

FREE KICK



**Granville Waratah SFC Newsletter
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FROM THE PREZ

Wow!! Round One is about to kick off!! Can you believe it??! What an incredible 2020 we have had thus far. With so much doom and gloom both here and afar, we can all be thankful that we are now actually ready for a brand new season of soccer football – the beautiful game!

The wait is just about over and the season will kick off this Friday night with our Premier League squad playing an historic first match against Rydalmere Lions on their brand new synthetic pitch at Rydalmere Park. Wish our boys the very best of luck, or better yet, go and watch the lads spoil Rydalmere's party! I will be there! See the draw for details of kick-off times.

The COVID-19 delay has really built up the sense of excitement, which I felt as I walked around the training sessions at Doyle Ground. That excitement has risen to another level now that we have hit the green carpet of Belmore Park. I can see it in the parents, coaches and players, especially the high timers, all looking forward to getting back onto the pitch and playing meaningful games! Of course please remember to be vigilant and stay safe and healthy.

The message that I want to impress upon everyone for this week and the rest of the season is to don't stress and enjoy the games, especially for the first time players. This year the Association celebrates its 120th year, but it almost never happened, so let's be thankful. 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 Miniros the results are not the most important thing, it's about discovering the game, enjoyment 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 upon 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, to make our club the very best we can be!

Good luck everyone!

"GO THE TAHS!!!"

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FROM THE SECRETARY

I hope you are all excited to finally get to play some football, I know I am. Teams have been finalised but there are still some to complete their registration tasks. Your team mates need you on the field, please get it done!

For those new to association soccer, now 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. Your coach will most likely have a WhatsApp group formed, join it and join in. Each team should have a team manager otherwise you risk a disorganised season which is not as much fun. Please volunteer to be one for your team. 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.



Another important thing is the club newsletter. In 2017 & 2019 we produced a club newsletter each week as a historical record of how the club's teams went the previous weekend. We archive all our newsletters on the club's website, click here to see a good example containing reports from the first weekend of soccer for the 2019 season: http://granvillewaratah.com/wp/wp-content/uploads/Newsletters/2019/FreeKick_2019_Vol_04.pdf

The club newsletter can be a pretty dry read without good match reports. All is needed is a couple of good action shot photos, and maybe a photo of the team at the end of the game, as well as a short description of what happened. Use the archived newsletters for examples of how to write a match report. 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.

So please organise for someone to write a match report of your team's first game and send it in, along 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! Send reports to: secretary@granvillewaratah.com.au

The Canteen

At the centre of every club on game day Saturdays is the canteen, and we are no different. It's the place where coaches can get replacement equipment, players obtain ice packs or first aid and also where snacks, drinks, and hot coffees for cold winter mornings are sold. The success of our canteen raises valuable funds to help with the operational costs of the club.



This season we are looking for a new Canteen manager whose sole job is to organise and implement a roster of volunteers to help out in the canteen. The manager doesn't do all the work. With fresh people come fresh ideas and that can only be a good thing. Please consider what you can do to help and if you would like to volunteer in some way, please contact the club President or Secretary.

Rosters

When the season starts, some rosters will start to operate. When we have home games, the ground needs to be set up for the day. All the club's teams rotate to be on duty to help with the field preparation – moving goals into position, goal netting, rope-fences, etc. We usually roster 2 teams to split up the morning into 2 and so each team needs to ask for volunteers from within their circle of players and parents to provide at least 1 to 2 bodies to help out for about 45 minutes with various light duties, nothing too strenuous. It works out that your team appears on the roster not more than twice during a season.

FREE COACHING COURSE ON MONDAY JULY 13TH

The coaching clinic we had organised but was cancelled due to rain has now been rescheduled for Monday July 13th, starting 6pm. Please register using this link:

<https://education-ffa.sportingpulse.com/event.asp?ID=22204>

All miniroos coaches and interested parents should attend!

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 the club committee 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.

WEB DESIGNER: the club would like to give its web page a fresh new look. If we have any talented web designers within the Waratah family, here is your chance to make your mark.

For all positions you will receive the whole support of the committee as well as the satisfaction of knowing that you are helping your child/ren, their friends, team mates and your community. To volunteer, please speak to any committee member who will gladly explain more detail if necessary and/or get you started.



IMPORTANT: Coaches & Managers Meeting

Wednesday 1st July, 7:45pm

At the old clubhouse, Robin Thomas Reserve

ATTENDANCE IS REQUIRED

2020 CLUB COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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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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