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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Rosalie Viney

.....And just like that, the season we thought would never happen is over, and we are wondering what to do with our weekends.

In this very strange season, it is just part of the general weirdness that our first newsletter is coming to you at the end of the season. Most of our communication this year has been in the form of updates on the things that we needed to do to manage the huge curveball that 2020 has thrown us. When everything else was so changed, football might not seem important, but I think the thing that we learned straight away is how very important it is - the value of getting together, of playing sport, of having fun and being part of a community. When it looked like we were not going to have the chance to experience all the highs and lows of football, we realised more than ever how important it is.

So in this newsletter, we are doing a season wrap. And that starts by saying thank you to every one who is a part of our Hurlstone Park Wanderers community, for your willingness to be part of it, to adapt with good will to changes that came with little notice, to delays, to new training schedules, to a shortened season without finals, and to new rules about what we could and couldn't do.

As probably lots of you realise by now, community football is a big part of mine and my family's life and something I am very passionate about, and so it has been really heart warming to see that passion and enthusiasm shared by so many in our community. Some highlights for me include:

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Annual General Meeting
- 7 December 2020

Registrations Open
- January 2021

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

Coach & Managers Meeting
- to be advised

2021 Season Begins
- 9th & 10th April

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



- Finally getting training going (with all those logistics) – big thank you to everyone for their cooperation with the pocket hanky sized training spots and the no-tackling for the first few weeks;
- The first weekend of the season – how nice it was to be back at the park;
- Our amazing u6 and u7 program which has reached new levels this year (and as an aside, one of the nice things about the whole working from home/living at work thing was being close enough to Ewen Park to be able to get to quite a few u6 and u7 training nights);
- the LIGHTS!!! – anyone who was there the night that the lights first went on and then had the focus adjusted – it was truly like night turning into day; It was also great to have the Mayor of Canterbury Council, the CEO of CDSFA and representatives from Football NSW attend our light warming event.
- Our first night games at Ewen Park – how great is that to be able to watch our teams under lights?;



History in the making - our 18/1s vs Earlwood in our first night game

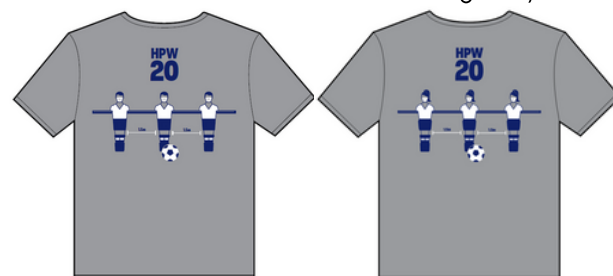


"Light Warming" photo credit: FNSW



GMT Team after their elimination semi final win

- Being able to welcome our local MP, Ms Sophie Cotsis to the park for our last weekend of football, where she presented medallions to our u8s and u9s teams who were playing at Ewen Park. Ms Cotsis has been a great supporter of Hurlstone Park Wanderers, and even spoke about our club in Parliament following on from this visit. [CLICK HERE](#) to read.



- And of course, the 2020 Hurlo shirts – fantastic, memorable and oh so 2020 designs by Gene Stapleton and Tim Eccles!

Thank You!

Thanks to our Age Coordinators

It was a truly incredible effort from everyone at our club to get us through this season, and I especially want to thank all our incredible hard working Age Coordinators. They all do an amazing job, not just of communicating the week to week stuff, but making sure our teams know why we are doing things, letting us know about the things we need to know about, and most importantly, embodying the values of the club. Age coordinators really do hold our club together, perhaps more than any other role. There are some of you who have just come on board to this role this season (and what a season to do that), and some who have been Age Coordinators for longer than their kids have been played with the club (special call out here to Adele Walsh who has been an age coordinator since her kids were tiny, and now she has grandchildren that we expect to start seeing in Miniroos next year!

Special thanks also to Antonia Jones and Ann Marie De Bettencorp who are hanging up their age coordinator hats this year, and to Janice Leahy who has passed on her hat to Alanna Stevens (and thanks to Alanna as well!).

Thanks to our hard working Committee

I really want to say a huge thank you to everyone on the Committee. The reason that we were able to pull off the logistics of this season was down to the hard work of all of our Committee and the incredible hard work that you put in. There were lots of tasks that barely even get talked about before one of our committee members just got in and got them done.

Over the past season the Committee has done and then re-done (and then re-done) the training plan, developed and implemented our covid framework, kept more records and found new ways to do that, built new systems and equipment, organised the grounds to be COVID safe, on top of all the normal work. They have also managed de-registrations, a new competition management system and communication of additional information. I hope most of you know the Committee but I think in this newsletter it is worth taking the time to introduce them, and personally thank them for their work.

Congratulations to all our teams on a great season

This was the first year that our mighty under 8s entered the CDSFA competition, along with the 2020 u9s. Moving from playing internal club games to travelling around the district and meeting new teams each week is a big step up for young footballers, and it was so great to see how they all took to the field with enthusiasm, joy and skill.

A huge congratulations as well to our five premiership teams. As we all know, apart from the Bill Brackenbury Cup and Grace Martin Trophy competitions, all others were first past the post competitions this year, to allow for the shorter season. It takes week in week out hard work and consistent effort, as well as skill and a small dose of luck to be there in the number one spot at the end of the season. We had five teams that took out premierships and for each one it was well deserved. Congratulations to the AAS2, AA4A, 14/2A girls, 15/3s and 16/3s.

I would also like to congratulate all of our other teams - in the end we are here for the love of football, and in this newsletter we celebrate the seasons of many of our teams - those who just missed out, those who finally had the big win in the last weekend, and those who come back week after week to play and give it their all regardless of the result. See the supplementary to this newsletter to Celebrate our 2020 teams.

Forward Planning

The season does not end the football year. We are now beginning to look to the next season, and also to longer term plans for the club. We are working with Council and the CDSFA on our infrastructure plans, which includes grant applications, development of plans and lots of lobbying. The lights in 2020 are just the start of our plans, and over the next few years we are working towards upgrade of the fields at Beaman and of course, replacement of the amenities at Ewen, which are badly outdated. Our aim is to have 21st Century fit facilities in time for our Club Centenary in 2024, and this will be a major focus. A second important focus, in terms of the Centenary is our club history - right back to 1924 when Bill Brackenbury founded the club, through more recent history. If you have family connections to help us with this please get in touch.

Finally, a big thank you to all the members of the Hurlstone Park Wanderers community for making our club such a great club to be part of. So often people say to me that they joined the club and stay with the club because of its great culture, and that culture is down to the fact that our members embrace the Hurlo spirit.

I look forward to your entries in the Travelling Locally Hurlo competition, in those great 2020 t-shirts, and even more to seeing you all back next season.

Rosalie

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Our approach to sponsorship this season!

Traditionally, we seek financial support from local businesses (like Richardson & Wrench, Super 6 Soccer and Dulwich Hill Chiropractic and Therapeutic Centre) to support the many programs we offer during the season. We greatly value their support over the years.

During these unprecedented times however, we think it's appropriate for us as a Club to offer our support in return, to local businesses like these, who are facing challenges of their own.

Within our community, we have owners and representatives from many businesses that could potentially benefit from exposure (perhaps as simple as a listing in our newsletter or mention on our socials) to simple networking opportunities. You may simply have expertise (architects, designers etc) that might be sought after.

So, if you are part of the Hurlo community and involved in a business that might appreciate a mention, please complete the following form [HERE](#). If you are in a position to offer our community a benefit to using your business, be sure to include the details.


Here's a few of our community that you might want to support:



Cooks River Brewing

www.cooksriverbrewing.com - Hurlstone Park's local brewing company.

Ben Hamilton and Nathan Eason have kids in the u8s and a wife in the Over 30 Womens.

I know a great editor 

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<https://iknowagreateditor.com.au/> - I write and edit engaging content – advertising and marketing copy, reports, web copy, you name it – for clients across all kinds of industries.

Roshan is one of our Over 30 Women's player, manager and Hurlo parent of one of our U10 Girls. OFFER - Mention HPW for 10% off writing and editing services



Canterbury Earlwood Caring Community's Centre

www.cecal.org.au - The Community Centre is on the corner of Clarke & Lewins St Earlwood but also runs programs throughout Canterbury area. *Jacque Cheetham* is the parent of 2 boys who have been playing with the Club for 9 years.



ByrneOut Photography

www.ByrneOut.com.au - ByrneOut is a photographic business. We capture events, family occasions, portraits, images for websites and insta as well as offering design and editing services. *Rhonda Byrne* is a parent of one of our U8s.

If you are interested in becoming part of the Hurlo Business Grapevine, complete the form [HERE](#).

Terry

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COMMITTEE

2020

Thanks to our 2020 Committee

In this newsletter we are taking the opportunity to introduce and thank our 2020 Committee.

Dave Tartak - Gear Coordinator

Dave has and continues to do an amazing job of managing gear (a job that never seems to end!) as well as all the setting up and packing up of fields (especially in the last few weeks of this season when he and Robin were at Ewen pretty much every night).

Robin Hawkes - Secretary and Volunteer Coordinator

Robin does an amazing job with managing our volunteers and with helping out with everything. And the t-shirts this year are her triumph 😊. Robin and Dave live near Ewen Park, but this year I think it has been living AT Ewen and Beaman. Robin has a fantastic, effective friendly and firm style as a ground manager. In most seasons, Robin also organises our Everyone Can Play days, which we look forward to having back in 2021.

Terry Wong - Vice President and Coaching Coordinator and Sponsorship

With Terry's input our coaching support has really gone to next level - the program for the u6 and u7s has given both the players and the coaches much more confidence and a sense of being a cohort. This has been so good in terms of creating the right culture for our young players - with emphasis on getting better at football each week, but having heaps of fun while doing it. Terry has also organised our skills sessions, the weekly coaching emails with a program to support the coaches, and monitoring and mentoring of individual coaches and teams. And on top of that he has been looking after sponsorship and mentoring our MiniRoos game leaders.

Billy Fraser - Canteen Manager

Billy has also continued with his fantastic and reliable management of our canteen and canteen staff - this has been one of those areas where Billy just quietly gets on with it. You might

also notice that there is a bit of Hurlstone Park dynasty in the Fraser family, with Billy, Wilma and Stuart all down at the park most of the weekend. Billy has been part of our club for so long and not only brings enthusiasm but also great advice and experience to our committee.

Anthony Maher - Treasurer

Anthony has implemented brilliant systems for our finances and he and Steve together have wrestled down the monster that is PlayFootball and made it work. But also it is really great to know that we are in such good financial hands because when Anthony says we can spend money we know that we can afford to! We also had lots of complicated discount requests, refunds and delayed payments to manage this year, as well as the addition of money that we could apply for, and even working out whether we could manage financially with the impact of COVID - this has been a huge year for the finances of the club.

Warwick Moss - Competition Secretary and Holly Eades Assistant Competition Secretary

Warwick has continued his fantastic work as Competition Secretary and done so with fantastic goodwill and forbearance, particularly with lots of late forfeits and changes to the draw to be managed. Thank you also to Holly Eades for stepping up to help with results recording and chasing - this has really helped with this task that just needs to be done each week.

Janice Leahy - Admin Coordinator

Janice continues her incredible role of providing admin support and being our chief problem solver with issues such as lights, sprinklers and everything else, as well as looking after meetings, and making sure we are on task and up to date with CDSFA matters. Janice has also mentored many age coordinators and team managers this year and every year.

Gerry Choate - Disciplinary Committee Chair and General Committee Member

Gerry has taken on the role of Chair of the DC

(supported by Adele, Terry and Steve) and has managed some genuinely challenging issues this year – his frank and fearless approach has stood our club in really good stead, both in terms of supporting our players where they needed support, and making sure that any issues were followed up. DC is also one of those jobs that never quite stops, and the DC this year have implemented great systems. As well as that Gerry made our Covid framework actually work – from the hand sanitisers to the entry and exit from the canteen and many other aspects. And a special shout out for the new system of packing up mini goals 😊

Steve Cumming – Registrar and Member Protection Officer

Steve took on the registrar role in 2019, and in the last two years has managed two cumbersome beasts of systems, and done so with good grace and humour – this means multiple extra dealings with systems to get players on the field and hours of work, as well as being our MPIO and looking after the u6s, u7s and u8s. Steve also provides an enormous amount of wise counsel – which I am sure everyone realises but just thought it is worth a bit of a shout out about it.

Mark Slocum – General Committee Member

Thanks also to Mark S who has put his hand up to help wherever and whenever needed, with managing training, covid plans and many other things, and shown such enthusiasm and support throughout the season. It is really important that we have the can do attitude that Mark has!

Adele Walsh – General Committee Member and all round legend!

A very special shout out for Adele, who this year has basically filled every gap that might need to be filled and done it with such efficiency that it would be easy for us not to notice. The website? Adele is on to it. Follow up to support Steve on registrar and card issues? Adele just worked that out and implemented it. The training roster covid registers? Adele had it sorted. The t shirt allocation – Adele sorted that out! The fact that Adele doesn't even have a family member playing with the club speaks volumes for her commitment (though we will get those grand kids into MiniRoos asap!).

Rosalie Viney – President, Grant Writer and who makes all things happen

In a year of uncertainty and frustration, Rosalie's calm, measured and strategic leadership not only kept the club operating successfully, but also delivered some big wins and developments. The lights at Ewen, which she has lobbied for over many years, were installed this season. There are also things happening behind the scenes about the surface at Beaman Park (watch this space), and of course she is constantly working towards the grand scheme of a new clubhouse and facilities at Ewen for our 2024 centenary year. None of this happens by accident, and it is Rosalie's hard work, drive and optimism that keeps all of these things on track.

As well as her tireless strategic work in writing grant applications, liaising with State and local government and the Association, she has continued to lead by doing. I'm sure you've all seen her at the parks every weekend of the season. She also developed our Covid-Safe training schedule, which allowed us back onto the park, and then fronted up week after week on those freezing July nights as our Covid Safety Officer.

It has also, inevitably, been a year that has brought some new and unexpected challenges to the committee and to our membership. I am sure that we all appreciated her reassuring but realistic communication with the membership before and during the delayed season.

HOW TO REGISTER

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!!!!

Want to continue to work on your football skills?

HPW are continuing our well sought after Skills Sessions on Monday nights @ Ewen Park.

To put your name down, go to <https://signup.com/go/vzBWLWN>

COST:

\$80 per player
payment details will be forwarded after signing up





Terry Wong HPW Coaching Coordinator

To all the coaches and managers of Hurlo teams, **THANK YOU** for your contribution in making this (somewhat unusual) season happen.

A few things I'd like to highlight from the season:



- Skills Training - this favoured Monday night feature remained as popular as ever throughout the year with some great player development witnessed over the season. Apart from the U8-13 and ever reliable Over 30 Womens groups, we also introduced the program to the U14 & 15s. This year we also doubled our capacity and still had sold out sessions. Next year we are looking to continue offering this program to all players ... plus look out for the Summer Program starting 9th Nov until 14 Dec. Massive thank you to Coach Steve for running this program for us.



Photo: Skills Training – a regular fixture at Beaman Park on Monday night



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- Goalkeeper Training - offered throughout the season, it was great to see the development of some budding keepers in our midst.
- Coach Support - this season we ramped up our coach support through the provision of weekly session plans and weeknight support from Coach Steve.
- New training format for our U6s and U7s - check out the story on our new program.
- Coach Accreditation - we have undertaken the goal of having all our Coaches appropriately accredited (by completing an age-appropriate course offered by the Association). This year we have had record number of coaches complete their accreditation which enables us to provide support in using a consistent framework. Next season, we will continue to sponsor our coaches to complete their accreditation as it is an important part of providing our teams with the best playing environment.



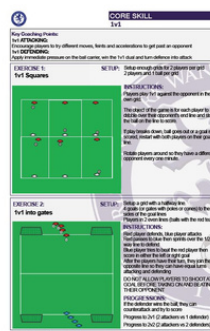
Photo: HPW coaches attending a Grassroot course



COACH HUB



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.



A NEW PROGRAM FOR OUR MOST JUNIOR PLAYERS

Under 6 & Under 7's

This season we took a different approach to onboarding our most junior players and coaches.

What was different?

Each week we mapped out a weekly training plan based on one or two of the curriculum's 4 key skills (1v1, first touch, striking the ball and running with the ball). Each session started and ended with a small-sided game (after all, that's really what the kids turn up for). Sandwiched in between the games were 3 different practices, with our coaches leading that practice for the night. The teams would then rotate between the set-ups in 10-minute segments.



Our mighty U6s at training (under the new lights!)

Why the new approach?

The goal of this program for the coaches was to provide an easy-to-execute session, plenty of practice through repetition with different groups of kids, support from Coach Steve, all focussed on building their coaching skills.

"With 12 (mostly new) Coaches volunteering for each age group, it was important we provide them with an environment to thrive. Back in my day, you put your hand up and were largely left to your own devices. This approach gives coaches a real head start and in the end we hope will create some great coaches", says Terry Wong, Coaching Coordinator.

For the kids, it's all about getting plenty of game-based touches on the ball and fostering a love for the game. Rotating through the different practices held their engagement levels which meant they were getting maximum benefit from the session as a whole.

"In the end, the kids are the greatest beneficiaries of this program. Their level of engagement and skill development over the season has been impressive. I think we are on a winner!", says Coach Steve Tzanakes, our Coach Mentor.

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What's the feedback been?

We surveyed the parents about the new format and here's a sample of the feedback:

- 100% rated the experience of the children as Excellent (55.8%) or Good (44.2%)
- "Well organised and great for their short attention span"
- "Reuben loves training and is highly motivated. That says a lot to me about the effort the coaches are putting in."
- "I am so impressed with the whole thing. Thank you. My daughter absolutely loves it and has a real sense of belonging. She listens hard and loves learning new skills and putting them into practice on game day."
- "Max is active the whole session as opposed to last year where I noticed he would tire / become less engaged as the session went on."
- "While under 6's sometimes get tired and struggle with concentration, having training at 5:30 has allowed me to take my son after work (harder to juggle earlier), and I have seen an improvement in my son's focus over the course of the training!"
- "The lack of parent involvement and interruption in Wednesday's training is a good indication that the sessions are well structured. I think this also flows onto game day."

Mighty Mighty Hurlo Song

One of the unexpected outcomes was the introduction of the Mighty Might Hurlo Song (unfortunately cut short due to COVID restrictions ... but bound to be back in 2021). For those who want to practice, here are the lyrics ...

Leader: **Everywhere we go** (group repeat)

Leader: **The people want to know** (group repeat)

Leader: **Who we are** (group repeat)

Leader: **and where we come from** (group repeat)

Leader: **So we tell them** (group repeat)

Leader: **We are the Hurlo** (group repeat)

Leader: **The mighty mighty Hurlo** (group repeat)

Leader: **And if you cannot hear us** (group repeat)

Leader: **We'll sing it even louder** (group repeat)



Check out <https://fb.watch/lnhg1PGuPr/> for the Mighty Mighty Hurlo song in action.



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UNDER 7 WORLD CUP REPORT

Steven Cumming

Our First ever Under 7 World Cup!

Over two fast and furious Saturdays at the end of the season we played our inaugural, awesome U7 World Cup. The morning of September 26 passed in a blur as Belgium, France, England, Portugal and Brazil played a complete round robin series of ten minute games, with overall win/loss ratio and goal difference determining placings for the Final the following weekend.

Brazil and Belgium dominated the qualifying round, and on October 3 they played off in an amazing, tight, end-to-end World Cup final while England, France and Portugal battled it out for the other placings. The special rule that we can award random goals for 'patriotism' ensured a wonderful, colourful spectator turnout (and no shortage of possibly dubious cultural tropes!)

With Brazil and Belgium tied and only a few minutes to go, everyone was getting excited that it might fall to the parents in a "Spectator Spectacle" to decide the winner. But Belgium slotted one in, securing their place as the first Under 7 World Cup Champions, while making a legend of their coaching crew as our only multiple Mini World Cup winning coaches. Brazil played beautifully in a close game that could have gone either way, while Portugal, France and England could not be separated with a three-way tie for third place!

Thanks again to our fantastic young athletes and their terrific parents for getting into it and making it such a fantastic event .



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HPW CELEBRATES OUR 2020 TEAMS

We want to say congratulations to all our teams.

There are some teams that we know ended up with a tough season especially with the re-draw to 8 team comps that meant some teams were unexpectedly bumped up a division.

There are others that are completely new and have had to use season 2020 to come together as a team.

And there are some that played it out in the middle of the ladder, with some important wins, some tough losses, but holding their heads up high.

There were a couple of teams that will take away that one important win, or that first goal for a new player, or that player who went from not being sure to really loving the game.

These are our victories as well, and every one of them is to be celebrated !

[Click here to Celebrate our 2020 Teams !](#)

From the Vault

UNDER 9'S - 2011



2020

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Dear Members of the Hurlstone Park Wanderers Community,

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on **Monday 7th December** at the **Marrickville Golf Club**, commencing at **7.30 pm**.

All our members are invited to attend.

Please come along to hear about what we have done in 2020 and what we have planned for 2021. More importantly this is your chance to get involved. If you are interested in becoming part of the Committee for 2021, please get in touch. [Nomination forms are available on our website by clicking here.](#)

Nominations should be emailed to President@hurlstoneparkwanderers.com.au by 30th November 2020.

Even if you aren't sure about getting involved in the Committee there are many ways that you can help and coming along to the AGM is a great way to start. We have many ways that you can volunteer and help the club as we build towards our centenary in 2024.

To help us manage COVID19 safe practices, we ask that you let us know if you are planning to attend the AGM by clicking this [RSVP link](#).

We look forward to seeing you on 7th December.

Rosalie Viney

HPW President
on behalf of the HPWFC Committee

