



“BURRA BLUES”

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Presidents Report

Welcome to another season with Burraborang District Soccer Club.

A special welcome to all our new players & parents for 2009. We hope you embrace the unique family culture of our small but friendly club.

2009 is off to a great, if wet, start. This year we have 12 teams comprising 5 Mini's, 5 junior & 2 ladies teams. Our numbers are very solid this year with all our team squads full. We also had the unenviable situation of having to cull players from our ranks due to too many registrations in some age groups. We also had a late surge of applications for registration well after our registration days - in most cases, sadly, these players were turned away due to our teams being full. Remember when rego's come around for 2010, register early.

Again we have received terrific support from our club sponsors this year and have attracted quite a few new ones for this year. Our sponsorship for 2009 is in the vicinity of \$20,000 and these valued funds are being used, among other things, to:

- kit out all our teams in new playing strip;
- provide all players with club shorts & socks;
- provide all players with a club Backpack;
- provide all new players a club training shirt;
- fund a new BBQ, new fridges & shelving;
- provide equipment for our teams including U'6 Goals, training balls, vest, bibs, drink holders & other general equipment.

This year sees the introduction a few new initiatives in our local competition including the introduction of Small Sided Games for our under 6's & an "FA Cup" style structure for the Ron Dine Cup. While the success of the Small Sided Games is

encouraging, the spate of wet weather has played havoc with the Ron Dine Cup (the tradition of it being a drought breaker is well in tact). Time will tell as to the ongoing success of both competitions.

We also had a great event when Evan Berger returned to the club to meet with a host of our young players prior to the season start. It's hard to determine who was more chuffed, the players in meeting a real sporting hero or Evan on realizing his new found celebrity. We wish Evan all the best for the coming season and we encourage our players to take follow in his footsteps of skill & attitude.

As I do each year I encourage all our players & their parents to work with your committee to make this club what we all want it to be and to provide constructive feedback through our various channels.

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A special mention to The Department of Community Services for providing grant for new facilities in club house.

Notice Board

Trivia Night **Saturday 8th August 2009 7pm**

Where: Moore's Farm, Glenmore

\$10 per ticket – tables of 10 (adults only). BYO drinks/nibbles
(Further details to follow).

Wet Weather

Players please contact your team managers for info about game washouts due to wet weather or if you are unable to play. The Club advises managers as soon as we know of washouts, so managers know as soon as we do.

Forfeits

A reminder that any team forfeiting a game must advise the BDSC Secretary, Kendra Kerrisk, with at least 72 hours notice.

The easiest way to contact Kendra is by email:

kerrisk4@internode.on.net

or by phone (0428 101 372) if you are getting close to the deadline.

Canteen Duty

A reminder to all parents on the importance of helping out our club by completing your scheduled canteen duty. If you are not sure when you are scheduled to help out, details have been included on our web site. If you cannot make it for any reason, it is up to you to arrange a replacement or swap for another day from within your team.

All volunteers will be placed in a draw to win "thankyou" Vouchers. Each time you help out on the BBQ or in the Canteen entitles you to having your name entered. The more you help gives you additional chances.

The Team that has all their Volunteers assisting each Home game will be able to Win a MacDonalds Party/ Pizza Nite (your choice), for the Team - to the value of \$150.00. If more than one team wins, a draw will determine the winner.

Web Site Updates

Moving forward into next year, our web site will be the primary means of communicating with our parents. With this in mind, you may not be aware that you can register at our web site to receive an automatic (email) notification of any new additions to our web site. So far we have had 120 people register for this service. Please check it out.

Evan Berger Award Votes

Managers, please remember that the completed 3-2-1 votes for the Evan Berger award are to be handed in at the Willis Park canteen together with match fees, and not sent in with the match reports. These may be completed by a maximum of two people for each match. It is left up to the discretion of the Coach and Manager as to whether they wish to delegate this to a parent each week.

All Age Ladies

If you would like to see the All Age Ladies Division 2 and Division 5 teams in action, they are playing double headers at Willis Park on the following dates....

Sun 7th June
Sun 28th June; and
Sun 19th July

Full Canteen and BBQ facilities are available.

So please, come and cheer for our ladies and enjoy a great day.

Match Reports

Managers, please take the time to submit match reports for the newsletter after each game. They are a great way for our supporters to follow the progress of our teams during the season and I'm sure that the kids love to see their names mentioned.

You can email your match reports to reports@burraborang-soccer.org.au or you can drop your match reports into my letterbox at 24 Casuarina Close, The Oaks. Alternatively, you can hand them in with your match fee monies and they can be passed 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. Please remember to write - your team (eg, U6 Blue or U11 Div 3), 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 Junior competition.

Thanks
Gary Morris, Publicity Co-ordinator

U6 White

9th May v Ruse U6 Red

Both U6 White teams made a good start in their home game against Ruse U6Reds. In the U6 1 team James showed great defensive skills and his trademark big kicks. Matthew L. showed good attacking skills and made some great kicks at goal, while Matthew D demonstrated skillful passing and pleasing teamwork skills, In the second half Tyler showed some tough defense and hand skills while Kellen had a great run down the left side making a fantastic save. Great defence on both sides kept the score low and the excitement high. Over in the U6 2 team, Jacob showed great defence and attack, scoring multiple goals in the first and second half. Kye and Jonas also had some good runs at goal and made some great saves under pressure from Ruse. Logan scored his first goal of the season and Riley showed his improving running skills and courage under fire from the Ruse attacking game. Overall, the boys played exciting, competitive games, showing improved form.

16 May v Campbelltown Collegians

U6 White made a good start to their chilly away game against Campbelltown Collegians Yellow team. The U6 1 team played a very even, competitive first half characterised by fantastic kicking to team members by James, some great attacking game from Jacob, continual chasing and great kick ins by Lachlan and a wonderful goal by Jonas. The U6 2 team also played a competitive game with a great first goal for the Whites by Kellen in great attacking form, good defense and the first goal of the season for Kye, some great kicking and energy from Logan and a near goal by Riley. Good, sporting games with the boys showing improved teamwork skills through their passing and positions on field.

U6 Blue

18th April v Gunners

Our first real game and we were ready! Our great new shorts and socks arrived and we looked like the professional soccer players we already are. We had great games, with everyone having a good kick at the ball. Liam Cassar scored a goal with wonderful support from his team mates, he won the sports award this week. Cheyenne Pes showed her excellent ball skills and team work and was our other sports award winner. Some great dribbling was demonstrated by Declan Quigley and Jake Austin.

The gunners ref instructed one Burra player to "Kick it to a friend" at the resumption of 2nd half. So our player promptly turned around and kicked to his friend on his team!! When the Gunners ref stated that it needed to be on the other team the Burra player simply replied, pointing to his team mate "But he is my friend." A big thanks to Joshua's dad, Greg, for volunteering to ref one of our games.

2nd May Harrington Park

An another game of soccer and this time we are at home. Again we all showed how we can kick that ball with all our might. Our award winners this week were Elizabeth Badewitz and Joshua Young. We are supportive of our team mates and follow them very closely when they have the ball. Special mention this week goes to Abby Berryman and Bailey James for their perseverance and determination to try and score a goal. Jesse Beard and Darren Gatt showed great ball skills with some great individual runs.

9th May v Eschol Park

A home match again this week and we were ready to again display all those new skills we are learning at training. Our favourite skill is scoring goals. Lizzy Badewitz scored her first goal this week and was rightly proud. Bailey James and Declan Quigley won our awards this week for their continued support in helping us move the ball up the field. Again Liam Cassar showed his great ball skills and Cheyenne Pes showed great persistence by always being ready for a great run.

Again a big thank you to Joshua's dad, Greg, for refing again.

16th May v Minto

After the long drive to Minto, we found ourselves again very excited about playing soccer. Our ball skills are improving with more and more possession

of the ball and some great repeated passing between our team mates. This week we had a plethora of goals, three to Jesse Beard and two to Jake Austin, they both received the awards this week. Darren Gatt and Joshua Young showed us that being their ready to support you team mate is really important. A big thank-you to Lizzy's dad, Rob, for helping ref one of our games.

U7 White

2nd May v St Marys' Eaglevale

The boys had a good start against STM at their home ground. It was an exciting game with plenty of tackling and great ball work from Brandon, Thomas & Angus helping us get two goals in the first half, while Ben did a great job defending the goals. Back from the break, the team was playing even better. Fantastic tackling by Tyler & Ethan, good ball work from Mitchell and plenty of action at both ends of the field, with Brodie making some great saves and Jason kicking 3 more goals. All the boys played a fantastic game today.

9th May v Camden Falcons

U/7 whites played a great game at home against Camden Falcons. Tyler was a great goalie saving several goals. Ethan and Brodie showed great ball skills while Jason made some great runs taking the ball up and Jackson scoring. Jackson and Angus received Maccas awards. Excellent job by all!

U7 Blue

18th April v Ingleburn

The boys were all excited to be playing their first game of soccer. The game was against Ingleburn . All the boys had a great game with lots of running and tackling. Mitchell Stevens, Cody, Joshua all having great runs with the ball at times. Ricky and Matthew Meredith both scoring, with hard effort being given by the boys in defence from Jack, Mitchell Smart and Lachlan - particularly Jack, the player of the match. Well done to all the team.

2nd May v Gunners U7 Red

What a tough game, our boys had to test their fitness by playing on an U/8 field. Great tackling skills from Cody, Matt Meredith & Mitch Stevens Matt Vassallo and Mitchell Smart had the job of goalie. Rikki scored a well deserved goal. Great to see Josh & Jack getting the ball. Great team work from all the boys.

9th May v STM

We played St Mary's Eaglevale at Willis Park. It was a great game to watch. Mitch Stevens got 2 goals, Cody scored 3 and Rikki also scored 3 goals. Jack played goalie for his first time & did a really good job. Matt Meredith had a top game making some good ground with the ball. Mitch Stevens got the Maccas award. The boys shook hands with the other team and showed great sportsmanship. Well done boys !

U8 Blue

18th April v Eschol Park White (home)

Finally we are away, after a fairly good warm-up at the Yerrinbool trials, then a wash out first round, the Burra U8 Blues were raring to go and go they did. It was a great team effort and with no sub's the team kept going all game. Callum & Tom Meredith kept a clean sheet in goals, well done boys – The defence of Blake, Thomas Reid & Oscar, supported the midfield and strikers of Ronan, Harry, Macie and Zac. Zac also got his first goal for the club, congratulations Zac Zafosnik. But he was not alone and many got their names on the scorers sheet. Harry Feutrill received the Mac award in a great team effort.

Fantastic start, can't wait for next our next game.

2nd May v Tahmoor Green (home)

With Oscar out injured and Tom Meredith on loan to a club in Singapore (well not quite), the Burra U8 blues needed great team work and the team came through. Callum & Thomas Brown kept well in goals with some great saves. The defence held firm, again lead by Blake Harris and with Sean Barrass (our first gamer), this allowed the midfield of Harry, Corey, Thomas Reid and Ronan to create some great chances and with Zac and Macie on fire up front, the result was meant to be. It was a great game to watch, Tahmoor played well, but Burra got the chocolates, as they say. Corey Burton got the Mac award, with the constant terrorising of the opposition. Once again a great team effort. Well done all.

9th May v Campbelltown Cobras Blue (home)

Our third game in a row at home and a full compliment of players, anticipation is high.

But today Burra run into a red hot Cobra's side, Harry & Callum pull off some great saves in goal – Sean Barrass continues to get stuck in and the defence of Blake, Oscar, Thomas Reid and Tom Meredith are tested to the limit. Our midfield of Ronan Cassar, Zac, Macie, combine well with up front in Corey & Thomas Brown but the defence of the Cobra's holds. Thomas Brown gets the Mac award for his work across the paddock, well done. But as they say, " its back to the training paddock". See you next week!

16th May v Eschol Park Yellow (away)

It's our first away game and the first signs of winter, its very windy – It may well be affecting the team as they try to fly off on their own, but there is a game to play.

With only one sub, Blake & Thomas Brown are unavailable.

Running into the howling gale the first half, Ronan take up the task of keeper and does a stirling job. Macie is full of running up front, Corey is at his terrorising best, Sean continues to impress and Tom Meredith, Oscar Roche & Thomas Reid lead the defence well. Callum, Harry & Zac also create chances. Nil all at ½ time and we all think the wind is a 10 goal breeze, not to be. Callum taking up the role in goals is put to the test, as are all. A great team pass by Harry to Ronan opens the scoring, Eschol Park reply, then add

another – Not long to go and with support going crazy Ronan slots one in to draw the day.

Ronan Cassar get the Mac award for his work in goal & teamwork on the pitch.

A good effort by both teams, entertaining and no finger nails left – see you next week!

U9/4

18th April v Narellan Rangers (away): 3-2 Loss

An undermanned side of 9 players fought hard to be only 1-Nil down at half time. Big effort in defence from Luke and Aiden. In attack, Lachlan, Jacob and Dylan shined bright. An unlucky start to the second half saw them go 2-0 down before Nick scored one back. Another goal to Narellan- out to 3-1 before Jake scored for Burra. A gallant first outing, with excellent efforts from all players in an impressive fight.

2nd May v Mt Annan (home): 2-0 win

What a fantastic game ! The boys played a great game of both attack and defence. Luke & Nick did a terrific job of turning the ball around. Aiden & Lachlan were great at stopping Mt Annan scoring any goals. Wally finally scored a brilliant, well-earned goal. The boys did a wonderful job of passing the ball around and setting up for goals. Lachlan sealed the match, scoring a great goal in the final minutes. Well done Burra !

U10/3

The start of a new soccer season and looks like we almost have ourselves a new team this year. Some familiar faces from last year with Aiden, Gianni, Lachlan, Cormack, Cameron, Jarrod, Tommy & Mikey having re-signed for another year of challenging soccer. We welcome some boys from our other under 9's team from last year, Aaron Brendan & Jack, whilst we jagged Reece to play with us in another year of under 10's.

Joining the team for the first time are Jordan and Samuel who no doubt are keen to mix it up with their fellow team mates and play some great soccer and have a blast doing so.

Trial Match, 21 March – vs Yerrinbool/Bargo

After only a few training sessions it was time to hit the field to shake out the cob webs and get some serious playing time in before the regular season starts. Whilst this game was played under the new "Small Soccer" concept, it was a great opportunity for all the kids to have a run around and begin to gel as a team. It was also a timely reminder that soccer played in the Macarthur district at this time of year does get awful cold. Burra finished the game on top. Great start kids.

Trial Match, 28 March – vs Camden Tigers

A week later, some fine tuning and the kids all look sensational. We're on the full size field and playing at home against the Tigers, the perfect setup for some great soccer and great preparation before it all officially begins. Traditionally fierce competitors, the Tigers were always going to bring a high level of skill and teamwork to the game. If we were to have any chance at keeping pace, then we'd need to bring some of our best stuff to the game. And did we bring the stuff... It was an absolute treat to watch the team play, as if they'd been playing for ages. Not only were we passing the ball around, we were doing it with style and finesse. We dominated the game with the bulk of the possession and through some outstanding contributions by all players we not only secured the win, but we did so without conceding a goal.

A coach couldn't ask anymore of his team. A HUGE effort kids, well done.

18th April v Fields United (away): 4-3 loss

School holidays played havoc with our line up, with 4 players away with other commitments. This left us no reserves and a player short on the paddock – tough times were ahead for us.

Our vulnerability showed early in the game with Fields scoring two quick goals. But that seemed to kick start everyone and we suddenly showed some spark reminiscent of games played weeks earlier. Some good ball control through the midfield and a quick ball to Tommy upfront saw us put one on the scoreboard. And almost as quickly, some brilliant dodging and running saw Cormack land our second. We were back in this. But no sooner were we celebrating our efforts, Fields snuck a cheeky goal in just before half time, which came just in time.

A quick rest, a drink, a team chat and we were back out there. The pressure was on Fields to capitalise on their numbers. Our players dug deep, trying as hard as they could to stop the constant attack. We were playing one short in the back line and so our mids worked extra hard covering much more ground than would ordinarily. It eventually paid off for Fields and they were able to sneak through another goal. The score line now read 2-4, it was tough work. But as they say when the going gets tough, the tough get going. Our players set themselves for the kick off, slightly down but not out. And as if with one last burst of energy and life, the kids sprang into action. Constantly looking for weaknesses in the defence, working the ball around, moving forward then pulling back. When suddenly an opportunity presented itself and Cormack was on to it like a bee to honey. In a courageous effort he sought out the line, pushed through some tiring defence and planted one in the back of the net. It was now 3-4. Could this be the comeback of all comebacks.... Well I think it could have been if the man in black didn't blow that whistle. It was a massive effort by the team considering the proposition they faced. And the player we found to show excellence in this game and a worthy winner of the Maccas award was our goalie Aiden. Well done Aiden and well done boys and girl, a terrific effort. Get well soon Brendan.

2nd May v STM (away): 3-0 win

After a week break and those easter eggs well and truly out of their systems, the team regrouped and our numbers were almost 100%. With only Brendan out with a broken wrist, we were still a formidable team. We took the field with confidence and optimism, knowing we now had the numbers and the might to take on our competition this time on an even keel. And it wasn't long before we sent a clear message that Burraborang were here to play. Our impressive passing game and ball control again came to the fore. The players learn that possession is one of the keys to winning games and that passing and sharing the load brings longer lasting fun. Every player touches the ball in our games, no one player takes the attitude they must carry the load and do everything, as everyone gets the job done. We have players with skill levels spread across the spectrum, everyone contributes. This was none more evident than in this game. Every player did their job to the best of their ability, always trying, never giving up. It was difficult to recall single outstanding moments, when the whole game as I recall was an outstanding performance from start to finish by all who took the paddock. When we tired, we refocused and set about getting the job done. Our soccer improves from game to game both from a technical perspective and from a collaborative one. Similarly the contributions made by our Co Coach Nic and our hard working Manager Pat down to each and every parent and supporter who comes to our games are immeasurable. The kids are here for fun and to get out there and be active first and foremost. Winning is nice, but never expected. I believe our team, and those who support us, personify that very sentiment, and I'm confident this is going to be an absolute 'rippin' year for the under 10's division 3. Oh, by the way, we won this game 3-0. A deserving finish to a deserving team, who played brilliantly on the day. Standout contributor and Maccas recipient was Reece, the work horse.

9th May v C'town Uniting Church (home): 7-0 win

There's always something special about playing at Willis Park. Whether it is being able to play on a field better in standard than most or playing in front of a home crowd. Perhaps it's the quality BBQ or the friendly people you come across slaving away in the canteen. Either way it usually provides and added electricity when you're out in the middle readying yourself as a player or even as a coach. This is the time and place you want to put on your best performance. Burra didn't disappoint. It began a little nervously with players appearing anxious and perhaps trying too hard. This aside our defense held tough, our mids and strikers worked hard producing 4 goals in the first half. An excellent start by everyone's reckoning. But I knew we could do better. By the second half those nerves were gone and the football was sweet to watch. Our style and grace which had deserted us in the first half, made its way back home. Perhaps if the kids were taller and there were grandstands surrounding us, I would have for a fleeting moment thought I was centre stage watching Man United playing. It was beautiful to watch. The soccer was intelligent and purposeful, each touch finding its mark as player confidence grew. Then suddenly out of the blue something totally unrehearsed, a moment which would make even the most staunch coach take a step back and be proud. From our kick off a ball was pushed into

space by Cameron, with Cormack screaming down the pitch and jumping straight on to it and within 3 or 4 touches the ball is planted into the back of the net. The concept of creating space is a challenge for every player of any level on the football pitch. For under 10's it takes considerable hard work and effort for the concept to stick and even greater courage to then apply it under real game pressure. It was a truly defining moment and the kids continue to raise the bar on showing what they are capable of. We went on to score a further 3 goals and finished the game at 7-Nil. Look out Division 3 under 10's, Burra has your number !!! Most consistent on the park and today's Maccas award winner was Jack. A player who aspires to improve every game, works hard at training and it shows come game day. Well done groovers. Let's keep the hard work going.

U12/1

18th April v Narellan Rangers (away): 4-0 loss

First game of the season with a few players away due to school holidays, so we didn't have any reserves for the day. This game was surely a test of our fitness. Thank you to Alex Salecich (Jack's brother) from U/11's for playing up for the day. He played an absolutely superb game. The game was very fast paced but with Cameron as goalie, he saved quite a few attempts from Narellan Rangers. Jordan Morris copped a ball to the head that must have hurt. Jasmine played a good defensive game. You GO GIRL!! Rangers scored in the first half but unbeknown to the referee, their player was off side. Thank God for Gary Morris who shouted out like "Wolverine" and the ref realized his error and awarded a no goal. PHEW! Overall quite a good game considering it was our first as division one players.

2nd May v C'town Cobras (away): 3-1 loss

A sleepy start resulted in a goal to the Cobras in the first 10 seconds. The team picked up the tempo with a couple of attempts on goal. A deflected cross by Mitchell Jason resulted in a Burra goal in the 20th minute. Half time score 1-1 after some good play and pressure by Burra. Play went from one end to the other for the first 20 mins of the second half before Cobras landed 2 more quick goals. Some good defensive play but unfortunately not the outcome we would have liked. A great game from the team, nonetheless.

9th May v Gunners (home): 2-1 loss

A beautiful sunny day, a fast game and the crowd is excited and on their feet. Some great passing and Cameron and Jasmine are really playing well. A corner kick from Jordan C, a scramble, then the balls into the back of the net by Danial Orchard. A high shot from Mitchell Jason hits the cross bar and goes over – so close !! In the second half, some great passing by Cameron, Dan & Mitchell to Jack Salecich who almost scored. Some great defence by Burra as the balls heads our way. Plenty of corners & attempts by the Gunners but Tom is there in goals with his safe hands. Unfortunately, one corner goes against us with a deflection off Gunners player and into the net. Late in the game and some bunching up leads to unmarked players and a late goal to Gunners. A good effort overall, but a win slipped away from us.

16th May v Eschol Park Gold (home)

A sunny day but very windy, not helping the ball direction at all, with the wind coming from all angles. The game has not started well. 4 nil down and defending all the way. Second half started with the wind behind us which helps our kicks go further, but still Eschol Park managed to score. A great effort by all considering the conditions. The Burra outstanding player today is Cameron. Well done.