

BURRAGORANG DISTRICT SOCCER **CLUB**

NEWSLETTER NO.1 **MAY 2005**

At last, our first newsletter for 2005. Welcome back everyone and a very warm welcome to our new players and their families.

COACHES AND MANAGERS MEETING: - Mon. 9th May, 2005

All coaches and managers are invited to attend a meeting with committee members on Monday, 9th May, 2005 at 7pm at The Oaks Community Hall (Russell St. The Oaks). The aim of this meeting is to give you the opportunity to discuss any problems or concerns you may have, pass on ideas and give feedback about the season so far. Your input is important to the future improvement of our club so please come along.

MATCH CARD FINES

The job of the recorders at Macarthur is made much easier by clubs providing the correct information on match cards. In an effort to “encourage” clubs to fill out match cards correctly, a system of fines exists. A detailed step by step guide to filling out a match card has been provided by Macarthur to all clubs. In turn, all our coaches and managers have been provided with a copy. There are fines for other types of indiscretions too, but by far the major source of fines for all clubs is to do with match cards. The first invoice for fines, covering the first two rounds, has been sent out to clubs. Our total is a touch over \$41.

There will be times through the season when either the coach or manager can't be at the game and another parent might help out. For this reason, it's important for some other parents, other than the coach and manager, to know how to fill out the match card correctly. To give you an idea, we have accrued fines in the first two rounds for:

- 1 Not marking reserves on the match card
- 2 Not writing a registration number for a player
- 3 Writing the incorrect registration number for a player
- 4 Not marking the team colour on the match card (minis only)
- 5 Writing the first name(s) of player(s)

FORFEITS

Forfeits do not attract a fine for our club if they are notified to Macarthur a minimum of 72 hours prior to the match. After that, there is a sliding scale whereby the fine increases as the day of the match draws nearer. Teams that think they may have to forfeit need to make an early decision to avoid attracting a fine for the club. If

forfeiting, team management must notify the Club Secretary, Greg Serone on 46571909. Greg will then notify the appropriate person at Macarthur.

CONTACT WITH MACARTHUR

Macarthur soccer has very strict guidelines regarding contact with the office. The office is run by a part time Secretary and with so many clubs and players, the office would be inundated with phone calls etc. if it was open slather and anyone could ring up. Most of the queries are to do with the local competition and the secretary over there is not really involved in the running of the competition. Therefore, she is unable to answer many of the questions anyway. All contact with Macarthur is through the club secretaries. All written contact must be on club letterhead or it is returned. Most team queries can be answered by a member of the Club Committee.

CANTEEN INCENTIVE REWARD

As an incentive and show of appreciation for the team that supplies the most helpers in the canteen and BBQ up to the end of the season, the club would like to reward that team with a kids party eg. McDonalds or Subway party. So come on! Get your canteen helpers organised and earn your team a party.

P.S. Please don't assume that you are not required to do your team's rostered time in the canteen or BBQ because there appears to be plenty of helpers already there. They are probably waiting for someone to replace them so please ask if your help is required.

"BURRA SUPPORTERS WANTED!"

This year we have an All Age, Over 35's and Ladies team in the competition, and it would be great to see a lot of Burraborang supporters at their home games cheering them on. Most of these players are the coaches, managers and parents of our kid's teams, so come along and support them as much as they support us and show your appreciation for all the hard work they put in to the club and your kid's soccer. It's a great way to spend part of your Sunday and the canteen is open for refreshments. Below is the draw for their home games at Willis Park. Hope to see you there!

All Age

15/5/05 v Campbelltown Cobras - 1:00pm

22/5/05 v Eschol Park - 11:00am

29/5/05 v Leppington - 11:00am

19/6/05 v Camden Falcons - 1:00pm

26/6/05 v Mt Annan - 11:00am

17/7/05 v Bradbury Ambarvale - 1:00pm

Ladies

15/5/05 v St Mary's - 11:00am

29/5/05 v Minto - 1:00pm
19/6/05 v Narellan - 11:00am
26/6/05 v Bradbury Ambarvale - 9:00am
17/7/05 v Campbelltown Uniting - 11:00am
07/8/05 v Gunners - 11:00am

Over 35's

08/5/05 v Fields United - 1:00pm
22/5/05 v Eschol Park - 1:00pm
12/6/05 v Narellan - 11:00am
19/6/05 v Fields United - 3:00pm
26/6/05 v Tahmoor - 1:00pm
10/7/05 v Campbelltown Uniting - 1:00pm
30/7/05 v Bradbury Ambarvale - 1:00pm
07/8/05 v Gunners - 1:00pm

MATCH REPORTS

Thankyou for the match reports I have received so far. Come on Managers! There are still some teams that haven't done any match reports yet. Don't be left out. The players, family and supporters like to read about their team's performance, especially if they missed the game. You can always get the parents to take turns to write the reports if you wish. Just give a **brief summary** of the game's highlights and any interesting or outstanding efforts by the players, remembering to always keep comments on a positive note.

*Please remember to write: - your team (eg, U6 Blue or U10 Div.4).
- match date.
- the opposition.
- results (for U9's & over).

*U8 teams are still non-competitive but I'll leave it up to each manager if they want their team's results printed in the match reports. Just let me know when you submit your match report. The scores are 'officially' recorded for grading purposes only, for next years competition.

You can drop your match reports in my letterbox at 36 Edward St, The Oaks (nr Montpelier Dr) or email them to denisebelinda@hotmail.com. You can also hand them to our Treasurer, Lea Orchard, with your match fee envelope if you prefer, and she can pass them on to me. It would be appreciated if you could get your reports to

me as soon as you can after the game, to allow me time to type them all up. Thanks!
Denise Roberts.

U6 Red

2/4/05 v ?: We played a great first game on Saturday with excellent sportsmanship from the players. The McDonalds Award went to Nathan Ross who played an outstanding game (well done Nathan). We are looking forward to this Saturday's game.

9/4/05 v ?: Only our second game and everyone was enthusiastic and excited to get on the field this week. We all played really well and our two goalies did a fantastic job! Thankyou to Aidan's dad, Kevin, for being Ref. We are all getting more confident with the ball and having lots of fun. Thankyou parents for all the positive comments from the sideline, it can only make the kids get better with each game. McDonalds Award went to Gianni Pessotto. Well done Gianni! Well done team!

U6 Blue

2/4/05 v HAR : They started the year off with a bang, winning their first game against Harrington Park. Jarrod scored our first and second goal of the season which earned him our team's sports award. Our third goal was scored jointly by Alex and Thomas, both kicking the ball into the net. The fourth goal was a joint effort, being kicked by Alex and head-butted in by Cameron. We had three first time players join our team (Corey, Aaron and James) and all three played like pro's. The rest of the team were much improved from last season. All of the boys enjoyed their first game. Good work boys - keep it up.

9/4/05 v CSC: A win in their second game against Camden Tigers. Our two goal scorers were Alex and Jarrod. It was an exciting game with many great attempts at goals being stopped by an outstanding little goalie for the Tigers. Cade received our team's sports award for his tireless effort throughout the entire game. Well done again boys.

U6 Yellow

2/4/05 v ?: What an excellent game. Although we lost it was a brilliant effort by everyone on such a hot day. Not one of our players had played before, so well done. Our sports award went to Ryan Hanby for his outstanding effort in goal in the first half. We're not playing for 3 weeks but with training, hopefully our next game will be closer. Well done team and coach!

U8 Red

2/4/05 v GUN - Draw nil all: Welcome back Under 8 Red! It was great to have all our team back this year with two new players, Brock and Christopher. Both new to the game and both played really well at our first match against the Gunners. The day was really warm and the players were out of puff and red faced, being on a larger field, but they still all played well. Luckily Burra had two reserves to draw on. With the offside rule and playing positions, more so than before, they managed to defend their goal well and prevent the other team from scoring. Mitchell, Brock. Danial and James all had attempts at scoring but didn't quite make it. Sean, Mark, Jack, James and

Jordan defended well, and Alex and Connor did a good job in the centres. Christopher just kept running after that ball and made some great tackles. He was awarded the McDonalds Award for the first game this year. An excellent game was had by all Burra Red.

9/4/05 v CBT Blue - Win 6/nil: It was another warm day this time at our home ground. With a little help from Daniel T. from the U8 Yellow's we once again had an excellent game. The team really showed us what they can do. Mitchell was first to score two great goals followed closely by James with a huge kick to score our third goal. There was some great passing by all our team. Danial O. tried desperately in the second half to score and after three attempts finally got one in. Sean has been so close on many occasions only to be denied again. We can't wait for the magic moment. Jordan and Christopher (playing his second game ever) also managed to put the ball in the net. The team is improving every week. Another fantastic game by Burra Red with McDonalds Award going to Sean and Danial.

30/4/05 v CUC - Win 2/nil: It was another beautiful day, but thankfully not as hot as the previous weekends. This time we're at Lynwood Park. Our team is going really well. Listening to Mark (our coach), talking and passing the ball to each other. The team tried hard to score early goals. Mitchell, James, Danial, Sean and Jack all tried their best but it was Christopher who eventually scored in the first half. Jordan and James both did a great job in goals. Alex and Connor played fantastic in the centres, and Mark did well again at fullback. It was only Brocks third game ever and in the second half it was his moment scoring a fabulous goal. He was stoked. He kept chasing that ball so hard. But it was Alex who played really well and as Mark commented "Alex had an unbelievable game" and so received the McDonalds Award. Well done to all the team.

U8 Blue

2/4/05 v ESC Green - Win 6/nil: Firstly, welcome to Matthew Pignatelli and Andrew Russell as the new players to our team. The season was off to a flying start with the team eager for a 1st round win. Matt P. slotted into the team with ease, playing great defensively and showed the ability to read the game well. Carly made a brilliant break and went flying up the wing and our goal scoring machine, Matt Stewart, was once again on fire coming out with four goals. Hayden and Bryce came away with one goal each and good work in goals by Andrew and Alec. MVP was Rick Catto who stayed in his correct field position all game and played strongly for the full 40 minutes.

9/4/05 v APP Red - Win 7/nil: In the first 10 minutes the game was well contested, but our team lifted and didn't look back. Carly had the best game of her "soccer career" being involved consistently in both attack and defence. Alec also had one of his best games with good passing skills displayed as well as scoring one goal and narrowly missing another, which came back off the post. Matt P. and Bryce also came away with one goal apiece. Matt S. again scored four goals, narrowly missing another three. MVP was Matt S. who in addition to scoring goals also helped set up some others with great passing skills.

30/4/05 v BRA Blue - Win 2/nil: Once again a great defensive effort by the team with our goalies only having to touch the ball three times in the entire game. Hayden,

James and Connor covered a lot of the ground and were successful in controlling the play. Carly had a great attacking game and Matt P. came away with a great left footed goal. The team had an unlucky seven goals come off the post which could have seen a lot higher result. Bryce received the MVP award as he was strong in attack and defence, he endeavoured to hold his position and he followed through with his attack which resulted in a goal. Good effort!

U9 Div.2

2/4/05 v NAR - Loss 5/nil: Our first game of the season saw the team at a bit of a loss. Everyone played well but there needs to be some work in training regarding field positions and moving up and down the field with the play of the ball. Hopefully, next week the match will be closer. Our sports award of the week went to Luke Campbell. Well done to all the team and coach.

U10 Div.3

30/4/05 v TAH - Win 7/1: It wasn't as easy as the score may sound, this was a game of high energy and lots of attacking and defending by both teams. At half time the score was 1-1 and looked like it was going to be a battle and a half. Once again, as always with this team, it is hard work picking the player of the day when all eleven do what's asked and needed at the time by defending and scoring as a team. However, with both Dad and Mum there to watch this week and Mum coming out of the canteen in time to see him score a goal, it went to Lachlan for another great game. Well done Lachlan! Thanks to all the parents who got there early to help put up the nets and for spending a lot of time in the canteen.

U10 Div.4

2/4/05 v MIN - Loss 9/1: Welcome back everyone and welcome to our new players, Jessica Fishburn, Jordan Meyer and Andrew Nichols. It was a tough start to the season playing a team that was undefeated last year but our team didn't give up and worked hard throughout, with Loris scoring a goal. Nick Small earned Player of the Match for his endless energy and determination through-out the game. We'd also like to welcome our new coach, Jeff Spinner, to the team and thank him for taking us on this season (You're a brave man!). We thank you for sharing your skills and enthusiasm for the game with the kids and appreciate the time and effort you're giving and we look forward to an exciting soccer season with you.

9/4/05 v ING - Loss 2/nil: This was a more evenly matched game with the players starting to play their positions and spread out. The first half was close and scoreless but they started to tire in the second half which allowed Ingleburn to score twice. Kian Parkes earned the Player of the Match for his great goal keeping in the first half and enthusiastic midfield play in the second half. Keep it up everyone!

16/4/05 v FIE - Loss 1/nil: This was a game we should have won with the opposition two players down and, although we had a full team, we seemed to struggle all the way (our players were still in holiday mode I think!!). Some strange referee decisions didn't help either. Some great goalkeeping from Kian helped keep the score down and

the Player of the Match went to Adam Antonelli for great defending even though he was feeling unwell. Thanks to Bryce Roberts from the U8 Blue's for playing for us and putting in a great effort.

30/4/05 v CSC - Loss 2/nil: A good competitive game with everyone trying hard and attacking the ball. Jordan did a great job for his first time as goalie and looked like he'd been doing it for years. All the players showed a lot of enthusiasm and determination during the game with Michael Cody earning Player of the Match for great defensive work. Good work team! You're all showing great improvement. Keep it up!

U12 Div.4

2/4/05 v ? - Win 3/1: The U12's returned in 2005 with only one new member in Nicole Dunn. The rest of the players are made up of players from last year. They commenced the season with a 3-1 win and all players demonstrated their potential and ability to work as a team. Scorers were Josh Brown, Michael Holmes and Jack Bennett (Player of the Match). Max Mortimer was saving goal after goal and our back line was continuing to clear the ball up to our forwards. A solid start to the season.

9/4/05 v ? - Loss: A loss this week to a solid opposition, however, many strengths were evident. Nicole Dunn continued to demonstrate her determination to protect the goal and clear the ball. No opponent was too big. Wade Stapleton tackled at every opportunity and took the ball up to the forwards. Callum Nichols kept booting the ball into tomorrow but the star of the match was Max Mortimer (Player of the Match) who saved 15 attempts at goal.

U13 Div.3

2/4/05 v CUC - Win: Welcome everyone to the 2005 season. Although we have lost some players from last year's team, the majority have stuck together for this year. We have two new players, Kieran and Edward. Welcome to the team boys! The first game was away against Campbelltown Uniting. We started off slowly, gaining confidence as the game progressed. With no reserves the team worked hard to keep the ball in the opposition's half when Kieran took a shot which the goalie dropped, but Michael P. was there to put it away. The second half saw a good individual goal from Kieran and one more by Michael P. Though Campbelltown pressured us at times, a good effort from everyone kept them scoreless. A good first up win for the season.

Over 35's

3/4/05 v FIE - Win 4/1: This was our first game as a team and was faster than we thought, with some great attacking play by all in the mids and up front, paying off with goals to Kelvin, Ian and Robert. Let's not forget about the great job from the backs, with Rod really putting his body on the line time after time. As we really don't

have a goalie as yet, I have to say Bob's the man, as he saved goal after goal. It was great to see the families come along, as most of the team have kids playing on Saturdays and, out of the 11 teams, 8 players from the 35's either coach or manage the teams. Good effort for the first game.

10/4/05 v TAH - Loss 3/2: This week saw some injuries occur from after our first game. With Bob out, this saw me (Mark) in as goalie and didn't the heart start beating fast. With lots of chances and a nil all half-time score our legs just couldn't finish the game off, with goals going to Gary, we still gave what we could to the end. Great efforts all round with tired legs and muscles. Derek and Bruce's running getting taken out and still learning the team should go well together at full strength.

17/4/05 v HAR - Loss 8/nil: Our first home game and we got hammered. Hoping for another win to make the day a 100% win at home (following the Ladies and All Age men's teams) but this wasn't to be. We are still working out that injuries are easy to happen as we all felt Bob's pain as his knee cracked in the goals and we had to bring him off. There were also a lot of little pulled muscles on the sideline. We tried to play an offside ploy but after 3 goals, we realised that the ref was not playing the rule as he had only one linesman. At one stage we went down to 8 or 9 players and then back to 10, which means a lot more running for the mids (well done fellows as it was hard work). Thanks to Leo who stepped up and had a go in the goals. The player picked for the best and fairest for the week was Derek, who never gives in.

Our crowd had grown as this was a home game and we thank everyone for their support.

24/4/05 - Forfeit: With injuries up and people away the long weekend, we decided to have a rest, as we don't really play to get hurt but for the fun of it.

1/5/05 v ING - Loss 5/1: It was a great day to play soccer. I managed to get there early to see most of the Ladies game and to give some support to the team who all played well and in good spirit. Well done girls! Then our game started. I was in goals for the first half and was able to see that we had a good number of players back from injury which made it possible for Rod to still have another week off to fully recover. This made it easier for kicking the goal kicks out to our players. We had some terrific chances in the first half but were just unable to finish them off. At half time we were only 2 nil down with every chance to still win. Not long in the second, us old fellows come back to 2-1 with a goal by me (Mark), and it seemed to pump us up a bit, just not enough though but we certainly weren't outclassed, we just couldn't finish anything off on the day. It will be great to have everyone back soon from injury, however, it was also great to have Bob (still injured) and Rod on the side positioning and cheering us on.

Just a couple more thankyou's to finish off. First to Darren for umpiring as no black and whites turned up. Next to Ashleigh from the Ladies team for running one of the lines. Next to Mick from the A.A Men's for doing the other line. You all did a tremendous job and the team thanks you all. Last but not least to all the wives, kids, families and friends, including the Ladies and Men from our other two teams who come to watch, Thankyou! And fellows let's just keep having the enjoyment and good time on and off the field. Go! Go! you 35's!!

"News Flash for 35's" - A Happy 'Big 40' to Gary (a big night and morning before the game) and I hear that there are a pair of silver boots going cheap.