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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to our second newsletter of 2022. As I am sure everyone is aware, it has been a very strange pre-season with the combination of weather and the persistent COVID outbreaks playing havoc with pre-season training and trial games. I have been looking back recently at some of our past social media posts, and it does seem that there is always something that makes pre-season challenging, be it wet weather, issues with lights or a pandemic, but I don't think there has ever been a season when we have literally only had two training nights during March. This means we have not had nearly as much opportunity for our players to be match fit ready for kick-off. And of course, as I write this, it is still unclear how many parks will be open for our first round. Nonetheless we are excited to be this close to the season.

It is fantastic to have so many returning and new players to the club, both young and not so young. On the first Saturday of the season we look forward to welcoming all our new little lions (under sixes and under sevens) to the club - we have put this off twice already due to weather, and we know they are very keen. Over the past couple of years our Coaching Leadership team - Coach Coordinator Terry Wong, Coaching Director Steve Tzanakes and Coaching Expert Miles Downie have developed a fantastic program for these age groups to really focus on building skills while having fun - with lots of touches on the ball and natural development of football sense. We have been especially privileged to have Miles contributing his knowledge and expertise to this program - many of you will have seen that Miles was recently appointed head Futsal coach by Football Australia.

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EVENTS:

2022 Season Begins
• 1-3 April 2022

3-5 year old miniroos begins
• 9 April 2022

Easter Weekend
(no games)
• 15-17 April 2022

Grassroots certificate
• 28 April 2022

Queens Birthday Weekend - catch up games for 10-12 team comps
(no U6-U11 games)
• 10-12 June 2022



While the last two years has taken a bit of a toll on community sport in general, we still have 85 teams entered across the CDSFA competition from under 8s up to over 50s. HPW is very much a community club with a focus on giving everyone the opportunity to play, and so we are pretty excited to see that we have the largest contingent of teams (three) entering the newly formed CDSFA Men's Over 50s competition, as well as the largest contingent of teams (six) in the Women's Over 35 competition. We've also seen a big growth in the Men's Under 21s age group, and strong representation across all other age groups. Best of luck to all of our teams.

I also want to thank all our age coordinators and committee members who have been working incredibly hard to get our teams ready for the season, as well as all our members who have volunteered to be coaches and managers for the season. Getting the teams ready to play is no small feat, and it was great to welcome so many coaches and managers at our two welcome and information nights either virtually or in real life over the past two Mondays.

In this newsletter, we have a focus on our Bill Brackenbury Cup team – the men's premier league team. The team joined the club last year, though many of them have a long association with HPW as juniors, and had a great season, finishing in the top four. This season they have had a great preparation, despite the weather, including a very exciting run in the Australia Cup. They will also be competing soon in the Cottam Cup, and are looking to have a strong season and make a tilt for the premiership. We really want to encourage our club members to come along on Saturday and Sunday afternoons when our premier men's and women's teams are playing at home at Ewen – you will see great football, and when the sun finally comes out, there is no better way to spend the afternoon. In future newsletters we will also have a focus on the Grace Martin Trophy team, who have a new coach and many new players. But we would also like to have a focus on all our teams, so we are asking our members to send us stories and photos.

As we have already noted, this year is the Centenary year for the CDSFA, and during March we have contributed to their history with stories about HPW on the CDSFA Centenary Instagram page. Huge thanks to Edel Murray and Caroline Aow for the work they have been doing on this – go and check out the stories on Instagram ([@cdsfa100](https://www.instagram.com/cdsfa100)). We will also be posting some of these stories in our newsletter throughout the season.

We have been finding some fantastic photos from previous years as well as wonderful history, which is great material for our own Centenary in 2024, and to make sure that when we do have our clubhouse, we will be able to fill it with HPW legacy. This is where we rely on you as members to send us photos or a write up of your team, or of a great game. On this note, congratulations to our Under 14 Division 1 Girls, who had a great start to the season at Strathfield's Female Football Festival, coming away not only with the trophy for the day, but also with Isabella Ranieri winning a medal for top goal scorer.

Finally, in wishing everyone the best for the season, I have two messages. The first is to reinforce the philosophy of supportive sidelines – football is most enjoyable for everyone – our kids, us as players, for everyone on the sidelines and for match officials and game leaders when we remember that the only thing anyone wants to hear from the sidelines is “well played” (or similar). This instills a culture of respect and a love of the game, and it is up to all of us to play our part. We can be passionate about the game with out losing our cool, and this is something we hold very dear at HPW (did I mention that we are still the holders of the Bert Harvey Trophy for fair play – we really want to keep that record). The second message is that the lifeblood of our club is volunteers. Thank you to everyone who has already stepped up to be a volunteer as a coach, manager, committee member, or in any other capacity. But for everyone else – there is plenty to do – so be willing available and ready to help set up and pack up fields, turn a sausage on the barbecue or wash jerseys or bibs.

Have a great season everyone.

Rosalie Viney

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Our Bill Brackenbury Cup team entered the Australia Cup this year. The last time HPW had a team in the (previously named) FFA Cup was back in 2015, so it was great to have a team that was ready to give this knock out competition that is played across all levels of senior men's football in Australia a go. Our first match was a Round 2 match against the aptly named Hills Spirit FC, a club from the north of Sydney. Played on a Saturday evening at Rudd Park (special shout out to our neighbouring club Belmore Eagles for being such wonderful hosts, even running the BBQ for the spectators), it was a great game, in which the young Hills Spirit team gave a good run, scoring one goal against our much stronger and more experienced players who came away in the end with a 7-1 win.



We drew local NPL team Fraser Park for our Round 3 game, which was played on a Tuesday night at Fraser Park's home field. An enthusiastic crowd of HPW supporters came along to cheer along our team and were treated to an absolute rollercoaster of a game, that went for three hours. Others were following along on social media - getting updates from the crowd. Our team played magnificently - it is important to remember that NPL teams have already started their season, and this was perhaps our third game of the year in a challenging pre-season. HPW really pressed hard, and took the lead early in the second half, only to have the agony of Fraser Park taking back a late equaliser late in additional time. With this being a knockout competition, both teams then had to take tired legs into 30 minutes of extra time. Once again, we took the lead from a penalty, but once again Fraser Park snatched back a late goal. Right in the last seconds of extra time, our players, who really were giving it their all had the ball hit the post and then agonisingly bounce so close to in, but Fraser Park managed to knock it away before the final whistle blew, taking the game to a penalty shootout. As we all know, shootouts are the hardest way to end a game, but even this one was exciting - in the end it went to six shots from each team before Fraser Park edged us out of the competition. Our lads played magnificently, and it stands them in great stead to have played what was effectively a grand final before the first game of the season - and it will certainly steady their nerves for future tough games. The team were cheered off the field by the hardy band of HPW supporters who had stayed for the whole 3-hour marathon. While they were disappointed, they know they played with guts, determination and skill and really showed they will be contenders for the BBC championship.





Strathfield Strikers Female Football Festival 2022

Our Under 14 Division 1 Girls took part in the Strathfield Strikers FC Annual Female Football Festival on 27 March 2022.

They won their first game against Baulkham Hills FC convincingly with a 4-0 victory. And went on to the finals against Strathfield FC with a 2-0 win, coming away with the trophy.

A special shout out to Isabella Ranieri who won two awards: player of the match and top goal scorer (scoring 3 of the total 6 goals).

Thanks to Strathfield for hosting this fantastic event!



Introducing our 2022 Bill Brackenbury Cup team

It's the start of a new year, and the Hurlstone Park club welcomes back the BBC squad yet again for another promising year. With some familiar faces taking the pitch again from last year, The BBC team has made a few additions to the already thriving, technical and best looking side, coached by the one and only, Mark Brown.

Follow us along the journey and meet the squad below!



Introducing our 2022 Bill Brackenbury Cup team - continued

Mark Brown - Coach

Hailing from Bromley, England, Mark "Gaffa" Brown is looking to bring the BBC squad to their first title. Mark has coached the squad since 2020 when they were at Ashfield Pirates, before making the move to Hurlstone Park Wanderers. Mark has been a part of the Hurlstone Park club for 18 years, where he played for the club for a period of 6 years, as well as coaching at the club for 18 years. He has also been a coach to all three of his children, two of which who now play for the current BBC squad, Harry and Angus. Mark is a dedicated, hard working and tactical coach whom the boys love and trust. Mark always has the best interest of the players at heart, and this is reflected in the squads attitude towards Mark. Mark welcomes son Angus back to his home this year, as the Gaffa plans on giving Angus additional pre-season training with his long list of chores.

Daniel Mafodda - Manager

Manager and team counsellor Daniel Mafodda is the mastermind behind keeping morale high amongst the lads. Averaging 4 text a week, 3 jugs at the pubs and 2 lifts home for the singing PT per week, Daniel is a vital member of the squad keeping the boys informed and motivated to bring the BBC trophy home. Rumour on the street is that he plans to have the BBC trophy showcased at his wedding at the end of the year and the boys don't plan on letting him down.

Angus Brown - Captain

Kicked out of home this year by house mate and team mate Chris Carboni, Angus Brown has moved back home with his parents to get the inside tactics, and restore his relationship with his father, the coach, after missing one of the deciding penalties in the teams latest Australia Cup clash against Fraser Park. From 'Mr Penalty' to 'Missed A Penalty', Angus spent majority of his years playing at Hurlstone Park Wanderers from Under 6s to Under 17s. He played first grade for Kogarah

Waratahs and state league at Hurstville Minotaurs, Dulwich Hill and Fraser Park FC. Angus also played at Earlwood Wanderers and Ashfield Pirates, before joining the new squad at Hurlstone Park. Angus is looking to captain his squad to their first BBC title, in his third year in the competition.

Harry Brown

Recently married, Harry Brown finds an excuse to leave the house to join the boys for another year in the BBC. Tall and crawling on all fours, Harry "woof woof" Brown is spending his third year in the BBC. Son of the coach and brother of the captain, Harry is a leader both on and off the pitch. He spent his Junior years at Hurlstone Park being coached by Mark, later moving into the state league to play with Apia, Fraser Park, Balmain, Inter lions and Stanmore Hawks. Harry moved back into club football and played for Ashfield Pirates BBC in 2020, before returning home to Hurlstone Park Wanderers in 2021. Harry is one of the two physio's in the team, responsible for strapping up the lads pre-game and managing their injuries.

Chris Carboni

Chris Carboni joined the Hurlstone Park BBC squad in 2020. Chris has a presence on the pitch like no other. He's earned the nick name, "As safe as houses" after turning players inside out in his own box whilst under all types of pressure. Chris played all of his junior years at Leichhardt Tigers before moving into State League and playing for APIA Leichhardt, Parramatta FC, St George FC and Bonnyrigg White Eagles. Chris left State league to play at local club Earlwood Wanderers before joining the squad. In his spare time, Chris enjoys long bike rides and playing chess on his own personalised chess board.

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Harry Griffin Coles

Arguably one of the best players in the BBC, Harry is welcomed back with open arms after an injury saw him out for the back end of last season. Besides being a brick wall in the back line, his most notable football quality is pinging impossible diagonal balls 60 yards across field and hitting a players foot every time. Harry played his junior years at Enfield Rovers and other CDSFA teams before moving into state league and playing for West Sydney Berries, Rockdale and APIA, moving back to the Canterbury district and playing for Concord, Ashfield Pirates and now Hurlstone Park Wanderers. He has also earned the title "Don't look twice" as one glance can turn players into panic mode. One of Harry's hidden talents is javelin. He holds the public record for PVC turbo Javelin, which is documented on camera.

Johnny Inati

Johnny Inati, AKA "Big Hunz" is a part of the teams engine, occupying one of the centre midfield positions. Rarely will you see Johnny take more than two touches, as his passion for tika taka football shines bright within. It must be said that Mark uses Johnny as tactical intimidation because you'll never find Johnny with a shirt on before the game, as he tries to intimidate his opponents with his 6 pack and robust shoulders. Johnny does not lose 50/50 challenges and has been described as "a rock" when trying push him off the ball. Johnny spent his early years at Belmore Eagles and Inter lions, before moving into State League and playing for Stanmore Hawks, Fraser Park FC and Gladesville Ryde Magic. After a short career in modelling, Johnny left it behind and joined the mighty Hurlstone Park Wanderers.

Tim Xin

Tim "I did it again" Xin has been with the squad since the beginning, and is a valued member of the squad both on and off the field. Tim is the second physio in the team and is also responsible for injury prevention and management. He is a man of many positions, dominating the midfield

role as well as giving his opposition a difficult time with hard hitting challenges and brute physicality. Tim spent his club years at Burwood FC and Concord before moving into state league and playing for Fraser Park FC and Dulwich Hill FC. Besides being in first gear, Tim can be found working hard at his local RSL club, managing customers and pressing buttons (where he's taken on a second income).

Frank Calcagno

Frank joined Hurlstone Park last year and wasn't he a sight for sore eyes! Frank obtained the golden boot award closing the season with 18 goals, and has been a crucial addition to the squad. Frank is looking to win his second golden boot this year as he plays his second year in the BBC. Frank spent 15 years playing at State league level and is a veteran at his craft. Frank played for Dulwich Hill, Balmain FC, Gladesville Ryde Magic and Fraser Park FC throughout the 15 years and is also another member of the squad soon to be married this year. As he matures, you can find Frank post game at the RSL club, enjoying a glass of red wine and a plate of antipasti with the team.

Brian McCarthy

Brian is another veteran in the team and is one of the older members of the squad. Brian has been a part of the Hurlstone Park family for 18 years, and has also played 7 years in the BBC. Brian was a part of the original Hurlstone Park Wanderers BBC team. Brian joined the squad from the very beginning when the team was at Ashfield Pirates. He has played for Wollongong University as well as Glebe Wanderers. Brian is a valued member of the squad and offers his wisdom where he can to the younger members of the group. His Irish heritage is visible on the pitch as he fights for every challenge and leaves his blood sweat and tears on the battleground of Ewen Park. What distinguishes Brian from the rest of the group is his heart warming and unique goodbyes to his team mates.

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Sebastian Coello

This Argentinian and Spanish superstar can be found dancing to Spanish music in the Ewen Park change rooms with a speaker in one hand, and a Mate herbal tea in the other, which he believes improves his playing ability. Built like an ox, Sebastian is most notable for his on field strength and cardiovascular endurance as he makes his opponent's lives hard with his skill and talent. Sebastian spent his junior years at Hurlstone Park Wanderers before he moved into State League and played for Dulwich Hill, Sydney Uni, West Sydney Berries and Toledo FC. He later played for Hurstville Zagreb and Ashfield Pirates before joining the squad at Hurlstone Park Wanderers. Sebastian makes up one of three personal trainers in the squad and provides advice to the squad on muscle acquisition and injury prevention and management, as he specialises in functional patterns. Sebastian is also skilled and learned in salsa dancing and in Brazilian Jiu Jitsu.

Robert Colubriale

Robert is our CDSFA veteran. He started his footballing career at neighbouring club Canterbury and played there for 13 years, before spending 2 years at Enfield Rovers and finally making the move to the place he now calls home, Hurlstone Park Wanderers. Robbie has spent 9 years now at Hurlstone Park where he was part of the original BBC team alongside team mate Brian McCarthy. Robbie recently welcomed a little boy, Alessio, into the world this year, who has now become the new team mascot after he cheered the boys on in their thriller win against Connells Point. He is most notorious for lining players up and hitting them hard in his first challenge. Trust me, you don't want to be on the other end of a challenge from Robbie 'Maldini' Colubriale. Robbie plays his 8th year in the BBC this year, while at the same time running his plumbing company, 'A-Style Plumbing'.

Vincent Giannini

Vince's CV exceeds that of most players in the BBC. Vince started his footballing in the CDSFA at Burwood FC. Vince moved into State League and played for a number of clubs such as Bankstown Berries FC, Sydney Olympic FC, Marconi Stallions FC, Rockdale City Suns FC and Sutherland Sharks. He has also represented his country as an Australian school boy representative in u13s, u15s and u19s and played for the NSW institute of sport (NSWIS). Vince left Australia to play at Bowling Green University in Ohio America, where he spent 2 years playing as a midfielder in the American conference before returning to Australia where he played at Ashfield Pirates and Now Hurlstone Park Wanderers. Vince is now climbing the corporate ladder at Commonwealth bank where he occupies a manager position in strategy and business optimisation. He is also soon to be another married member of the squad. Vince also enjoys playing cricket on Sundays and has recently become a cricket umpire. He has recently scored another side job for 'Sports Drug Testing International' as a doping control officer.

Dan Zak Ablitt

Hailing from London, England, Dan "The Singing PT" Ablitt, joined the squad last year after showing us his talent in a trial game against Banskia Tigers. Dan has the heart of a lion, breaking his rib in his first game, but finding a way to play every game last year despite this. He grew up in his parents pub, singing on weekends and playing football in the English youth system. Dan is the second of the three personal trainers in the squad, and takes the squad through strength and conditioning training during wet weather. Dan also had a professional career as a singer and dancer, where he spent years on cruise ships performing. Dan has developed his own personal training niche, where he uses singing to motivate his clients. Dan leads the team in one of their famous victory songs sung in the Ewen Park change rooms, "I Wanna Be Like You" from the Jungle Book.

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Jai Ivelja

This man is one to be reckoned with in goals. Jai has an aura about him like no other, and has been a crucial addition to the squad since 2021. Jai is one of the more vocal members in the squad and his presence is felt by his defenders as they say they "feel safe" when he's behind them barking orders. Jai is known for his quality foot work on the ball and holding up play while defenders pressure him. Jai is always driving and motivating the team to step up on the big occasions and give it their all as he shares his wisdom in his pre-game speeches. Jai is the third personal trainer of the squad. Jai spent nearly all of his football career at Concord before making the move to Hurlstone Park Wanderers in 2022. He is a sight for sore eyes and can be easily spotted down at Ewen, as he rocks his personalised bubble gum fluoro yellow and pink kit.

Aaron Tatarakis

Aaron joined the squad in their first year in the BBC while the team was at Ashfield Pirates. This will be Aarons third year in the BBC. He spent his earlier years in state league, where he played for Sydney Olympic, Blacktown Spartans and Stanmore Hawks. Aaron moved back into the CDSFA at Concord before joining the squad. One of Aarons most memorable moments was his solo run against Cooks River last year to close the game and give us a 3-1 victory after being down 1-0. Aaron was distinguishable by his luscious mullet, however has recently cut off the locks to improve his speed on the pitch. This year, Aaron will bring along his own cheer squad to the game, and is planning to pop the question to his partner at this year's grand final. Will she say yes is the big question all the boys are asking?

Jeremy Carboni

Jeremy Carboni has been a great new addition to the squad. Jeremy joined Hurlstone Park in 2021 and was welcomed with open arms by the team and brother Chris. This will be the second year that Jeremy plays alongside brother Chris Carboni, as the two look to add the BBC Cup to the already full trophy cabinet at their parents' house. He is lightening quick and cannot be beaten in a foot race. He is one of the younger members of the squad, yet one of the biggest. His 100kg physique has seen the young bull steamroll players whilst running with the ball at full speed, leaving no man behind. Besides his pace, Jeremy is known amongst the squad as the larrikin, is commonly known for his comedic one liners. He spent his early years at Leichhardt Tigers before moving into state league to play for Apia, where he hung up the state league boots and went back to the CDSFA. Jeremy is currently studying a Law degree.

Dario Travia

This Italian stallion has it all. Good looks, a good touch and good jokes. Dario is the team joker who knows how to put a smiles on the boys faces. Yet, you won't see him joking on the pitch as he's a serious competitor. He has recently joined the management team and offers his football wisdom, all whilst he recovers from an ACL injury which he sustained last year. He's a stand out on the pitch, and the ball never leaves his foot. Some say his footballing ability resembles that of Andrea Pirlo, but Pirlo is no match for this superstar Italian centre midfielder. Dario played for a number of NPL clubs such as Sydney Olympic, Rockdale City Suns, Apia, Dulwich Hill and Fraser Park. Dario joined the club in 2021 and is at the heart of the teams' chemistry. Dario stresses the importance of keeping the team together to win us the title. He is the most committed player in the squad and you'll never see him miss a session, or an evening at the pub.

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Eric Martinez

Hailing from Bogota, Columbia, Eric joined the Hurlstone Park BBC team in 2021. After coach Mark Brown watched his stellar performance in a trial game against Strathfield, the offer was made and the deal was sealed. Eric adapted instantly, and added immensely to the already growing team chemistry. Along with team mate Sebastian, Eric is also learned in salsa dancing, and they look to light up the dance floor in their pre and post-match dance sessions in the Ewen Park change rooms. Eric is a menace on the pitch and is most commonly referred to as a 'pitbull', as he chases players and hunts them down until he gets his ball back. Eric has played for numerous NPL clubs such as Dulwich Hill, Fraser Park, Stanmore Hawks and Bankstown Berries. Eric enjoys going for long hikes and walks, as well as enjoying a traditional home-made blend of aguardiente.

Manoli Nicolaou

Emmanuel "Manoli" Nicolaou is a new member of this year's squad. Brought down by good friend and team mate, Harry Brown, Manoli looks to make his mark in this year's BBC competition. The Greek stud spent the majority of his years playing NPL for Sydney Olympic, Sutherland Sharks and Stanmore Hawks. Last year he played for Greenacre Eagles, before making the move to the mighty Hurlstone Park Wanderers. Manoli is a great competitor and does his magic in the centre of the pitch as a holding a midfielder. Manoli is joined this year by long-time friends and team mates, Steli and Max, as the trio look to utilise their chemistry formed over a life time to bring the title home for the lads. A fun fact about this super star is that his body is known to over heat in 30 degree weather. It has been explained by team mate Max, that "his engine blows, and he can no longer play if this happens." If the weather stays as cold and wet as it is, rest assured this machine won't over heat.

Steven Georgiou

The young Greek fox joins the squad this year alongside best friends Manoli and Max. Steven "Stelio" Georgiou has made an immediate impact upon joining the squad. He has scored 3 goals in 4 games and his most momentous goal came recently in the Australia Cup clash against Fraser Park, where he scored the opening goal to put the team in the lead. Steli spent his junior years at Earlwood Wanderers and made the move into state league where he joined West Sydney Berries and Stanmore Hawks, and played alongside childhood friends Max and Manoli. Some even call him Vince Giannini's twin brother! It has been revealed that this superstar winger doesn't get enough sleep the night before games, as he lies in bed at night running scenarios through his mind about how the outcome of the game will unfold. It's been leaked that he also watches his own highlights! It seems like this pre-game ritual is working as he has scored three goals in four games.

Max Riganias

Max is one of five new additions to the squad this season. Coming from Greenacre Eagles, Max made the move this year to help bring the BBC squad to their first title. Max played for a number of NPL clubs such as Sydney University, St George FC, Bankstown Berries, Hakoah FC and Stanmore Hawks. He joins childhood friends Manoli and Steli this season as the trio reunite and look to win their first football title together. Max dominates the midfield with his quick touches and physicality, and has already made an immediate impact. Max has opened up his first laser clinic this year, 'Laser Wolf' in Bardwell Park as he believes there is a correlation between short hair and football aerodynamics. Johnny Inati has already booked in his first session at the clinic in support of Max's new business venture. Be sure to catch this superstar with his long hair and head band, dominating the midfield region this season.

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Gianni Fabbro

Coming in as a midfield enforcer, Gianni Fabbro is the powerhouse signing we were looking for. Tall, dark and handsome, Gianni never backs down from a challenge and has a little something special in his left peg when given a licence to shoot. He signed after taking a year off, but as the old saying goes, form is temporary, class is permanent. We look forward to watching Gianni win headers, 50/50s and ultimately the hearts

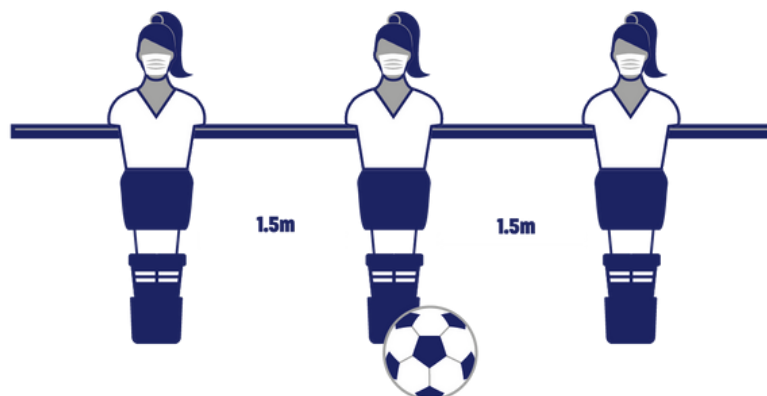
of the Hurlstone Park faithful. The superstar said it himself, "Give me a shot from 40 yards, and I'll give you a goal, I promise". Gianni has played for various clubs such as Inter Lions NPL, Northshore NPL and Hakoah NPL. This will be Gianni's first year playing for Hurlstone Park Wanderers and is the 5th new signing the team needed. The boys are thrilled and he has adapted to the chemistry of the group immediately.



Good luck
in season
2022!

To find out where the BBC team are playing, go to Dribl fixtures page <https://cdsfa.dribl.com/fixtures> and filter by league "BBC 01 Male"

Navigating your football season in a global pandemic



While it is more than two years on since the pandemic first started to disrupt community (and other sport), science has made huge strides forward that mean that, with good public health measures and a mostly triple vaccinated population, we are able finally to get back to a season where we can get on and train and play football (once the rain stops!).

Nonetheless it is important to remember that the COVID-19 virus is still with us, cases are back on the increase and that this is still a virus that has serious consequences for some people.

For this reason, it is important to remember that we are still returning to football under the conditions laid out in public health orders from NSW Health and using the updates from Football NSW <https://footballnsw.com.au/covid-19-information/> so here are a few important reminders.

- Don't come to training or games if you have symptoms associated with COVID-19 (runny nose, cough, temperature, loss of taste, loss of smell or sore throat etc), or if you have had a positive COVID-19 test in the last 7 days or are a close contact of a COVID-19 positive person.

- Let coaches or managers know early if you are unable to come to training or games due to COVID-19 (or any other reason).
- Teams should be mindful of COVID-19 safe procedures for half time snacks (eg individual mandarins rather than orange quarters).
- We will continue to have hand sanitiser stations at our fields and remember that regular hand sanitising helps prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

The CDSFA has also been considering the impacts of COVID-19 on the season, and clubs are aware that there is the possibility of match forfeits due to inability to field a full team due to COVID-19 isolation. For this reason, clubs will not be fined for late forfeits arising from COVID-19. However, it is still very important that we notify forfeits as soon as possible by notifying your age coordinator and Competition Secretary (competitionsecretary@hurlstoneparkwanderers.com.au). If it is a late forfeit (closer than 72 hours to the game) we have to notify the other club as well, so make sure our Competition Secretary has enough notice to do this - even if it is on the morning of the game. Unfortunately there is not the scope within our season to re-schedule games that have been forfeited due to COVID-19 and normal forfeit rules apply.

Game Leader Program 2022

A great opportunity for our junior players to learn leadership skills, have fun and earn some pocket money

Are you (or do you know someone who is) between 12 and 17 years old, someone who loves football, and is looking for some weekend work? We have the perfect opportunity through our Game Leader Program. HPW has a great record of developing young match officials for the game through our MiniRef program that has operated for many years. In fact, our current Game Leader Coordinator started out as a MiniRef back in 2007!

Our program has produced many of the current CRA Referees, as well as giving our kids the opportunity to develop football and leadership skills, earn some pocket money and hang out with their mates at the park on the weekend.

During 2021 we worked with the CDSFA to develop this program to align with the CDSFA Game Leader Program. While the CDSFA program was very much modelled on our well established MiniRef model, we introduced some changes including a Game Leader Training session, and peer-mentoring and training before earning the coveted Game Leader badge and pink vest. We graduated about half a dozen experienced MiniRefs through this program.

We will be continuing this process in 2022 and we already have many new keen young people who are signed up to join the program. But we still have room for more so please let us know.

What is involved?

To become an accredited Game Leader, you need to [sign up here](#).

Gemma and Jackie will then start the training process (an information session first) and appoint you to games. We usually start our new game leaders on Under 6s and Under 7s (these are HPW Game Leaders).

To become a CDSFA Game Leader you need to attend the training session (we will send details to game leaders who are signed up and have not yet had the training) and then you will be appointed to u8 or u9 games initially with a partner. This is the peer mentoring process – each game leader in a pair is the game leader for half a game and an observer for half a game. The Game Leader Mentors and the peers provide feedback, until the Game Leader Coordinator determines that you are ready to be a fully accredited Game Leader. From then on you can be appointed to games in your own right.

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Why is it great to be a Game Leader?

You get to watch football and run around on a Saturday or Sunday morning. You earn some pocket money. You get a sausage (or equivalent) and a drink from the canteen. You learn some great skills.

What is different in 2022?

This year we are expanding our Game Leader program, in line with the CDSFA to Under 10s and Under 11s games. This means our most experienced game leaders (and those who develop experience and show promise during the season) will also be appointed to Under 10s and Under 11s games at HPW (at Beaman Park).

We have also introduced a sliding scale of payment for game leaders for 2022, reflecting the time and responsibility:

Under 6s and Under 7s: \$10 per game

Under 8s and Under 9s:

- Trainee Game Leaders \$10/game (game leader for a half, observe for a half)
- Accredited Game Leader \$15 per game

Under 10s and Under 11s: Accredited Game Leader \$20 per game

If this sounds like something that you or your child is interested in getting involved with, get in touch with Gemma and Jackie at gameleader@hurlstoneparkwanderers.com.au or fill out the [google form here](#).

History of HPW

From humble beginnings to the first Hurlstone Park Wanderers Club House

Our name Hurlstone Park 'Wanderers'

Like Rovers, Wanderers has been a favourite nickname since the first football was kicked and so named because teams kept having to move sporting grounds. There are teams just like us across the globe that have proudly kept their historical name Wanderers.

The Strip

The strip in 1924 was a long sleeve guernsey with a sky blue and white vertical stripe. In the late 1930's junior teams began wearing the panelled shirts while seniors continued in a big vee. The vertical stripes enjoyed a comeback in the 1950's for the Sunday competition. In 1975 the strip became predominantly white with blue trimmings with the addition of the 'Hurlo' lion emblem, and colour of the shorts changed to blue. To mark the 75th anniversary, a slight change of the strip was made with the reintroduction of a collar and changing of the socks to all blue from white with blue trimmings.



The emblem

Many clubs in the district adopted a winged ball as their emblem. Hurlstone Park, was one of the first to go their own way and adopted the 'rampant' lion sometime in the 1960's. It is said that our founder Bill Brackenbury was talked into using the famous Scottish emblem by his Scottish friend Andy Burton who founded Canterbury football club.



The Grounds

Hurlstone Park Reserve was the local ground obtained by the club in 1924. It had to be mowed and marked by club volunteers. The Council put in four stakes in each corner and the club marked the field with lime. This reserve was later renamed Ewen Park in honour of the local Canterbury mayor. Before the Ewen Park fields were raised to the level of the riverbank in 1969, they used to be known as the flats. Beaman Park became a club ground in the 2000's. Today Ewen Park remains the home ground.



The Kiosk at Ewen

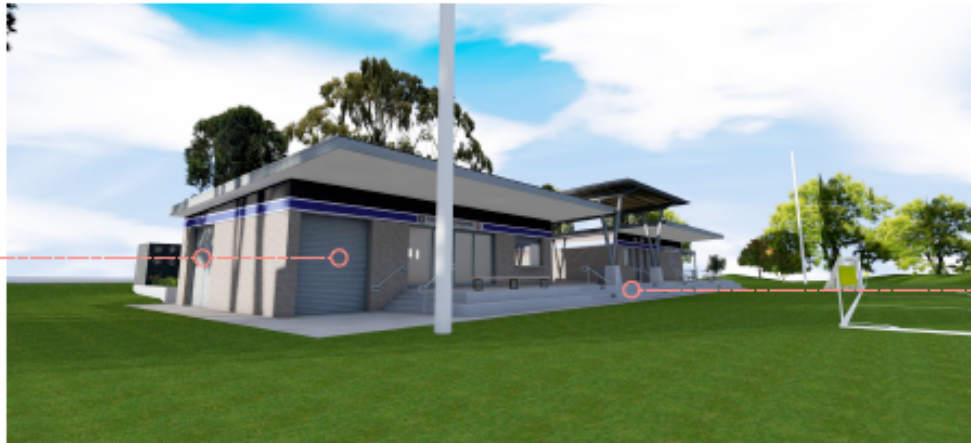
For decades volunteers would erect a tent every weekend to sell hot dogs, drinks and sweets to raise funds for the club. The kiosk at Ewen may be small and humble but it is the heart and soul of the club. It was constructed in 1968 at a cost of \$1009.36. It hasn't changed much from this picture taken in 1986.

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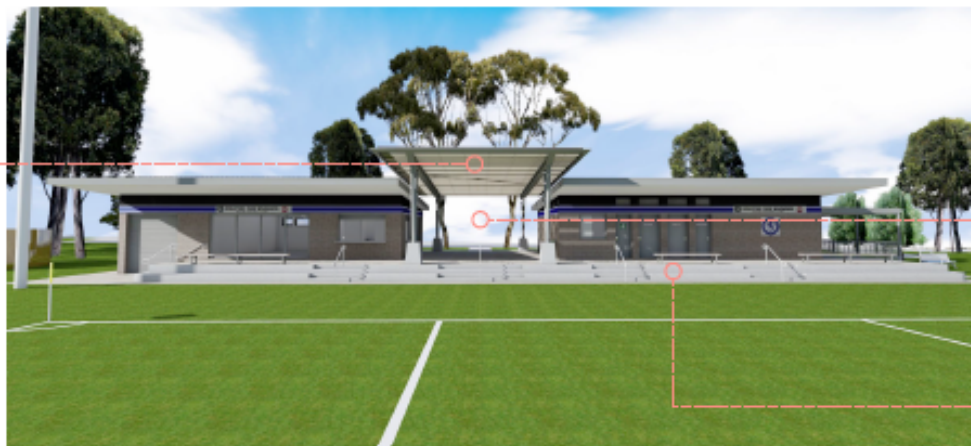
From humble beginnings to the first Hurlstone Park Wanderers Club House - continued

The Future - The Club house

In 2021 the Club received a Greater Cities Sports funds grant of \$1 million towards our new canteen, amenities lock and club house at Ewen. Further funding has been promised from the CDSFA Board to help us complete this state-of-the-art facility. The building project is currently out to tender with plans for completion in 2023.



PERSPECTIVE 04
- SOUTH WESTERN VIEW FROM EWEN PARK



PERSPECTIVE 05
- SOUTHERN VIEW FROM EWEN PARK



PERSPECTIVE 06
- SOUTH EASTERN VIEW FROM EWEN PARK

CDSFA Centenary

2022 is the Centenary of the CDSFA. Visit their instagram page ([@cdsfa100](https://www.instagram.com/cdsfa100)) to see the wonderful things that Hurlstone Park Wanderers and other local clubs have been a part of in the past 100 years. Click on the links below to learn a bit about the amazing history of the club.



**1960's under 12
premiers and a future
Australian Soccer Goalie**

<https://www.instagram.com/tv/CbYWIXcOO7P>



**The Bill Brackenbury
'Future President's Wall'**

<https://www.instagram.com/tv/Cba8q3CvtvR>



Women of Hurlo

<https://www.instagram.com/tv/Cbdjpg5sxe1>



The family club

<https://www.instagram.com/tv/CbfH2aXLYas>



Our volunteers

<https://www.instagram.com/tv/Cbg6GkljHcH>



**George Markakis
growing up with HPW**

<https://www.instagram.com/tv/CbhVJjyLG-9>

Training maps

Ewen Park

Tennant Parade, Hurlstone Park



Beaman Park

Corner of Vera Avenue and Flinders Road, Earlowood





We would like to thank Richardson and Wrench Hurlstone Park for their continued support of Hurlstone Park Wanderers.

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Terry Wong
HPW
Coaching
Coordinator

Coaching accreditation

HPW offers 100% reimbursement of coaching accreditation fees and strongly advises all volunteer coaches to get accredited.



Things to look out for in 2022

COACHING MATRIX	Grassroots Coaching Certificate	Skill Training Coaching Certificate	Game Training Coaching Certificate	Senior Coaching Certificate
U6 & U7	All	Mandatory	Optional	N/A
U8-U11	Div 1	Mandatory	Mandatory	N/A
	Div 2-5	Mandatory	Mandatory	N/A
	Div 6+	Mandatory	Mandatory	N/A
U12-U14	Div 1	Optional	Mandatory	N/A
	Div 2-5	Optional	Mandatory	N/A
	Div 6+	Optional	Mandatory	N/A
U15-U18	Div 1	Optional	Mandatory	Optional
	Div 2-5	Optional	Mandatory	Optional
	Div 6+	Optional	Mandatory	Optional
WIL, U21 & Adult	Div 1/BBB	N/A	Optional	Mandatory
	Div 2-5	N/A	Optional	Mandatory
	Div 6+	N/A	Optional	Mandatory

Are you accredited?

Completing a course is a requirement to coach.

100% reimbursed.

<https://www.playfootball.com.au/coach/find-a-course>

Grassroots Coaching Certificate

This course is an ideal starting point for football coaches/managers and parents, training 6-11 year old players. The 1 + hour session is fully practical and encourages the parent/coach/manager to develop practices that are based on **FUN**. The emphasis is on natural development i.e. learning by **PLAYING** football. Organising FUN football exercises is the key to helping players build a love for the game. Another highlight of the course is that the coaches are exposed to basic rules of the game as well as tips and hints on game day football in a completely practical setting.

Sign up here <https://education-ffa.sportingpulse.com/entry/?EID=24951>

Minicubs 3-5 year old Fun Football Session

Start date: Sat 9th April to 4th June 2022
(no session on 16th April for Easter)

Sessions: 8 weeks

Age: 3-5 years

Location: Ewen Park, Hurlstone Park

Time: 9am to 10am

Cost: \$100 per player
(Active Kids Voucher redeemable - see below)

How to Register

- If you **ARE NOT** planning to use an Active Kids Voucher, go to <https://www.footballcanterbury.com.au/events/135647/> to register and pay.
- If you **ARE** planning to use an Active Kids Voucher, do not register using the link in 1 but instead email coaching@hurlstoneparkwanderers.com.au with the following details:

- Contact name:
- Contact number:
- Contact email:
- Player's name:
- Player's age:



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.