

Hoppers Crossing Soccer Club Newsletter



2010 Look ahead this promises to be an exciting year for HCSC with the anticipated artificial ground at the Grange Reserve facility. Since the end of the 2009 season there have been a number of changes within the club. Firstly we have weathered the impact of the drought, poor grounds and lack of training areas. The main ground is also under full repair, with the total surface being replaced. The new club website has been totally replaced by a user friendly site that caters for all members needs and access to our club sponsors. There are also a number of other decisions and initiatives, which the club will embark on in the 2010 year. When looking at what is happening at the club please remember that we are essentially a self-sufficient club without the ongoing support of a social or gambling venue. This places a greater emphasis on the club fundraising from within and also restricts the clubs expenditure in areas such as coaching and equipment. Please take the time to read this newsletter in its entirety and if questions arise take the opportunity to ask one of the Executive members or even email me direct – peter@hopperscrossingclub.com.au All the best for 2010, we hope it will be a year to remember.

Peter Wilkinson
HCSC President

Club Update

It is expected that HCSC will complete usage agreement for the club of the new artificial pitch which has recently been completed and has been approved by the City of Wyndham Council. The total project for pitch construction is \$800K. There is however a downside to the use, we still have only one training ground which all teams will have to be considerate of other club users. (sharing goal areas when practising). HCSC currently owe the City of Wyndham \$135,000 to be paid off over 30 years. It is our ambition to improve the fully functioning clubroom, and organise social events throughout the year.

How Can I Help? Excellent question? There are a number of ways you can assist in 2010 and beyond.

- Pay club membership in one instalment. This frees up collectors to work on other projects.
- Grange levy payment – required to ensure all members contribute in some way to fitting out the facility.
- Volunteer for a position vacant at the club or apply for one of our volunteer tasks.
- Embrace some of the other fundraising initiatives such as attending fundraising functions when they are held.

Please remember we only get ONE opportunity to do things right at the start of the season.

**Do you have the passion? Can you directly help your child's team? Can you assist at training?
Yes we want you to help in the canteen, it's not hard firstly ask us how and step forward.**

Website: New & updated ready for 2010 www.hopperscrossingclub.com.au

Membership & Fees

Once all junior squads are finalised in March, all junior players must pay fees in 2010.

- Final payments made before first league game.
- Players, who have not paid, will not be allowed to play until full payment is made.
- Some fees have been increased to reflect additional anticipated expenditure.
- Fees will be available once all increased costs have been factored in.

(NB – these fees include the mandatory \$50 club membership but DO NOT include the 2010 Grange Levy (\$50 see on right))

2005 Grange Levy

In order to assist in funding the move to the Grange in 2005 the Executive introduced a levy across all members. This levy is set at \$50, which will be used exclusively on the Grange to purchase furniture and fittings (canteen equipment, refrigeration etc). All members (including Life Members have been levied this fee, the only exception will be Grange Foundation members who have already provided substantial financial assistance to the project.

HCSC VISION

To be the most outstanding sporting body in the City of Wyndham, by providing opportunity and quality soccer to residents and enable maximum community participation.

The HCSC ACADEMY

10 reasons why we need an Academy

- ❑ It's a known fact that an individual player will touch the ball for less than 45 seconds in a 15 minute game.
- ❑ At the Academy a player will touch the ball for at least 45 minutes
- ❑ Skills & drills sessions repeated over a period of time will eventually improve young players.....practice makes perfect
- ❑ Boredom, a child will never get bored if he/she can do the task with skill & flare.
- ❑ This concept is a world trend especially in France and Holland.
- ❑ The FFV do not run full competitive leagues until under 12'S.
- ❑ The Academy rewards improving players. Encouragement is essential at the age of first contact with a Soccer ball.
- ❑ The Academy evaluates continuous improvement of each player.
- ❑ The Academy assists all other junior team coaches in providing quality training to improve older junior players
- ❑ Its great value for your dollar. \$*** now -\$20 million a year, playing for Manchester United or Liverpool in 2015
- ❑ Its fun & it works

A & B TEAM AGE GROUP GRADING

WHY?

Playing with and against players of their own abilities, furthers development, and participation at the level they can maintain with every year taking their learning of the game forward.

As children develop they will continually step up as their own physical growth and development allows.

Individual players need to be recognised and supported by whatever means that will encourage each player as a team player, as a squad player.

Please don't think of A's and B's being any better or less because of where the children play. Enjoy what our players deliver.

Junior News

The 2010 season will see some difference in the way Junior Football is approached by HCSC, some of this will be noticeable and some will be behind the scenes. On the coaching front the club is pleased to announce some new initiatives:

- **Paid coaches** – 2010 will see all junior coaches receive payment for their efforts. This is aimed at reimbursing coaches who not only donate time but also have to pay for their children to play.
- **Working with children checks** for coaches & managers – all coaches new and existing will be expected to have a working with children clearance prior to coaching. This is a proactive measure by the club aimed at providing peace of mind for parents and lifting the professionalism of HCSC that extra notch.
- **SSG'S** (small sided games) **The changing face of football**, new FFV changes to be implemented in 2010.
- **Team Managers** – will be given a special managers pack each to assist in the care of the team and their equipment. Managers will also receive reimbursement for money spent during the year on performing their role.
- **Volunteers** – All clubs require help to run this side of the club, canteen, functions and special occasions where time commitment is needed.

SPONSORSHIP

Although HCSC tries to promote a club first approach we are aware that members are primarily interested in their son or daughters team.

Sponsorship of the club in 2010 is a very important financial support process for the club.

If you are interested in organising sponsorship for the club please see the Executive committee.

The clubs sponsors cannot be compromised or any conflicts of interest between businesses that create situations the club cannot control. It is important that any sponsor receives the recognition for their valuable support.

The clubs sponsors cannot be compromised undermined or HCSC exposed to financial loses by improper dealings.

Sponsorship Conditions

Club sponsorship packages are available for signage etc.

1. Prior to any sponsorship occurring a written proposal needs to be lodged and approved by the HCSC Executive. This proposal shall contain details of the sponsorship and the proposal shall also contain the nature of the sponsorship and the expected revenue and
2. All sponsorship applications **MUST** be approved by the Executive **FIRST**.
3. Sponsorship agreements apply to the 2010 season only and will need to be renegotiated for subsequent years unless prior agreement is made and a process is agreed.
4. The HCSC Executive may alter, delete or add conditions as they see fit or as different situations develop.
5. No use of club logo with consent of the Executive.
6. The club as a whole is always the 1st choice in any Sponsorship application.

MONEY HANDLING PROCESS MUST ALSO BE AGREED TO BY HCSC.

Situations Vacant

(Including but not limited to)

Canteen Manager (not bar)

- Food preparation qualifications desirable
- Expected to stock and organise canteen personal on weekends throughout season.
- Please send letter of application and short CV to HCSC, PO Box 1009, Werribee Plaza, 3029.

Junior Head Coach (formerly Football Director)

- Volunteer position – reimbursement of authorised expenses will be met by HCSC.
- Expected to ensure sound coaching methodologies are employed throughout HCSC at all junior levels.
- Management of training times and assist junior coaches in issues as they arise.

Sponsorship Manager

- Expected to source new sponsors and sell defined sponsorship packages. Also required to organise sponsors day at club and ensure sponsors are catered for re tickets etc for defined events.
- HCSC will direct manager to a number of sources if and when they become known.
- Liaison with all club sponsors to ensure relationship is profitable for ALL parties.

Fundraising Manager

- Expected to manage most of fundraising activities within HCSC.
- Management of team fundraising initiative – collection of monies and ensure proper accounting practices are being followed by teams.
- Fundraising opportunities may include function nights, raffles, auction etc (will need to be approved by Executive)
- Please send letter of application including brief outline of your ideas to HCSC, PO Box 1009, Werribee Plaza, 3029.
- If you think you interested?

Executive – General Committee Member

- How do I get elected, prior to the Annual General Meeting held every year fill out relevant letter and obtain two financial members signatures for your nomination.
- PO Box 1009 Werribee Plaza 3029.
- 2 year term, you can be re-elected.
- Up to 4 ordinary members can serve at any one time.

Other Positions

HCSC are always on the lookout for good help, there are plenty of jobs to do either your self or help with. Some include marking grounds, cleaning, assisting with financials, working behind canteen/bar or just giving a hand when one is required. If you have any ideas of believe you may be able to assist the club, please speak to one of the Executive, email info@hopperscrossingsc.com.au or phone Peter 0432 597 702.

Meet Your Executive

Did you know?

- That three members of the Executive have all played and coach at the club. These 3 are also Life members and all currently coaching at junior team level.
- Peter Wilkinson (President) played in the first ever soccer season 1972 at HCSC (then Mossfiel Rangers), he also represented Victoria at junior level.
- Martin Kearney (Treasurer) has won Best & Fairest awards with the seniors and reserves and is also a member of the HCSC 30 year team and the senior championship winning teams of 1999 and 2001.
- Peter Wilkinson was a member of the committee when the club moved to the K&E Slack Pavilion 1991.
- Martin played in the seniors regularly over many a year.
- Anthony McGowan (Secretary) played many a year in juniors, seniors and reserves teams throughout the 70's - 80's – 90's.

Grange Artificial Pitch

- Yes a plastic surface.
- What do we wear? Normal boots, grass cats.
- Yes its all weather.
- No more mud.
- No smoking Tell PARENTS to *Quit*
- Respect the ground, remove your rubbish.
- Clean your boots before training.
- Quality lighting now installed (December)
- Lighting 100 lux training, 200 lux Competition.
- Surface 10 years expected life.

And yes no more lines to be marked.

Senior News

The seniors are currently back in training for the prestigious 2010 Premiers Cup. They're a few new faces and the return of a number or previous players.

2009 Best & Fairest - A. Vella,

2009 R/Up – C. Harding

2009 Third - J. Nave.

Senior Coach - Joey Vella.

Assist Coach - Gus Dos Santos.

Reserves - John Di Amicis.

The seniors are the pinnacle of football at HCSC and welcome support during their 2010 campaign. If you have a free Saturday afternoon during the season, come down and have a look. Join in the cheer, laughs and occasional songs with the Reds supporters and witness the spirit of the senior & reserve teams first hand. The continued development of the young group of players who have progressed through from the junior ranks of the club into the senior playing group.

The club may see the veteran Chris Harding tie on his boots again in 2010.

Grange Sponsorship

Do you have a business or know a business, which can help?

- 5-year membership worth minimum \$250 over 5 years.
- Business exposure with fence signage and suitable internal signage available.
- Invitation to special events.
- Tax advantages associated with marketing.
- Ability to help HCSC and community of Wyndham in development of soccer for everyone.

Please ask committee for a professionally printed booklet on this fantastic opportunity to be part of local history.

Very Special Kids HCSC CHARITY DAY

Yes the clubs charity, the club is proud to announce its support of
VERY SPECIAL KIDS.

2009 CHARITY GAME AND ASSOCIATED FUNCTION HAS SEEN THE AMOUNT OF
\$23,220 collected.

The committee thanks the volunteers, players & the sponsors for their commitment to this the day.

Contact - Doug Harrower 0420 300 763

Very Special Kids

Player Insurance

Insurance is a necessary evil with life, we as a club obviously cannot ignore the need to protect our members. What you may or may not know is that all players (registered) with HCSC are insured via the FFV. The insurance component is part of a players registration cost and is underwritten by JLT Sport jiltsport@ilta.com.au The most important advice we can give when dealing with an injury is to see a doctor in the first instance for a referral to a physio, chiro or other medical professional. this is mandatory under the policy and if you don't do it, you won't be covered. A number of members at the club have suffered through not knowing about this clause.

Contact - JLT on 1300 130 373 or FFV 9474 1800 for further information.

Membership Cards 2010

It is hoped that the 2010 season will again see the club membership card available. Place your business on the reverse side? It is envisaged that this card will contain some discount vouchers printed on the reverse side. We also anticipate these discounts will see members supporting those who help the club financially.

Please consider our sponsors when making purchases as they help us. (More news to follow)

HCSC is managed by a small band of volunteers. If you wish to ask questions please contact one of the Executive members. We aim to do the best by the club and are willing to answer any questions you may have. Please remember though it is easy to point out a problem, the smart ones point out a solution. Contact club on info@hopperscrossingsc.com.au Peter 0432 597 702, Martin 0404 889 403.