



# THE WANDERER

*Official newsletter of Hurlstone Park Wanderers FC*



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Rosalie Viney

### Season kickoff!

It's so nice when the first weekend in April finally comes around. We welcome our new u6 players to their first real games. And all our players, from u6 through to 030 Women and 045 Men get to brush off those pre-season nerves, with the first proper run on the park. And all those complicated instructions about match sheets and referee payments and ID cards and Officials vests that we give to new managers and coaches finally make sense, and the fields get set up, and the referees are there, and we finally get to play. Win, lose or draw your first game of the season, it's great to be back on the park in the Hurlo colours.

This year we launched our season with a wonderful Welcome to Country, from local elder Auntie Lyn Martin, who explained the significance of the lands where we play, and the importance of the welcome. It was very moving to understand some of the history of the river and our local area, and the hunting and fishing and ceremonies that happened in the area. Councillor Linda Eisler also welcomed our parents and players to the season on behalf of the Canterbury Bankstown Council. We thank both Aunty Lyn and Linda for taking the time to come to the park so early in the morning, to start the season in this special way.

## EVENTS:

Aldi MiniRoos Program  
- 27 April

Beat the Bottle  
- 5 May

CDSFA Female Football Gala Day  
- 19 May

CDSFA Charity Round  
- 25 & 26 May

SHOOSH for Kids  
- 25 & 26 May

June Long Weekend  
- 8 & 9 June  
NO GAMES for non competitive teams (U6 - U11)

And then, with only a small amount of chaos, we sorted the u6 players into the Yellow, Navy Blue, White and Maroon houses that will be their teams for the season, the mini-refs (game leaders) took up their positions and their whistles, and the season was off and running! Thanks to our sponsor Richardson and Wrench we were also very pleased to be able to offer all of our u6-u8 players a free sausage at the end of the game. And not only that, but the weather held up, so it was a wonderful start to the season.

Thank you to all our Coaches and Managers and senior team representatives for coming along to the two Welcome and Information nights on the last two Mondays before the season started – it was great to be able to meet many of you, and I look forward to meeting others during the season. Most of all though, a huge vote of thanks from all of us to all our Age Coordinators, our Registrar, Steve and the other Committee members, particularly Adele and Janice, who have worked so hard over the past month to ensure that players were fully registered and allocated and their ID cards printed. This has been a massive feat this season, as we dealt with a new and not very functional National Registration System. To register 1450 players and 1700 members over this period has been amazing. If you were one of the very few people who encountered a delay with some aspect of your registration, bear in mind that behind the scenes our Committee members have been working incredibly hard to try to overcome them.

### Upcoming Events in April and May



We have many exciting things to look forward to over the next few weeks of the season. On **April 27th** we kicked off our second program of Aldi Miniroos, which is aimed at our very youngest footballers. Read more about the Aldi Miniroos Program in this newsletter. We still have space for kids to join.



Then on **April 28th and May 5th** our teams participating in State Cup kick off their campaigns. HPWFC has a proud history of participation in State Cup and some great successes in the past. It's a good opportunity for our higher graded teams to test themselves against the top teams in other Associations. This year we have our GMT team, our AA3A and AA3C teams, the 12/2, 13/1 and 16/1 all competing in the State Cup competition. A reminder to other teams that State Cup scheduling can change the times and dates of other games as well, so check the draw for any changes.



On **May 5th** we will be teaming up with Sydney Water to Beat the Bottle! Plastic water bottles are a huge problem, and sport contributes to this problem. We will be participating in this clean up initiative, and encourage all our members to register and get involved. The Club will also be running the BBQ for the event so come along and get involved.

On **May 19th** the Association is celebrating Female Football, with a Gala Day, which will be centered around Beaman Park. All the games scheduled for Beaman Park (all the fields, including HPW fields) will be women's and girls' games. It is a great opportunity to celebrate the strength of our club and Association in girls and women's football.



Then on **May 25th/26th** we will be participating in the Association's Charity Round. We encourage our teams to get involved by purchasing pink socks to wear for their games on that weekend, with proceeds going to sport related charities. There is also the option to purchase Charity Round pink Hurlo jerseys, with your name and number. Note that for game day, the whole team needs to be wearing the same kit, but lots of our players have loved having the Charity jerseys as a training shirt. There is more information about the Charity Round in this newsletter.



**May 25th/26th** is also the Shoosh For Kids Round and once again, our club will be embracing the Shoosh message on that weekend and every weekend. You can read more about this great Office Of Sport initiative in this newsletter. While we encourage our parents and supporters to adopt the Shoosh approach at every game, the Shoosh round is a great way to promote these messages.

### **Facilities Campaign**

Of course everyone is aware of the Federal election. We have been working with the Association to use the State and Federal elections as an opportunity to remind all levels of government of the urgent need for upgrades of our facilities, with the highest priority being the lights at Ewen Park. There is more information about our campaign in this newsletter.

### **Behaviour and "Fairness"**

A final couple of issues for the start of the season. On the whole our club has a great record in relation to player and spectator behaviour, but it is something that everyone needs to take responsibility for. This season, we are aiming to reduce and as much as possible eliminate red and yellow cards and other disciplinary issues from our record. We know there will always be "football related incidents" that lead to cards, and also genuine mistakes, such as the unavoidable hand ball in the box. What we can do, as coaches, managers, player and parents and spectators, is manage our own behaviour, our own temperaments and our own actions, and take preventive action before issues happen. We will be monitoring offences over the season, and giving teams feedback.

Importantly, as a club, we are also responsible for spectator behaviour, so please don't become someone that we have to report. And remember that when you attend a club football game in any capacity, you have agreed to abide by the code of conduct.

The second issue that I want to remind everyone about is to think before you complain. Even in a

great club such as ours, as a Committee we deal with a lot of people claiming something isn't "fair" – the grading, the timing of games, the draw, the referee's call, the behaviour of another player, the amount of game time, the red or yellow card, the player who registered or paid late and whose card is not available. Football is a big organisation and we as a club are a small part of it, and it is very rare that something that seems like it is unfair actually is – it might be unlucky, but rarely has someone done something to disadvantage you. We are always willing to hear genuine complaints, and we will of course deal with them but take a moment and think before you hit the email. And part of that thinking is about the narrative you are creating for yourself, your kids and your team. As a club I would love our approach to be that we worry about our own behaviour and our own game first. And also remember that we are here for the long haul. So some weekends, even some seasons, things don't go our way. That just makes the glory better when it happens.

Looking forward to the rest of a great season with Hurlo!

**Rosalie**

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# CHARITY ROUND 2019

Adele Walsh and Mark Slocum  
Charity Round Committee Member Coordinators

Our Annual Charity Round is on the weekend of 25/26 May 2019. 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 and can donate instead. Teams without socks or new players without socks can order them. Details on how to order and pay will be sent to managers, so please ask your manager. Remember to send in your photos of the teams in Pink. Donations raised can be processed for your team through your manager. NOTE: The whole team needs to wear the socks as required by CDSFA.

**Wear your Pink shirt:** Teams with Pink shirts from previous years can also wear the shirts and make a donation. Again, the whole team must wear the shirt. New shirts will not be ordered this year.

**Organise a picnic** - 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 your manager or directly to your chosen charity (allowing for tax deductibility) and reporting this to your manager.

**By Donation** - If you are unable to support Charity Round in one of the above ways, one-off donations can be made through your manager, or directly to your chosen charity (allowing for tax deductibility). Please report any direct donations to your manager to track HPW's success. Thank you to all the teams that have pledged their support for this worthwhile initiative.

## This years charities:-

- John Moriarty Foundation
- Lillian Howell Project Inc
- The McGrath Foundation (who will receive sock money)

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## Travelling Hurlo Competition Winners

We have great fun with our travelling Hurlo competition, and now that the season has started we have decided the winners. Our judging panel was Committee member Adele Walsh, president Rosalie Viney and last year's winners Jane Nice and Beth O'Connor. They had a really hard time deciding which of the fantastic entries should take out the glory, but in the end their heads were turned by the artistic endeavours.

**1st Prize** – Karen Patterson for the Hurlo Socks on the Balcony in North Queensland

**2nd Prize** – Sinead Shiels for the Hurlo Ski Scene

**3rd Prizes** - Robin Hawkes for the wonderful group ski effort (featuring a fantastic video and a great group photo) and to the O'Callahan family for their great photo of the four children in their Hurlo shirts with their elephant friend in Thailand.

Even though we run the Travelling Hurlo Comp during the off season, we still love to receive pictures of Hurlo players and supporters on their travels, especially in their Hurlo gear.

## ANZAC Day



The Canterbury Hurlstone Park RSL held a Dawn Service to commemorate this important date for our community. This tradition has been recently renewed, with the renovation in 2015 of the Bert Crook War Memorial.

This year, local sporting clubs were among those invited to attend and lay wreaths to commemorate those who have suffered in wars. Hurlstone Park Wanderers was represented by the Tartak-Hawkes family, Robin, Dave, Benjamin and Jordan. This was a moving ceremony and is part of an important community tradition. Lest we forget.





# COACH'S CORNER

**Terry Wong**  
**HPW Coaching Coordinator**  
**HPW Coach System**



For those wondering what underpins our 120+ coaches who volunteer their valuable time and energy, below is a graphic of our Coach System. Underpinned by the FFA curriculum, we seek to develop the skills and playing ability for all our players. Our coaches are a critical piece of this puzzle and the Club seeks to support them in whatever way we can.



## Jim Fraser Goalkeeping Masterclass

On 10 April, Jim Fraser held a goalkeeping for coaches masterclass at the Ewen Half Field. For those unaware, Jim Fraser is a HPW Junior and played in goals for the Socceroos in the qualifying rounds for the 1974 World Cup team. Jim is still heavily involved in the development of the country's youth goalkeepers and was kind enough to devote his time to run a masterclass for our coaches.

With 21 Coaches in attendance, Jim demonstrated some innovative goalkeeper training techniques to 12 of our budding glove-kids. All the coaches took some valuable insights that they could take back to their teams.



**Terry**  
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We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the lands on which we meet, train and play

## Skills Training: Monday Nights Beaman Park

### GOOD NEWS!

Monday nights at Beaman seem to be the place to be!

The Monday Skills Night pilot has been a raving success and we look forward to continue offering skills sessions for players throughout the remainder of the season. Coaches are more than welcome to come down to Beaman Park at anytime on a Monday. We run identical sessions for different age groups @ 5pm, 6pm and 7pm if you want to get some ideas for your week night training sessions. All sessions are themed on the skills of running with the ball, striking the ball, 1 v 1 or 1st touch.

Goalkeeper Training also continues on a Monday night. To sign up, secure a spot at <http://signup.com/go/BBLWvKJ>

To book a spot at a Monday Skills sessions, check out what's available at <https://signup.com/go/GcHntdT>



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# Hurlstone Park Wanderers BBC Team 2019

## Who is Bill Brackenbury?

Mr William (Bill) Brackenbury's place in the history of the Association is undeniable – he is a Life Member of the CDSFA – having served as the Association's Secretary/Treasurer continuously for a quarter of a century (1943-1967). His legacy lends itself to other football bodies over a 44-year period including the former NSW Amateur Soccer Football Association and more importantly to the Hurlstone Park Wanderers Soccer Football Club for which he was a founding member (at age 16).

It is with distinction the Association's highest level of open men's football is named after a gentleman that gave so much to the sport he loved – "Mr Soccer", Bill Brackenbury.

## Introducing our 2019 Squad

### George Gilchrist - Goalkeeper

• The Alex Ferguson of the team, George steps away from management this season following two back-to-back top 2 finishes in AA1. One of the best shot-stoppers he's ever seen (when he remembers his contact lenses), George set a personal best last season when striking a dead ball an impressive 32 metres from a goal kick.

### Tom Pinnell (Captain) - Defence

• At a looming 198cm Tom is one of the tallest players in the history of the Hurlstone Park to have never scored a header for club or country. A self-proclaimed dead-ball specialist, over the past two seasons he's dispatched an impressive number matchballs to the Cooks River.

### Steve Sheahey - Defence

• An officer but certainly not a gentleman on the pitch, Sheaks' combination of composure, silky passing and bone-rattling tackles make him a favourite among players. A Navy man, Sheaks has reaped the rewards of his 10+ years of physical training by achieving stamina levels that see him through 60-70 minutes of amateur football once a week and 6-7 beers afterwards.

### Daniel Capilli - Defence

• The F45 king of Hurlstone Park and only member of the squad above 75kg / below 3% body fat, Caps can be seen putting his teammates through lung-busting warm ups before playing 90 minutes without breaking a sweat. To access his full warm up routine, prices start from \$64.99 a week.

### Ashley 'Egg' Halls - Defence

• Two things are certain in life: Death, and losing your ankles when shielding the ball from Egg. A reliable performer and tough tackler (mainly on his own teammates in training), Egg is now in his third season with Hurlstone Park and (understandably) still living off the 35-yard screamer he scored two seasons ago.

### Jason Dowdall - Defence

• A man whose eyes gleam like an Icelandic lake in winter, get caught staring into those big blues for too long and he'll steal your heart as well as the ball. Jason is one of several new recruits this term and a strong addition to the back line and flanks.

### Tom Harvey - Defence/Midfield

• When he's not disassembling human remains, Harvey can be seen popping up in a variety of positions across our defensive and midfield lines. The Phil Neville of the squad, he's a reliable, consistent performer with a questionable haircut.

### James Brown - Midfield

• The Godfather of futsal, when asked how he felt coming back after missing his first season through injury James said, "I feel good" and hasn't looked back since. After welcoming a new addition to the Brown family, Papa got a brand-new kit bag and is ready to please, please, please Hurlstone Park once again.

### **Charles Glenn – Midfield**

· The solo member of the Hurlstone Park bikie chapter, this Hell's Rangel has pace to burn and on top of creating chances he chips in with goals too. Since forgetting the absolute pasting Michael gave him a couple of seasons ago, Charles has gone from strength to strength and will look to add to his goals and assists tallies this season.

### **Kieran 'Red' Gallagher (Manager) – Midfield**

· With George the Alex Ferguson, Red very much promises to be the David Moyes of Hurlstone Park, and not just in physical appearance. A midfield general with the engine of N'Golo Kante, temperament of Roy Keane and complexion of Paul Scholes, off the pitch Red enjoys spending his time avoiding direct sunlight.

### **Ruaidhri Carey – Midfield**

· When he's not saving lives, Ru can be seen flying up and down the touchlines of pitches across the inner-west and popping up with the occasional screamer. A nurse by profession, Ru is often seen patching up our defence as well as injecting pace in attack.

### **Cliff – Midfield**

· Another new addition to this year's BBC team but no stranger to Hurlstone Park, Cliff is again looking to make his mark in Canterbury's top division. A rangy trickster, Cliff will no doubt add to his collection of opposition twisted ankles this season.



Bill Brackenbury

### **Lucas Rodrigo Sanchez – Midfield**

· A summer recruit via the Gumtree transfer market, Lucas made history by becoming the first Argentinian number 10 to ply his trade on these sunny shores. Should Lucas score this season, which looks likely, he will eclipse both Maradona and Messi's respective goal scoring records in Australia.

### **Afolabi 'Sam' Babatunde – Striker**

· A man of few words and many goals, Sam was prolific last season for Hurlstone Park and in a new team this term has sights firmly set on bettering his tally from last season and cementing his name in Hurlstone Park folklore.

### **Michael Bolt – Striker**

· An inner-west veteran and distant cousin of Usain, Michael has plied his trade for several clubs across the globe over the course of a glittering 20-year career. A former opponent of Hurlstone Park, Michael is a much-welcomed talismanic addition this season after years of banging goals past his now-teammates.

### **Gary Jones – Striker**

· Made of breadsticks. Injured for the season.



2019 BBC Squad in action

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## Aldi MiniRoos Program 2019

We are excited to have launched our second Aldi Miniroos Kickoff Program on 27th April. We started this program towards the end of last season, and it was a great success, and we are delighted that many of the kids who started in this program are now in our u6-u9 teams this year. For Season 2019 we decided that we would focus the Kickoff Program at the beginning of the season on 3-5 year olds who aren't quite ready for club football - this is a fun way to get the younger siblings involved when they come down to the park while their older brothers and sisters are playing, and a lovely way to become familiar with the fun aspects of our beautiful game.

Aldi Miniroos Kickoff is an 8 week program designed to introduce young kids to football - it is primarily aimed at 3 to 5 year olds, but is available for players up to age 9 (though for older kids we encourage you to think about signing up for the season). The kids learn some great skills and play fun games, and every participant gets a ball, shin pads, a boot bag and a water bottle.



2019 Aldi MiniRoos Program Kick Off

We are very lucky to have a wonderful young game leader, Briana who will be the game leader for Aldi Miniroos (supported by Dad and Coaching Coordinator Terry!). The whole program is supported by the Association, and Briana and Terry have attended the CDSFA Game Leader Training which was held for the first time this year. Briana has been working hard to get the program ready, and judging from our facebook page, the parents are excited about it all starting.

It is not too late to join so if you are interested please get in contact with Janice at [admin@hurlstoneparkwanderers.com.au](mailto:admin@hurlstoneparkwanderers.com.au) or go to <https://www.playfootball.com.au/miniroos-kickoff-finder>



2018 Aldi MiniRoos Program participants



2019 Aldi MiniRoos Participants



# Facilities Development: This Months Update



As you are all aware, upgrade of our facilities is a major priority for the Club and the Committee for 2019 and 2020. We have been actively pursuing this agenda in conjunction with the Association during the early part of the season, including being in contact with Federal, State and local government politicians.

In particular, the lights are well below Australian standards and we have written to the Mayor of Canterbury Bankstown Council seeking urgent action to address this. We will also be applying for Community Grant funding to upgrade the lights, and we will be calling on all our members to get behind this campaign by voting for our project if it is shortlisted.

We have also written to our our local Federal members about the importance of our sport and club to the local community and the pressures that we face from our outdated facilities. We will keep you updated with this campaign throughout the year and hope to generate some real action. Copies of letters and any responses will be on our website.

## SHOOSH FOR KIDS

Hurlstone Park Wanderers will be proudly supporting Shoosh For Kids again this year. The official SHOOSH week is **20-26 May**, but we encourage all our parents and spectators to SHOOSH! at every game. This doesn't mean not saying anything, but it does mean focussing on positive encouraging comments that support both teams and every kid on the field. The general rule is if you haven't got anything nice to say then SHOOSH!

Shoosh for Kids is an Office of Sport NSW initiative, and is supported by Football NSW and by the CDSFA. Have a look at our signs around the grounds, and encourage everyone to get into the conversation about how Shoosh! develops everyone in the game - the kids have more fun, the coaches

On the same note, many of you were involved in providing feedback to Council about the Ewen Park Improvement Plan earlier this year.

Canterbury Bankstown Council is considering a report on this matter at its Ordinary meeting on 30 April, 2019.

The meeting commences at 6.00pm sharp in the Bankstown Council Chambers (Corner of The Mall and Chapel Road, Bankstown) and members of the public are welcome to attend the meeting. The Agenda and Business Papers for the meeting are also available to the public and can be viewed at Bankstown's Library and Knowledge Centre, or any branch library (Chester Hill, Greenacre, Padstow and Panania) from 9.00am Saturday 27th April. The document is also available for viewing from Bankstown's Customer Service Centre, Upper Ground Floor, Civic Tower, 66-72 Rickard Road, Bankstown, or Canterbury Customer Service Centre at Ground Floor, 137 Beamish Street, Campsie from mid Monday morning. Business papers can also be accessed on Council's web site <https://www.cbccity.nsw.gov.au/council/Councilmeetings-reports-committees/council-meeting-agendas-minutes> on the Friday evening prior to the meeting.

We encourage you to get involved, and keep on the Council's agenda the importance of sporting facilities, particularly the urgent need for upgrade of the Ewen Park facilities.



can coach and the referees and the players can make decisions.

Wondering what the best thing you can say to your child about the game is? Try "I really enjoyed watching you and your team play today."



Hurlstone Park Wanderers will be teaming up with Sydney Water and other local community groups, the Cooks River Alliance and the Canterbury Bansktown Council for a Beat the Bottle community clean-up event at Ewen Park on Sunday May 5th from 9.00-12.30.

Rubbish is a major problem around sporting parks, and our participation in this event is part of awareness raising to reduce plastic and other waste, particularly avoiding single use water bottles, plastic bags and coffee cups. During 2016-17 Sydney Water removed nearly 2,000 cubic meters of litter from waterways, including 1 million plastic bottles. This cost NSW tax payers over half a million dollars. With drink containers making up 43% of total litter in NSW these events aim to make people aware that drinking tap water is a simple way to personally reduce their reliance on single use plastics.

We are encouraging our members to get involved by registering for the event, and the Club will also be running a sausage sizzle associated with the event.

If your team would like to help out please get in touch with Robin Hawkes our Volunteer Coordinator.

The event will feature a performance from singer Alphamama, a percussion workshop, a virtual reality game for children (and big kids) and loads of volunteers cleaning the foreshore of plastic and other waste.

It's completely free and open to everyone.

Those who participate in the clean-up will get a free coffee\* (don't forget your reusable Hurlo Keep Cup!) and stainless steel water bottle (while stocks last) so you'll always be able to refill! You will also be able to learn about the river from your local experts. We'd love to see you there

For more information about the event or to register please visit [lovewater.sydney/beat-the-bottle](http://lovewater.sydney/beat-the-bottle)

## WHAT IS BEAT THE BOTTLE ?

Plastic pollution in our waterways is at crisis point generally and the Cooks River is an important waterway that constantly battles with litter that is either thrown or washed in via storm water.

Sydney Water's campaign Beat the Bottle champions community groups actively involved in the clean-up movement. Beat the Bottle engages with, and supports, community clean-up groups to be even better at what they do. We provide tools to streamline data collection and reporting, encourage safe working practices and increase their capacity to promote their work.

The aim of the campaign is to increase the number of community action groups and participants and increase the level of engagement with their communities to highlight the impact of personal actions.

In turn, we help to grow them as advocates for the sustainable choice over plastic water choice - tap water.

