



## ***"BURRA BLUES"***

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#### **Greetings Burragorang Soccer**

What a soccer season we're having. Having contended with 5 weeks and in some cases 7 consecutive washed out games we now have more soccer than we can stand with the season being extended by 2 weeks with double headers aplenty for most of our teams.

All our teams have performed exceedingly well this year with 5 of them still in contention for finals football and the chance to hold aloft the Ron Dine Cup. We wish all our teams the best of fortunes in the coming finals and congratulate all our teams on a great year. We also wish our Mini teams well in their respective Gala Days.

It's been a busy time for your club committee in the past few months as we commence planning for future years and the release of our 2007 survey. Again, I encourage all players, parents & supporters to take a few moments to complete the survey and either give it to your team manager or hand it into the canteen. The responses received thus far are providing us with invaluable feedback on how we can improve our club, facilities & operational aspects in the future.

Thanks to all our coaches & managers who have run our teams this year. It's a rewarding, challenging, sometimes thankless but always enjoyable job. On behalf of the club committee I extend our heartfelt thanks to all of you who have done such a terrific job with your respective teams this year.

Finally I look forward to seeing many of you at the club presentation day which also acts as our club Annual General Meeting. There is always room on the club committee for people with energy, ideas and vision for developing our club so if you feel so inclined and are prepared to put your hand up for a committee position I'm more than happy to discuss all roles so contact me at your convenience. Our committee consists of the following positions:

***President : Vice President : Secretary : Treasurer : Registrar : Publicity Officer : Equipment Officer : Sponsorship Coordinator : Canteen Coordinator : Grounds Person***

All the best for the remainder of the Season to all of you.

**Kieran Berryman**

President - Burragorang District Soccer Club

### **Presentation Day - 21<sup>st</sup> Oct. 2007**

Presentation Day for all Junior & Senior players will be held on Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> October at Oakdale Workers Club, starting with a BBQ at 11am followed by the AGM & Presentation.

### **End of Season Dinner**

An end of season dinner is being organised for Saturday night, 22<sup>nd</sup> September, 2007 at the Chinese Restaurant at Oakdale Workers Club. Cost is \$16 a head. Numbers attending and a deposit of \$10 a head is required by 26/8/07. Please contact: Lea Orchard on (Wk) 4659 6563 or (Mob) 0428 929 710 or Jeff Spinner on (Hm) 4659 6308 or (Mob) 0416 076 727 All Welcome!

### **MDSFA Premiers Presentation Day**

The Macarthur Association's Presentation Day for the Association Premiers is on Sat 15<sup>th</sup> Sept. at West's Leagues Club commencing at 9.00am. This date will also be used to celebrate the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary for the Association. Relevant teams will given more details at a later date.

### **Minis Gala Day**

Gala day for the Mini's (U6,U7 &U8's) will be held on Sat. 1<sup>st</sup> September 2007. Team managers will be provided with more information shortly. Venues for each age group are as follows:

**Under 6** – held at Riley Park, Riverside Drive, Airds.

**Under 7** – held at Wandarrah Res., Mt Annan.

**Under 8** – held at Belgenny Res., Camden South.

### **Ron Dine Cup**

The Ron Dine Cup will be held as normal but over two weekends due to the season finishing late this year.

### **Forfeits**

Managers, please contact our secretary ASAP if you have to forfeit a game due to insufficient players. We have to give the MDSFA at least 72 hours notice of a forfeit or our club will be fined. Please ring Anne Oakenful on (Hm) 4657 1846 or (Mob) 0423 092 044.

### **Return Game Shirts**

All game shirts must be returned to the club, so remember to bring a spare shirt to your last game of the season so you can give your game shirt to your team manager after the game.

### **Sponsorship Packages**

Is your business interested in supporting our club next year? We have various sponsorship packages to suit you. For more information you can go to our website or contact Kieran Berryman on 4657 2755.

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### **Unclaimed 2006 Photos or Trophies**

If anyone has still not received their 2006 soccer photos, trophy or senior's key ring, wooden plaque or shield, etc. please contact our Registrar, Bob Jason on 4680 9469.

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### **Surveys - please return ASAP.**

Please take the time to complete our 2007 survey which is available from the canteen if you don't already have one. Your feedback is important to us. Please return it to your manager or the canteen ASAP.

### **Soccer Photos**

The soccer photos are due back shortly. As soon as we get them we will give them to your team manager.

## **Troy Betts Memorial Shield**

In memory of Troy who tragically lost his life in a truck accident early in the 2005 season. Troy's love of soccer was nurtured throughout his junior and later senior playing period with Burraborang. His mate: Jim Brown & family donated a perpetual shield to the club to recognise the outstanding achievements/contribution of either a club player, coach, manager, parent/carer or committee member over any given soccer season.

Previous recipients were: 2005 - Rob Ison, who has supported our club in ancillary roles for many years.

2006 - Ariel Leonard who, still a teenager, demonstrates dedication beyond her years as a player, coach and mentor.

Please consider nominating someone you feel deserves to be recognised and appreciated for their efforts. Nominations for the Troy Betts 'Club Person' for the 2007 soccer season need to be forwarded in writing to our secretary, Anne Oakenful by 31 August 2007.

Email: secretary@burraborang-soccer.org.au or mail to BDSC, PO Box 97, Oakdale, 2570

## **AGM - Committee Positions**

Please consider nomination for a committee position for the 2008 soccer season. The club cannot operate without a committee and with all positions filled the workload is shared and more people have a say in the administration of the club, remember NO COMMITTEE, NO SOCCER.

Listed below are the committee positions with a brief outline of their respective duties.

1. **President:** - Chairs all meetings in accordance with rules; organises regular committee meetings; oversees the administration of the club.
  2. **Vice-President:** - Acts as Chairperson in the absence of the President; assists President as required.
  3. **Secretary:** - Attends to general business of the club, particularly correspondence; keeps a register of members; distributes all relevant information from MDSFA; keeps minutes of meetings.
  4. **Treasurer:** - Receives all monies and issues official receipts; does the banking regularly; pays all the accounts; provides financial report to the committee.
  5. **Registrars (two):** - Organises registration days; accepts registration forms and money; ensures all paperwork is completed for registration at MDSFA; organises teams in consultation with the committee; nominates team divisions for MDSFA.
  6. **Publicity Officer:** - Supplies information to club members and promotes the club through the publication and distribution of regular newsletters.
  7. **Social Secretary:** - Fund-raising; organises club events.
  8. **Equipment Officer:** - Responsible for all equipment, shirts, balls, etc, throughout the season.
  9. **Sponsorship Co-ordinator:** - Organises sponsors for the club.
  10. **Canteen Co-ordinators (two):** - Organises & oversees the running of the canteen.
  11. **Grounds Person:** - Organises & oversees the care & maintenance of the Willis Park soccer grounds.
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## Match Reports

Report writers, thanks for the time and effort you've spent writing your match reports. The kids love to have their names mentioned and it's great that our Burra player's and supporters are able to follow the progress of our teams throughout the season. The next newsletter will be our last for the season and will be handed out on Presentation Day so we'd love to hear how your team has fared overall, and some Ron Dine match reports would be great too. Email: [denisebelinda@hotmail.com](mailto:denisebelinda@hotmail.com) or put in letterbox at 36 Edward St. The Oaks.

### U6 Yellow

#### Rd 13: 7/7/07 v CSC Yellow

We started the game a player down, so we all played up a notch and chased that ball relentlessly. Niamh and Emmitt showed their great skill in the goals, stopping many attempts by the other team. Macie, who was ill first half, came on second half, the trooper that she is, and scored a great goal. Three players won an award, Macie for her courageous efforts, Blake Harris for his tremendous defence of our goal and Harry Feutrill for his fantastic runs up the field. So glad to be back playing soccer. Back home next week.

#### Rd 14: 14/7/07 v NAR Brown

We always play better at home and this week was no exception. A wonderful goal was scored by Jakob Henry, and Mitchell Smart showed us his excellent goal keeping skills. We have improved so much, our skills are getting better each week and we try and pass the ball to our team mates when we can. Our awards went to Niamh Quigley, Mitchell Smart and Emmitt Carlile, it is getting hard to separate us out as we are all playing so well.

#### Rd 15: 21/7/07 v ESC Purple

What an excellent game!!! We played wonderfully, on a very big field. A feast of goals were scored by Jakob Henry - three, and Macie Carlile, Callum Whitelaw and Harry Feutrill all scored one. Blake Harris and Harry Feutrill demonstrated their great goalie skills again. Our great game was inspired by Mitchell Smart who, even though he was sick, came and had a run on and then spent the rest of the game cheering us on!!! Emmitt and Niamh were always on hand to send that ball in the right direction. Jacob and Callum were our award winners this week. Back home next week.

#### Rd 16: 28/7/07 v FIE

What a fantastic game, we have really begun to play real soccer!!! Goals galore and tremendous runs down the field, passing and great team effort. Goals were scored by Jacob Henry, Callum Whitelaw, Macie Carlile, Blake Henry and Harry Feutrill. Mitchell Smart and Emmitt Carlile were always on hand to help move that ball into goal position. Niamh had two great single-handed runs up the field with the ball. Our award winner was so hard to choose, and Harry Feutrill was a deserved winner. Mandy's great coaching has seen us become a force to be reckoned with in the Under 6.

### U7 Yellow

#### Rd 14: 14/7/07 v FIE Gold

Our first game back at home after the rainy weather and our team was eager to play. All the boys put in a great team effort as we tried to get past our opposition. Bailey dived on the ball as they approached as did Brayden in the second half. Our award went to Daniel Apap this week, good sportsmanship and effort Daniel!!!

#### Rd 15: 21/7/07 v HAR

Well! Well! Well! What a great game at Harrington Park this week. Our boys were keen to play and play well they did. Wally saved a couple of goals in the first half but most of the play was at the other end of the field with Ryan scoring the first goal of the game. There were many more goals to come. Kirwen was all over the field and scored two goals for the team. He was also our award winner this week. Well done to Bailey and Brayden who never stopped running. Congratulations to Dylan, great shot resulting in a goal and also to Wally for putting one in the back of the nets. Great effort this week boys, our practice at training is really starting to take shape as we continue to put our passing game in motion.

#### Rd 16: 28/7/07 v ESC Purple

We had an action packed game at home this week. Bailey performed his skill in the first few seconds of the game and came away with a great goal. Bailey continually plays well, never stopped running all game and came away with the McDonalds award this week. Well done Bailey!!!! Well done to Aidan Rassmussen and Wally Mumbler for scoring a goal also. Once again our work at training is paying off as we position ourselves and pass to our team players. Everyone was on the edge of their seats and enjoyed watching our boys play an exciting game of soccer.

## U8 Red

### Rd 16: 28/7/07 v BRA Red

A nice close game against a strong team. Our team pushed the whole game & put our running & passing practice to good use. Cormack was on song hitting the post twice & putting one over the crossbar from a long way out. He was well supported by Brad & Lachlan. Thomas R played well & tried hard all game with good kicks & passes. Jacob & Gianni were great in Goal both protecting the net very well. McDonalds award to Cormack & Jacob.

### Rd 17: 4/8/07 v MTA Mustangs Red

A real challenge this game on a much bigger field (good prep for next year). We had few chances but tried hard and our passing was exceptional even if our shots on goal were rare. Aiden showed his strength taking control of the midfield. Gianni was solid as usual in defence and showed some nice touch in feeding the ball forward. Trent ran himself ragged and made space in the centre and did well in goals. The key to this game was defence and Gianni & Aiden earned the McDonalds award as a result.

### Rd 9: 5/8/07 v Camden Tigers Blue

A tough day at the office this game against a big, fast, big, strong, big, skilled, big team. We held our own in the first half only to drop our guard and tire in the second half. Jacob had his game of the season with good control (good for a leaping Gazelle). Thomas Q was strong in defence (and can fly like a bird) and played hard all game. He & Jason did solid jobs in Goal. Aaron played well & taunted the opposition with his ball control while Jarrod showed his class with some terrific runs down the sidelines. Thanks to Harry, Aaron, & Jarrod for helping us. McDonalds awards to Jacob & Thomas Q.

### Rd 18: 11/8/07 v Camden Falcons Green

A great game where all our hard work at training with passing, running with the ball and marking paid off. Lachlan worked hard in the centre with his best game of the year continually challenging for the ball and scored a well earned goal in the process. Cormack was again unstoppable in space and bagged a hat trick of goals. Thomas R had his best game of the year with some big throws and lot's of big kicks. Brendon found some speed (and stayed on his feet) and was effective out wide. He was also terrific in Goals in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half as was Brad in the 1<sup>st</sup> half. Thanks to Harry for filling in. McDonalds awards to Lachlan & Brendon.

## U10 Div. 2 White

### Rd 8: 2/6/07 v DOU: Draw 1-1

Today wasn't one of our best games with everyone appearing to be half asleep. For the first time this season we actually had two reserves and luckily we did as we had so many injuries. Two ankles, bugs in eyes, a broken tooth and a bloodied nose just to name a few. It was like a war zone. We had a 1 nil lead for most of the game and a penalty shot to the opposition two minutes from the end of the game resulted in a draw. We failed to consolidate our many opportunities and this was a game we should have won. Our MVP award went to our goalie Thomas. He was under pressure and had to stop a number of goals throughout the game and he puts in such a solid performance every week. Danial received the Maccas award as due to the number of team injuries he had to play out of position and he was brilliant in the Mid Field. He also received a kick to the nose and spilled blood for the team – what a trooper.

### Rd 13: 7/7/07 v CUC: Loss 3-1

It was great to be back at soccer after such a long break. Today's match was a lot closer than the result indicates as we narrowly missed two goals early in the game. A big thankyou to Jarrod Saunders and Aaron Orchard who played up from Under 8's as we were short due to the school holidays. Maccas award went to Tony for being a lot more involved in the game and the MVP was Carly. The opposition coach was telling his players to watch Carly play as she is by far the best player when it comes to throw ins, never getting penalised and achieving such huge distances. Carly constantly gets the ball in the clear and helps set up many opportunities for the team. Well done!

### Rd 14: 14/7/07 v NAR: Win 4-nil

After beating this team 4-2 previously everyone was confident and raring to go. Today our aim was to keep the opposition scoreless and improve our for and against. This was probably our second best performance of the season with everyone holding their positions well and working hard all game. Narellan have one standout player and our backs did a great job shutting him down. Unfortunately we had two goals disallowed as we were marginally offside. A big thankyou to Reece Harding and Josh Holland for playing up from Under 9's today. Jarrod

and Bryce worked well up front and James was consistently getting the ball to the forwards. Liam was very involved today and Thomas had another strong game in goals. Alec received the Maccas award for a huge game at fullback and Jarrod got the MVP award which he could get almost every week. He is so determined and heavily involved in so many aspects of the game. A great result and hopefully the start of bigger and better things.

**Rd 17: 4/8/07 v DOU: Win 2-nil**

Today's weather conditions were atrocious to play in as the players had to contend with strong winds and plenty of dust. The match was well contested and both teams had to show a lot of skill to control the ball under such trying circumstances. Our team play had a lot better structure today and the defence of the backs was like a brick wall. Well done in this area to Matt, Tony and Alec. James and Jarrod continued to get the ball through as they do so consistently week after week which provides Bryce with plenty of goal scoring opportunities. Dan & Carly tried hard all game and as we were up two nil we had our Goalie, Thomas come out and help in the midfield. He definitely made the most of this opportunity. Today's MVP went to Liam who made some great tackles and kept winning the ball for our team and the Maccas award went to Andrew who was more involved in the general play and who did a lot of great passing to put us in a goal scoring position. Overall a great TEAM effort and it was great to see everyone so happy at the end of the game.

**Rd 18: 11/8/07 v ESC: Loss 2-1**

We had not come up against Eschol Park this season but we knew it would be a tough game as they had consistently been in the top four all season. Our first half let us down but we finished off the game well and were unlucky not to come away with a draw. We play this team again next week and hope to come away with a better result. MVP was Matt who saved us on so many occasions with his strong defensive work, something he does week after week. The Maccas award went to Brock who tried hard all game and is improving his soccer skills each game.

**Rd 10: 12/8/07 v GSC: Loss 2-1**

This was an absolutely sensational game. The Gunners have been undefeated all season and boy did our team rattle them. We had three attempts at goal in the first half which all narrowly missed with one coming off the post. In the second half Bryce scored a brilliant goal within the first 45 seconds and the play by both teams was exciting to watch. The supporters of both teams were cheering so loudly it felt like a World Cup match. Although our team didn't come away with a win the parents, coach and manager were so proud of the players and their outstanding commitment to their team and each other. It was great for the players to be cheered off the field by so many spectators after such a competitive and close game. A big thank you to Jarrod Saunders who has stepped in and helped us as he has a number of times this season and the pocket rocket Cormack Stevens who took on the big guns and showed no fear. Cormack was sensational and what he lacks in size is made up for with such a big heart. MVP was our Goalie Thomas who was so cool under the relentless pressure from the Gunners and we handed out three Maccas awards to Bryce, James and of course Cormack

### **U12 Div. 3**

**Rd 14: 14/7/07 v NAR: Win 8-nil**

Our guys had a good game today with, amongst many others, a couple of spectacular goals - a powerful, long range shot by Gerard and a chip into the top of the net by Jeremy. A good lesson was shown by Daniel P. to always follow through on goal attempts in case the goalie fumbles the ball, as Daniel showed when he was there to clean up after a fumble and scored. Well done! Our backs and midfielders are doing a fantastic job with their thinking, fast, passing plays feeding our forwards well, giving them numerous opportunities to score, and their hard work in defence has resulted in our team only conceding one goal so far this season. Great work guys! Our goal scorers today were Jeremy (3), Gerard (1), Daniel P.(2), DJ (1) and Laken (1). Robert Alexander earned our Player of the Match award today. Good work!

**Rd 15: 21/7/07 v RUS Win 4-nil**

We were bunching up a bit today and our positioning and passing wasn't the best but our guys still managed a good win. We had a few players away today which would have left us with no reserves so Bryce Roberts (U10's) helped us out. Thanks Bryce! We got off to a good start with Laken scoring our first goal in the first minute of the game. Daniel P.(2) and DJ (1) followed with three more goals in the first half. Bryce got a run in the second half after DJ was injured and although we had some close attempts at goal we were unable to improve on our half-time score. Our Player of the Match awards went to Gerard McGookin and Laken Ledden. Well done guys!

**Rd 16: 28/7/07 v DOU: Draw nil all**

This was the first game we didn't win this season. It was a hard fought game with plenty of opportunities and very

good goalkeeping from both sides keeping the game scoreless. Douglas Park were also the first team to score a goal against us when we played them before and are a very determined team. They certainly had us worried but a draw is better than a loss. We'll definitely have our work cut out for us if we meet them in the Ron Dine Finals so keep watching this space. Good game guys!

**Rd 17: 4/8/07 v COL:** *Win 6-1*

**Rd 18: 11/8/07 v CAM:** *Win 4-nil*

We started off well today, with good positioning and passing by everyone. Brett filled in for our goalie today giving Kian a piece of the action out on the field. Daniel P. was our first goal scorer followed by the Falcons scoring an own goal for us coming from a melee of players fighting for the ball in front of the goal. Gerard and Robert scored a goal each in the second half with Andrew Wood going for a big kick at the goal and nearly scoring himself, earning our Player of the Match award. Great teamwork by everyone today. Well done!

**Rd 10: 12/8/07 v CUC:** *Win 5-nil*

We came up against a very tough and determined opposition today but our guys just took it in their stride. Brett was our keeper again and did a great job. Everyone worked really hard, passing the ball well and helping to set up many chances for our forwards to score. Our goal scorers were Daniel P.(3), DJ (1), Jeremy (1) and Robert (1). It was a tough choice for our Player of the Match today with many stand-out performances, with Brad Ciantar edging out Gerard and Loris for the award. Well done everyone!!

### **U12 Div 4**

**Rd 14: 14/7/07 v ING:** *Loss 1-nil*

What a nail biter! The whole team played extremely well as was proved by our domination of ball possession. Last time we lost to this team 8 to Nil, which highlights our team's improvement. Jeff was very pleased and felt that training sessions are finally paying off. Player of the Game was Jade - congratulations and well done to the rest of the team.

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***See you all Presentation Day***