

BURRAGORANG DISTRICT SOCCER CLUB

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Finally, our first Newsletter for 2004. Sorry this is a bit belated, but here's a very warm welcome to all our new players and their families, and, of course it's great to see that so many of our past players have returned for another season at Burraborang. The 2004 season started rather shakily, with a number of glitches in the draw and a couple of unfortunate decisions regarding the gradings. Nevertheless, all our teams seem to have embarked on the season with much keenness and enthusiasm. As always, sincere thanks to the Coaches and Managers, who do such a fantastic job looking after our teams.

This year our club has grown once again, fielding 14 teams, including our first Ladies team - a couple of our more vocal supporters are now players, so we will watch with great interest to see if they have listened to their own advice!!! Their first home game will be this Sunday, 23rd May at 1 pm, so if you are around at that time, come in to Willis Park and give them heaps (of encouragement, of course)!

With an extra team, plus the loss of a couple of past sponsors, we need more sponsors this year. It costs \$300 for the first year, then \$75 for the next two years. Your business is advertised at all home games as well as a regular mention in the Newsletters. The Committee tries to keep the registration fees down to make soccer affordable for everyone, but to achieve this, we rely heavily on the generosity of sponsors. If you are interested in helping in this way, please ring Colleen Rhodes on 46 571513 ASAP.

Another very important component of our club are volunteers and so a belated, but big thank-you to all the wonderful people, who helped out at the preseason working bee - Matt & Brian Bushby, Dean Cody, Bruce Nicholson, Paul Cornish, Ken Wilkins, Jeff Spinner and Geordie Crawford.

While on the subject of volunteers, to keep the Canteen operating, we must have one or two volunteers from each team for the half hour preceding their respective games. For the Minis, this way you do not miss out on watching your child play. For Under 9's upwards, who all play on the large field, it may often be necessary for the team volunteers to stay a little longer until the next team is due to arrive. However, you do get a reasonable view from the Canteen, so you will not miss out on seeing your child's game. Managers will be receiving rosters very soon.

While on the subject of the canteen, we are still desperate to find someone to fill the position of Canteen Co-ordinator. If every team co-operates with the roster system, this job should not be too onerous. In fact, because of the draw, it would probably work better if two people offered their services - one from Minis, one from U/9 upwards. Our Treasurer, Dawn Ellis, is happy to continue doing the purchasing, but she cannot be at the home games to set up and supervise. A mad rush of offers would be greatly appreciated - please ring Colleen urgently on 46 571513.

A note for Coaches and Managers - any problems with equipment, or lack thereof, please contact our Property Officer, Jeff Spinner, on 46 596308.

To all the teams, enjoy your soccer and good luck for the rest of the season!