

# The Wanderer

February 2017



## Presidents Message

On behalf of the Hurlstone Park Wanderers committee we would like to welcome you back to the 2017 season, and we look forward to our new Wanderers signing up this year. We are expecting over 1400 players to turn out in the Hurlstone Park Wanderers shirts this year, with over 80 competitive teams, and over 500 junior players.

Our revamped newsletter is the beginning of one of our key strategic drives in 2017 and that is to communicate to players, coaches, managers, volunteers and supporters and make 2017 a great year of football.

## Registrations

All returning players should now have received their welcome email, with the instructions on how to [register online](#) for the 2017 season. We would prefer that you register on-line, as this allows us more time to spend with the new players at our registration days. For those unable to register online, registration days will be held on Sunday 29th January and Sunday 5th February at [Canterbury Hurlstone Park RSL](#), from 10:00am to 1:00pm.

For further information contact: [registrar@hurlstoneparkwanderers.com.au](mailto:registrar@hurlstoneparkwanderers.com.au)

## Bruce Drake Memorial Game

To kick-off the season we will be holding the 6th Annual Bruce Drake Memorial Game. Bruce was an absolute stalwart of the club. He was a long standing committee member and coached the most successful side the club has had for over 15 years. This team made 8 Grand Finals (winning 7) and won the Champion of Champions.

Played each year between the two teams that played for Bruce, the BBC (Men's 1st team) and the AA4, the game will be played on the Saturday before the season starts, at a venue to be confirmed.

We'd love to see as many people at the game in blue and white to cheer on both teams and remember Bruce. For more information on the game to <http://hurlstoneparkwanderers.com.au/bruce-drake-memorial-game/>

## Fair Play and Respect

At Hurlstone Park Wanderers our culture is built on Fair Play, on respect for our opponents and officials, and a love of the game. We will be conducting meetings with all Managers and Coaches in March to outline our expectations and ensure that you and your teams have a great season.

We remind all players of all ages to remember that the badge on the front of the shirt has been worn by players, coaches and managers for over 93 years. Wear it with pride, pay it the respect it deserves and enjoy your football. We are a Family club and play for the enjoyment of football. It's grassroots, it's not the world cup :-)

Welcome again and good luck for to the 2017 season.

Mark Higgins, President

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## Key dates for 2017

- Registration continues through February and teams will be finalised by the end of the month.
- Training begins the first week of March
- Season begins the weekend of 1st/2nd April and runs until the end of August
- Easter is the weekend of 15/16 April. There are no games scheduled that weekend.
- Charity Round - 20/21 May
- Family Day - last weekend of August.



## Coach Mentors

Welcome back to our Coaches and Managers for the 2017 season. Without your efforts, and the passion you bring to your roles, none of us would be able to play football. The leadership that coaches provide is a key factor in establishing and maintaining a positive club culture.

With that in mind, the committee is looking to implement a new role of Coach Mentor for the coming season to assist coaches in the 9-11 age brackets. These mentors will be present at training to assist coaches to run sessions, to give advice and to demonstrate techniques (but not to run your sessions for you). We are very keen to help coaches so that they feel empowered to run their training with confidence, while improving

their skills and importantly so that their players have a great time playing football.

The committee has a goal to have every coach qualified with at least the Grassroots level, but preferably the Skills level (Ages 9-12). To help with this the Canterbury District Soccer Football Association (CDSFA) is offering coaching courses in February that we urge all coaches without formal coaching qualifications to attend. The courses will provide you with a great introduction to foundational coaching skills. The Coach Mentor will then be able to build on these skills to develop your coaching ability.

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### Ewen Park Re-turfing

Canterbury Bankstown Council have recently relayed the turf at Ewen Park following the installation of an irrigation system. The irrigation combined with the drainage installed a couple of years ago will mean that the turf will be in much better condition throughout the season. At this time we do not know if the ground will be ready for training in March.

If it isn't we will need to share Beaman Park on a rotational basis, or seek assistance from CDSFA to 'borrow' another field until Ewen Park is ready.



*Ewen Park looking very green !*

## Charity Round 2017

This year we are organising a club wide Charity Round for the Weekend of 20/21 May. With your help and support the club will work towards raising funds for selected football and family based charities. This is built on an initiative from one of our very organised O/35 teams, who last year raised over \$3,000 on their own.

As part of Charity Round, all teams will be given the opportunity to play in Pink socks, which can be purchased for a small fee through our kit supplier Stanno. Money from the purchase of the socks will go to the chosen charities.

If teams want to go further, you will be able to purchase a complete set of Pink shirts, which you can keep, and you can play in Pink and Blue for the day.

Details of other opportunities to donate will be provided over the coming months.

We encourage your team's participation in Charity Round and thank you in advance for your support of what we believe is a very worthwhile initiative.



*Our 35/4 donned pink socks for charity raising over \$3000 in 2016*

For more information visit <http://hurlstoneparkwanderers.com.au/charity-round-2017/> or, email: [fundraising@hurlstoneparkwanderers.com.au](mailto:fundraising@hurlstoneparkwanderers.com.au)

## Family Day

We will be having our family day again this year at the end of August to coincide with the end of the 2017 season. It was a great day last year and we are looking to make it bigger and better in 2017. So keep the last Saturday free in August, and come down and join in the fun.



## Hurlstone Park Minitilda’s at Sydney FC

The off-season for Hurlstone Park Wanderers is never the off-season for football, and one of the exciting opportunities it offers is the chance to follow the A-League and the W-League.

The Canterbury District Soccer Football Association has partnered with Sydney FC to give Minitildas (u6-u11) and girls teams from clubs across the district the chance to be team mascots, ball kids and provide the half time entertainment at W-League games. Hurlstone Park Wanderers players stepped up at the exciting Round 10 game Sydney FC vs Canberra United on 3<sup>rd</sup> January.



Hurlstone Park Wanderers were represented by Kiera, from our u16 girls team, who was also one of the ball kids for the game, and by 20 young players from our Minitildas teams. While both teams played their hearts out, Sydney FC came away with the spoils in a 6-1 goal fest. We credit the big win to the lucky coin toss, where the honours were done by our committee member and Minitilda age coordinator Janice Leahy Wong.

The girls had great fun being team mascots, walking on the Sydney FC team, and then playing mini-football on the synthetic field at Lambert Park as the half time entertainment. It’s a big thrill for our young players to meet their idols. “I enjoy having the opportunity to meet and chat to the players and being a part of the game” the girls reported. It was exciting to see the girls providing support to the big win for the home team.

We asked some of our players about the experience on the day:

<i>Player Name, HPW Age group/team</i>	Catalina, Under 9’s
<i>How long have you been playing football?</i>	Since I was 4 years old.
<i>What is your favourite position?</i>	Striker and Goalkeeper
<i>How often do you go to W League games?</i>	Every time there is a W-League match at Lambert Park.
<i>Who is your favourite W League team?</i>	Sydney FC
<i>Who is your favourite W League player?</i>	Theresa Polias
<i>What is the best thing about being a Mascot?</i>	Walking out onto the field, holding the teams hand and talking to them while wearing my Hurlstone Park uniform.



## Hurlstone Park Minitilda's at Sydney FC ... continued

<i>Player Name, HPW Age group/team</i>	Briana, Under 11's
<i>How long have you been playing football?</i>	2017 will be my 6th season playing for Hurlstone Park.
<i>What is your favourite position?</i>	Centre Midfield
<i>How often do you go to W League games?</i>	All Sydney FC home games, SFC vs WSW Derbies and Finals.
<i>Who is your favourite W League team?</i>	Sydney FC
<i>Who is your favourite W League player?</i>	Amy Harrison
<i>What is the best thing about being a Mascot?</i>	I enjoy having the opportunity to meet and chat to the players and being part of the game. I also love playing at halftime.



<i>Player Name, HPW Age group/team</i>	Kiera, U16/2's
<i>How long have you been playing football?</i>	3 years.
<i>What is your favourite position?</i>	Striker
<i>How often do you go to W League games?</i>	This was my first game.
<i>Who is your favourite W League team?</i>	Sydney FC
<i>Who is your favourite W League player?</i>	Lisa De Vanna
<i>What is the best thing about being a Mascot?</i>	Being able to participate in the event and see the game close up.

<i>Player Name, HPW Age group/team</i>	Sophia, Under 11's
<i>How long have you been playing football?</i>	This year will be my 5th year.
<i>What is your favourite position?</i>	Midfield
<i>How often do you go to W League games?</i>	I go to most Sydney home games and some away games.
<i>Who is your favourite W League team?</i>	Sydney FC
<i>Who is your favourite W League player?</i>	Teresa Polias (because she is tough, strong and kind. Every time she sees me she gives me a 'thumbs up').
<i>What is the best thing about being a Mascot?</i>	I get to walk on the field with the players, this is fun and exciting.



## 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, parents and supporters to keep in touch via Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. Post photos and scores and share stories from your team throughout the season or feel free to ask a question.

Website: [www.hurlstoneparkwanderers.com.au/](http://www.hurlstoneparkwanderers.com.au/)

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/HurlstoneParkWanderers>

Twitter: [@HPWanderersFC](https://twitter.com/HPWanderersFC)

Instagram: [@hurlohpw](https://www.instagram.com/hurlohpw)



## Travelling Hurlo's of the Month

Michaelie, Felix and Zoe, all longstanding junior Hurlo players, flying the colours and putting the Hurlstone Park beanies into action on holidays in chilly New Zealand.



If you have a travel photo in your Hurlstone Park gear and would like to be the 'Travelling Hurlo of the Month', send them through to [newsletter@hurlstoneparkwanderers.com.au](mailto:newsletter@hurlstoneparkwanderers.com.au) or post them to our Facebook or twitter accounts.

## 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](mailto:sponsorship@hurlstoneparkwanderers.com.au)