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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Rosalie Viney

Welcome to the first edition of The Wanderer for 2021. This particular newsletter is a quick update to let you know about the new Committee for 2021, to give everyone a heads up to expect their registration email soon, and to let you know some key dates for season 2021. We have included the President's Report and the Treasurer's Report from the AGM in this newsletter. I am also thrilled that our Club was awarded the CDSFA Fair Play Award for 2020 - this is something very dear to my heart, and reflects the club's values of respect for officials, volunteers, team mates and the opposition on and off the field.

We will also be continuing the tradition of our off-season #TravellingHurlo competition, this year of course with the flavour of the times, #TravellingLocalHurlo (which can of course include #StayHomeHurlo).

It is not that long since Season 2020 was completed, but we are already planning for 2021. Our registrations opened on 4th January, but we recommend that you wait until the next day or the following week to register. Returning players will have received an email from our Registrar with details of how to register, and all information will also be on our website.

The Committee unanimously supported the decision to keep our registration fees for 2021 at the same rate as they were in 2021. This is despite the fact that the fees from the governing bodies have increased - so we will have reduced revenue to cover the costs of running the club. We made this decision because we recognised that the previous season was disrupted and shorter than most seasons. Remember also that for all school aged children,

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EVENTS:

Registrations Open
- 4th January 2021

Team Formation Days
for Junior Teams
- 2nd, 3rd, 4th Feb
- 9th, 10th, 11th Feb

Team Submission to
CDSFA
- 7th March

Coach & Managers
Meeting
- to be advised

2021 Season Begins
- 9th & 10th April

Queens Birthday
Weekend
(no U6-U11 games)
- 12th & 13th June



2021 will mean there is another Active Kids Voucher available from the NSW government, which you can apply for and use to reduce the cost of registration. We hope that everyone is having a restful and safe break, and that you are taking the opportunity to brush up on football skills. Best wishes for a safe, happy, and sporty new year.

Rosalie

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BERT HARVEY AWARD



for Fair Play 2020

We are absolutely delighted and thrilled that Hurlstone Park Wanderers were the recipients of the Bert Harvey Award for Fair Play for 2020.

The HPW Committee is very proud of everyone in the club for this fantastic achievement. It is awarded to the club that has had the best disciplinary record in the association, and reflects a sustained effort by all our teams in terms of managing behaviour and fostering a great approach to fair play on and around the field. It reflects the culture that everyone in the club has worked hard to foster right across all our teams.

As the Chair of the CDSFA Board said in presenting the award, it is no mean feat for a big club to receive this award and particularly a club that has a large number of senior teams.

So well done everyone - this was a great way to end our 2020 season.



Rosalie Viney accepting the Bert Harvey Award at the CDSFA AGM by Director Michael Bourdoulis (HPW Life Member)

2020 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Report

The HPW AGM was held on 7th December 2020. Despite the challenges of 2020, the club had a very successful year, with the lights being installed at Ewen Park, with some great achievements by individual teams and players, and with a fantastic new approach to development of our youngest players, led by Terry Wong, our Coaching Coordinator and Steve Tzanakes, our Technical Director. And of course the 2020 T-shirts - these were such a hit that our senior t-shirt design featured in the CDSFA Annual Report.

The AGM is an opportunity to thank our Committee for all their hard work, particularly our outgoing Committee members, who have made huge contributions over many years (and in all cases, our outgoing committee members are continuing to contribute to the workings of the club in the background). A huge thank you to Janice Leahy who has provided (and continues to provide) amazing admin support and expertise to the Club, to Adele Walsh, who has been one of our longest serving Age Coordinators and has helped out in every activity the Club undertakes, Mark Slocum who has also provided amazing support for club activities - especially putting his hand up to help at the grounds, and, finally to Warwick Moss, who has been an amazing Competition Secretary for several years.

We welcome in the **2021 Committee:**

President - Rosalie Viney

Vice President - Gerry Choate

Registrar - Steve Cumming

Treasurer - Anthony Maher

Secretary - Robin Hawkes

Competition Secretary - George Papathanasiou

General Members

- Terry Wong (also Coaching Coordinator)
- David Tartak (also Gear Coordinator)
- Edel Murray (also Member Protection Officer)
- Billy Fraser (also Canteen Coordinator)
- Phong Giang
- Holly Eades

We welcome our new Committee members George, Edel, Phong and Holly, and thank our returning committee members for their continued service.

The AGM is also the opportunity for us to nominate life members to the club, in recognition of outstanding and sustained service. At this year's AGM, there was unanimous support for the nomination of Janice Leahy and Terry Wong as Life Members. Janice and Terry have been and continue to be amazing contributors to our Club, bringing energy, enthusiasm, dedication, organisation and fantastic initiatives that have contributed hugely to our Club's culture. Their commitment to the club began with Briana's first season and has only grown. Janice has been a team manager, an age coordinator, our key administration support person and has also looked after the newsletter, emails and many other activities. Terry has gone from being a coach to being our coaching coordinator, our Vice President, and having instigated many great initiatives including Supportive Sidelines, our Coach Development programs and our new program for miniroos. They have also together provided amazing support that has allowed Briana and Jordan to be our miniroos leaders. We cannot thank them enough for their amazing approach to development of club football, and life membership is fitting recognition.

The full President's Report and Treasurer's Report are included in this Newsletter.

Rosalie
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Janice and Terry Wong - Life Members 2020



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#TravelingLocalHurlo

COMPETITION



It has been something of a tradition for the Club to hold an off-season #TravellingHurlo competition - we encourage members to send us pictures sporting their Hurlo gear in exotic locations. This year of course COVID has changed that tradition, with exotic overseas locations off the agenda for the foreseeable future. But that doesn't dampen the Hurlo spirit, and you all have your fabulous Hurlo 2020 shirts (the most stylish shirt in Sydney right now!). So we would love to see photos of our players sporting their shirts while they relax over the Summer break. There will be both bragging rights and an actual prize for the most inventive, funny, or completely and utterly staged TravellingLocal or StaySafeStayHome photos of our Hurlo shirts.



FACILITIES PLANNING

2021



The installation of the new lights at Ewen Park in 2020 is the second step in an ambitious plan of renewal of our facilities in time for our centenary in 2024 (for those of you who are wondering, the first step was the upgrade of the surface at Ewen Park, which happened in the off-season in 2018).

We have established a Facilities Committee, that is working with CDSFA and Council to develop a strategy and plan for facilities.

Our key areas for development are:

- (1) the club amenities (canteen, change rooms and storage) at Ewen Park
- (2) upgraded playing surface at Beaman Park
- (3) new lights at Beaman Park.

The **facilities committee** is

- Rosalie Viney
- Janice Leahy
- Gerry Choate
- Phil Martin.

If you have skills that would be useful for applying for funding, or other parts of the amenities developments please get in touch.



Ewen Park amenities building

Hurlo History

EST 1924

We would love to see and hear your photos and stories of Hurlo history, especially as we move towards our centenary in 2024.



A blast from the past : this great photo of George and Costa Triantafyllou proudly wearing their Hurlo kit with their parents - 1974.

From the Vault

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COACH HUB



Terry Wong HPW Coaching Coordinator

With Season 2021 looming, preparations are in progress to provide coaches and players with continued levels of support to allow them to enjoy and thrive in the game we love.

Team Formation/Trials

First thing first, we need to start the process of forming teams to ensure we are ready to go come season kick-off on 9 April (first week after Easter). At Hurlstone Park, this involves our Team Formation/Trial sessions which are scheduled for the first 2 weeks of February. For session details and to register, go to <https://hurlstoneparkwanderers.com.au/teamformation/2021details/> For FAQs relating to the Team Formation/Trial process, go to <https://hurlstoneparkwanderers.com.au/teamformation-f-a-q/>

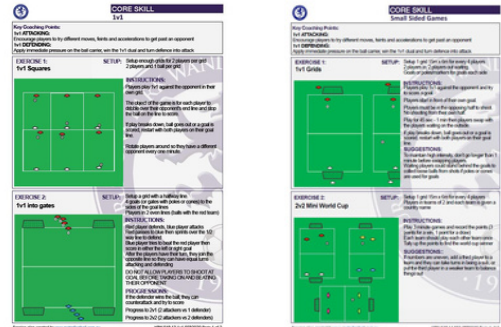
Skills Sessions and Pre-season Training

We are in the process of finalising the schedule for this season so keep an eye out ways to register to Pre-Season conditioning sessions, Skills Sessions and Goalkeeping Training.

We look forward to seeing you down at Ewen (which is looking marvellous once again).

Terry
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This is a private group for HPW Coaches. Information, resources and discussions will be hosted here to continue to improve the standard and support of coaching within our Club.



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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

7TH DEC 2020

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By now it has been said many times, that 2020 was a year that threw the whole world a curve ball, and football certainly had to deal with that.

Looking back over the year, I have been amazed by what our club has achieved in these most challenging of times, and that is down to the culture and spirit of Hurlstone Park Wanderers as a club, and the fantastic contributions of all of our members. To sum up, it was a busy year, a year in which we really understood what football gives us and why it matters to so many of us, and what we were willing to do to make football happen. So I am going to begin by thanking the whole club, but most especially the wonderful committee, the age coordinators, the regular volunteers, including our ground managers and canteen managers, the coaches and managers of teams and the very many people in the club who willingly put up their hand to do what needs to be done.

Our club is fundamentally volunteer run, and this year we relied on our volunteers more than ever:

- Our parents and players who helped with field set up and pack up, game management rosters, or with lifts to and from training and support from the sidelines
- Our coaches and managers who step up each year, and then often return year after year to provide our teams with the support they need to get on the pitch
- Our age coordinators who help with team formation, communication about teams to parents and players, and vital communication of key information throughout the season. A special mention here to a few – Janice Leahy, Ann Marie De Bettencorp, Antonia Jones and Adele Walsh in particular who this year have or are handing over the reigns to others. They have been amazing, wise and caring age coordinators who have provided steady hands in their age groups and offered guidance to others. A welcome and thanks to our new age coordinators in 2020 – Katrina Thornley, Tara Brett, Alanna Stevens, who have also stepped up fantastically this year. And thanks to those who have returned this year and put their hand up for next year.
- Our amazing Committee who each take on additional roles (and most of whom double up

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- on age coordination, coaching, managing and helping out with other activities), and who give up countless hours of spare time to make the club run smoothly
- Other club members who put up their hand to help with special events or specific tasks
- Our minirefs who do a wonderful job of game leadership and are great role models for the young players in their games, and our miniref coordinators who make sure that each game is covered and the minirefs are well supported on the day
- Our ground managers and ground officials, without whom the games would quite simply not go ahead.

All of you have helped to run the club smoothly this year, have managed additional requirements brought about by the pandemic, in terms of communication, managing teams, making sure we met the rules for safe football. It is this hard work that ensures HPW's core values are maintained as a community football club, that promotes the playing of football in a way that fosters inclusiveness, participation and enjoyment, and promotes respect for our opponents, for officials and for our fellow players as well as the love of the game.

The highlight of the year for me personally came last week when our Club was awarded the Bert Harvey Trophy for Fair Play. This is something that is very dear to my heart and which reflects those core values. But importantly it reflects a sustained effort by our members and by our committee to make sure that we reflect those values on and around the field. Particular thanks here goes to our Disciplinary Committee – Gerry, Terry, Adele, Mike McTegg and Steve, who have developed a really sensible but fair approach to managing issues that do inevitably come up at football – and in doing so have instilled a really great attitude in our teams. Thanks also to Warwick for his role in this – he has been working quietly on reminding people about rules, about checking, and following up on cards. A shout out also to our Age Coordinators, particularly our senior men's age coordinators who have supported this role. And as well to all of our ground managers, who help to keep things calm at our fields and set the right atmosphere. I said it in an email last week – for a big club like ours,

especially a club with a lot of senior teams, it is a real achievement to win this award, and it very much reflects a culture that our Committee over many years has been working to foster.

A second big highlight of this year for me was the new approach that we have introduced to training for our under 6s and under 7s. This has been the brain child of Terry Wong, our Vice President and Coaching Coordinator, who worked with our Technical Director Steve Tzanakes and our Age Coordinator Steve Cumming, and of course with the house leaders to implement this new system. There was such a buzz the day the u6s and u7s turned up for their house formation session, and Terry not only set up something fantastic, but we immediately saw the benefits in coaches being willing to put their hands up. But the real benefits and rewards of this new approach were seen at training each Tuesday and Thursday night with kids running with sheer joy between coaching stations. I am really proud of what our Club has done here, and the credit for this most of all to Terry for his vision and his hard work.

The third highlight of course was finally seeing Ewen Park light up. Again this has been a project that was dear to my heart, and we were grateful to all of our members who contributed to us winning a MyCommunityProject grant in 2019. COVID of course meant we had to wait until the middle of the year for the lights to be installed and turned on, but it was so worth the wait. It has been wonderful to have this much improved training space, but also to be able to have night games on Ewen Park this season. Special thanks here to the CDSFA, and to Canterbury Bankstown Council, Mayor Khal Asfour and our local member Sophie Cotsis for their support of this project, and particularly to CDSFA and Football NSW for their financial contribution.

On a sad note, at the beginning of this year we bid a fond farewell to our Number 1 Volunteer, Life Member and loved member of the Hurlo community, Rod Jenkins. Rod and Pat have been part of our community for many years, and we were saddened by his passing. I've reproduced some words about Rod here.

Rod has been our most senior, most knowledgeable, most dedicated and most admired volunteer for more years than we care to remember. Rod and Pat are known to everyone in the Hurlstone Park Wanderers and CDSFA family. Pat in canteen and Rod out on the grounds making sure everything is just right.

Rod and Pat were made life members of HPWFC in 2017, and recognised by the CDSFA with the Cec Barlow Award for service in 2016. They have been part of our community for so long, and have given so much.

We have so many fond memories of Rod. It was legendary that you no matter how early you got to the ground to help with set up, you would arrive to find that even the last pegs on the nets were already in. Rod spoilt us with his hard work, his attention to detail, and his early mornings. But also we remember his careful and calm approach to ground managing that ensured that any situation was handled with good will and warmth, his methodical approach to pack up and set up and his patience with those of us who were not quite as careful and systematic as him. We also thank him for his dedicated service throughout the season. At the beginning of the season, at the end of the season, during the week for deliveries, with keeping everything spick and span throughout, whenever there was a job that needed doing around the grounds or in the canteen or with the gear, Rod would quietly appear and it would already be done.

And we also remember Rod's love of football. Even when he was not ground managing, you would often find him down at the park watching the games. He followed Hurlstone Park Wanderers and CDSFA teams in State Cup, Champion of Champions and in our own competition. He knew our teams, our players and our coaches. He loved a chat about the game and how our teams were doing. He would be there at the big games to follow our fortunes. Rod's health had suffered in the last few years, but he was such a stalwart and such a committed volunteer, that even after long periods in hospital he came back to his stamping ground, and was at the fields every weekend in the last season. A remarkable man and a good friend, who set the standard when it came to volunteering and being a member of the football community. We have lost a true gentleman and a local legend. He will be greatly missed.

I also want to thank everyone, particularly Steve, our registrar, Adele committee member, Janice, our admin coordinator and Anthony our Treasurer and all the age coordinators for their smooth management of the new football management system that was introduced in 2020 (on top of the new FFA system that came in in 2019). One thing that was fantastic at the beginning of this season was the hive mind can do attitude our age coordinators took to this system. The process of registering players, getting payments sorted and then teams sorted is a huge job for everyone. This season, just when we had it done, we had to put everything on hold and then another round of work in terms of managing refunds, making sure teams were still viable and managing expectations.

Anthony has also done an amazing job of managing our finances this year, leaving us in an incredibly strong position for 2021. This is important as we have major projects ahead. He has made the work of the committee so much easier in the way that he has established our financial position.

There are other people who deserve particular appreciation. Gerry, Robin, Warwick and others worked hard to make sure we had pre-season games. Robin and Steve worked on field allocation for training (not just once). Terry and the coaching committee and age coordinators did the massive job of coordinating grading.

I want to make special mention too of the work that Janice Leahy does for our club, and the huge support she has provided. Janice has been providing additional admin support for the club over the past few years, and that has been so important in terms of getting things done. But she has also provided amazing guidance, support and good advice - because Janice works at CDSFA she understands how things work and her support in guiding us through the processes (and making sure we meet the required deadlines) has been fantastic.

Thanks also to Robin for her great work coordinating our volunteer roster, and Billy our canteen coordinator for their really important work that makes the season work each season. Similarly to our outgoing competition secretary Warwick Moss and to Holly Eades for her support. These roles are all so important. And a big shout out to Dave Tartak for his fantastic gear management (and for his forbearance with the changes COVID required to our gear policy) - this is one of the biggest jobs, and one that affects everyone in the club, and Dave has managed it with good humour and safe hands. Thanks also to Gerry for his great work chairing the Disciplinary Committee, and Mark Slocum for always

being willing to help out in his committee member at large role. Also I would like to especially thank and express my admiration to Mark Slocum, Venetia Maher and Tim Cotsford who stepped up to become new adult referees on behalf of our club - again - I think we were one of the few clubs that fulfilled that commitment (beyond what was required). It shows the willingness of members of our club to step up.

I also want to thank the people who do not have an official role but help in many ways - Neil Mackellar who continues to run our referee payment system. Holly Eades who has entered results this year. Gemma Viney who has coordinated the miniref roster, and Jacki Hennessy, Kian Thornley and Briana Wong who provided amazing support of the minirefs at the fields throughout the season. And of course Gene Stapleton and Tim Eccles who designed our fantastic 2020 commemorative t shirts.

Finally, I want to acknowledge the hard work that the Association does to ensure that we can provide a high standard of football experience for all our members - their job is not easy, and they have quietly been strong advocates for us, particularly in relation to facilities, and especially this year. They have certainly helped our financial position with their strong advocacy for football with the state government, the football and sporting governing bodies and Councils to ensure that we managed the financial impacts of COVID. And they have also provided the leadership to allow us to implement the COVID19 safe framework.

Football is of course also about what happens on the field and our teams have been wonderful this year (not just because of the Bert Harvey trophy). They took to the no-finals season with gusto, and played in all weather and all conditions, and did us proud - our teams that took out premierships (the 15/3s, 16/3s, the AAS2A and the 14/2A girls) and represented us in finals (the GMT team), our u8s and u9s who had their first taste of inter-club football and took to it with enthusiasm, our might u6s and u7s and all of our other teams who played with the best spirit possible - win, lose or draw. It was so great to see all the season wrap summaries and how much they had a common theme. A special mention as well to the Hurlers, our 35/5s team who once again put in a sterling effort with fund raising for charity (a particular effort in this year when gathering was challenging), raising \$24,000 for several charities. This is another example of the great Hurlo spirit.

Looking ahead to 2021, I think we can be more confident about planning our season, and there is much to plan. We have established a Facilities Planning Committee

(Gerry Choate, Phil Martin, Janice Leahy and me) to push forward on our plans for a new club house in time for our Centenary. We have expanded our highly successful skills program (including introducing summer skills) and we have plans to introduce Kick On For Women in 2021. We also have started a new approach to higher division trials, which is why some of our key members are not here tonight (and thanks again to Terry for steering this). And we are also beginning planning for our Centenary year in 2024 - with work on our club history and legacy. And of course, now we have a trophy to aim to keep.

Thank you to our Hurlo community for making 2020 a fantastic season, despite, or maybe because of the challenges, and let's look forward to an even better 2021.

Rosalie Viney
Club President 2020

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 7TH DEC 2020

TREASURER'S REPORT

Despite 2020 being a tough season for all those associated with administering the operations of the Club, there were 2 very positive outcomes that came out of the 2020 season being:

1. We managed to play a full season of football; and
2. The Club still managed to produce a fairly strong financial result.

In short, the Club achieved an operating surplus of \$86K which was approximately \$28K higher than last year. This operating surplus now brings the Club's Net Asset position to \$467K, which is effectively the net cash held by the Club.

Over the past 3 years the Net Asset position has increased from \$238K to the current \$467K, an increase of \$229K, or approximately \$75 per year. Therefore, the Club is now in a position where operations consistently produce a strong financial result each year. This puts the Club in a great position to be able to make a significant contribution to the development of a new Clubhouse, which is hoped to be built in time for the Club's 100 year anniversary in 2024. This level of contribution is further supported by the fact that the

Club has nominal overheads and fixed costs which means there shouldn't be any reason to hold significant capital reserves going forward.

At this point I must note that whilst the Club has generated a strong financial result this wouldn't be the case if we were required to remunerate the many volunteers who contribute their time to running and administering the Club in various roles. I have now

been Treasurer of HPWSFC for 3 years and the one thing that has stood out for me over this time is the level of contribution made by some of our members that go a long way towards achieving the operating surplus. There is one person in particular who spends an inordinate amount of time reconciling the weekly reimbursements for referee payments. A big thank you to Neil McKellar who spends some his much valued spare time, every week, making sure of

2 things:

1. Team managers are reimbursed promptly for the amounts they pay to the match officials each week; and
2. The Club is not making payments where match officials have failed to turn up for games.

Neil's ability to carry out this role for over 80 games each week, make it a seamless process for all those connected with match payments. Additionally, the financial benefit to the Club in having Neil perform this role is nothing short of significant and in the thousands of dollars. To Neil, a massive thank you.

To all others that assist with the financial roles within the Club I also offer a big thanks. Your assistance makes my role much easier and manageable so another big thanks to Pat Jenkins, Billy Fraser, Lisa Powles, David Lee and my wonderful wife Venetia.

I write this report at a time when communities across Australia appear to have got on top of the "plague"! Let's hope that we stay on top so that football can return to some sort of normality in 2021. HPWSFC plays a much valued community role. It must continue to remain financially strong so that we can achieve some worthy longer term objectives for our members and community for many more years to come.

Anthony Maher
Club Treasurer 2020



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