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Welcome to the Hamersley Rovers Junior FC 2010 Season

Welcome to the 2010 season. 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 our club.

This season we have again maintained high numbers with around 390 players registered in 35 teams across the club. We have teams in all age groups from 5/6s playing in the SSF competition to 18s playing in the Youth competition. We also have 4 girls only teams— 13 girls, 2 15 girls teams and a 17 girls team.

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,

Over the last couple of years our club has grown and we are not able to accommodate all of our teams and matches

at Carine Open Space. Our 6s and 7s teams will again play their home fixtures at Carine Senior High School— our thanks to the high school for making the playing areas available for us to use. We have also been able to secure the use of Celebration Park in Rochester Circle, Balga and will be playing our 10s teams and some Junior and Youth matches at this ground.

Celebration Park is a lovely park with a playground, b-b-q, verandah and change rooms and good quality pitch areas.

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— especially given that it was the Easter weekend. Having such a good turn out meant that the job was done quickly. Thanks also to the parents who helped us mark-

ing the 10s pitch at Celebration Park. It was also great to have the assistance of some of our players— thank you to those players who came down to give us a hand— it is much appreciated.



Chris Hawkes—President

400 Players

?? The Club recently signed our 400th player for the season taking our numbers to our highest ever.

?? A big welcome to our most recent members Molly Ryle and Isabella Santopolo whose registrations helped us achieve this new milestone.

Parents— How Can You Help?

Throughout the course of the season we need to 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.

Introducing Our New Logo

This season we are launching our new logo. Last year the committee spent many hours discussing this and have come up with a new design that retains our links with the past but presents a fresh, new look for our club. Our new logo is at pictured at right will feature on our new strips, jackets and polo shirts.

Our club was first founded as a Junior club by Fred Zammit in 1981. In designing the new logo we were keen to honour the contribution of Fred and others

who worked so hard in the early days of our club and have retained many of the links to the past. The logo design captures the following meaning: The stripes in the top left corner represent our colours (black and white); the castles represent our strength; the soccer ball provides a focus on our sport and the Maltese cross has been retained as a mark of respect to our founding member Fred Zammit.



Hamersley Rovers Junior FC New Logo

Inaugural Life Member

The club recognized the contribution of Mal Conway in bestowing on him the honour of being our inaugural Life Member. Mal has been a key figure around the club for many years initially as a coach. In more recent times Mal took on the role of Vice-president

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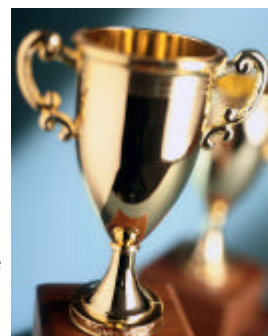
of the former joint club and then became the inaugural President of Hamersley Rovers Junior FC when we separated from the seniors at the end of 2008. During this time Mal helped guide us through the challenges of establishing a new Club



13 Girls Win First Cup Match

Congratulations to our 13 Girls team who won their first Cup Match earlier in the season. The team had a rocky start to the season— they didn't have a coach for quite a few weeks— so started with limited match preparation coming into the season. Deb Nuttman took on the initial challenge of getting the team started and has maintained an active role in supporting the team. Two par-

ents— Charles Roche and Jeremy Taylor stepped up to share the coaching role just in time for the start of the season. Mal Conway has also volunteered to lend some support to the coaching team. Some of the girls were part of the team that won their



Top 4 Final last year but others are new and playing for the first time. The girls played another Cup round last Sunday but unfortunately went down to Balcatta, a Premier division team. We wish the team every success for the rest of season.

Your 2010 Committee

Our inaugural AGM was held on March 17th. The turn out from parents was to say the least disappointing but we do thank those parents who did make the effort to attend.

The 2010 Committee is as follows:

- ?? President– Chris Hawkes
- ?? Vice –President– Jim McInerney
- ?? Secretary– Juanita Deere
- ?? Treasurer– Andy Richardson
- ?? Registrar– Tony Hawkes
- ?? Equipment Officer– Gordon Miller & Allan Sawyer
- ?? Member Protection officer– Juanita Deere

- ?? SSF Coordinator– Steve Kindness
- ?? Web-site– Dino Valentini
- ?? Match Day Coordinator– Jim Palmisano
- ?? Committee Members– Thomas Hoey, Andy Alexander, Charles Roche

We would like to acknowledge the assistance and support of **Jim Palmisano** who has once again taken on the role of Match Day Official. Jim's plays a key role in the club on match days in helping to get the pitches set up and in making sure that everyone is in the right place. Jim's contribution is especially fantastic as this year he doesn't have a child playing in the

club and is giving up a huge amount of his time to help us. Please make sure you take the time to say hello on Sundays and to thank him for his help and generous contribution.



Jim Palmisano

Life Member continued

Mal helped guide the club through some difficult processes while still maintaining a coaching and support role. Mal's contribution to the club as been significant and we were pleased to be able to honor and recognize this at our recent AGM.

Mal has continued to be involved with the club this sea-

son and at are our last committee meeting he put up his hand to take on the role of Coaches Coordinator. In this role Mal will be providing support and assistance to coaches and teams.

We are pleased that Mal will be continuing to share his experience with us in 2010.



Mal with a memento of his beloved Derby County FC

What's on the Club website

Our club website has lots of useful information for parents, players and coaches and managers. The website was launched in 2009 and since then we have continued to work on it to keep it relevant and informative for everyone.

Key information on the website includes:

?? Fixtures– Checking fixtures is easy. Our club website has

- links to fixtures for all teams.
- ?? Committee contact information
- ?? Club policies
- ?? Grievance Procedures
- ?? Rules of Competition
- ?? Code of conduct– players, parents and spectators, coaches

- ?? Links for Off-side rule– this is a great tool for learning about this Law
- ?? Links to other useful web-sites for parents and coaches
- ?? Latest news and upcoming events

We also use the website to keep you informed– make sure that you log onto the website regularly to make sure you stay up-to-date. The more hits we get the better!

www.hamersleyroversjuniorfc.com.au

Smoking Policy

In the past 2 years the club has received sponsorship from Healthways and as part of our commitment to maintaining a healthy club we will be tackling the issue of smoking during this season.

The committee has taken a decision to ban smoking around the pitch areas for all of our venues– Carine Open space, Celebration Park and Carine senior High School. (when SSF teams are playing their home matches there). We will shortly be putting up signs around the ground to remind all parents

and players about our policy.

We appreciate that it may at times be difficult to enforce this policy with opposition teams, however we are determined to at least get the message out there.

We ask all of our parents and spectators to take notice of this policy and make sure that if you would like to smoke that you move away from the pitch areas, players and other spectators.

We don't expect anyone to become a bouncer in enforcing this policy with opposition teams– if you do have any problems in this regard please talk to the Ground Official (wearing the fluorescent vest).



Linesman Training

It was pleasing to see so many interested parents turn up for the recent Linesman training sessions organized by the club. The sessions were conducted by Rhys Hill, who volunteered his time to run two sessions for our parents. We had about 8-10

parents participating in each session ranging from those who were having to run the lines for their first time to those who just needed to re-refresh their knowledge in this area. Rhys was able to draw on his experience of refereeing for many years to help partici-

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pants make sense of the off-side rule and to help parents feel more confident in taking on this important role. A huge thank you to Rhys for his on-going support to the club in conducting these sessions. If you would like to know more about the off-side law why not visit our website and follow the links to FIFA's interactive explanation– it is a very useful tool.

Healthways Grant

For the second year in a row the club has been successful in applying for funding for a Healthways Grant. We recently received a grant of \$2000 which will be used on a range of activities. We will be looking for opportunities to send our coaches on

coaching courses (last season we were able to send around 6 coaches on courses). We are also hoping to have a sports trainer from Sports Medicine Australia come and talk to coaches and other interested parents about prevent-



ing injuries. We have also used the grant to purchase first aid equipment including 2 new stretchers and a first aid kit for Celebration Park.

Respect Campaign

Football West's RESPECT campaign has been launched for 2010 with a resource kit sent to all registered junior teams in Football West competitions.

The kit includes a RESPECT booklet, RESPECT Code of Conduct poster, RESPECT "Captain's" armband, and RESPECT player cards featuring the captain's from the 12 State League Premier Division clubs.

Following a plea from grassroots football to tackle elements of unacceptable behaviour in football, the cam-

paign has been launched aiming for everyone associated



with the sport to respect the referees, players and the game.

RESPECT aims to tackle the need for all members of our football family to have a better understanding of each other's role, which will help reduce the drop-out rate of referees from football due to abuse.

RESPECT will be a continued campaign and not a one-off initiative.



Donate Books to Support Multiple

Local Member of Parliament, Mr Tony Krsticevic, is seeking new or used books in his efforts to raise funds for MS Awareness Week.

Multiple Sclerosis Societies from around the country unite to raise awareness and funds for people living with multiple sclerosis (MS).

Books can be dropped off at the club (Carine Open Space venue) on match days— we will place a

box on the veranda. Books can be donated until Sunday June 23rd.



In the July school holidays, Tony will be hosting a book sale with these books with all proceeds going to the MS Society.

Tony appreciates your efforts to assist in his venture to raise funds for MS.



Club Jackets

We have started to distribute some of the new club jackets— unfortunately there has been a delay with the supplier and some jackets are still coming. The jackets look great and we have had lots of feedback from people wanting to purchase one. In response to this we will run

a second round of orders. There are 2 different styles to choose from and sizes are listed on the order form and on-line shop. Orders can be placed via our on-line shop— payment by credit card— or you can download the order form from our website and forward with your payment to Chris Hawkes.

The jackets— which feature our new club logo— cost \$45.





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Player Profiles– Louise Miller & Ebony Alexander– 15 Girls Premier Division Team

Two of our 15 girls players have recently been trying out for selection in the State Team.

Louise Miller and Ebony Alexander successfully got through several stages of the selection process. Both Ebony and Louise made it through to the last selection process and both girls acquitted themselves well. Unfortunately the girls missed out on a place in the State Team however Louise has been named as the Reserve Goal Keeper and invited to continue as part of the Development Squad. Ebony and Louise have both been playing for the club for 3 years. Coached by Brett Lucchesi and Andy Alexander, both girls were part of our inaugural 13 girls team in 2008 and despite



being head-hunted by other clubs have remained loyal to Hammersley Rovers. The girls were part of the team that made it through to the State cup final in their first year of competition and last year

played key roles in the team's Top 4 Finals victory. Our congratulations to both these players for being such great ambassadors of their team and their club.