

FREE KICK



**Granville Waratah SFC Newsletter
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FROM THE PREZ

Well the wait is almost over and the season will kick off this Saturday. As I walk around the training fields truly I sense the excitement amongst the players, coaches and parents. The rain and ground closures means we are a little under done but so will most other clubs.

The message that I want to impress upon every for this week and the season is to don't stress and enjoy the games, especially for the first time players. Mums and dads, don't forget to take plenty of photos and videos, these are precious memories. Feel welcome to text me any good photos and videos and I will post them on Facebook so you can share them with your families and friends both here and overseas!

Remember in miniroos the results are not the most important thing, it's about discovering the game and developing the individual and team skills. Don't put too much pressure and your child as we want them to enjoy the experience – win, lose or draw.

With that I want to share with you a story that has stayed with me for a number of years, when a parent dropped off his son to the ground for the very first time to train. He said these words, "I now pass the care of my child to you, please look after him". These are very powerful words as they passed on responsibility to me to ensure the care and safety of his son. This is a message I impress to EVERY coach and EVERY parent because collectively we are a community, the Waratah Community, that will look after each other and aim to have each player, team and the club strive to do our best and to make our club the very best it can be!

Good luck everyone!

"GO THE TAHS!!"

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FROM THE SECRETARY

I hope you are all excited for the start of the new season, I know I am! Teams should be finalised this week and so this is the right time to explain what is needed to ensure you have a great season. The most important thing to note is: teams need to organise themselves! As soon as your team is formed and you know who is in it, it is highly recommended to create a WhatsApp group to allow all parents and players to talk to each other. If your team already has a team manager, great! If not, your team will need one. Please volunteer to be your team's manager! This person will ensure that the half-time oranges and jersey rosters are organised, and can help the team out by posting game day information. If transport/carpooling is needed, a WhatsApp group will greatly help organising this.

Hopefully you've all had a look at the newsletter example from 2017 which I sent out last week, because what we need is someone to write a match report of your team's first game and send it in, hopefully with some great action photos, so we can include the report in the next newsletter. We can't let hat tricks go unheralded, great saves go unnoticed, and fail to have the grinning, happy faces of your children adorning these pages! Please take photos of our players in action and write stories about their heroic efforts, then send them to the club secretary at: secretary@granvillewaratah.com.au



All submissions will be edited so no need to get your report perfect, just tell me the details of what happened, and I will turn it into the epic event I'm sure it was!

GAME DAY PROCEDURE

We are all here for kids to have a good time and hopefully enjoy watching them play, as soccer can be a lot of fun. But to make it all work, some things need to happen:

- 1) **Well before the game – Wednesday is good – work out where you must be and when.** This allows time to ask questions if needed and be sure you know the location of the field.
- 2) **Before leaving home on game day,** ensure your child has their **team socks, team shorts, shin guards, boots and water bottle.** Shin Guards are an essential safety item - if your child doesn't have them they can't play! Team socks and shorts, and appropriate footwear are a requirement, but enforcement depends on the referee. They should NOT be wearing any jewellery (including watches and hair pins etc.) as these may cause injuries to themselves or other players. Long hair can be tied with elastic bands etc.
- 3) Be at the field early enough to find the field and allow the coach time to get them in their team shirts and to warm them up. **We recommend being at the ground 20 minutes before the kick-off time.**
- 4) In addition to a coach, each team needs a "Team Official". This person is the point of contact between the other team and our spectators. The "Team Official" does not need to be the same person each

week. If something happens (arguments etc. - pretty rare) the Team Official may be asked to report on this. Each team has a yellow Team Official vest for this purpose.

- 5) A team sheet must be filled in. This is now performed electronically via the electronic match sheet (EMS) system. If there is a problem with EMS, then a printed team sheet should be available from the canteen. The coach or a team manager is responsible for ensuring the team sheet is filled in.
- 6) A referee (ref) will be needed. For the younger teams, this is normally one of the parents. For home games, normally the home team offers a ref. Those who come to the coaching training session will have most of what they need to ref the younger games. Remember, the ref is just a parent or other helper putting in their own time to allow your kids to have fun, and mistakes are to be expected.
- 7) Leave the coaching to the coach, including management of reserves (some coaches ask their manager to do this). There are many reasons for this. If you think the coach is doing something wrong or missing something, a quiet and polite conversation at some other time is the right approach.
- 8) Enjoy the game. Encourage the kids to play determined but fair football. Congratulate them when they do great stuff - not just your own child's team, but the other team's players as well. If they make a mistake - don't worry, they are just kids - just encourage them to get up and try again.
- 9) At the end of the game, try to ensure every child is happy - regardless of the result. "I was originally hesitant about football for my kids until I saw current club president Noel send my then 6 year old boys and their team out every week determined to win, but send them home happy regardless of the result. That is the Waratah attitude!" – Tony, our current Vice President.
- 10) Finally - if something goes wrong, often a miss-behaving parent... please don't rise to any bait, try to deflate the situation. If it is one of our parents, those who know them should ask them to calm down and try to make them understand it is only a game. Please report problems to a committee member.

FINDING OUT WHERE AND WHEN YOUR GAMES ARE ON

The season is about to start! **So what is the location of your game and what time do you need to be there?** Please check this before the training session prior to the game - so if training is on Wednesday, check details of your Saturday game before going to Wednesday training. That way you can ask your coach if you have any issues. Coaches should ensure they know the game details before the last training session for the week.

On the club website there is a menu item labelled "Draws". This is the primary source of times and locations. If you want a bookmark to this, you will need to use:

http://www.icompman.com.au/idata_public?p1=2&p2=1&p4=GRW

Ensure the 'Competition' field is set to '2019 – Main' and all the upcoming games will be listed. Select your age group to make it easier to find your team in the list. Please confirm with your coach which team your child is in as there are multiple teams in all age groups Under 10 and younger. We also have multiple teams within the same age group and division, e.g. in the under 6s Koalas, there is both a 06/Koalas BLK and a 06/Koalas WHT ... BLK means your team is the black team, and WHT refers to white. Your coach will confirm which team your child is in.

Is your game at home this week or is it away? If your team is listed as the Home Team, then you are playing at Robin Thomas Reserve. If your team is listed as the Away Team then look at the 'Ground/comments' field

to see which ground you are playing at. On the club website there is a 'Ground Locations' menu option, use this to find out the street address and to also see a Google Maps graphic of where the ground is located.

Remember that "Kick-off Time" (KO) is the time that the whistle is blown to start to game - **you MUST be there well before kick-off!** Please aim to be at the ground at least 20 minutes before KO. For all parents new to the Granville & Districts Association, this is your first season so please add an extra five minutes as you'll be unfamiliar with where to find parking and to find the correct field. If you can't work out which field to go to, ask at the club canteen. For older teams, the coach will advise you but 30 minutes to an hour before KO is not unusual to allow time for warming up and strategy meetings. **We cannot emphasise this enough, please do not aim to arrive right at kick-off time!**

Note that when viewing the draw the default date range is the current date to one week ahead. To see the draw for the entire season, change the 'Date to' field to a date in late August. At the moment, only the first three rounds have been released, but the entire season will be out in the next few weeks. You can also select your "Favourites" to reduce your normal search to only those teams your children are in. This is done from the "'My Favourites' & 'SMS Alerts' setup" but is tied to the browser and computer you are using so you will need to set your favourites for each device.

BYEs - Some competitions have an odd number of teams. As a result, each week one team has nobody to play. These are known as a "Bye" and are listed as such in the draw. This will happen 2 to 3 times a season. For round 2, our U16 team has a bye. Beware that byes can disappear - as sometimes new teams are added.

FREE COACHING COURSE ON MONDAY APRIL 15TH

The coaching clinic we had organised but was cancelled due to rain has now been rescheduled for Monday April 15th. Please register using this link:

<https://education-ffa.sportingpulse.com/Entry/?EIDMC=1305312&MenuID=%2f17038%2f0>

The event details can be viewed here:

<https://education-ffa.sportingpulse.com/event.asp?ID=19712>

All miniroos coaches and interested parents should attend!



TRAINING SCHEDULE

Team	Day and start time	Coach and contact number
U6 Koalas WHT	Wednesday 6.00pm	Hrishikesh 0401 125 775
U6 Wombats BLK	Wednesday 6.00pm	Gerry 0415 869 588
U6 Wombats WHT	Wednesday 6.00pm	Victor 0449 131 589
U7 Koalas	Wednesday 6.00pm	Mohamad 0434 989 746
U7 Possums	Wednesday 6.00pm	Michael 0415 139 229
U7 Wombats	Wednesday 6.00pm	Anthony 0431 572 130
U8 Koalas	Wednesday 6.00pm	Paul 0439 672 911
U8 Wombats	Wednesday 6.00pm	TBC
U9 Dolphins	Wednesday 6.00pm	Andy 0424 540 562
U9 Koalas	Wednesday 6.00pm	Aanand 0401 497 111
U9 Wombats	Wednesday 6.00pm	Mike 0416 614 056
U10 Dolphins	Wednesday 6.00pm	Steve 0400 053 356
U10 Possums	Wednesday 6.00pm	Cetin 0431 599 960
U11 Possums	Tuesday & Thursday 6.00pm	Kumar 0416 466 077
U13 / 1	Tuesday & Thursday 6.30pm	Goran 0416 116 460
U14 / 3	Tuesday & Thursday 6.00pm	Zach 0410 544 109
U15 / 2	Tuesday & Thursday 6.00pm	Noel 0411 407 447
U16 / 2	Wednesday & Thursday 6.00pm	Stephen 0415 598 958
AAM / 5 BLK	Tuesday & Thursday 7.30pm	Noel 0411 407 447
AAM / 5 WHT	Tuesday & Thursday 7.30pm	Gerry 0415 869 588

VACANT CLUB POSITIONS

The following positions are currently available and any help would be hugely appreciated. These positions are:

CANTEEN MANAGER: The role includes organising food to sell, preparing and running the canteen on match days. The manager will work with Vince (our treasurer) and offers front row seats for all games on the main field.

EQUIPMENT MANAGER: The role is basically making sure that our teams receive all relevant equipment and that they return it at the end of the season. Equipment includes jerseys, balls, cones, ball bags and anything else necessary.



IMPORTANT: Coaches & Managers Meeting

Wednesday 3rd April, 7:30pm

At the clubhouse, Robin Thomas Reserve

ATTENDANCE REQUIRED

2019 CLUB COMMITTEE MEMBERS

President: Noel Dona, president@granvillewaratah.com.au

Vice President: Tony Farrell, v.president@granvillewaratah.com.au

Secretary: Andy Gianniotis, secretary@granvillewaratah.com.au

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OUR CLUB VICTORY SONG

We are the mighty Granville Waratah
We wear the blue and gold with pride
We fear none and conquer all
We don't run and we don't hide
We play it hard and play fast and we play all game
ONWARDS TO VICTORY!!
We give it all out on the field
And leave the rest to history.

Learn the words of our Club Victory Song and sing it loud and proud after every victory!!.

Check out how its sung from last year's Grand Champion under 12's ...and the under 18's enjoyed singing it too!!

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