



# ROVERS ROUND-UP

## Hamersley Rovers Junior FC Inc Newsletter April 2009

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*Dear Parents and Players,*

*Welcome to all of our returning and new players and families – we hope that the 2009 season will bring lots of fun, fitness and social interaction as well as some great football.*

*This is an exciting time for us – we are now a new club operating as a separate club from the Seniors. Since separating in December last year we have become incorporated – and therefore have our own constitution, have opened our own bank account, have an ABN in place. We are in the process of developing a new website which we hope will be informative and fun to visit.*

*In many respects it is like starting from new and there are still lots of things to be done including developing and documenting policies and procedures. A hardworking group of people have been steadily working away at some of the key issues and we are heading in the right direction with some really great opportunities ahead of us.*

*We are looking forward to the challenges that lie ahead of us. With over 360 players and 30 teams to consider we will be more successful if you work with us – let us know if something is not working or if you don't have enough information. The 2009 season promises to hold many rewards for us as a club and we wish players and teams the best of luck for the season.*

### **Communication**

Throughout the season you will get lots of information in various forms and from various people within the club. It is very important that you keep your team Manger and Coach up to date with any changes to your contact details including your email address. Most of our communication will be via email and you will miss out if your change your details without letting us know. If you do not have an email address please talk to your team Manger about getting newsletters and other information in some other way.

### **SEASON START**

All teams except for the 18s will kick off on **Sunday May 3rd**. The 18s start a week earlier with their first match taking place on the 26<sup>th</sup> April.

### **Committee**

It has been great to have so many people putting their hands up to take an active role in the organisation and management of the club. The 2009 Committee is:

President	Mal Conway
Vice President	Jim McInerney
Treasurer	Andy Richardson
Secretary	Chris Hawkes
Registrar	Tony Hawkes
Property Officer	Peter Ansingh
SSF Co-ordinator	Steve Kindness
Member Protection	Juanita Deere
Sponsorship	Brett Lucchesi
Match Day Co-ord	Jim Palmisano
Web Master/Dev	Dino Valentini
Committee	Gordon Miller
	Roy Skene
	Brett Burns
	Andy Alexander

### **Committee Meetings**

Meetings are held in the Junior Meeting Room at Carine Open Space on the second Thursday of the month starting at 7.30pm. Members are welcome to attend meetings

## Director of Coaching

We have appointed a Director of Coaching to assist us in supporting and developing coaches and in encouraging the development of skills within the club, teams and players. Steve Kiellor has been busy arranging for coaches to attend Coaching Courses and developing strategies to assist and support coaches. Steve is also coaching one of the 15 girls teams. One of Steve's roles will also be to assist in developing or arranging coaching clinics such as Goal Keeper training.

## New Strips and Equipment

The Committee has approved over \$10 000 expenditure on a range of items including some new strips, balls, bibs, cones, linesman flags, first aid equipment, and new pop-up goals for SSF competitions. It is great to be able to provide this new equipment but please do ask that you treat it with care and look after the club's resources.



## Club Logo

As a new club we will be going through the process of adopting a new logo. We may include elements from our existing logo in recognition of our history and roots and will be exploring options over the next few months. Part of that process will include looking at ways of involving club members in the process and decision. We are aiming to have a new logo in place for the start of next season so stay tuned for more information.

## Registrations

Thank you to everyone who has either registered or attempted to register on-line – it has been quite a challenging and frustrating process. We are working our way through the list of people who still need to register on-line in the FFA system to ensure that everyone is eligible to play for the first match of the season. There are still some players who have not as yet paid any fees – you will not be eligible to play unless you either pay your fees or contact us to make arrangements for a payment plan. If you have not paid your fees as yet, please contact Tony Hawkes, 94478083 or [cthawkes@westnet.com.au](mailto:cthawkes@westnet.com.au) asap to make arrangements.

## Small Sided Football (SSF)

This is being introduced this season for teams in ages 6-9. For ages 6-8 we will be playing in a hub with 3 other clubs with matches being played for 4 weeks at a time at each club's home grounds. We will be using Carine Senior High

School as our home ground for 6-8s teams. 9s will continue to play home and away fixtures but will have smaller teams and pitches with the emphasis being on encouraging players to have fun every time they step onto the pitch. Steve Kindness, SSF Coordinator, has been hard at work organising teams, coaches and the hub arrangements. A number of coaches have attended a Grass Roots Coaching session and teams from Hamersley recently participated in an SSF Gala Day at Kingsway – we understand that everyone had a good time.

## Sponsors

The club has been fortunate to gain sponsorship from a few companies – some of whom will be sponsoring strips. We have also had contact from families that have indicated that they would be happy to provide small amounts of sponsorship – from \$100 upwards – these names will be included in our Business Directory on our new website in the near future. If you would like to be a club sponsor please contact the Secretary, Chris Hawkes, on 94478083.

## Referee Fees

A reminder for Junior and Youth teams (11yrs & above) that where official referees are appointed to referee your game they will need to be paid. Referee Fees are not included in your registration fees and Team Managers will be soon be providing you with information about how much you need to pay.



## Linesmen Duties

Please note that Junior and Youth teams will need to provide a Linesman for each match – both home and away. Training and information can be provided to assist you in this task.

## Healthways Grant

The club recently successfully applied for a grant from Healthways. The club will be receiving \$2000 in sponsorship and this will be spent on a range of items including first aid kits and equipment, coaching courses for 4 coaches, and conducting a Sports Injury Management training course for team coaches or representatives.

## Club Contacts

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