



“BURRA BLUES”

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Welcome to Burraborang District Soccer club for 2007. It is already shaping as a bumper year for the club with a surge in new memberships, a few extra teams and a hugely positive buzz around all our teams.

This year we have 14 Teams including 6 Mini's, Under 9's, 2 Under 10's, 2 Under 12's, Under 14's, a Ladies and Men's team. This is particularly satisfying as rumours circulating late last year were that we would struggle to retain a large number of our players when in fact we have increased our numbers and increased our teams.

We have also had a bit of a turn over on the committee with a few fresh new faces whilst we bid farewell to some long serving members. We do have some vacancies on the committee so if you feel you may have the skills necessary to undertake the roles advertised elsewhere in this newsletter please contact a committee member at your convenience.

We are receiving terrific support from our club sponsors this year and thanks to their generosity we are able to provide all players in all teams with a club training shirt. The shirts have been ordered and will be provided to team managers as soon as they arrive. Please support our sponsors in return.

This year the club faces a number challenges as we move forward, not the least of which providing access to players to play in competitions equal to their skill level. This challenge will promote constructive debate in the club throughout the year as we as a club consider the prospect of grading players from Under 9's upwards into skill based teams rather than social teams. I encourage everyone to contribute to these discussions so that we as a club can define the direction the club takes in this regard.

Finally I pay tribute to our 2007 Committee of Anne, Karen, Lea, Bob, Jeff & Denise plus Wendy & Alison in the canteen for the efforts so far in getting 2007 underway. Remember that, like you, we are parents & players and sit on the committee solely to develop the game in our district. In return we ask for your constructive support, honesty & input on how the club is run.

All the best to everyone in 2007

Kieran Berryman – President – Burraborang District Soccer Club

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Positions Vacant

Vice President

- Assists the president in managing the activities of the club committee
- Supports Team Managers & Coaches
- Manage issues of executive compliance relating to incorporation, membership, affiliations.
- Manage issues relating to club bylaws and rules.

Assistant Canteen Coordinator

- Assist the can teen coordinators in the operation on the canteen
- Assist with the day to day running of the canteen as required

Match card/sheets

The MDSFA have very strict guidelines in filling out match cards and have notified us of some problems with our match cards. Our club will incur fines if we do not abide by these guidelines, including the following:

- Only write the player's surname, not their first name.
- Use only blue or black ballpoint pens, not felt-tip pens please.
- Only a max. number of 16 players can play or appear on the match card, therefore, if a player has a shirt no. 17 or 18 etc. then you must cross out a shirt number that is not being used on the match card and write the players name against that corrected shirt number.
- The goalie should always wear the no. 1 shirt but if for some reason the goalie is wearing a different shirt number, then the goalie's name **must** be written against the no.1 on the match card with the number changed to the goalie's shirt number.

So please take care when filling out match cards so we can avoid any unnecessary fines.

Canteen/BBQ

Please remember we need two volunteers to help in the canteen/BBQ at every home game. We recommend every team make up a duty roster to prevent the unfair situation where the same people are doing canteen/BBQ duty at every home game. Don't forget, Dad's, you can help on the BBQ. Our club relies on the profits made from the canteen sales so your help is vital to it's success.

Another Burra player makes Rams Squad

Congratulations to Bryce Roberts from our U10 Div.2 White team who made the Macarthur Rams Youth Academy Development Squad for 2007. Bryce is into his 6th year with Burraborang and joins his old team-mate, Matthew Stewart, who joined the Rams Squad last year.

Having a boring Sunday?

Our All Age Men and Ladies play at home this Sunday so bring the family and show them your support. Most of these players are the coaches, managers and/or parents of our junior players and would love to see plenty of supporters cheering them on. The canteen will be open for food and drink.

Sunday, 6 may - AAMen v STM Gold - 9am
Ladies v COL - 11am

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Match Reports

Managers, 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 . Alternatively, you can hand them to our treasurer with your match fees if you prefer and she can pass them on to me. Please 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. Could you get your reports to me as soon as possible after your game to ensure they make it in the next newsletter.

Please remember to write: - your team (eg, U6 Blue or U11 Div 5).

- match date.
- the opposition.
- results (U9's & over).

Please Note: We don't show results for the U6 or U7 teams as their games are non-competitive but the U8's, although still non-competitive, may include results if they wish, as these scores are officially recorded as a guide for grading in next year's competition.

U6 YELLOW

Rd 1: 14/4/07 v TAH Red

What a great start to the season!! All players excitedly took to the field and remained there for their allotted time. Great concentration and skill was shown by all players as everyone came in contact with the ball throughout the game. A terrific goal was scored by Macie Carlile, our McDonalds award winner and Callum Whitelaw, Emmitt Carlile and Mitchell Smart showed wonderful skill at defending our goal. We cannot wait to display our new found skills next week.

Rd 2: 21/4/07 v CSC Green

Our first game at home!! We felt much more comfortable here and we played a great and more skilful game. A tremendous goal was scored by Harry Feutrill, thanks to the wonderful support of the team. Jakob Henry showed fantastic ball skill with numerous runs up the field. Blake Harris was our award winner this week for his unrivalled defence of our goal. Looking forward to next weeks game.

U8 Red

Rd 1: 14/4/07 v GUN: Win 2-1

A great game for the first time on the bigger field. Cormack had great control of the ball though scoring both Goals and was well supported by Brad who toiled hard. Our defenders Gianni & Aiden showed great skill preventing our 2nd half goalie Trent even touching the ball. Lachlan did a terrific job in Goal in the first half with some top saves. McDonalds award to Brad (and his lucky shorts)

Rd 2: 21/4/07 v ING: Draw 3-all

This was a fast game with the ball freely moving from end to end. Cormack was at his best scoring 3 goals. Jason & Jacob showed great skill around the centre and were well supported by Trent in the backs. Brendan showed his potential with some good clearing kicks. Brad again showed his class & speed. That goal is coming!! The team is learning to spread out and is talking it up a treat. McDonalds award to Cormack.

Rd 3: 28/4/07 v MTA: Loss 3-1

A hard game in light rain on a very wide field. Our team was best on the park and dominated possession this day but just couldn't get the ball to the net. Lachlan worked hard across the field with good control. Jason continue to improve showing good speed. Trent played well and showed good skill in open spaces. Thomas did well in his first game and as Goalie. Cormack added another goal to his tally and was fed good ball by Aiden & Gianni. Again the team spread out and will continue to improve each week. McDonalds award to Lachlan.

U9 Div 4

Rd 1: 14/4./07 v FIE: Win 6-nil

On a great autumn morning the boys arrived at Willis Park itching to get back into the football season. Playing short, due to the school holidays, the boys looked a little lost on the main field but worked hard in the first half to compete for the ball. After some great passing from Kaine and Reece they were finally rewarded with a goal by Samuel, going to the break 1 nil up. After a drink and a breather, the boys took the field in the second half full of running. They worked well as a team and made better use of the space they had working the sideline well. Some great defence from Marcus, Josh and the two new players Zac and Jack saw the Fields team remain scoreless, while at the other end Samuel, Josh and Lachlan had a field day scoring another 5 goals. With little to do Aidan found it a little boring in the goal at the other end but cleaned up well on the few occasions the ball came his way while Nathan was keen always looking to get involved in the play.

With such a great team effort for their first game on the main field, no one was singled out as man of the match but special mention goes to Samuel for his hat trick of goals and the other scorers Josh (2) and Lachlan (1). Kaine was also impressive with the way he got involved and the thought he put into his passes. Well done boys. With Logan and Cheyenne yet to return to the team the season looks promising.

Rd 2: 21/4/07 v CAM: Win 4-1

A bit like Groundhog Day – the same ground, same time and a Burra team again playing short faced a 15 man strong Falcons team. Despite having the run of play from the kick off a fast break saw Burra go 1 nil down. But some determined defence from Nathan and Marcus who took on a player twice his size saw our attacking players Logan, Kaine and Sam inside the goal box for the most of the game. Highlights of the day were the 2nd hat-trick of goals from Samuel, a great goal from Josh and a man of the match performance from Aidan who ran all game and stayed on his feet. A second award was given to Zac who showed great team spirit turning up to play while feeling so sick. The coach and spectators were impressed by the efforts all players put into passing the ball so well to move down the field. Our goalkeepers Reece and Lachlin again short on work, handled any situation they faced, very well. Great effort boys.

U10 Div. 2 White

Rds 1-3: Firstly, a big welcome to our new players Brock, Shania, Liam and Mia, and it is great to see nine of our players returning from last season. We also welcome our new coach Rob Orchard who has taken over from our previous coach of six years. We look forward to the new skills he will bring to our team and his great soccer insights. As with most teams we have struggled to have a full team on the field due to school holidays and our first two results weren't as good as we hoped but by the third game our passing was greatly improved and our team work certainly went up a level. It definitely makes a difference when you have at least one reserve. In game three Tony and Alec played one of their best games and Liam who is in his first season of soccer was passing, chasing and tackling which is great to see after only two matches. For his great enthusiasm he received the Maccas Award. Jarrod, Matthew and Thomas have also been rewarded as they are great team players who show strong team spirit and play consistently well week after week.

U10 Div. 2 Blue

Rd 1 14/04/07 v ESC: Draw 1-1

First game of the season how exciting is it. Great game to get the cobwebs off us all on the side line and the game was generally an even contest. Our team played well and despite a few attempts at scoring only managed to get one goal. This was a little nervous for all of us as up a division and first game. The other team popped a goal in the first 40 seconds of the game and we thought oh no. But to the teams credit they hung in tight and fought back to equal and with only seconds remaining ESC hit the post with an attempt at goal the only one they had in the second half lucky for us then the defence cleared the ball out. Coach Ariel's award went to Christopher who is always there to back up everybody on the paddock. Great game by all and welcome back to the old families and welcome to the new families. It is great to see the team welcome two new players to join them both girls GO GIRL POWER go Karlee go Olivia.

Rd 2: 21/04/07 v BUR White: Win 4-1

A great game today by Burra Blue. It was the team of last year that came out to play this game, passing, attacking and defending brilliantly. The team played well and Mark and Ariel moved some of our players around in the

second to give them an opportunity to play in different positions, while others got a well deserved rest. Mark's work one on one with Olivia at training really paid off and she was on the ball with strong passes and great attack and defence. Karlee also had a good game with some great passes to her team mates and great attacking skills. A great game by Ben with held and played his new position well receiving the McDonalds award. Ariel's award to Mitchell who listened to what he had been told at training and at the game by such an inspiring young coach Ariel.

Rd 3: 28/04/07 v CUC: Loss 4-1

Wet and miserable but we need as much rain as we can get. The phone rang hot early Saturday morning. Not from our team but managers and players of other Burra teams asking "Is soccer on?" Yes it is. Don't children love playing in the mud and rain? The ground at CUC was a bit slushy underneath and the sun appeared briefly before the game started but it came down when the whistle blew. The first half we seemed to be there but we were letting the opposition take control of the ball. With the score line 4 to nil we couldn't wait until half time. Jordan and Graham did a good job in goals, but some of those goals scored including a penalty even the best of us weren't going to stop. There was a lot of noise from the side line and Ben using some of his frustration put a safety kick into the crowd (and his family) to quieten them a little. With no reserves we were a little puffed but after the coaches pep talk at half time the team came out and played like winners, keeping the other side scoreless and Mitchell scoring with some other missed opportunities. Jack had a few attempts at goal and worked well up front. James, Sean, Chris, Peter and Ben continued to work well in the mids and backs, with both Jordan's having a good second half. Graham and Karlee listened this week and played well. Karlee who is improving all the time did some fantastic passes and backing up. She received the McDonalds award this week and Ariels went to Jordan M. This was a game were we didn't do much wrong but they had one great player which the team shut down in the second half through Sean and Jordan M. Well done again.

U12 Div.3

Rd 1: 14/4/07 v CUC: Win 6-nil

Welcome to the team, old and new players. Everyone was excited about playing their first soccer game of the season and put in a great effort. Unfortunately, it wasn't an even match as the opposition were two players down but this did give our guys the opportunity to get used to each other on the field, as many of the players have not played together before. Kian did a good job in goals, ensuring the opposition stayed scoreless. The Player of the Match was Gerard McGookin for working hard and passing and positioning well all game.

Rd 2: 21/4/07 v CSC: Win 3-nil

A good win today. Our guys dominated the game throughout and did such a great job in defence that our goalie had little to do but watch. Mitchell Bunce was on fire today, earning him the Player of the Match award.

Rd 3: 28/4/07 v GSC: Win 5-nil

We played away on a wet and muddy field today but our guys still put in a great effort, working hard all game. The team are coming together well and are already showing signs of being a strong, all-round team with good forward, mid and back players. Sean Greening earned the Player of the Match award for working hard and showing great enthusiasm. Well done everyone!

U12 Div.4

Rd 1: 14/4/07 v ESC: Win 3-Nil

What a fantastic start to the season. A 3 nil win and a great effort by the entire team. The new players are joining in well and the whole team made good coordinated plays, with most of the action down our scoring end. The goals were scored by Robert, Jordan and Amelia. A fourth penalty goal was disallowed – bad luck Michael Cody. We saw aggressive play from Jamee, Blake and Stephen in the mid field and Michael Rogers and Thomas supplied strong support to the new players. Zeke and Andrew did some huge kicks from the back line to clear the ball on many occasions. A great game overall and one Jeff should be proud of.