during their service to the game: Albert first became involved with Hurlstone Park Wanderers in 1967 when their son Ralph registered as a player in the minis and he started off as a coach. Albert and continued to coach four sons and their teams as they grew up within the Hurlstone Park Wanderers. Shortly after his introduction to the Hurlstone Park Wanderers, Albert was elected to the committee, and later did a stint as president. Albert devoted 26 years to the Club and the Association in various positions, and was made a life member of the Association in 1992. Albert has created something of a dynasty within Hurlstone Park Wanderers, with their sons and grandchildren still very active within the club.



*Albert Stein (centre) accepting the Vince and Val Laws Medal
with the CDSFA board*

Albert was recognised by Canterbury Council for his service to the community for his work done across Hurlstone Park Wanderers and the Canterbury district. He was granted Life membership of the CDSFA in 1992. Albert has contributed over 50 years' service to the community across CDSFA and Hurlstone Park Wanderers. He has assisted with the good governance of the associations through his involvement on committees in office-bearing roles. He set the example that all of his boys followed, with Ralph coaching teams as a teenager. All of his sons have continued the tradition of getting involved in the coaching of their children's teams. Albert has coached, managed, been taxi drivers (in the 60-70's but you could fit a whole team into a Datsun), set up the field, pulled down the field, worked with council on drainage and lights, held positions on the committee. The Steins spent winter at Ewen Park for decades, and Albert still loves watching his grandchildren take to the field at Ewen. The Stein boys report that they regularly meet people who, when they learn they are Steins, pass on their gratitude for the help, training, direction and support they received from Albert.

Congratulations Albert and thank you for your volunteer efforts for the club and the association.

CDSFA Volunteer Recognition– Cec Barlow Award

Award: Cec Barlow Award - This Award was named after Mr Cecil Barlow who was President of the CDSFA for 31 consecutive seasons spanning the period 1933 and concluding at the end of the 1963 season. Cec Barlow was also instrumental in the creation of the Earlwood Wanderers Soccer Football Club after having been part of the Hurlstone Park Wanderers Soccer Football Club. Cecil Barlow was a WW1 veteran where he lost a leg in battle. Mr Cec Barlow has been acknowledged for his contribution by being awarded Life Membership of Football NSW, the CDSFA, Hurlstone Park Wanderers Soccer Football Club and Earlwood Wanderers Soccer Football Club.

Winners: Dave Tartak and Robin Hawkes

Length of service to Club football: 10 years

Volunteer positions held: Committee Member, Ground manager, Coach, Manager, Volunteer Coordinator, BBQ Coordinator

Achievements and accomplishments during their service to the game: When their son Benjamin was an u6 player, Dave Tartak and Robin Hawkes first became involved with Hurlstone Park Wanderers. Dave had already been playing in CDSFA with Enfield, but with a move of the family home to just near Ewen Park, it wasn't long before Dave and Robin were demonstrating their fantastic spirit of volunteering with Hurlstone Park Wanderers. Football is a family thing for the Hawke-Tartak family. Robin and Dave and their two children, Ben and Jordan all play for Hurlstone Park Wanderers, and have for many years now.



Robin and David (centre and right) accepting the Cec Barlow Award

They have encouraged their kids to get involved with refereeing. Benjamin has been a mini-referee and is now a CRA referee, and Jordan has become a mini-ref this year. Robin has been the manager for Benjamin's team since u10s, and is the assistant manager for Jordan's team. Dave coaches both Benjamin's and Robin's team. Together Robin and Dave have been the driving force behind the teams they are involved with, and helped teams to success in CDSFA, State Cup and Kanga Cup competitions. The whole family is down at the park most of most weekends.

Robin and Dave have become stalwarts of the Club. Robin has been a committee member over the past several years, and managed, among other things, our volunteer roster and our BBQ roster, as well as being the driving force behind Hurlstone Park Wanderers' Everyone Can Play Inclusive days for all ability players. In addition to his playing and coaching roles, Dave has been at the ground every weekend at the crack of dawn on Saturdays and Sundays as a ground manager, most often at Beaman Park, but always willing to lend a hand at any Hurlstone Park Wanderers game. Robin also regularly fulfils ground manager roles. Robin and Dave, quite simply, embody the volunteering spirit that is fundamental to grassroots football.

Congratulations David and Robin and thank you for your volunteer efforts for the club.

Grand Final Day - Under 16/1 Girls

It was cold and windy day at Pratten Park, but team spirits were high and the supporters eagerly anticipated another attempt to win the elusive Premiers title – would it finally be our day? Our girls faced off again against their long time rivals – the Leichhardt Saints – in the Grand Final. The team made it to the Grand Final against the odds by beating Russell Lea in a nail biting penalty shoot out where our goal keeper made a number of outstanding saves to get the team through.

Over the years, the team has lost and welcomed players but the core group of this team has been together for five years now. They have been Minor Premiers twice, have gone onto play in the Champion of Champions but the title of Premiers has alluded them thus far. Well, it was a historic day on 20 August as the U16/1s claimed the prize after scoring early in the first half and defended that lead with fierce determination, every player digging deep to deny the Leichhardt Saints. It wasn't always pretty but the girls stuck to the game plan. Once again our goalkeeper made a number of spectacular saves and was the player of the match. Final Score Hurlstone Park 1 - Leichhardt 0.

The girls have been extremely fortunate to have had a number of totally dedicated and passionate coaches to work with them over the years. They salute you all. A massive thank you to the managers and the parents who got them to training, supported them at matches and showed pride in the way they play the game. The girls play because they enjoy playing together and they have fun. They are good sports and are gracious both in success and defeat. We really hope to see the team back again next year.

Congratulation girls – you truly deserved the victory!



Grand Final Day Recap - Under 16/3

We absolutely could not have been prouder as a team this year to have made it through to the Grand Finals and then to have won so convincingly against our long standing and valiant rivals Concord.

The core of our team has played at Hurlstone Park since Year 1 of Primary School - so a bunch of the boys received their 10 year awards this year - but we also have some fantastic 'new' additions to the team. 3 of our players were in the same Kindergarten class at Stanmore Public School, 3 were together at Yeo Park and now the boys are scattered across 11 separate high schools from Sydney Boys High in Moore Park to Homebush Boys via Newtown, Tempe High, Leichhardt, Balmain, Christian Brothers in Lewisham, St Marouns in Dulwich Hill, Fort Street in Petersham and De La Salle College Ashfield. The boys really love meeting up again at the start of each season - and their Manager is pretty determined that none of them will ever be allowed to leave the team !!

The boys were much more nervous than they were letting on for the Grand Final and the fact that our valiant Coach Michael turned up with a really bad case of flu was not necessarily a great omen. However, about 10 minutes before the game started we found out that the one player who didn't play on the day - Darcy Miles - had just 'smashed' the City to Surf in 63 minutes. We saw that as an awesome sign and took huge inspiration from Darcy's mega run. Our 3 goals were fittingly scored by Dylan, Daniel and Keanu - who, as it happened were our top goal scorers of the year, with Dylan scoring 24, Daniel scoring 15 and Keanu scoring 8 throughout the season.



The boys voted for their own 'Player of the Year' and that honour was awarded to Freddy who worked tirelessly in defence all season to assist the goalkeepers in keeping the opposition ball out of the net. Huge thanks to Freddy and his breakneck speed. Throughout the season we played a team game and collectively learned that we preferred watermelon over oranges at half time, that the best sugary pick me up were 2 packets of Snakes and that we need a team song for next season.

Three cheers to all of our 17 players - Aiden, Arlo, Charles, Daniel, Darcy, Dean, Dylan, Freddy, Harry, Keanu, Liam, Louie, Max, Michael, Reilly, Ryan, and Sebastian - and to the fantastic parents, and dogs, who come every week to support the boys. Thanks to all at Hurlstone Park Wanderers and the CDSFA for making it all possible. Here's to 2018.

Grand Final Day Recap - Over 30 Women Div 2 B

Wow! What a season for the O30 Women's 2Bs!! Can I just start by saying that we have come such a long way since the first game of our inaugural season in 2015. A team of ladies most of whom had never played football before gave it their all in a thrashing by Marrickville A - by a margin so great, it was probably a great case for the introduction of a of mercy rule! Here we are today - third season in and we have got it together!

The weather and injury gods were kind to us this year! We had an amazing regular season and won the minor premiership as the only undefeated team in Division 2. That being said, we could only ever pull off a draw the 3 times we played Marrickville. It seemed fitting that we finished 1 and 2 with Marrickville and would have to play each other in what turned out to be a very tense semi-final. We came away with the win and took the fast pass to the Grand Final.



It was a really long two weeks between the semis and the grand final. Despite our hopes to have an all Hurlstone Park final, we were set to face Marrickville again! It was a cold and windy Sunday afternoon at Croydon Park - you could feel the excitement, nerves, butterflies and anticipation in the air! Both sides were kept to nil by half time and both returned to the pitch more determined than ever for the second half. The crowd and Hurlstone Park erupted in what we thought was a goal, only to be ruled off side by the assistant referee. The whistle blew for full time, and we were still locked at 0-0! Golden goal extra time was upon us. Luckily it was not long into the first half of extra time that we came away with the win. It really was an EPIC contest between two teams that have both come so far, particularly in 2017.

A special thanks on behalf to our coach, Greg Lekosis. Thank you so much for all the time and effort you put in to the training and game days over the last two years - and thanks for the cake! Thanks also need to go to our family and friends who came along week after week, to support us. We wouldn't have done it without you!

Looking forward to doing it all again in 2018!



Family Day 2017 Recap

The 2017 football season officially finished on August 26th with our second annual Family Fun and Presentation Day at Ewen Park. We had an estimated 300 people at the park enjoying a range of activities including a jumping castle, bubble soccer and the soccer darts as well as many playing a last game of football on the fields.

This year we presented a Coach's Award to players from under 9's- under 16's teams as well as 5 and 10-year service awards. It was wonderful to see the Hurlstone Park Community gathered to recognize the recipients of these special awards. All the players received a great t-shirt to remind them of the 2017 season. Thank you to Tim Eccles and Gene Stapleton who designed the shirts for us.

You can see by some of the photos below that the people who came along had a great time. This day could not have happened without the support of volunteers who helped hand out t-shirts, organize the awards and cook and serve the over 500 sausages!

Special mention to Yvonne Varela, Gabrielle Metry, Emma Price, Laurel Walker, Tim Nice, Jane Nice, Terry Wong, Janice Wong, David Tartak and our Co-Coordinator Robin Hawkes.

Thank you to those mentioned and for those who stepped in on the day to help!!

Have a wonderful summer and we look forward to seeing everyone in 2018!!





2017 Coach's Award

Congratulations to each of the following players who were recipients of their teams Coach's Award for the season:

8/G/1's	Julia Meaker	11/G/1 's	Claudia Meaker
9/2's	Otto Grimes.	11/G/2's	Sarah McPail
9/3 A's	Baxter Fryer	11/G/3's	Kiera Beauman
9/3 B's	Austin Wang	12/2's	Alexander Moreira
9/5	Eliza Draper	12/4's	Corey Kitcheman
9/7	Charlie Farr	12/5's	Will Nice
9/G/1's	Natasha Salmon	12/G/2's	Elsie Prosser
10/1	Fin Brady	13/1's	Charlie Hocking
10/3's	Sanjana cook	13/4 A's	Christian Harb
10/5's	Wilfred Khoo	13/4 B's	Reuben Matthews
10/7's	Zane Sheik	13/G/2 's	Ava Corey
10/G/1's	Olivia Mustapic	14/1's	Rohan Metry
10/G/2 A's	Olivia Glass	14/3's	Nicolas O 'Hearn
10/G/2 B's	Ivy Askew	14/4's	Joel Shapiro
11/2's	Oscar Hartley	14/G/2's	Eleanor McLeod
11/3's	Daniel Khoury	15/G/1's	Zoe Zawetz
11/4's	Caleb Broadbent	16/2's	Guy Hanna
11/5's	Jack Carey	16/3 A's	Frederick Rahme
11/6's	Flynn Crumlsh	16/G/1's	Tollie Donnelly-Cook
11/7's	Tobias Poidevin	16/G/3 's	Kiera Workman

2017 Hurlo T-Shirts - End of Season Sale

Do you love your kid's 2017 Hurlo T shirt and wish you had more or even one of your own?

We have limited numbers of the Hurlo End of Season 2017 shirts available for sale for \$15.

They are a great lightweight shirt, perfect for training and game day wear or just hanging out.

The Junior Hurlo the Lion shirt (top photo as shown on the right) is available only in kids sizes up to size 14.

The Senior Hurlo shirt (bottom photo as shown on the right) is available in Kids size 12 to size 16, and in Adult Small, Medium, Large and X Large

If you would like to purchase a shirt, please contact
Competitionsecretary@hurlstoneparkwanderers.com.au



#1 Volunteers: Rod and Pat Jenkins

At the Family Fun Day we had a very special presentation of Number 1 personalised jerseys to our two favourite volunteers, along with a card with messages from many of our players, coaches and managers – our very own Rod and Pat Jenkins.

Rod and Pat do so much for the club, and it has been great to see Rod back down at the park this season after his episode of ill health at the beginning of the year. We are indebted to them for how much they do to look after the stocking of the canteen, and we really missed Rod's calm presence as a ground manager at Beaman at the beginning of the season. The jerseys were the heritage stripes, with Pat's and Rod's names on the back. A few murmurs were heard suggesting the club should return to the heritage jersey, they look so good!



Pat and Rod Jenkins with their #1 Personalised Hurlstone Park Wanderers FC Jerseys

2017 Members Registration Raffle Winners

We are please to announce the lucky winners of the 2017 Registration Draw are Maximus Wignall (10/5), Spencer Smith (11/4) and Charlotte Fay Korell (15Girls).

Each will receive a Family Platinum Membership for the Sydney FC 2017/18 season. Congratulations.

NEEDED CLUB ADMINISTRATORS

Honorarium positions



Club Administrators are required to assist with numerous roles next season. The roles include management of the;

- player registrations
- match results
- competition
- referee payments
- club's canteen
- club's social media
- club's website

Does this sound like something for you?

All training and support is provided.

* Honorarium - payment for services normally volunteered

For all enquiries, contact Jim Athan at
registrar@hurlstoneparkwanderers.com.au





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

Travelling Hurlo of the Month

This month's travelling Hurlo is Miss Zoe, from our Under 15/1 Girls in Tokyo supporting the Socceroos in the recent World Cup Qualifier against Japan.

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 via the email address below or post them to our Facebook, Instagram or Twitter accounts

Hastag: #gohurlo



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.

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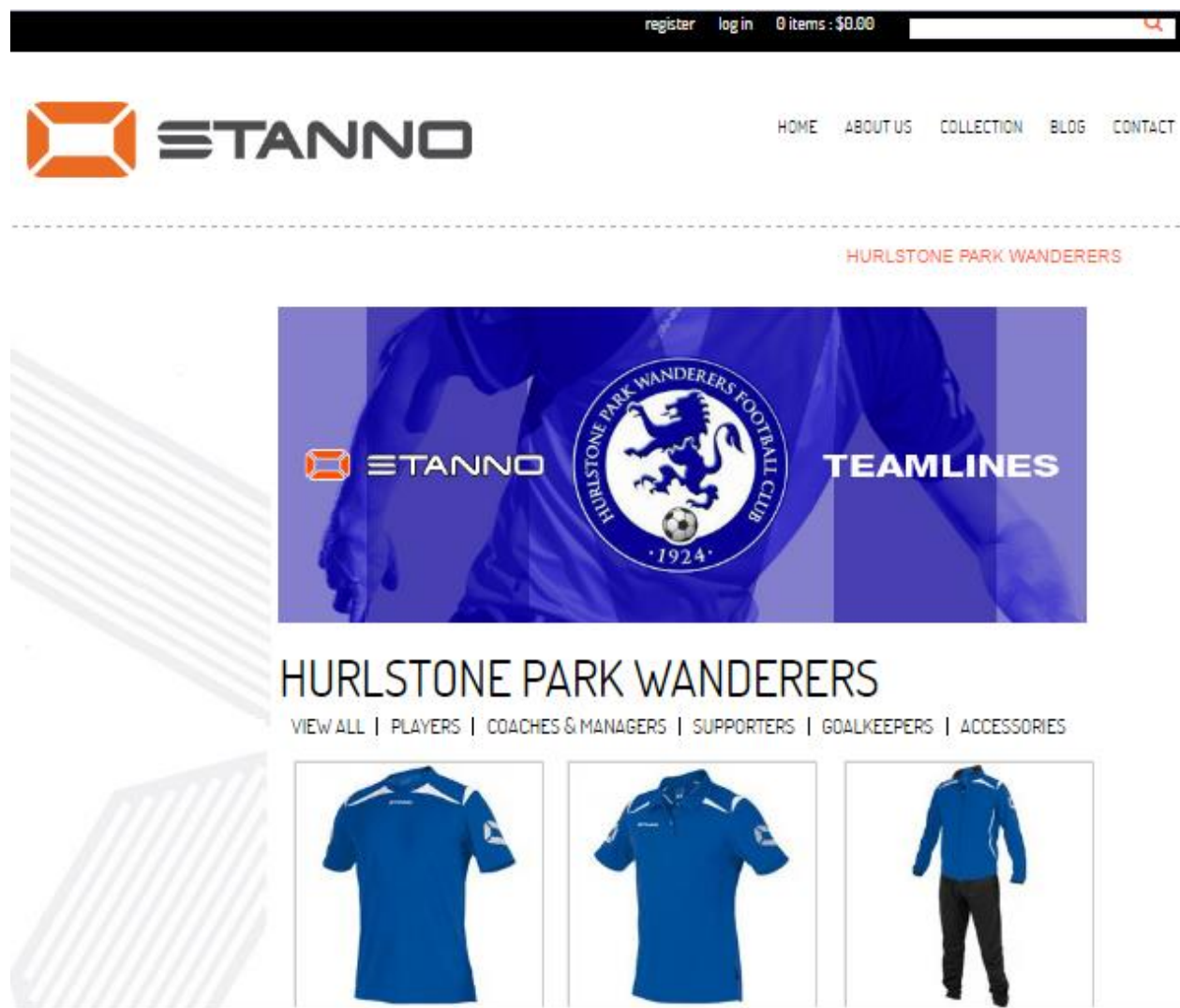




Hurlstone Park Wanderers Shop now online

A reminder that with the help of our sponsor Stanno, the Hurlstone Park Wanderers Teamwear shop is now online.

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.



Teamwear and Accessories are available to players, goalkeepers, coaches, managers and supporters. Items include T-shirts, Polo shirts, Tracksuits, Training Tops, Training pants, All Weather Jackets, Training Hats (Beanies), Shoe Bags, Back Packs, Sports Bags and Trolley Bags.

Visit the online shop at:

<http://www.stannoaustralia.com.au/team-catalogues/hurlstone-park-wanderers> or
<http://hurlstoneparkwanderers.com.au/hurlo-shop/>



Extra Time Football Fun

For this month's Extra Time Football Fun, can you help Hurlo get the ball into the goal ?

