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Official newsletter of Hurlstone Park Wanderers FC

2022 REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Rosalie Viney

Welcome everyone to season 2022. I am sure that everyone agrees that not only was it a pretty strange season 2021 (on the back of 2020) but that we are all feeling a little overwhelmed about what is ahead. But as a club, we are putting our best foot forward and being optimistic that after two years of disruption, we can expect a return to football as we know and love it. As I write this, there are many unknowns, but we are also confident that we have at least a couple of months ahead of us to prepare, that we know a lot more about what to expect, and that our players are raring to go.

This is our first newsletter for 2022, and hopefully a return to business as usual, with regular newsletters during the season rather than COVID updates. So welcome back everyone. In this newsletter we have some key information about the upcoming season, recognition of our 2021 premiers, key dates and other news. You can also catch up on the new Committee, our new website, the Association Centenary, our infrastructure plans, and other news.

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EVENTS:

Registrations Open
• 7 January 2022

Team Formation Days
• 1-3 February 2022
• 8-10 February 2022

Coach & Managers Meeting
• to be advised

2022 Season Begins
• 1-3 April 2022

Queens Birthday Weekend
(no U6-U11 games)
• 10-12 June 2022



Our Committee has been busy in the background on many fronts while we have not been able to play, and one of the things that I hope everyone will appreciate is our new look website. We hope that not only does it look more modern, and is easier to navigate, but that it will help to keep everyone up to date.

You have probably noticed already that the Association is celebrating its Centenary this year. This is pretty amazing for grassroots football, and it means a lot for our club, as we were one of the founding members (our 100th season will be 2023 in case you are wondering!).

And of course, this newsletter coincides with the AFC Women's Cup, in which the Matildas have

already stamped their mark with an emphatic win. What an exciting time for football, especially leading up to the Women's World Cup at home in 2023.

I want to thank the 2021 Committee for their amazing work and welcome the 2022 Committee. I'd also like to congratulate our new life members.

And my final congratulations is one that I am thrilled about – Briana Wong, who won the Alive FM Female Volunteer of the Year Award.

Looking forward to seeing you all in 2022.

Rosalie

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WHAT ARE THESE FUNNY LOOKING BOXES ALL OVER THE NEWSLETTER?

These are QR codes. If you have a printed version of this newsletter, we've made it easier to access links from your mobile. All links are also clickable if browsing the newsletter online.



SEASON 2022 KICK OFF

HOW DO I REGISTER?

For more information, go to the Play with us page on our website.
<https://hurlstoneparkwaveriders.com.au/play/>



KEY DATES

7 January 2022 - registrations open

1-10 February 2022 - team formation days

14 February 2022 - register by this date to guarantee a spot in a team

1-3 April 2022 - season begins

TEAM FORMATION

For more information, go to the Player resources page on our website.
<https://hurlstoneparkwaveriders.com.au/players/>



WHO IS MY AGE COORDINATOR?

Find your age coordinator on the Contact page on our website.
<https://hurlstoneparkwaveriders.com.au/contact/>



Introducing the 2022 Committee

At our AGM in December 2021, we elected our 2022 Committee. Many of them are of course familiar faces who have been part of the Committee and the Club for many years, but we have some new roles in place.

We also said farewell to two of our fantastic Committee members. Thank you to **George Papathanasiou** our Competition Secretary for the past year who is stepping down because of other family commitments. He will continue as Age Coordinator for the U16 and Women's Intermediate League age groups and as a Coach, and will share his wisdom with our incoming Competition Secretary.



And huge thanks to **Anthony Maher**, who has been our Treasurer for many years and who has set up fantastic systems and processes that will help our incoming Treasurer. We will miss Anthony's expertise enormously, but he has left us in a good place,

particularly with the support of an expert bookkeeper who provides professional support.

We do not currently have anyone in the Treasurer role and we are looking to fill this as soon as possible, as it is essential to the workings of the Club. If you have financial expertise, particularly an Accounting background and are looking to get more involved with the Club, please get in touch.

We want to thank **Janice Leahy** for her involvement providing administrative support in the past – Janice stepped down from this role at the end of 2020, with her increasing role at the Association level. However, we are very happy to welcome **Caroline Aow** in this role in 2021, and continuing into 2022. Caroline is not only a manager and age coordinator, and mother of three fantastic players in the club, but she is bringing fantastic expertise and can do attitude

to support the Committee in key projects and with communication.

Our **2022 Committee** is:

Executive Committee Members:

President – Rosalie Viney

Vice President – Gerry Choate

Secretary – Robin Hawkes

Competition Secretary – Phong Giang

Treasurer – Vacant

Registrar – Steve Cumming

Robin looks after **Volunteer coordination** and our

All Abilities program

General Committee Members:

Coaching Coordinator – Terry Wong

Gear Coordinator – David Tartak

Member Protection Information Officer and

COVID Officer – Edel Murray

Website Coordination – Holly Eades

Canteen Manager – Billy Fraser

BBQ Roster – Alanna Stevens

All our Committee members take on multiple roles and we have just highlighted some of these in this list. We are also very interested in getting the broader club involved in helping out in various activities, so we are looking for people to reach out. Particular activities where we could use additional help include our newsletter, charity round, all abilities football, sponsorship and awards and recognition, and planning for our Centenary. If any of these roles sound like you – let us know. We aren't asking people to take on big roles, but to be willing to help out, especially where they have skills or experience.

Contact details for
our Committee
members are
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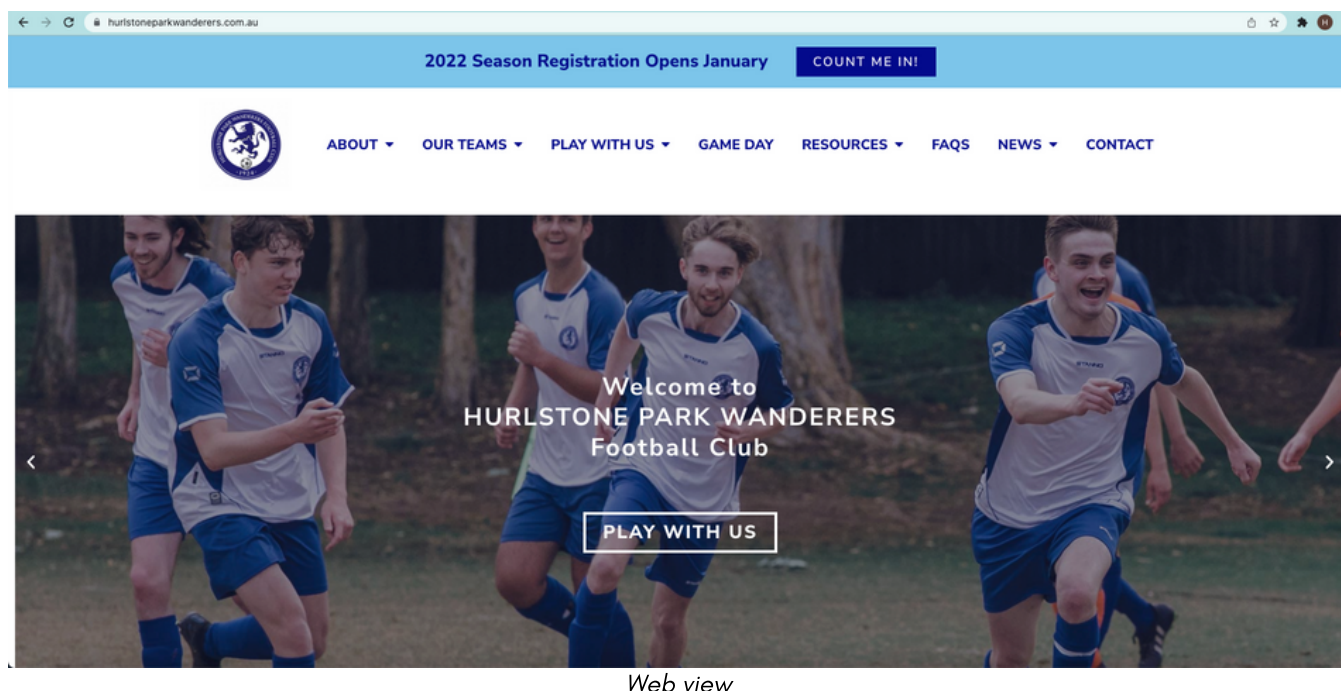
EXECUTIVE ROLE VACANT TREASURER

The Treasurer role is currently vacant and we are looking to fill this as soon as possible. If you have financial expertise, particularly an Accounting background, and are looking to get more involved with the Club, please get in touch with Rosalie Viney on president@hurlstoneparkwanderers.com.au.

The Role Description is available on our website.

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Web view

<https://hurlstoneparkwanderers.com.au/>

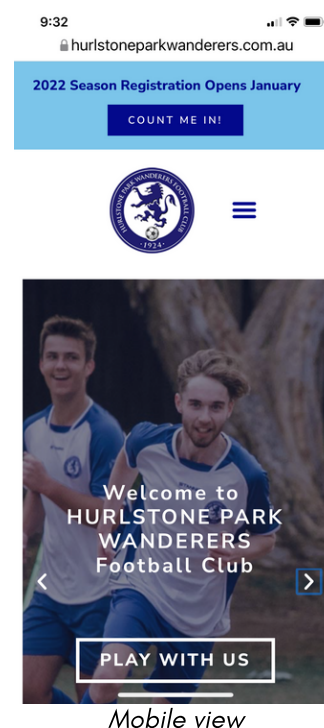


Our new look website

When you went to register this season, you probably noticed that our website has a fresh new look. This has been a major project led by Caroline Aow and Holly Eades, with input from the rest of the Committee, and expertise from website developers Wild Honey Creative <https://wildhoneycreative.com/>. Huge thanks to the developers, Caroline, Holly and the rest of the Committee who have worked hard to put the content together and to make sure that we can keep everything up to date going forward.

We wanted to make our website more contemporary, web and mobile friendly, more future proof and a better vehicle for communicating to our members and showcasing our club. We love the new look, especially the use of wonderful photos of our players. To keep our content current, we will be calling upon our teams to send us photos and information. We have established a Communications Sub-Committee and what they really need is regular updates from our team to keep everyone coming back to the website, and also for our newsletters going forward.

Over the next year we will be developing additional new content – particularly around our history, news updates, awards and recognition of our members. We would love your feedback and suggestions for content!



Mobile view

Congratulations Briana Wong Alive FM Female Volunteer of the Year

Anyone who spends any time at Ewen Park on Saturday mornings will know Briana, who is a fantastic young game leader, our Mini Cubs leader (along with Jordan) and also puts in lots of extra hours supporting the other game leaders and acting as a game leader manager and mentor supporting Gemma and Jackie.

Last year we nominated Briana for the Alive FM Female Volunteer of the Year, and were very excited when she was selected as a finalist and interviewed for the show. You can find the interview here.

<https://www.alive905.com.au/podcast/episodes/female-volunteer-award-nominee-briana-wong-hurlstone-park-wanderers-fc/>

Briana has been volunteering at the club since she started helping Terry with coaching her younger brothers' teams - she has gone from strength to strength as a game leader, a player, a coach and a referee. And she still finds time to be



at Ewen Park on Saturday mornings during the season, not just to run the Miniroos (3-5 year olds), but also to be our star Game Leader.

So it was very exciting, and we are absolutely thrilled to let you know that Briana was selected as the overall winner - from a field of amazing volunteers from clubs right across Sydney. This is such a well deserved award and recognises Briana as one of the amazing rising stars of football, who contributes as a player, a referee, a coach and a volunteer.

Congratulations Briana - you are the future of football!

2021 Congratulations

Congratulations to all of our teams and players for their commitment and effort through a challenging and unexpectedly short 2021 season. While we did not get to have the usual fun of finals, four of our teams were declared Premiers for the season in their divisions. This reflects their sustained effort week by week, game by game throughout the season. Huge congratulations to the **12/2A girls**, the **13/2 girls**, the **13/3 mixed** and the **AA4A teams**. The three juniors teams were undefeated throughout the season, which is a great record of consistency and reflects the effort of the players, the coaches and the managers (and of course the wonderful parents).



Special congratulations also to **Frank Calcagno** from our Bill Brackenbury Cup team who won the Golden Boot Award for the BBC Competition for 2021. Frank was awarded the trophy at the CDSFA AGM in November.

And a special shout out to **Maree Paradisis** from our Grace Martin Trophy team, who this season reached an amazing tally of 96 games. We expected Maree to reach the milestone of her 100th game in the Grace Martin Trophy competition this season, but COVID-19 put a stop to that.



Also congratulations to **Tessa Copp** who reached a tally of 90 games this season before an ACL injury ended her football for the season. We have some amazing sustained effort from players in our club, and Maree and Tessa are standouts in this!





CDSFA Centenary Year

We play in the Canterbury District Soccer Football Association, which is one of the longest standing football institutions in the country. 2022 marks the Centenary season for the Association, and was launched on 24 January 2022 with an event involving Federal, State and local Council politicians, and MCed by football media legend Simon Hill.

Hurlstone Park Wanderers has a wonderful legacy within the Association. We were ourselves founded in 1924, and so we are not only one of oldest and longest running clubs, but we have also made our mark throughout the history of the Association. The premier men's competition the Bill Brackenbury Cup is named for our founder.



It was fantastic to have Rocky and Abby, two of our wonderful game leaders take part in the celebrations, as the two game leaders selected to officiate small sided games following the speeches. Rocky and Abby did a wonderful job and represented us very well, showing off their experience and maturity as game leaders.

During 2022 there will be many more opportunities to celebrate the Association's Centenary and our Club's contribution to this amazing history of community sport.

Life members

I'd like to congratulate our new life members, who were nominated and approved at the 2021 AGM. These nominations recognise amazing service to the club and what is notable is that we have some younger club members recognised this year – people who have put in amazing service over many years for the club.

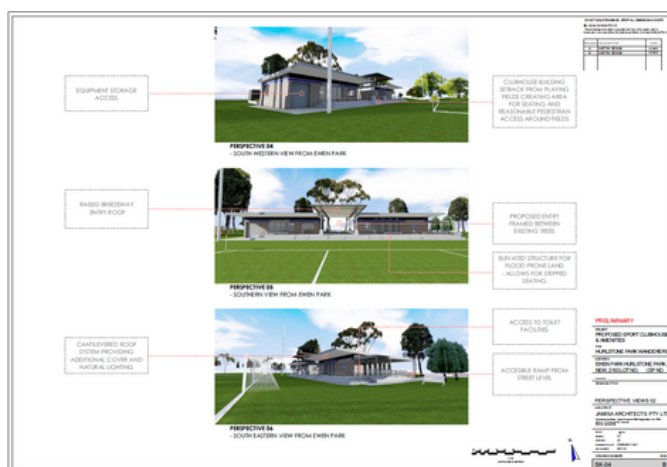
Congratulations to **Anthony Maher**, our retiring Treasurer, and to **Lauren Paddon**, longstanding captain of the GMT team, and **Gemma Viney**, who has been our miniref/game leader coordinator for many years as well as being a longstanding coach and player within the club.





We were very excited to receive the news last year that our application for a Greater Cities Sports Fund grant was successful. We received the largest grant that can be awarded under the scheme - \$1 million towards our new canteen, amenities block and club house at Ewen Park. This is part of our overall infrastructure improvement plan, that we are aiming to undertake over the next five years (and that started with the new lights at Ewen in 2020). The success was a huge effort by the Club and Committee, with help from many volunteers and from other local sporting organisations, but also with great support from CDSFA and the Canterbury Bankstown Council, who will manage the project on our behalf.

We want to recognise as well the fact that our success was in no small part due to the work that has gone before the current Committee, and particularly to fundraising that had been done by our members over the previous two decades that put us in good stead to be able to commit the required co-contribution.



We will bring you more news over the year about the plans for the new clubhouse, but our expectation is that the site preparations will begin late in this season, with the aim of completion ready for Season 2023.

A very big thank you to our infrastructure committee, Phil Martin, Gerry Choate, Janice Leahy and Rosalie Viney.

Very excitingly, we can give you a further update that the CDSFA Board has approved funding from their infrastructure improvement fund of \$100,000 to help us to complete the work as a state of the art facility - this funding will be forthcoming based on plans submitted by the Club for key parts of the fitout of the facility, including security, audio-visual and the canteen. This is a wonderful contribution, and we are very grateful to the Association's Board and CEO for the support of our club and members that this very significant contribution represents.

We were also successful with a much smaller grant to contribute to infrastructure at Beaman Park. We are working with Council for a plan for the best way to use these funds to improve facilities at Beaman.

Become A Sponsor!

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 football development, 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: contact@hurlstoneparkwanderers.com.au





Terry Wong
HPW
Coaching
Coordinator

Team formation sessions

The Hurlstone Park Wanderers Football Club will be holding Team Formation sessions for the 2022 season in the afternoon/evenings during February 2022 at Ewen Park.

The full schedule is available on our website.
<https://hurlstoneparkwanderers.com.au/players/>



Tuesday 1 February and 8 February (if required)

U13 & U14 Girls	5.00 – 6.30 pm
U15 & U16 Girls	6.00 – 7.30 pm
U17-U19 WIL, AAW & O35W	7.30 – 9.00 pm
GMT	7.30 – 9.00 pm

Wednesday 2 February and 9 February (if required)

U8 Mixed	5.00 – 6.30 pm
U9 Mixed	6.00 – 7.30 pm
U12 Mixed	7.00 – 8.30 pm
AAM/BBC	7.30 – 9.00 pm

Thursday 3 February and 10 February (if required)

U10 Mixed	5.00 – 6.30 pm
U12 Girls	5.00 – 6.30 pm
U11 Mixed	6.00 – 7.30 pm
U13 & U14	6.00 – 7.30 pm
U15-U18	7.00 – 8.30 pm

The Team Formation sessions are organised by the HPW grading sub-committee, which oversees the entire process. The sessions are run by independent assessors.

Results of the Team Formation process will be advised by your Age Coordinator.

It is anticipated that team formation will be finalised at the latest by early March, but notification may occur a lot sooner.

Sign up now – all players who wish to participate must complete this prior.



Wet Weather

Check our [Facebook page](#)



Questions

For any queries regarding team formation, please contact our Coaching Coordinator at coaching@hurlstoneparkwanderers.com.au



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. Contact Terry to sign up.