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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the mid-season edition of The Wanderer. It is hard to believe that we are already past the half way point for the season.

I want to thank everyone for their patience and adaptability in what has been the third very challenging season in three years. We have managed COVID as a factor for the last two seasons but this year we have still had COVID as a factor and on top of that have had the addition of the wettest start to the season ever, which has meant many washed-out weekends and catch up games, having two of our fields completely out of action, and Football NSW making the decision to suspend State Cup altogether. I think as I write this we are finally almost caught up on all of the washed-out games, so hopefully schedules will be more straightforward for the rest of the season, and we won't have too many more double headers.

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What is great to see is that many of our teams are enjoying great success this season. Our Bill Brackenbury Cup team (Premier Men's Competition) are having a cracker of a season, and are sitting undefeated at the top of the table. They are also through to the next round of the Cottam Cup, which is a long running knock-out competition. Currently, weather permitting, their next game will be at Ewen Park on 21 July, so keep an eye out on our social media for that game. Our Grace Martin Trophy team (Premier Women's Competition) have been building momentum and have cemented their place in the top half of the draw (this competition has now split into two divisions after this weekend with the top six teams competing for the Grace Martin honours).

And across all the age groups and divisions there have been lots of great games, and many HPW teams doing well. But most importantly – it has been great to see that our teams play the game in good spirits with respect for their team mates, the opposition and the officials. We aim to have our teams in divisions in which they will be competitive and have the opportunity to develop, which means that not every team will be winning every week.

I also want to thank all our teams for their efforts to assist our ground managers with set up and pack up – particularly as we have had so many night games. As you know, we sent out a message to everyone via their team managers about these roles, and I have really appreciated the positive feedback that we have had from that message. We are very much a volunteer club, and getting our teams on the park depends not only on the ever enthusiastic and hardworking age

coordinators, committee members, ground managers and team officials, but also on every one in the club taking responsibility for helping – this might be putting up or packing up the nets, bringing in cones or flags or making sure that everyone in your team is at the game early and organised.

As many people will be aware, the Association has celebrated its 100th Anniversary this season. HPW was well represented by committee members and other volunteers at the Centenary Dinner, and we were delighted that some of our youngest volunteers were able to attend, as well as having special guests and football greats from the HPW 1960 under 12s team. Read more about this event and the inductees to the Hall of Fame in this newsletter.

We are excited to see that progress is beginning on our new club house – with the contract having been awarded by Council and the initial site preparation work underway.

Finally, as many of you will have seen, the CEO of the Association Mr Ian Holmes has announced his retirement. Ian has an extraordinary record of service to sport in NSW over many decades – he was the youngest President of the Association at the start of his career, and has finished his career as the CEO leaving a huge legacy of investment in football infrastructure across our Association. He will be greatly missed and we thank him for his huge support of ours and other clubs over many years, and particularly the last decade as CEO.

Rosalie Viney
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Your club in numbers

1525 We normally sit between about 1500 and 1700 registrations at the start of the season, and that's how we're traveling in 2022. Slightly smaller than last year, but that's not unexpected after the disrupted seasons 2020 and 2021.

349 THANK YOU! Our volunteers, coaches, managers, and Age Co-ordinators are absolutely the lifeblood of a community club such as ours. If we started naming one club volunteer a day on New Years Day, we'd finish a week before Christmas.

33:67 About a third of our members identify as female, about two thirds male. A small but increasing number don't identify as male or female.

76 Our most popular postcodes are 2203 (Dulwich Hill) and 2193 (Hurlstone Park, Canterbury, Ashbury) with over 320 members each. 2206, 2130 and 2204 (Earlwood, Summer Hill and Marrickville) are in a tight race for bronze. Our members in Yarraville, Victoria (3103) and Currarong (2540) probably have the longest commute to Ewen Park.

4 - 77 No names, no pack drill, but we welcome members of all ages.



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YOU
KNOW?**

Competition Secretary

The role of the competition secretary is to help facilitate the communication between the club teams and the association, to help filter out requests that may not meet the rules of the association.

With the current unprecedented season unfolding, the main items that members should be aware of are:

1. Rescheduled catch up games need to be played when they are scheduled especially given some divisions will split mid way. With many weekends being washed out for turf pitches the backlog had been quite big but with better weather and co operation from HPW teams, the number of rescheduled washed out matches is a lot less compared to a month ago. With matches likely to be scheduled in the middle weekend of the July school holiday, please plan early to understand the team viability so if required substitutes can be called upon, or in the worst case scenario an early forfeit. Forfeits not notified to the association within 72 hours of the match will cost the club \$110 per match.
2. Borrowing players - Many members may have assumed that because Dribl shows a player up as available to borrow, that it is ok, that's not quite true. Dribl is a software used by many different associations all with their own rules so it does not necessarily built to cater for each association's bespoke rules, so please still check the eligibility criteria as per the rules of association, and contact the competition secretary if unsure.

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Nicholas Iamundi - Coach

In his first year coaching the GMT team, Nick is keen to see the HPW GMT team take the title, since their last grand final win was in 2014. Nick has been coaching for 5 years across other CDSFA teams as well as Futsal. He's also played across the Canterbury District at APIA and Canterbury. He is currently studying to become a primary school teacher, and when he's not studying you'll catch him in the middle of the pitch refereeing! Nick always brings a sense of positivity and warmth to the team and pushes the ladies to reach their best potential. He's been a great addition to the team!



Maree Paradisis - Captain

Maree is currently the longest serving player in the team, playing for HPW since 2012 in u21's WIL and then stepping into the GMT team. She also just celebrated her 100 games in the GMT which makes her the only player EVER to reach this milestone. Previously she played for Earlwood Wanderers. Not only is Maree the captain, she plays an integral role in the team as a forward, always finding the back of the net. Maree has even won the GMT leading goal scorer trophy for two years in 2015 & 2017. Maree is really making a difference in the community, working at a local Hospital as a pharmacist. In her spare time she loves to spend time with family friends or use her Greek heritage to cook up a storm in the kitchen. We're hoping Maree will keep scoring those goals and help the girls win the title!

Rebecca Savva (Hantzis)

Bec is the oldest in the team and has been playing at HPW for the last 7 years. Prior to that she played at Earlwood Wanderers with Maree, and many years through school. Bec is always trying to hype up the team on and off the field, keeping the team morale as positive as possible. She's played most of her career in the defence, but has stepped into a key centre midfield role this season. Bec works in marketing for Jacob's Creek and loves spending her spare time at reformer pilates or hitting a dancefloor. Fun fact is that her first job was working for Sydney FC and used to hang out with Alessandro Del Piero! Hopefully Bec can use some of the skills she learnt from ADP on the pitch this season.

Alice Bishop-Ebiember

Alice is entering her second year with HPW since returning from an ACL injury which she sustained in 2017. Before HPW she played at both Sydney University and Leichhardt Saints, starting from 8 years old. Alice has scored some screamers in her time on the team, playing as a forward. Alice lives right across from Ewen Park and loves walking along Cooks River with her fiancé and dog. She has a creative flare and enjoys starting lots of crafting projects, but she finds she never quite finishes them! She just started a new role in Property Technical Services at Mirvac and previously worked in public health in Regional Victoria as a "Pandemic Planner" in late 2019. Before she knew it, we had a real pandemic on our hands! We're looking forward to seeing Alice continue to carve up the field.



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Sienna Haigh

Sienna is one of the youngest in the squad, studying in year 11 at PLC Sydney. Sienna is a gun on the field, blazing up the right side line and using those fast feet to wizz past the opposition. She has been playing with HPW since 2019, with this being her first year in GMT. She's previously played at Sydney Olympic and Enfield. Sienna is a bit of an athlete, spreading her time across other sports such as hockey, AFL, softball and touch football.

In her spare time she loves sewing, drawing, calligraphy & crocheting. She even has her own business 'Paper Daisy Designs' with her sister, where they make and sell polymer clay earrings. Make sure you check it out!

Rachael Watson

Hailing from the sunny state of Queensland, we welcome Rachael to Sydney and Hurlo. Making the move over in 2021, Rachael joins us from University of Queensland FC where she played for 5 years, and prior to that many teams throughout Far North Queensland. Playing in the midfield, Rach loves those quick turns and fancy tricks to catch the opposition off guard. Her fancy footwork is great to watch. She has just finished studying her master in Architectural Design and is on her way to becoming a fully registered architect. In her spare time she enjoys hiking and reading. Her roommates have just introduced her to bouldering which has been keeping her busy. That coordination and strength will definitely help on the pitch Rach!

Kaitlyn Plumb

Kaitlyn is new to HPW GMT team, recently returning back to football after suffering a major neck injury in 2019. Prior to that she played across many teams in West Sydney for over 20 years.

Kaitlyn plays an integral role in the back line, always hyping up the team and keeping positive. Growing up by the pitch, her family used to run the local club in Ruse where she used to run the BBQ and cook a mean bacon and egg roll. Currently working as a paralegal and studying to be a lawyer, Kaitlyn loves to play board games and hang out with friends.

Nell Bryson-Smith

Nell has played for Hurlstone Park since she was 8 and up to this year played in the same team. For most of that time Nell has been a goal-keeper by choice and enjoys the challenge. Playing in many Grand finals, only winning 1 and Champion of Champions, having never lost a penalty shootout. Played cricket since primary school Nell now plays 1st Grade for Sydney Cricket Club, and has been part of the WBBL for the last few years and was selected for the NSWCHS All Schools Girls merit team. Studying to become a high school PE teacher and is a keen camper and 4WD enthusiast spending most free weekends working on her rig and camping. Nell is the last person between the opposition and the net and plays a massive role in the team. Keep us those amazing saves Nell!

Grace Bryson-Smith

Grace is the younger sister of Nell and this year is Grace's 11th year with the club. Starting out in a mixed team and moving over to girls at age 12, during her career she has one 1 premierships, been a team leader at mini soccer and now a qualified referee. Grace is a dynamic player, slotting into any position the team needs including goals. Currently studying her HSC, Grace is looking forward to finishing school so she can get to sleep in. Grace is currently playing high level cricket for Sydney Cricket Club and is part of the NSW Pathways system. An animal lover, she has 2 dogs and a lizard but is always planning for more pets.

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Anneke Dygraaf

Anneke is another one of the GMT team's new additions this year. She is a year 11 student, who has not only played football for many years, but also spends time in the pool playing water polo. She has been playing with Hurlstone Park since she was 7 years old. Anneke is excellent in the defence and also makes great runs up the field when on the break. When she is not on the field or in the pool, Anneke is usually spending time with friends, studying hard at school or watching reruns of Gilmore Girls, a show she has seen about 8 times.

Tollie Donnelly- Cook

Tollie has played for Hurlstone Park for the last 11 seasons. Prior to that, she also played for other teams in the Canterbury Football District including the Marrickville Red Devils and the Enfield Rovers. Additionally, Tollie has also played for Sydney University. Tollie is a gun in the defence on the football field, using her speed to chase down the opposition and often making goal saving tackles. Tollie has even played football in mixed teams over the last 15 years. Off the field, Tollie spends her time studying as an electrical apprentice. She enjoys going on adventures, shopping and spending nights out enjoying Sydney's nightlife. Tollie also has connections in the sport of basketball - she's related to Steph Curry!!

April Neale

Joining the GMT team for the first time this year, April is an experienced football player with exceptional speed on the field. She uses this speed in the midfield getting the ball up the field quickly, but has recently shown she can also smash it in the defence! She joined Hurlstone Park in 2021, and prior to that she played for the Wentworth Falls Warriors for 8 years, the Western

Mariners and Springwood FC. April is a student at the University of Sydney, where she is currently studying Archeology. She also works nearby at Gorman in Newtown and in her spare time enjoys spending time with friends.

Aino Lumiaro

A well seasoned traveller having lived in 6 countries, Aino joins Hurlstone Park this year all the way from Europe. She played football in Finland for 11 years, and for the last two years even played for other European University teams. Aino plays in the central defender role, where she is an absolute rock, but also played goalkeeper and even coached for three years when she lived in Europe. Additionally, she can take some killer corners and free kicks! Aino moved to Australia in January 2022 and has been studying a Bachelor of Business Management. When she's not on the field or studying, she is keen to explore what Australia has to offer - she enjoys hiking, surfing, camping - anything outdoors. However, she won't say no to a board game if the rain keeps her indoors!

Samantha Southgate

Sam is no stranger to the GMT or the football field. She has played football for a grand total of 22 years! She has played for Hurlstone park for the last 4 years since moving to Sydney, including 2 seasons in the GMT and then 2 seasons in Division 3, where she doubled up as player and coach. Prior to joining Hurlstone Park, Sam played for many different clubs across the Newcastle District. Sam works for a consulting company, where she recruits Graduates and Interns. She enjoys spending her time exploring Sydney's cool bar scene, dancing, going to festivals, catching up with friends and even playing video games. In fact, Sam states she actually got the new PS5 on its launch day!

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Keanah Scholes

Keanah never fails to shine as one of the centre forwards in the GMT team, often finding the back of the net as she takes on the opposition with her speed and strength. Keanah has played football for many years, including one year in the Central Coast where she played for the Woongarra Wildcats, 3 years in Grafton, where she played for Westlawn and also 2 years on the North coast playing for the South Service Gunners. Keanah is a Freelance Dancer and She does Aboriginal Contemporary and Traditional dancing with various dance groups. Keanah is also an educator with Deadly Ed, where she teaches art, dance and bush tucker workshops. In her free time, Keanah loves to weave and paint, or spend time near the beach where she can long-board. She even loves to roller skate. Keanah is a proud Gumbaynggirr, Bundjalung and Dhunghutti woman from Grafton living on the lands of the Dharug people.



Marley Donald

Marley has been a great addition to our GMT team this season! She has been playing in the Canterbury District for a number of years, playing for teams such as Balmain, Leichhardt, Marrickville and of course Hurlstone Park. Marley has been scoring goals from everywhere on the field this season! She moves around the field so much that in 2019 she actually sprained her ankle in every single game she played that season. Marley currently works as a carer for people with disabilities and has plans to move to Melbourne next year to study Biomedicine at university. When she's not killing it on the field, Marley enjoys going to the gym, exploring the neighbourhood, reading and watching medical shows, like House.



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Good luck
in season
2022!

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

Maree Paradisis 100th GMT game



It was very exciting to celebrate the 100th game in the Grace Martin Trophy competition of Maree Paradisis on 9th May at Ewen Park. Maree is only the second player to reach this honour since the competition began in 2015. Maree is a fantastic player and leader in female football, joining our club as a junior player in 2012, and being part of our team that were winners of the NSW U21 women's Champion of Champions. She is a wonderful role model within our club.



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CDSFA Representative League

The CDSFA Representative League is an elite player competition that has been launched to provide further opportunities for talented players within CDSFA to develop, train, and compete with and against the best players in the association.

Inspired by the old "Canterbury Reps" program which proved both popular and successful in the past, selection in the CDSFA Representative League is steeped in history and is something to be proud of.



Congratulations to the following HPW junior players who have been selected to play in the inaugural CDSFA Representative League:

South East U10 Boys

Nikolas Serci

South East U12 Boys

Caelum Grah

Gilbert Shimada

James Stevenson

Nuttaputt Slocum

Xavier Lima

South East U11 Girls

Amelie Cutler

Francesca Gordon

Freya Moss

Juliet Zein

Kiana Kavanagh

Leila Earthrowl

Mali Stevens

Tilly Adams

South U13 Girls

Eloise Howard

Maeve Luckett

And a big thank you to the volunteer coaches from HPW: Armando Ferreira, Jem Richardson and Marian Bishay

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The Association's amazing history of community football was celebrated in June at a Gala Centenary Dinner attended by many legends of football. It was a great night and included a wonderful display of football memorabilia from the last 100 years of football in our local area, as well as the launch of the CDSFA Hall of Fame. We were delighted that along with many volunteers from our club, the event was attended by four of the mighty 1960 under 12s team, a team that have celebrated their involvement with the club over many years (including our own 75th and 90th Anniversary events). This team included former Australian goalkeeper Jim Fraser, who now also has an incredibly distinguished record as a goalkeeper coach.



Jim was one of the three inductees to the CDSFA Hall of Fame from our club, and it was wonderful that he was there to receive this award in person. We were also very honoured that he was able to accept the inductee award of the CDSFA foundation member, Bill Brackenbury who established Hurlstone Park

Wanderers. This was very fitting, as Jim started his goal keeping career as Hurlstone Park Wanderers being coached by Bill. Our third inductee was Cec Barlow, after whom the CDSFA volunteer awards are named. Our club president Rosalie Viney accepted the inductee award for Cec Barlow, and we look forward to being able to celebrate these inductions to the Hall of Fame in our new club rooms. It was also great to have former President Paul Kougiyas among our guests at the dinner, as well as George Markakis who has the longest running record of continuous service as a HPW player (and perhaps the longest record in the Association).



The dinner was MCed by fantastic football journalist and commentator Stephanie Brantz, who led some fantastic panel discussions from former greats of the Association, as well as a wonderful female football panel which included own game leader and minicubs coach Briana Wong who is a rising star of football and who spoke very eloquently about the benefits of participating in football as a player, a coach, a referee and a volunteer.

We are now looking forward to being able to celebrate our own Centenary in 2024.



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Roar-naldo

This is Leo from the u9s, the worthy first recipient of the coveted team mascot: Roar-naldo. We sat down with Leo to have a chat about how it feels to bring Roar-naldo home.

HPW: How did you feel winning Roar-naldo?

LEO: Really good and proud.

HPW: Why do you think the coach gave you Roar-naldo?

LEO: Because I played really well in goals and kept trying.

HPW: What did he get up to?

LEO: He sat on my bed on all week.



SUMMER FOOTBALL IS AROUND THE CORNER – NEW CDFSFA COMPETITION

At this stage of the season many players start to think about options for Summer Football. This year there will be a new option available, as the CDSFA is launching its own Summer 5 a side competition.

While there are some details still being finalised, here are some of the key points:

Key dates

- Registrations open: 18 July
- Team nominations due: 11 September
- Competition dates: 11 October to 15 December

Age Groups & Registration Fees

- U8s to U11s: \$130
- U12s to U16s: \$140
- U17s to Seniors: \$170

Locations (to be confirmed)

- Rudd Park (all-weather)
- Strathfield Park (all-weather)
- Bennett Park (grass)
- Tempe Reserve (all-weather)

The plan is that the competition will be geographically convenient for clubs. We encourage our players to consider this competition option.

Registrations will be through DRIBL. Importantly, our club will receive \$15 for every HPW player registered, which will help with covering costs of football in 2023.



WET WEATHER

Wet weather, ground closures cancelled training.

You don't need to be the BOM to know that it's been a very wet season, which has led to a lot of disruption to our games and training. Ground closures are disappointing and frustrating for all of us, so it's probably a good time to explain the who, how and when of ground closures.

Who closes grounds?

Council

Ewen and Beaman Park are both in the Canterbury Bankstown LGA (NOT Inner West—a trap for young players!). The council has a Sports Field availability list available at this link <https://fieldav-public.cbccity.nsw.gov.au/>. The list is usually updated at about 3.00pm each day. If a ground is closed by the council **we cannot use it for any organised sport**, which includes training, coach or player development and games. We can lose our access to the fields if we use a closed field. Every day the Association updates all clubs about field status in their respective LGAs, which is sent to us between 3.00 and 4.00pm. We have no way of knowing if the field will be closed by the council until mid-afternoon, and cannot give anybody any information before then. We put an announcement on the club Facebook page as soon as we can after we are notified.



WET WEATHER-- CONTINUED

The Club

Sometimes even if the council has opened the fields, the club can close them. The most common situation where this happens is when the council has left a ground open on Friday afternoon and then it rains heavily overnight. This is ALWAYS a player safety decision--we will inspect the pitch and make a decision about whether it is safe to play on. In general, if water is pooling on the surface, we will close the field. Under these conditions the ball stops in the water and players can get injured. We never close a field just because it is raining or muddy, and never without physically inspecting it. Sometimes we may have to change a decision during the day, or make different decisions for different age groups (eg we can move our U6 and U7 fields to avoid dangerous parts of the ground, we cannot do this with full field games).

Match and ground officials.

A referee can abandon a game, either before or during play, if in the referee's opinion the field has become unplayable. Our ground officials at Ewen and Beaman also have authority on behalf of the committee to close a field.

As a club, we are managing our fields 3-4 nights a week and all weekend. Closing fields is not a decision that is ever made lightly, and we are constantly balancing our desire to play and train with our responsibility to provide safe playing environments.

The responsibility for clubs to actively monitor playing conditions is highlighted by a recent communique from Football NSW reporting on a High Court of Australia decision regarding another sport.

- In wet weather, grounds need to be checked throughout the day to ensure the conditions are safe to play.
- A ground check at the start of the day is not sufficient. In wet conditions, grounds deteriorate as games go on so checks need to be made throughout the day, preferably between every match.
- Referees have the authority to postpone/abandon a match due to unsafe conditions. Please respect the decision of the referee if this occurs.

We understand that it is frustrating to have your training or game cancelled due to wet weather, but we are all doing all we can to ensure that training and matches go ahead wherever possible.



Terry Wong
HPW
Coaching
Coordinator

Mini Cubs at play!

For the last couple of months, our youngest players in the Club have been eagerly participating in our Mini Cubs Program. The introduction to football through a series of fun games has seen these 3-5 year olds develop in confidence and ability. We have even seen 3 players "transfer" to the big leagues in the U6s program just across the other side of the park.



Our Mini Cubs program is lead by our youngest Coaches – Coach Briana & Jordan; who have been ably assisted this time by Coach Beatrice and Rachel, each of them experienced Game Leaders and part of the Association's Female Coach Development program.

The good news is ... we are going to squeeze in another 8 week program before the end of the season (end August). If you have any children keen to take part in a fun Saturday morning (9am to 10am) activity down at Ewen Park, you can register here.

<https://www.footballcanterbury.com.au/events/147422/>



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.