



THE WANDERER

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THE 2022 BUMPER END OF YEAR ISSUE

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Hurlo Community,

It has now been a couple of months since our season ended, and our Committee have been busy catching up with their outside of football lives, so this newsletter has taken a little while to prepare. That means that it is jam packed full of old and new news and celebrations of the achievements of our club and our club members. We are also turning our attention to the new season, with trials for our higher level teams already underway, and planning for 2023 at the front of our minds.

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Before we move to that, I want to thank everyone for a fantastic 2022 season. At the beginning of this year (before we'd checked the long range weather forecasts) we thought we were ready and prepared for a return to business as usual. Instead we had unprecedented (and I have been around for a while through some very wet seasons but this really was the soggiest in history, especially at the beginning) rain that closed almost every field and left us with two fields that were basically unplayable for the whole of 2022. Despite that we got through the season with some memorable games played in deluges, some fantastic successes, and quite a bit of demonstrating our collective skills at being adaptable. So I want to thank the HPW community for their commitment, energy, goodwill and enthusiasm for our wonderful game, and particularly to thank all our coaches, managers, age coordinators and committee members for their nimbleness and their hard work in managing so much churn, but also to ensure that all of our teams saw a full season of football, with finals.

In this newsletter we celebrate the spectacular achievements of our Bill Brackenbury Cup (premier men's) team, and that of many other teams who were premiers and champions, runners up or finalists. I spent the last couple of weekends of August trying to get to as many of our finals games as I could - and the common factor was an amazing Hurlo spirit - whether our teams won through or lost that critical match, they really gave it their all, but also played with commitment, team work and sheer and obvious enjoyment of the game.

We also celebrate the achievements and successes of every single player and team. There is one team that I am close to that had to wait until the last game of the season to have a win, and they (we) celebrated it in style. And other teams that ended up in a division that challenged them, but that rose to the challenge and are better footballers as a result. There are other teams that surprised themselves with their success, and those that might have been disappointed by the last game or two. As we have just seen in the FIFA Men's World Cup, football is a game that has amazing highs, but also where aiming high but falling short should also be celebrated. And most of all, we can be inspired by fair play, by goodwill on and off the field and by love of the game.

I know that most of our players and supporters walk by Ewen Park on a regular basis during the off season, and of course we have had pre-season team formation underway, so you could not have avoided noticing that the 50 year old change rooms have now been demolished, and we are on our way to a new state of the art facility. This has been a major focus for the club over the past two years, and 2022 has involved detailed negotiation with Council about the plans. We are very excited that the new clubhouse should be ready by the middle of the 2023 season (we had hoped for the beginning, but we are realistic) and particularly for our Centenary celebrations in 2024. It has been great to work with Council on this project, and huge thanks to our building committee members Phil Martin and Gerry Choate who have been keeping our negotiations with Council about the details moving along.

President's message - continued

In other good news about facilities, Canterbury Bankstown Council were awarded funding for the re-surfacing, upgrade and lighting for the eastern side of Beaman Park, and this is now in the forward plan for Council's Capital Works. Given the challenges of not having Beaman fields 7 or 8 available for most of the year, this is something that we very much look forward to.

We have just held our 2022 Annual General Meeting and so it is great to be able to introduce to you our 2023 Committee, who have a great deal of overlap with our 2022 Committee. You can meet our Committee members in the profiles in this newsletter.

There are many people who make a football club a success and I want to thank them all. We are fortunate to have Councillors within City of Canterbury and Bankstown who really care about football, and who have been at many of our events.

The newsletter also brings together celebrations of many of the events of the end of the season and the finals. We hope we have captured them all but we also look forward to celebrating more in 2023.

Also, 2023 will of course be an amazing football year, with the FIFA Women's World Cup being played out in Australia and New Zealand. I know that I spent anxious minutes on the site to get tickets to the big games, for the Matildas and for the Sydney finals. There are also great opportunities for the football community to get involved as volunteers, and

of course we hope to build on this publicity to introduce our beautiful game to those who have not experienced the magic.

We also, in this newsletter, introduce our now famous Travelling Hurlo competition. In recent times we have had to re-work this to have a Hurlo At Home theme, but now the borders are open, our players are spreading their wings and we are looking forward to some spectacular entries. Check out the opening gambits here!

Have a great festive and holiday season everyone, and look out for our emails about registration for 2023, coming soon to your inbox.

Yours in football,

Rosalie





Registration opens in early January 2023

Our BBC team

A highlight of the 2022 Season has been “Football has come home” story delivered with bells through the achievements of our wonderful Bill Brackenbury Cup (Premier Men’s) team.



This is the second year since Mark Brown, a longstanding HPW coach brought this team home to Hurlo, where many of the lads played their first football, and where Mark had coached for many years with great success. It was also the first year that the team has had the opportunity for a full season. They started the season with a very exciting run in the Australia Cup – with the most nail-biting game against Fraser Park in the third round – that was narrowly lost on penalties. The team really showed us that what they were made of, with this stellar performance before they had had the opportunity to build match fitness– and it boded well for what was a magnificent season, in which they took out the minor premiership in style with only one loss along the way. Their progression through the finals was fantastic, with a convincing win over a strong Balmain team, followed by a gripping final which was won in the last minutes with a fantastic goal, followed up by spectacular defending to hold off a hungry



and quality opposition. When the final whistle blew the team and the supporters were thrilled that football was coming home. Very fitting for our team to bring the silverware home to Ewen Park in the Centenary year – a true celebration of the Bill Brackenbury heritage. It was also great to see Harry Brown named player of the match and receive the award of the Johnny Watkiss medal.



But I also want to mention that not only did this team have a magnificent season on the pitch – they also showed wonderful Hurlo spirit. On the weekend before the grand final they had their last training session at Ewen Park and capped it off by joining in the last session for our All Abilities players, running through drills and then having a magnificent game which was thrilling for everyone, and got a special mention in the [Fitz Files](#).

Our GMT team



Our Grace Martin Trophy (premier women's) team also had a great season. This was very much a year of re-building for the team, with many of our longstanding players retiring or moving inter-state, so we started the year by building a new team, with a new coach, Nick Iammundi. The team gelled together really well, and showed amazing spirit - winning their last state cup game only 9 players on the pitch and not 12 hours after a catch up regular season game. They also made the



finals, which was a great achievement in a challenging season. Special mention goes to Maree Paradisis who this year became our first player in either GMT or BBC to reach the milestone of 100 games. It was great to celebrate this amazing milestone of playing



football at the highest club football level for Maree, who is an outstanding and committed player. For both our premier teams we look forward to building on the 2022 season for next year. These teams provide fantastic role models for our younger players, as well as providing great entertainment on the pitch in their games.



HPW competitive team achievements



Across all our competitive age groups, we had teams that had fantastic success. All in all we had 26 of our competitive teams qualify for the finals series in their divisions, representing almost a third of our competitive teams.

We also had 12G/1, 17/1, 35W2A, 35/6 and 45/3 who were runners up in their competitions.

Congratulations to 12/5A, 13/2, 16G/1, 35W2A and the BBC team who were minor premiers in their competitions.



Also congratulations to the 12/5A, 13/2, 16/G1, 35W/2C, 45/5C and the BBC team who were champions in their age groups.



Disciplinary record

Over the past few years, our Committee has worked hard to maintain a great record of discipline on and off the field. We know that football means there will be offences, but what we hope is that most of them are football related. On that note, it is pleasing that we continued a great disciplinary record with only 9 red cards (out of a player base of 959 players in the competitive age groups) throughout the season. This is less than

1 percent of our players being booked, and importantly, a very small percentage of playing events on the field. Across the Association we had a fantastic disciplinary record, especially given that we are a large club with a large number of senior teams. We thank all our players and team officials for their commitment to maintaining a spirit of fair play in every game.



MINICUBS AND LITTLE LIONS ROCK!!!!



One of the joys of recent seasons has been the introduction and development of our MiniCubs (3-5 year olds) program. This started a few years ago under the leadership of our Coaching Coordinator Terry Wong, but Terry is now very proud of the fact that this is led by our wonderful young coaches Briana Wong, Jordan Tartak, Rachel Giang and Beatrice Shimada. Briana, Jordan, Rachel and Beatrice



have such fantastic presence and show wonderful leadership - Terry can really now just watch from afar and they engage our youngest players with their sheer enthusiasm. We get such positive feedback



about this program and the fantastic leadership these young women have shown.



We are also seeing great results in terms of the confidence and playing skills of our young players from the program that Terry, Coach Steve Tzanakes and Miles Downie have been developing for our youngest players. We are very fortunate to have such a committed group of highly skilled coaches supporting coach and player development in our club.



Coaches in the youngest age groups strongly supported with drills, supervision and weekly oversight. A highlight of the season is when our u7s move up to The Big Field in the last weeks of the season, and play in the now celebrated Hurlo World Cup. We have a story that celebrates this fabulous event elsewhere in this newsletter.



GAME LEADERS



Thank you also to Gemma, Jackie and Briana for their continued efforts for our Game Leader program. While we have always had a fantastic approach to miniref development, they have enthusiastically adopted the Football Canterbury Game Leader model and have graduated many of our minirefs to be qualified Game Leaders this season. It is wonderful to see how many of our younger players cannot wait to join this program, and also the confidence that it gives them to be able to develop their football and life



leadership skills. Our game leaders are part of a key part of the the fantastic community that we have at our parks on Saturday morning.



All Abilities Football



It is not often that someone from our club gets their name up in lights (or at least in the mainstream media) but this year Robin Hawkes amazing work as our All Abilities Coordinator was celebrated by no less than the god of sport, Peter Fitzimmons in The Fitz Files. It was wonderful that Fitz recognised Robin as a Club Stalwart (a title that we are considering putting on a sash - Robin is amazing) but really the wonderfulness is the magic that Robin achieves in bringing an inclusive approach to football, especially for young people on the Autism Spectrum.

Seeing these young people shine is one of the most wonderful parts of our community club, particularly because it involves many of our young players being buddies for the all abilities players, who we can see grow in

confidence. This year our BBC team threw their full support to this program by turning their last training session into an amazing game with these young players. The BBC boys are competitive and they showed that they can bring their spirit of competition to every endeavour on the field, and at the same time bring a sense of fun and amazing inclusiveness to their drive to win!



HURLO WORLD CUP



Our Under 7 World Cup is a highlight of our Little Lions season. After only one week of preparation on The Big Field, our U7s play a fast and furious round robin competition in week 1 to determine who will play the Hurlo World Cup grand final. This year it was Brazil (Green) vs Belgium (Yellow), with England (White), Argentina (Black), Spain (Red), France (Blue), Italy (Maroon) in the playoffs. It was a beautiful day for the World Cup Finals, wonderfully and entertainingly commented by Mark, and with our young Game Leaders officiating. The parents kept up the tradition of dressing up to support their teams, and the crowd loved the games. In the end Brazil got to lift the Cup.

Again thank you to Photographed With Love



by Mariam Johari for these fabulous photos, and to Councillor Jessie Nguyen - Canterbury Bankstown Council for her wonderful support.

This is a great way to prepare our kids for U8s in the Canterbury & District Soccer Football Association Incorporated - CDSFA competition next year, and a fun way to end their season.

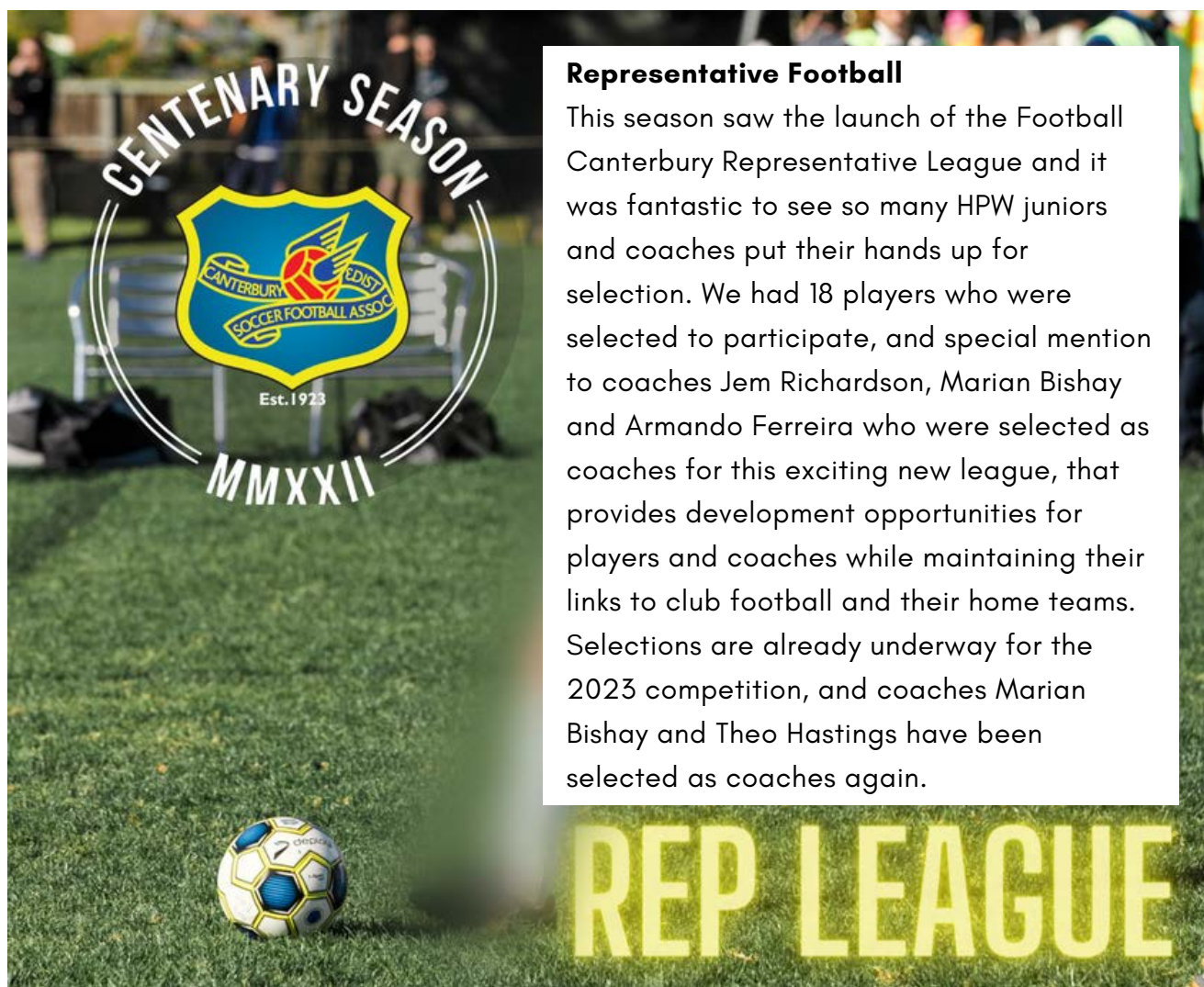




Summer football

It was also great to see the extent to which HPW teams enthusiastically embraced the inaugural Football Canterbury Summer Fives competition – and showed willingness and flexibility that helped to get this program underway. Taking the best rules from existing small-sided football competitions, the competition consisted of 5 a side teams, a heavier ball, no offside, smaller fields and goals allowing players to really hone in on their first touch and passing skills. The games were fast and

exciting, developing football skills and strategy and testing the fitness and commitment of the participants. We had 229 people register to make up a total of 34 teams playing mainly out of the Tempe hub. And our U8s, U9s, U10s, U10-11 Girls, U11s, U12 Girls and U14-15s making it into the grand final. With grand final wins to the U8 As, U9 Bs, U10-11 Hurlo Girls Rule and U12 Girls C teams.



Representative Football

This season saw the launch of the Football Canterbury Representative League and it was fantastic to see so many HPW juniors and coaches put their hands up for selection. We had 18 players who were selected to participate, and special mention to coaches Jem Richardson, Marian Bishay and Armando Ferreira who were selected as coaches for this exciting new league, that provides development opportunities for players and coaches while maintaining their links to club football and their home teams. Selections are already underway for the 2023 competition, and coaches Marian Bishay and Theo Hastings have been selected as coaches again.

Thank you!

Thanks to our amazing Age Coordinators and Committee Members without whom the club simply would not function, for another amazing season. The Committee members all take on extra roles and quietly get on with the jobs that need doing. Gerry, who is a rock of a Vice President – an amazing support and has the most can do attitude ever. He has also been a steady hand on our disciplinary committee and nurtured our relationships with other clubs, which has been so important this year. Steve, who looks after our Little Lions as well as being our Registrar (and continuing to provide excellent support for member protection matters), Edel, who is our MPIO and has also been gathering our history, Ramon who stepped into the big shoes of Anthony as treasurer and has done a wonderful job keeping things going, Billy who is our canteen manager, Terry as our amazing Coaching Coordinator, Robin, who is Secretary, volunteer coordinator and all

abilities program manager (not to mention Club Stalwart – now an official title!!!), Dave who is our ever patient and very organised gear manager, Holly who has provided fantastic support on website and other activities, Phong who stepped up as Competition Secretary and did an amazing job in a very challenging year, Alanna, who managed the BBQ roster and also the ever challenging end of season awards and long service awards and many other activities, and of course Caroline who has been an amazing administrator. And our Age Coordinators are the ever important part of our structure and show such good grace, willingness and enthusiasm: John Chudleigh, Richard Corey, Mark Healey, Sinead Shiels, Tara Brett, Robin Hawkes, Rob Randall, George Papathanasiou, Kathy Revellos, Nelson Araya, Peter Stein, Nick Abraham, Helen De Wolfe, Alison Svoronos, Katrina Thornley, Sonya Sinclair, Caroline Aow and Steve Cumming.

Farewell and Thank You to Lisa Powles

Lisa has been our bookkeeper and provided accounts support to the Club over several years. She has been an amazing support, always patient and willing to help. This year she has decided to step back from this role. We thank her for her contribution and wish her the best for the future.

Change at Football Canterbury

As with every other club, we rely on the support and structure provided by our governing body. Thank you for the amazing support that the Club receives from the Football Canterbury office – a special shout out to Janice Leahy, Trent Thomas, Andrew Morris, Trudy Burke, Rick Herro and Christian Layland who provide amazing support and advice.

This year the Association has not only celebrated its centenary but also undergone big changes. First and most visible is the name change from the longwinded CDSFA to Football Canterbury. This was not without controversy – with some concerned about the geographical representation, but was supported as a modern name with nods to the roots of the Association.

It is also important to acknowledge the efforts and achievements of retiring CEO Ian Holmes who has been a champion of club football and has worked tirelessly to improve the infrastructure over his long association with football in our district, but particularly over the past several years as CEO. Ian has provided our club with great support and advocacy.



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We also acknowledge the enormous commitment to football of outgoing Board Chair Armando Gardiman has provided to our Association over many decades, and of other retiring board members Youcef Kabbara and Ross Funari.

It is exciting to welcome new members to the CDSFA Board, and to look forward to working with the incoming Chair, Nick Kambounias, from our neighbouring club Cooks River Titans, and with whom we already have a great working relationship. Congratulations as well to Georgie Kokokiris and Matthew Greenlaw.

INTRODUCING OUR COMMITTEE

Some HPW committee members with Canterbury Bankstown Councillor - Jessie Nguyen

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Left to Right:: Billy Fraser, David Tartak, Rosalie Viney, Jessie Nguyen, Steven Cumming, Robin Hawkes, Terry Wong, Edel Murray.

ROSALIE VINEY - PRESIDENT

How long have you been a member of HPW?

As a parent, since 2001, as a player since 2005, and as a committee member since 2009.

What motivated you to get involved in the club?

Watching my kids play, as well as the fantastic community spirit that has always been part of HPW.

Why do you volunteer?

I think I got a double dose of volunteering gene from my parents :-)

Do you play football, and what position?

Yes, in the 035 women's competition as a defender.

Do you have a favourite football team or favourite player?

The Matildas of course, but also the Sydney FC women's team. My favourite player would have to be Teresa Polias for her leadership and commitment on the field.

What are your hopes for this season?

For my team: to win a game! For the club: to see our new facilities underway and to keep our great record of fair play. For me: to keep playing.

What is your day job?

I work in health economics research.

What are you looking forward to for the HPW Centenary?

Celebrating the fantastic record and legacy of our club, but with great new facilities.

GERRY CHOATE - VICE PRESIDENT AND DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE MEMBER

How long have you been a member of HPW?

My son has played for 12 years, I've been a committee member for 4 seasons.

What motivated you to get involved in the club?

My son started playing in U6s.

Why do you volunteer?

I started because I was there, I'm interested in giving back to community sport.

Do you play football, and what position?

I have never kicked a ball in anger!

Do you have a favourite football team or favourite player?

Apart from every HPW team, I'm a member of Sydney FC.

What are your hopes for this season?

At this point, to have a few weeks with no rain!

What is your day job?

Metal fabricator.

What are you looking forward to for the HPW Centenary?

Our new club house.

RAMON BRAGA - TREASURER AND PUBLIC OFFICER

How long have you been a member of HPW?

5 years.

What motivated you to get involved in the club?

I love football, have two young sons who also love football and we live across the street! The club is run on volunteers, and the kids (and I) get to have fun playing football.

Why do you volunteer?

I really do it for the kids. It's extremely satisfying to coach at all levels and abilities. It's also great to help out the local community.

Do you play football, and what position?

Yes, I play center midfield or striker.

Do you have a favourite football team or favourite player?

Brazil, Liverpool and Flamengo, current player, probably Mo Salah. Previously (Brazilian Ronaldo) or Ronaldinho.

What are your hopes for this season?

That it stops raining! and we can get some football and fun in after the last two years of not having many games due to COVID.

What is your day job?

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What are you looking forward to for the HPW Centenary?

I'm very excited and looking forward to the new HPW clubhouse

STEVE CUMMING - REGISTRAR, AND U6 AND U7 AGE CO-ORDINATOR

How long have you been a member of HPW?

I've been involved with the club since 2004.

What motivated you to get involved in the club?

I've been involved with the club since 2004.

Why do you volunteer?

I think about this a lot, especially when Dribl is being difficult and on cold, wet Saturday mornings! It's about making sure that things work as well as they can for our members and community.

Seeing our Under 6s develop from nervous, uncertain, hilarious littlies, through the under 7s and then 'graduating' to the Home and Away Under 8s format as confident, kind, respectful teammates is a delight.

Do you play football, and what position?

No, I don't. I'm a specialist Team Official :)

Do you have a favourite football team or favourite player?

I always loved Liz Ralston (especially when she was playing with Sydney FC). Not a 'star', but constantly working at 100% effort. No fuss, no drama, but absolutely always doing her job.

What are your hopes for this season?

There are three teams in my household- it would be great if at least one of them could play in finals (at the moment there is a good chance that one will!)

What is your day job?

There were those few days when I could say "retired". Now I'm an academic at Western Sydney Uni.

What are you looking forward to for the HPW Centenary?

The new club rooms at Ewen will be a fantastic asset for the club for 2024 and beyond.

ROBIN HAWKES - SECRETARY



Profile coming

TERRY WONG - COACHING COORDINATOR, GENERAL COMMITTEE MEMBER, FORMER VICE PRESIDENT

How long have you been a member of HPW?

All my 3 kids started in the U6s with Hurlo, with the first in 2012. My first official involvement was as a co-coach of my son's U7 team in 2015. I thought it was a great way to be involved in the kids' footballing journey. I think I ended up doing about 4 years in the U6s, which is a great age group to kickstart their love of football.

What motivated you to get involved in the club?

For starters, it was about being involved with the kids football journey. Now, it more about ensuring others (coaches, managers and players) have the same opportunity and do so in a supportive and enjoyable environment.

Why do you volunteer?

Getting people on the park every week during the season takes a massive amount of work. If my small contribution helps in some way, then I'm happy. The proof is seeing smiling facings running around, fostering a love for the game.

Do you play football, and what position?

I play in the O45s and play up front or as an attacking midfielder.

Do you have a favourite football team or favourite player?

I am a Sydney FC supporter. I love Rhyan Grant for his work rate, Caceres for his silky feet and willingness to take players on and Cortnee Vine for her ability to get forward.

What are your hopes for this season?

To ensure that everyone enjoys the football they get in this season.

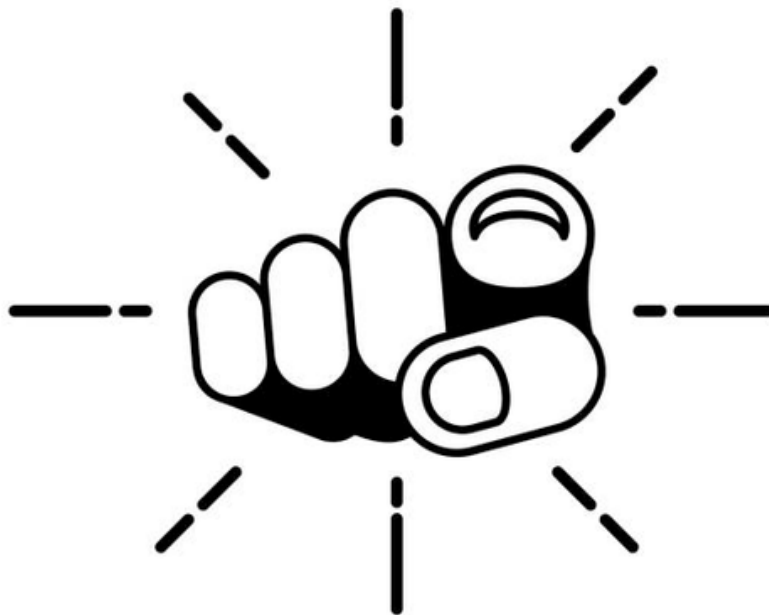
What is your day job?

I run a business that works in workplace health and safety space with medium to large businesses.

What are you looking forward to for the HPW Centenary?

Uncovering the history. From what I have been privy to, the Club has a lot to be proud of. I look forward to everyone having a deeper understanding of Hurlo roots.

COMPETITION SECRETARY - VACANT



This could be you!

ALANNA STEVENS - GENERAL COMMITTEE MEMBER AND U8-U12 GIRLS AGE-COORDINATOR

How long have you been a member of HPW?

My daughter started playing in an under 8 girls' team with her friends from school. My husband is a keen footballer, loves the game and used to play in a community team when he was a kid so it was only fitting that he would coach the team. To keep it in the family, I offered to take on the role of manager which I've really enjoyed. My daughter is still playing, and we continue to manage and coach the team she is in.

What motivated you to get involved in the club?

The idea of joining a community focused football club was appealing not to mention that many of my daughters' friends from school were involved. It's been so lovely watching them grow as players and enjoy the game itself. Team sport plays such an important role in kids' lives and the positivity that comes along with that is invaluable.

Why do you volunteer?

I've been a keen volunteer for many years now, from coordinating Mother's Day stalls at my daughter's school to being a Director of a Cambodian based children's charity. My passion for giving back to others is strong and I thrive best when I'm helping others.

What are your hopes for this season?

After two years of disruptions, I'm just looking forward to playing a full season. I'm excited for the preparations to begin on the new clubhouse and celebrating the club's centenary.

EDEL BRADY - GENERAL COMMITTEE MEMBER AND MEMBER PROTECTION INFORMATION OFFICER

How long have you been a member of HPW?

10yr as a parent, 5 yrs Manager, 2yr Committee.

What motivated you to get involved in the club?

My kids and their friends played soccer from the time they were 5.

Why do you volunteer?

To support our club and community, especially all our manager/ coaches/ grounds teams / bbq volunteers/ mini refs/ refs/ committee/canteen etc. who's kindness and generosity of time makes soccer happen every season.

Do you play football, and what position?

Yes, badly ! I play center back with the over 35's Women 3B team.

What are your hopes for this season?

That we get to play this year.

What is your day job?

Quality and Assurance Manager.

What are you looking forward to for the HPW Centenary?

To another 100 years of Hurlo.

BILLY FRASER - GENERAL COMMITTEE MEMBER AND CANTEN MANAGER

How long have you been a member of HPW?

I've been at HPW for approximately 21 years.

What motivated you to get involved in the club?

My youngest son Stuart moved to HPW due to his team breaking up at Canterbury football club in the U/11's.

Do you play football, and what position?

I didn't play football but I've coached for approximately 27 years at HPW and Canterbury originally.

Do you have a favourite football team or favourite player?

My Favourite Scottish team Is Dunfermline Athletic and English team is Liverpool.

What are your hopes for this season?

That we can finish the season due the rainfall that we have had this year.

What are you looking forward to for the HPW Centenary?

Hopefully that our new sporting club house will be completed.

DAVID TARTAK - GENERAL COMMITTEE MEMBER AND GEAR MANAGER

How long have you been a member of HPW?

I think 2005.

What motivated you to get involved in the club?

Wanted to keep fit by playing football and HPW was close by.

Why do you volunteer?

Loved being involved in kids sports and it just grew from there.

Do you play football, and what position?

Left wing or left back.

What are your hopes for this season?

Play and win in Grand Final or coach in one!!!

HOLLY EADES - GENERAL COMMITTEE MEMBER

How long have you been a member of HPW?

6 years.

What motivated you to get involved in the club?

Getting back to playing football.

Why do you volunteer?

The club only functions with the work of our many volunteers.

Do you play football, and what position?

Yes. Usually in an attacking role.

Do you have a favourite football team or favourite player?

Wellington Phoenix Men's and Women's teams.

What are your hopes for this season?

Every round going ahead!

What is your day job?

Librarian.

What are you looking forward to for the HPW Centenary?

Reflecting on the hard work that goes into this wonderful club.



FIFA WORLD CUP 2022



So the biggest football event in the world has been and gone (at least until it comes to our shores next year!) and while there was deep controversy about the location and the human rights record, it was inevitable that come the actual competition the football creates its own excitement.

We won't relive each moment, but we do want to thank the HPW and Cooks River Titans volunteers and committee, Football Canterbury and the Canterbury Bankstown Council for bringing the games to our local community with two very successful Big Screen Live Screenings of the Socceroos triumphant game against Tunisia, and their valiant effort in the Round of 16 against the ultimate champions Argentina.

It took lots of coordination to bring this event together, but it was so wonderful for the local community to be able to watch the games in a fantastic family friendly



atmosphere. We cooked and sold heaps of sausages, gave away FIFA collector cards and albums and followed the big games with passion. There was so much enjoyment, and we loved being able to join together with Cooks River Titans to make this a great community club event.

Roll on 2023 with the Matildas ready to win our hearts like the Socceroos have.

| HPW World Cup 2022 | | | | | | | | |
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And of course, there was great interest in our Just For Fun World Cup Tipping Competition. The ultimate winner was Will Fleming with 66 points, closely followed by Rozenn from the AAW3 with 64, and then Gareth Southgate, who, just like his namesake, did not live up to the early promise of Round 1, but still put in an impressive performance with 63 points. Will, you will be able to collect your prize from the Ewen Park canteen early next year!

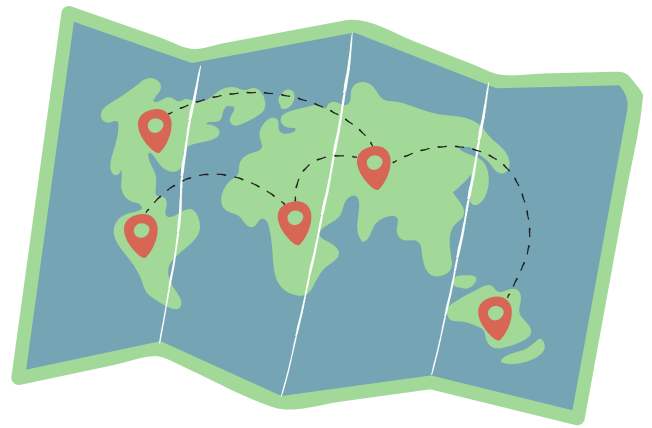
Travelling Hurlo Competition

It is holiday season, and even Summer Football is having a pause. So how do we keep you thinking about football? It is definitely time to bring back the Travelling Hurlo competition. Over the last couple of seasons we have not wanted to make a big thing of travel, and we even tried the (not)Travelling HurloAtHome version. But now, the passports are dusted off, the suitcases are packed and the Hurlo community is ready for holiday season.

So....we bring you Travelling Hurlos 2022/2023. To enter, send us your best Travelling Hurlo photo to admin@hurlstoneparkwanderers.com.au. Tell us where you are. Make sure you have your Hurlo gear. Remember we give you an end of season t shirt and nothing says Hurlo like seeing those t shirts in the wild on holidays.



We have two fabulous preliminary entries to get the ball rolling. The Maher family were early to the party with their "Next stop... Bennett Park Grand Final" entry - don't they look like movie stars???



Not to be outdone the BBC Boys have sent us an amazing entry entitled (worryingly) "The BBC Boys have New Owners". Can you outdo these brilliant early efforts? Wherever you are on holidays this season (and yes, Sydney environs is fine), be sure to pack your Hurlo shirt and send us your creative efforts. And just a reminder, some of the most stunning efforts from recent years involved a Hurlo sock used creatively.



There will be prizes for the best entries, but also bragging rights. We will run the competition through until the end of January so get planning, get packing and send us your entries. Funny and creative, or Hurlo inclusion gets points in this comp as much as exotic locations.

2022 Community Recognition Day Summer Hill

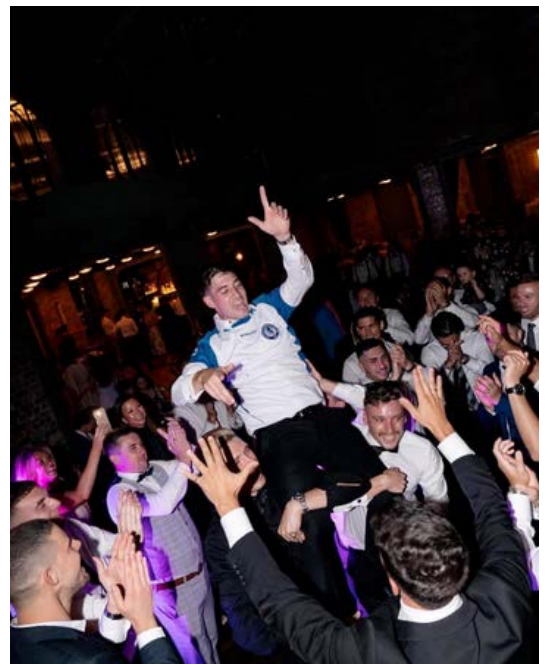


It was great to have two of our longest serving volunteers and club life members Billy and Wilma Fraser attend the Community Recognition Day and receive an award on behalf of the club.

Congratulations Daniel and Cara



It's been a very big year for our BBC team manager Daniel, and that is one pretty special wedding gift.



WALKING FOOTBALL GALA DAY

Inner West Council Seniors Festival has teamed up with Football Canterbury to bring Walking Football to the community. Walking Football is a no contact sport with one main difference to standard football – no running. Play the game you love but reduce the chance of injury. It's ideal for men and women over 45 but open to all ages and abilities.

Walking Football Gala Day - Tempe Reserve Artificial Pitch

- Sat 11 Feb 2023, 9am–5pm (90+ Mins of Playing Time)
- On New Artificial Pitch
- 4-a-side (No Goalkeeper)
- Small goals with a penalty area exclusion zone
- Register your interest as a team (6 members max per team squad), or as an individual. You don't need to pay now. (Cost will be only \$30 per player for the day. Pensioners \$20 - \$10 refunded on the day with concession card).

- You can also register for a free 'come & try' game for anyone new to Walking Football.

To register your interest, please fill out this [Expression of Interest \(EOI\) form](#). You can fill in the EOI form on behalf of a team, as an individual, or for the 'come and try' game.

Please give us as much detail as possible about your team in the EOI form so we can ensure you are playing against other teams of similar skill and experience.

You need to fill in the EOI form before Saturday 21st January 2023 to be sure of entering.

For more information, contact Andrew 0418 530 925 or Nick 0417 280 167.

Volunteer Thank You Night



Some of our new Hurlstone Park Wanderers Life members modeling their Hurlo jackets

Thank you to all our volunteers and
new Hurlstone Park Wanderers life
members without you all
football just won't happen

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U12's to remain in the small-sided format

At the end of each season, the Clubs gather under the guidance of the CDSFA and discuss changes to the "mode of competition" for the following season. One of the more significant changes for season 2023 has been to keep U12s in the small-sided format (SSF) instead of transitioning to the 11-a-side, full-field format.

This means one more year of 9v9. Why I hear you ask?

The rationale is pretty convincing ... for this age group, staying in 9v9 (vs 11v11) = Greater player development, participation & engagement.

- More touches on the ball (average touches are 33% higher in the SSF)
- Quicker decision making requirements because of tighter spaces (vs the vast masses of space on a full field)
- Less focus on a player's physical qualities = more even playing field at an age group where differences can be significant
- Greater opportunity to shoot and finish (260% more shots, 500% more goals)
- Goal size is more age appropriate and increases a goalkeeper's involvement (on average in a SSF, the goalkeeper is involved every 42 seconds).

The CDSFA will now also be aligned with the Football NSW leagues (SAP) who don't transition to 11v11 until U13 (in the girls leagues it's U14), making more sense for those players making the transition from club football to the next level.



Whilst players (and their parents) will need to curtail their aspirations for championship glory, they will have a lifetime of opportunities to chase a trophy. Thankfully, with changes like these, they are more likely to be playing the game in years to come.

As a Club, we are fully in support of these changes. In fact, we have been championing player development, participation and engagement for our youngest players for many years. Our Mini Cubs (3-5 year olds) and Mini Lions (6-7 year olds) programs are recognised as being one of the best around. Structurally, they are all based on reducing player numbers and field size, combined with a game-based skill acquisition principle.

As more details come to light, we will release more information to the incoming U12s for season 2023.



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. coaching@hurlstoneparkwanderers.com.au.