

Hamersley Rovers Junior FC Newsletter



Welcome to the 2011 Season

The season is well and truly underway and if you have joined our club for the first time or are returning after a period away we hope that you enjoy the experience of being part of Hamersley Rovers Junior Football Club.

This season our numbers have exploded with **430 players** and **37 teams** across the club. We have teams in all age groups from 5 and 6 year olds playing in the Small Sided Football (SSF) competition to 18s playing in the Youth competition.

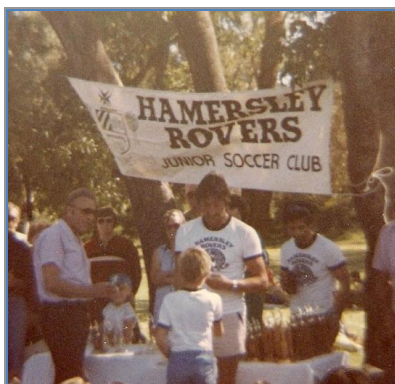
Sadly we were not able to accept all registrations this season and had to turn some players away. This was very difficult for us to do and we ask you to value the place that you and your child have and to give 100% at all times.

Our club is a not-for profit organization run by volunteers. All of our coaches, managers and committee members are volunteers—they give up an enormous amount of their time to help get kids playing sport and we thank them all for their time. We also need assistance in a variety of ways from parents – so please be ready to do your share of the workload when asked and act respectfully to club and team officials.

I would like to thank the many volunteers who assisted us with undertaking the pitch set-out and line-marking at the start of the season. It was great to see so many willing volunteers busy around the grounds. Having such a good turnout meant that the job was done quickly.



Chris Hawkes - President



1981 Trophy Day

30 years of Junior Football at Hamersley

This year marks the 30th anniversary of the establishment of the Hamersley Rovers Soccer Club which was originally formed in 1981 as a junior club with senior teams being included over time. In December 2008 the Junior and Senior teams split into 2 separate clubs and Hamersley Rovers Junior FC was formed as a junior club. From its humble beginnings of only four junior teams in 1981 to nearly 40 today the Club has become a valuable part of our community giving many children over the years the chance to experience the "World's Greatest Game".

For more of the Club's history please visit our website at www.hamersleyroversjuniorfc.com.au

“Vasto” Reserve

Over the last couple of years the strong growth of our Club has meant that it has outgrown its traditional home grounds at Carine Open Space. This has meant that we have had to utilize additional pitches elsewhere within the community for some teams' home matches. It is a shame that not all of the Club's home games can be played at the one location and help the “club” atmosphere to flourish on match days. However, to continue to operate at optimum capacity additional pitches are needed to be used.

Carine High School has been an excellent venue for our Under 6 and Under 7's teams over the last 3 seasons. We have been able to utilize Celebration Park in the past but this ground was not available to us this year. Thankfully though we have been lucky enough to make use of the Rickman Delawney Reserve at Vasto Place in Balcatta – colloquially known as “Vasto” Reserve. This is to be the home ground for our Under 10s and Under 11s teams and some Junior and Youth matches will be played there too.

For the uninitiated, Vasto Reserve is located behind the BMX track on Balcatta Road, opposite the RAC. Initial feedback from our teams has been good as they have enjoyed playing on the “carpet-like” surfaces there. It's not quite Wembley Stadium but a welcome addition to our match venues all the same!

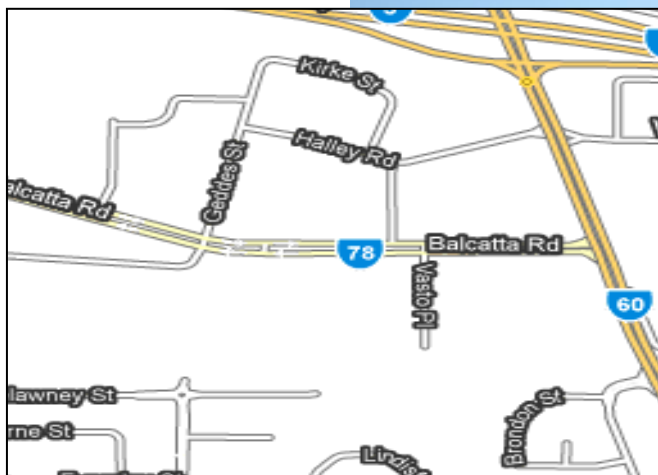
Wanted

Vasto Match Day Coordinator

We are seeking assistance from someone within the community to act as a match Day Coordinator at Rickman Delawney Reserve in Balcatta.

The person would need to be available on Sunday mornings during the season from around 8.00am until approx 12.00pm to help get the pitches set up, to direct visitors to pitches, collect match cards, assist with pack-up and to act as a Ground Marshall. This position would be ideal for a retired person or a uni student. A small remuneration will be paid.

If you know of anyone who might be interested in this role please contact Chris Hawkes on (08) 9447 8083.



Jim Palmisano - Our Second Life Member

The Club recognized the contribution of **Jim Palmisano** in bestowing on him the honour of being our second Life Member. Jim has been a key figure around the club for many years in a variety of roles including Coach, Coaching Coordinator and Committee Member.

Jim was the Vice-president of the former joint club and has been a strong supporter of our new club when we separated from the Seniors at the end of 2008. During this time Jim has actively contributed to many of the processes involved in establishing our new Club.

In recent years Jim has taken on the invaluable role of Match Day Coordinator volunteering his time every Sunday morning throughout the season from around 7:45am – 12:30pm. In this role Jim can be seen every Sunday morning at Carine Open Space wearing his beloved flouro vest. Jim has been the backbone of our club for many years and his contribution is greatly appreciated and valued.



NO SMOKING

Thanks to our Healthways grant from last season we have been able to purchase some No Smoking signs to place around the grounds. Parents and spectators are reminded that smoking is not allowed within 10 metres of the pitch and spectator areas – we ask your cooperation in moving away from pitch and spectator areas if you wish to smoke.

Uniforms

Enquiries regarding uniforms should be directed to Deb Nuttman, Uniform Coordinator, at debnuttman@iprimus.com.au We still have shorts and socks available in most sizes. Jackets orders for most people have now arrived and have collected. New orders for jackets can be placed; however, to make the order viable we need to have a few orders at a time.



Girls Teams Continue to Flourish

The theme of this Newsletter has definitely been how the Club has grown tremendously over recent years and how we have had to accommodate this growth. One area of growth within the club that we are particularly pleased with is the number of girls that we have playing for our teams. Similarly it is pleasing to report that in addition to the girls that play alongside the boys within the younger teams, we can now boast to have no less than **six** girls only teams. The strength in numbers of our girls feeding through the age groups also means that the Hamersley Rovers Senior Club has had to create an additional Ladies team.



The Inaugural Under 11s Girls Team

Our Junior Club has two 17s girls teams, two 15s girls teams and a 13s girls team. This season we also have the newly formed Under 11s girls team. I have been told that the girls are very excited to be the youngest girl only team that the Club has ever fronted – and even more excited to be included in this Newsletter! They like playing against other girls the same age where the lack of the boys' physicality allows their skills to shine through. Mind you I can imagine they give as good as they get! They are a dedicated bunch playing in the Metro 2 league. The lack of other girls teams of this age means that they travel a bit more than most teams and also play the same teams more often. The girls' home ground is Vasto Reserve. Vasto until recently was home to the hugely successful Northern Redbacks Womens Team. Well done to the Under 11s girls and we hope that in years to come you will become as successful as the Redbacks!



Jewellery

Please note that players are not allowed to wear any jewellery on the field. Wearing jewellery on the field is a yellow card offence and players can expect to be pulled up by referees if they do not remove jewellery.

It is not acceptable to tape over piercings etc – you have to remove them completely.

Win, Win, Win.....

Optus and Football Federation Australia have recently announced the inaugural Optus Small Sided Football Awards. This is your chance to win some great prizes by going to the following website www.optusfootball.com.au/ .

The Award Categories are as follows:

Lucas Neill Leadership award is for a young player who's shown not only skill on the pitch, but demonstrated ability to push the squad and lead from the front. They don't have to be the best player. Far from it. We're looking for someone who always tries their best. The chosen player gets a signed jersey, and a training session with Lucas Neill for them and their team. Not bad.

The Most Promising Player award recognises a player who loves the game, but understands that attitude is every bit as important as skill. The chosen player gets a signed jersey, and a training session for them and their team.

Optus Small Sided Football team award recognises a truly great team. They don't all have to be the best players in the league, we're looking for a team that shows great teamwork, a love of the game and a good attitude. We're after a bunch of kids who just dig playing football together. Win or lose, it's about enjoying the game that counts. The chosen team will get a much needed \$10,000 to go towards new equipment and training. The first 200 entries received in the Optus Small Sided Football Team of the Year Award will receive a Small Sided Football equipment pack.

The Optus Small Sided Football coach of the year award is there to recognise a really top coach. We're not looking for the coach who knows the most but a motivator, someone who inspires the team to do the best they can regardless of how good they are. The chosen coach will get a training session for them and their team with a top coach and team.

These awards can make a big difference, so make sure you tell your friends, family and your team's fans to vote.



Following on from the hugely successful World Cup in the July 2010 holidays with over 260 participants, FootballWest's holiday program is now known as *Hot Shots*. The specialized clinics have been set up for participants to embrace and enjoy the only true World Game in a fun, safe and educational environment.

Upcoming Hot Shots: July 19-22 (Tues-Fri)

For further information in regards to Football West's Holiday Programs, please contact Warren Grieve on 08 9422 6918 or email warren.grieve@footballwest.com.au

Parents – How you can help...

Throughout the course of the season we need the support of parents in various ways. The Club is a volunteer based organization and we rely on the support and assistance of parents to help with a range of tasks both on match days and at other times.

The following are things we expect parents to assist with:

Match Days - setting up or taking down nets.

If your match is at home at 8.30am you need to be there at 8.00 to help. Please don't sit in the car - all parents are expected to help.

Referee and Linesman tasks - if you don't know how to do these tasks please ask for assistance.

Being on time for matches and for picking up players after training.

Match Day Officials - each team will be rostered to help with this at home fixtures. Your team Manager will ask for help.

Basically, don't be a passive parent. Some parents are afraid to offer help for fear of stepping on toes. Don't forget that the Coach and Manager are parents too and can usually do with an extra hand here or there. So please don't be afraid to offer.

Future Newsletters

If you have a story or a picture about a team or a player within the Club then please let me know and we can look to include it within our next Newsletter. You can contact the Newsletter Editor, Richard Hinch on 0424 398 642 or email richandmem@gmail.com.

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