

The Wanderer

April 2018



Presidents Message

The Matilda's are going to the World Cup in France 2019!! Get those traveling Hurlo ideas ready for France in June, 2019, supporting Australia's premier team.

Welcome to the 2018 season. Last week, I had the pleasure of welcoming our newest and youngest recruits, the wonderful U6's down at Ewen Park. During my welcome, I thanked them for joining the Hurlo community - one with over 1400 players, but an estimated 2000, players, coaches, parents and managers. It was great to see so many excited young faces, as they prepared for their first game of football. Some took to it, like they've been born to do it, others held on to their parent's hand, all had a wonderful time, so ably assisted by our Mini-Refs.

A key message to the parents, is that this is the 'Kids time', for them, so please be encouraging, but please no instructions. They whole morning was a wonderful success, and every new player received a free sausage. Well done to all those who are involved in our Saturday Morning Festival. If you've never been at Ewen Park on a Saturday, I recommend you attend, go down to the park, and remember your own first game, the first time you kicked a ball, the first time you joined a team, head down there and remember why we love football, and why it's the greatest game of all. For those of you who have been to Ewen, you would know two things. First, we now have the best surface to play football on, and not just in the inner west, so please keep that to yourself. Secondly, we have the worst facilities in the district. The place needs some love and money and an upgrade of facilities.

Hence, the committee is about to undertake a committed plan, for just that. Our goals are: Firstly make the current facilities at least habitable, without spending a great deal of our funds. The second is to create a development plan, that documents, who we are, and what we would like. This is a medium-term plan, and at 94 years old, we will be using the fact that in 2024, Hurlstone Park will be 100, but we don't want to wait until 2024 to get (a) new lights at Ewen and Beamen, and (b) new facilities at Ewen and Beamen. Canterbury-Bankstown council has conducted an audit of 'lights' across the community in 2017, but we are yet to hear of any action plans based on these audits. I've been involved with Hurlo, since last 1999, and the lights where already 20 years old when I arrived. It's frustrating and time consuming to build momentum, when dealing with government organisations. We all have full time jobs elsewhere, and, the operation of a 2000-member club, is time consuming. Add the effort required to obtain new facilities, requires a concentrated effort, a focused effort, and so, over the next three months, that's what we will be doing.

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Key dates for 2018

7-22nd April 2018 AFC Women's Asian Cup
25th May - Charity Trivia Night Magpies Sports Croydon Park
19/20 May - Shoosh for Kids Weekend
26/27th May - CDSFA Charity Round Weekend
15th June – 15th July 2018 Men's FIFA World Cup
17th June - Volunteers Thankyou Evening
21st July - Everyone Can Play Day
18th/19th Aug - Final weekend of CDSFA competition
25th Aug - Family Fun Day

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If you'd like to help, if you've been involved in government, or have contacts in political parties, then please contact me, we'd love your help.

It's a wonderful time to be involved in Football, with the Men's world cup this year, and the Matilda's qualification for the Women's World Cup next June (lots of travelling Hurlo opportunities).

Have fun, stay safe, and respect your opponents, and officials.

Mark Higgins
President

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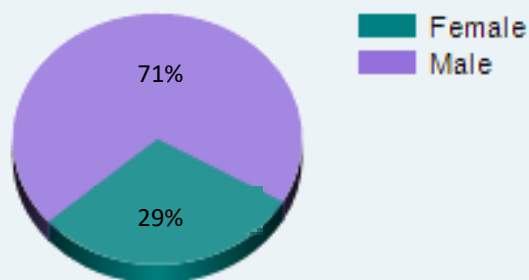
Our Club By Numbers Season 2018

As well as being one of the oldest, Hurlstone Park Wanderers is one of the biggest clubs in the Canterbury District Football Soccer Association. 2018 will be a big year for the club. Going into Round 2 our club is made up of the following members:

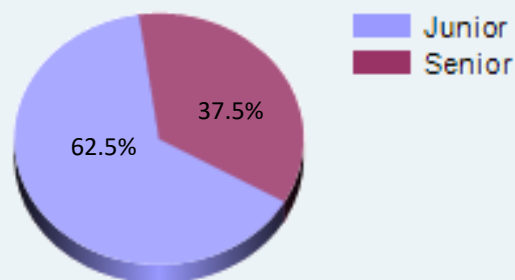
- ⇒ 1448 Registered Players
- ⇒ 901 Junior Players
- ⇒ 547 Senior Players
- ⇒ 1232 players in 83 Competition Teams from Under 8Girls through to over45s
- ⇒ 216 u6, u7 and u8 Small Sided Football players
- ⇒ 221 Volunteer Coaches and Manager
- ⇒ 43 Minirefs
- ⇒ 12 Committee Members
- ⇒ 14 Age Coordinators
- ⇒ 15 Ground Managers
- ⇒ 8 Canteen Volunteers
- ⇒ 4000 Sausage Rolls
- ⇒ 1 Kit Manager
- ⇒ 1 Referee Payment Manager
- ⇒ 1 Results Manager
- ⇒ 1 Coaching Coordinator
- ⇒ 4 and a half years old - Youngest Player
- ⇒ 64 and a half years old - Oldest Player
- ⇒ 72 years young - Oldest Coach
- ⇒ 21 Years old - Youngest Coach
- ⇒ 21 years old - Youngest Manager
- ⇒ 58 years old - Oldest Manager
- ⇒ 4 - Most Members in a Family (Tie across 8 Families)
- ⇒ Number of Teams by Age Group: All Age Men/BBC 11, u9/9Girls 10, Over 35 Men 9, u10/10Girls 7, Over 30Womens 6, u12/12Girls 6, u11/11Girls 5, u13/13Girls 4, u16/16Girls 4, Over 45 4, u14/14Girls 3, u15/15Girls 3, u17 3, WIL 3, GMT/Women 2, u8Girls 2, u18 1
- ⇒ Top 3 Suburbs where Members live: Dulwich Hill, Hurlstone Park, Earlwood

Thank you all for registering or volunteering and make the club what it is today.

Active Players by Gender



Active Players by Junior/Senior





Supporting Charity Round 2018

A reminder that we will be holding our Annual Charity Round on the weekend of 26/27 May 2018. We encourage each team to support our efforts in their own way. This year, our Charity initiatives include:

Pull on your Pink Socks - This year we are again encouraging teams to join in and wear pink socks for Charity Round. If your team chooses to get involved hopefully you have your socks from last year. It is suggested that each player donates money through our [GoFundme page](#) (\$12.50 a player for Junior teams and \$15 a player for Senior teams). If your team would like to be involved by purchasing a set of Pink socks, contact fundraising@hurlstoneparkwanderers.com.au by 30 April 2018 with Team details, number of socks required and sizings.

Charity Round Trivia Night - Charity Trivia Night will be held on the Friday 25 May 2018. Charity Trivia Night is open to players, family and friends of Hurlstone Park Wanderers. Get the team together and book a table. Prizes for the winning table, raffles and auctions will be run on the night. For more information and to purchase tickets visit: <https://hurlerscharitytrivianight2018.eventbrite.com.au>

Can't make Trivia night? We are seeking items as prizes, raffle and auction items on the night. If you have any items you would like to donate please email: fundraising@hurlstoneparkwanderers.com.au

Charity Day Team Activity - Another great way to raise money for charity while enhancing your football fun is get the team together post-match during Charity Round. Roster on some plates, cakes and drinks with a nominal donation. Invite family and friends, celebrate charity round and promote the benefits of the chosen charities. Monies raised can then be donated from your team through the committee or gofundme.com/hurlerscharityround2018.

Wear Pink Jersey to for Charity Round - A special HPWFC Pink Charity Round Jersey is available to be purchased by teams to wear during Charity Round. Donation is \$60 per player. This includes a Nike Park VI Jersey, club crest, 'Charity Round' Text, personalized name, your choice of squad number and a donation. Men and Kids styles available. If your team would like to be involved and purchase a Charity Round Jersey, contact fundraising@hurlstoneparkwanderers.com.au by 30 April 2018 with Team details, quantity, names, numbers and sizings of each player.

By Donation

If you are unable to support Charity Round in one of the above ways, one-off donations can be made at gofundme.com/forthehurlcharityround2018

Thank you in advance for your support of what we believe is a very worthwhile initiative.

This year we will be raising money for the following charities:



For more information visit <http://hurlstoneparkwanderers.com.au/charity-round-2018/>



Charity Trivia Night 25 May 2018



Hurlers Trivia Night is the gala evening of Hurlers Charity Round. Held the night before Charity Day, Hurlers Trivia Night is a light, fun evening of general knowledge and football focused trivia with lots of raffles, auctions and donations all with the sole purpose of raising money for the Hurlers Charity Day Charities.

Last year we had over 120 Hurlo attending raising over \$8000 for our charities on the night alone. This year Trivia Night will be held at Magpies Sports Club, Croydon Park.

Form a team in advance or join a table on the night. Ticket options include: *Single ticket and teams of 6 and 8 tables*. Each ticket includes entry donation and Raffle Book (12 tickets)

Tickets are available at <https://hurlerscharitytrivianight2018.eventbrite.com.au>

Thank you to the Hurlo Community who have donated over 45 prizes items for auction (and counting) for this years event including the following organisations. Also a big Hurlo thank you to Mat Ryan, Soccerroos and Brighton Hove Albion #1 who has donated a pair of autographed Goalkeeper Gloves for auction. To donate an item for raffle or auction email: fundraising@hurlstoneparkwanderers.com.au



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Team of the Week - Over 358-C's

The over 35/8 "C" team is a first year team that epitomises the culture of Hurlstone Park Wanderers. The team call themselves the "HABS", in reference to the fact that they are the "Husbands and Boyfriends" of an Over 30's women's team that has been playing for a number of years.

Each week, a few good men, travelled with kids in tow, to watch their wives play. A number of the guys were unknown to each other. However, over time, as they sat on the sidelines, a friendship formed. It wasn't long until the dads and kids joined the "WAGS" in the after game "nibbles and drinks" every Sunday afternoon.

After a season watching their sporting wives battle it out on the pitch, The HABS decided that they should also let their inner athleticism be released. Originally they started at Super6 Soccer in the six-a-side competition, but after nearly 4 years they got their mojo and decided to give the big field a crack.

Down on numbers and with an average age of approximately 45, the HABS needed a youthful injection to compete in an over 35's competition. They looked to family, friends and incoming new players to Hurlstone Park Wanderers to form a team. Their playing roster includes an age differential between 35 and 53, with 5 of the players never having played full field football before.

In the first game of the season, supported by the "WAGS", kids and dogs, the HABS turned it on for their supporters winning 8-1. However, the guys are not getting too far ahead of themselves as they know it is a long season and there is many minutes of football still to play. Additionally, they are also aware of the limitations of their ageing bodies, which could also slow the momentum down!

Seed incubator of the HABS, Michael Ward, credits the strong team culture to a common love of brewed hops and grain. Kicking a football with mates is the perfect excuse to bring the guys together, at least once a week, for exercise, friendly competition and a few laughs over a couple of beers!!!



If your team would like to share a story, player profiles or photos for future editions of *The Wanderer*, email them through to us at: newsletter@hurlstoneparkwanderers.com.au

Bruce Drake Memorial Cup

The 2018 Bruce Drake Memorial Game was held on 25 March at Steele Park. Football and Bruce were the winner on the night. For those, playing at home, the final score 3 - 2 to the BBC.



Small Sided Football Kick-off

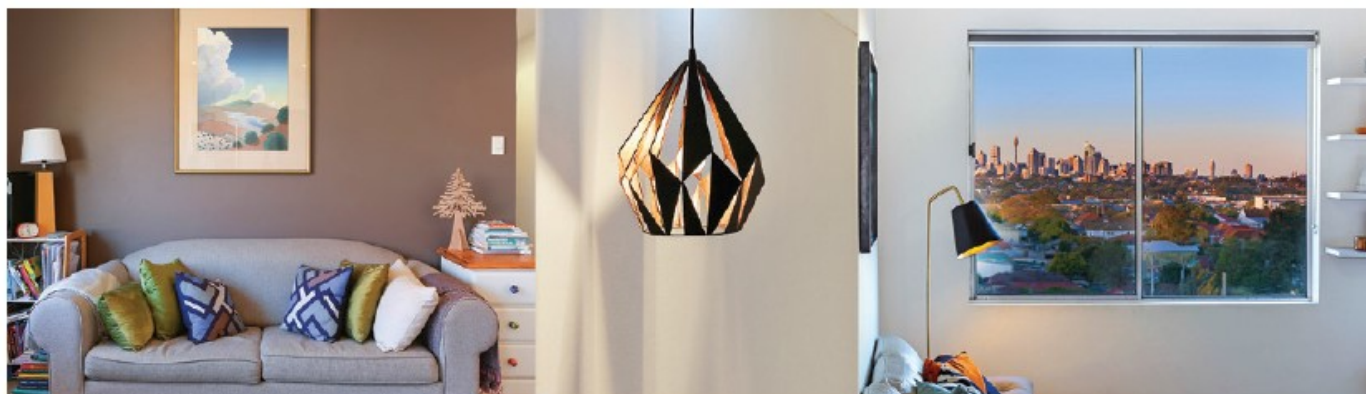
The first weekend of April saw our Small Sided Football kick-off for 2018. It was great to see so many kids playing football, many for the first time. Welcome to the Hurlo Community !





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Thank you for supporting your loved one's involvement in the Club. I hope you had an enjoyable start to the season. Every side was certainly well supported.

One important reminder to ensure that the game remains enjoyable for those on the field and off.

Please refrain from coaching from the sideline. [Unless of course, you are the coach of the team]

There are a number of good reasons why we endorse this stance.

- If children are hearing multiple inputs from the sideline, it's often hard for them to differentiate which are the coach's instructions; or it simply acts as a distraction.
- If the coach is relatively quiet on the sideline, there is likely to be a very good reason. It's likely because the coach is encouraging them to "think" whilst they are playing; it's likely because the coach is encouraging them to talk amongst themselves whilst they are playing. Help support this part of their football skill development.

In short, most children don't like being coached from the sideline. It often sounds like the instructions you might use when giving a chore at home. We don't want football to be a chore. We want them to enjoy it. Please support us in this endeavour. We understand that in the heat of the moment, it's sometime hard to resist the urge to coach from the sideline. I urge you to do whatever it takes; take a step back, mutter your advice under your breath, get someone to hold you to account.

Of course, cheering and support is always encouraged. Kids love hearing that from the sideline.

Thanks for your understanding.



Postscript to the Travelling Hurlo Competition

Our third prize winner, Daren Clark tells us this story about the crowd favourite *Tate Modern: Salvador Dali and Hurlo Sock* entry:

"That sock has been lucky. It was travelling around Europe housing a Go Pro, hence its trip to The Tate Modern. A week later we managed to lose the Go Pro, en route to Amsterdam, only for it to be returned to its rightful owner a week later by St Pancras station Lost and Found office.

The bloke in the office had a little chuckle when I asked if a Go Pro in a footie sock had been handed in. Needless to say I was very shocked when he walked around the corner with the mighty Hurlstone Park Wanderers sock in hand containing said Go Pro.

Hopefully it can score a few goals this season!"



Hurlstone Park Wanderers welcomes Super 6 Soccer support



SUPER 6 SOCCER

Hurlstone Park Wanderers are pleased to welcome "Super 6 Soccer" as a club sponsor for season 2018. Generally accepted as the best and most popular outdoor 6 a side competition in the Inner West, Super 6 Soccer has been running outdoor 6 a side competition's all year round for over 18 years. Super 6 Soccer caters for both adult and junior competitions with professional referees, facilities and venues.

Super 6 Soccer offers small sided social soccer to all that love to play football including competitions for All Age Men, All Age Women, Over 30 Women, Over 35 men, over 45 men, Adult mixed and all Juniors from under 6 to under 18. Field size and goal dimensions are unique and they allow for more open, free flowing play. The mid-sized hockey style goals ensure that scoring still requires the appropriate level of skill. Spring competition registrations opens 1 June, 2018.

Locations: Centenary Park, Croydon (5 min from Bunnings at Ashfield), Heffron Park, Maroubra, Kareela oval, Kareela and Eric Mobs reserve, Castle Hill

For more information visit: <http://www.super6soccer.net> or email **Super 6** at info@super6soccer.com.au to get a reminder about their next competition that starts in September 2018.

NEEDED GROUND MANAGERS

Honorarium position - April to August - Weekends



Ground Managers have an essential role in ensuring football is played throughout the season. It's a great way of enjoying a small part of your weekend amongst local families in the open air at the newly turfed Ewen Park, Beaman Park & Blick Oval.

Does this sound like something for you?

Being a Ground Manager involves:

- Supervising parents setting up and packing away field equipment
- Supervising games
- Open and lock change rooms
- Available either Sat/Sun; 8am-12:30pm or 12:30pm to 5:30pm

All training and support is provided by experienced Ground Managers

* Honorarium - payment for services normally volunteered

For all enquiries, contact Robin Hawkes on 0411 744 865 or
volunteers@hurlstoneparkwanderers.com.au





Game Day: Reminder of CDSFA Rules

A reminder to all Players, Managers, Coaches and Supporters of some of The Laws of the Game that are often overlooked on Game Day:

WEARING OF JEWELLERY – COMPETITION FIXTURES

Law 4 – Players' Equipment list the items that must be worn and those that are precluded. "A player must not use equipment or wear anything that is dangerous. All items of jewellery (necklaces, rings, bracelets, earrings, leather bands, rubber bands, etc.) are forbidden and must be removed. Using tape to cover jewellery is not permitted. The players must be inspected before the start of the match and substitutes before they enter the field of play. If a player is wearing or using unauthorised/ dangerous equipment or jewellery the referee must order the player to: remove the item; leave the field of play at the next stoppage if the player is unable or unwilling to comply. A player who refuses to comply will be cautioned with a Yellow Card."

EQUIPMENT

The compulsory equipment of a player comprises the following separate items: a shirt with sleeves; shorts; socks – tape or any material applied or worn externally must be the same colour as that part of the sock it is applied to or covers; shinguards must be made of a suitable material to provide reasonable protection and covered by the socks and footwear. Goalkeepers may wear tracksuit bottoms. A player whose footwear or shinguard is lost accidentally must replace it as soon as possible and no later than when the ball next goes out of play; if before doing so the player plays the ball and/or scores a goal, the goal is awarded. Non-dangerous protective equipment, for example headgear, face masks and knee and arm protectors made of soft, lightweight padded material is permitted as are goalkeepers' caps and sports spectacles. Where head covers (excluding goalkeepers' caps) are worn, they must: be black or the same main colour as the shirt; be in keeping with the professional appearance of the player's equipment; not be attached to the shirt; not be dangerous to the player wearing it or any other player; not have any part(s) extending out from the surface (protruding elements)

FOUL AND ABUSIVE LANGUAGE

Use of swearing (foul and abusive language) within the football environment is unacceptable. Under *Law 12 Match Officials* have an authority and are obliged to respond to any incident of a participant identified as "showing dissent by word or action" or the use of "offensive, insulting or abusive language and/or gestures" with one of the two following actions occurs: Yellow Card issued; and/or Red Card issued. Foul or abusive language uttered is NOT able to be defended based on reasons such as a claim that such language was "only uttered to myself, my team-mates or was unable to be heard by others." Despite some expectations that ALL referees will make the same interpretation on different incidents, participants are advised that action taken by "any" referee in "any" match, will NOT set a precedent or provide immunity for any other incident where a referee determines that dissent was shown, or offensive, insulting or abusive language/gestures was used. Sanctions imposed by the CDSFA can be anticipated as being more severe when offensive, insulting or abusive language/gestures is reported as being made against a match official with a MINIMUM sanction to be imposed for an offence to be TEN (10) matches.

The CDSFA aim is to change the culture where by the use of foul and abusive language (and/or actions), is not acceptable as part of local football activity. Players, Coaches, Managers and supporters play a critical influential role in brokering the values that are required. The Club supports the CDSFA efforts to promote appropriate behaviour, including respect for match officials.

The issue of sideline misconduct by parents is also an emerging issue. The Club and the CDSFA would like to remind all parents and supporters at junior fixtures in particular to be mindful of the FFA code of conduct that applies to spectators at games. The CRA can terminate games early where parents and supporters direct abuse towards match officials and the opposition.

We request that all everyone at a game is respectful of these and all rules. If you have questions on how they apply to you and your team email: competitionsecretary@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 Rosalie, our Competition Secretary and 30Women Player who is making the most of her Hurlo beanie in the old town of Budapest.

If you have a travel photo in your Hurlstone Park Wanderers 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.

Travelling soon and don't have any Hurlo merchandise packed? Remember you can stock up on Hurlo gear via our online shop hurlstoneparkwanderers.com.au/hurlo-shop/



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, we have included a simple guide to learning the basics of football terminology. A fun and simple way to keep up with your new teammates, as a supporter or in conversation throughout the season.

