

Life Membership Awarded

At the clubs AGM in October 1996, Murray Ralfs was deservedly elected as our Clubs newest Life Member. Only a short look at Murray's contribution to Burwood would indicate why such an honour was bestowed:

- Joined men's 1st team 1984 (and still playing at that level)
- During the summers of 1984/85/86 - was part of the volunteer workforce that contributed all of the labour in the construction of the Clubrooms
- He has coached both 1st and 2nd Womens teams. For the past 5 seasons he has coached and run the Junior Midgets sessions.
- In 1996 and again in 1997 Murray was elected Vice-President.
- It is however as Treasurer that Murray is best known. First elected in October 1985, which means 1997 will be the 12th consecutive season in that role. Burwood like a lot of small clubs runs very much on a shoestring budget. Over the 12 seasons Murray has juggled the demands of a Clubrooms budget, negotiating sponsorship deals and various other projects, often well beyond the call of duty. Frankly the club would have struggled to survive without his efforts. Thanks Murray and congratulations on a richly deserved honour.

Club Raffle

The prizes for this raffle will consist of grocery vouchers from "Big Fresh" at the Palms (tickets will be \$2 each - 50 prizes in total with the 1st prize a \$1000 grocery voucher). All players will be allocated a set number of books to sell and every Junior who sells all their tickets will go into a draw for 1st prize of a bicycle (kindly donated by **Bicycle Business** at the Palms), 2nd and 3rd prizes are for \$20 vouchers donated by **Nature Discoveries** and **Paper Plus** at the Palms. For every book sold after the initial allocation another entry will go into the draw. The more you sell the more chances you will have for a prize and the more you help the club. This is a total club effort - SENIORS, WOMEN, MASTERS, JUNIORS & MIDGETS.
Please, when the time comes, GIVE IT YOUR BEST SHOT !!!

Senior News

Any players or youths wanting to play Senior grades (1st team and women, social men or masters) please contact Murray or Raewyn Ralfs 383-3284. Training for the men has commenced at Clare Park on Thursdays, 6.30 pm. The womens team are training on Wednesdays, at 6.30 pm. The masters are also training on Wednesdays.

Masters Golden Oldies World Tournament, Melbourne, October 1996

After some considerable fund-raising the masters team travelled to Melbourne to attend the Air New Zealand World Masters Soccer Tournament. Accompanied by a number of very enthusiastic chaperones (wives) our claim to fame was having the most professional, physical and paralyssing support team. The opposition was in awe when the two Helens, two Dots, Eileen, Diane and Louise dazzled the opposition with their whistling, dancing, passing of the drinks bottles and general all round enthusiasm. The soccer, oh yes, we played 9 games and lost 99.9% of them. After losing the 1st half dozen games, our trump card was introduced, Louise was brilliant, bursting through the middle to score our only goal of the tournament. And so after a week we came away with many memories, new friends and new enthusiasm for soccer, so watch out Vancouver 1998

BURWOOD



ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL CLUB

Newsletter No 1
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Welcome to the Clubs first newsletter of the 1997 season.

1997 Management Committee

<i>Patron</i>	Elsie Haakmeester	385-1898
<i>President</i>	Vern Harkess	385-1222
<i>Vice-President</i>	Murray Ralfs	383-3284
<i>Secretary</i>	Raewyn Ralfs	• 383-3284
<i>Treasurer</i>	Murray Ralfs	383-3284
<i>Senior Club Captain</i>	???	Any volunteers
<i>Junior Club Captain</i>	Angie Clapham	388-9641
<i>Committee:</i>	Elsie Haakmeester, Bev Hendry, Sharon King, Gary Greaves Marry Leith, Jeremy Busby, Hugh McDonald	

Junior Season start

Please note that the Junior season now starts on Saturday, 12 April.

Presidents Message

Dear Parents and Players,

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you all to the 1997 season with Burwood. Parents who would be willing to join the Committee will be welcomed with open arms.

This season we must raise a considerable amount of money for Clubroom renovations and so for the first time in many years the club will run a major, official club raffle - please give us 100% support (details of exciting sales incentives elsewhere in this newsletter).

My best wishes for an enjoyable and successful season.

Vern Harkess, President

1997 Junior Subscription Fees

(Please note: no increases this year if paid on time)

<i>Family</i>	(2 or more players)	\$65.00	*	\$10.00 discount if paid
<i>Single</i>	(1 player)	\$45.00	*	by 30 April 1997
<i>Midgets</i>	(under 7 years)	\$5.00		



Newsletter

Our newsletter will again be a monthly feature - please take the time to read it, both parents and players, it will keep you informed and "in touch" with the club. Once more **Marie Cone of Gillmans Real Estate**, Merivale is our newsletter sponsor - if you are buying or selling property, please consider Marie, who is a very competent agent and will give you her best service - tell Marie that Burwood AFC sent you!



CJFA League Results 1996

Team	Coach	Section	Result
11 th A	Angie Clapham	3	1 st
11 th B	Robbie Stewart	5	5 th
12 th A	Brian Hendry	1	6 th
12 th B	Stefan O'Neill	5	5 th
13 th	Gary Greaves	3	3 rd

1996 Club Penalty Kicking Competition (held at the Picnic)

Junior Danny Lingard
Intermediate Sara Clapham
Senior Inia Glasson
Ladies Anna Trenberth



1997 Club Sponsors

Burwood Pharmacy	261 Burwood Rd	383-2081
Shirley Motors Workshop	Cnr North Avon & Stapletons Rd	389-7116
Riverside Garden Place	366 New Brighton Rd	383-4666
Salts Used Appliances	106 Maurehau Rd	383-4717
Burwood Foodmarket	283 Burwood Rd	383-4315
Netherlands Card Club	Everglades	
Bicycle Business	The Palms, Shirley	385-8815
Nature Discoveries	The Palms, Shirley	385-1565
Paper Plus	The Palms, Shirley	385-5207

Please support our sponsors - they support you. Tell them Burwood Soccer Club sent you.

Junior Club Captains Report

(Angie Clapham)

Welcome back everyone, another season is upon us again. Things are very hectic at this time of the year, especially as there are only a few of us working on Committee. Please bear with us in regards to having teams etc. organised. We are still missing some coaches so if any parents out there are interested, please ring me (388-9641). I hope everyone has a great season and remember it is not always important to win but to enjoy the game. Kind regards

Shirley Cricket Shed

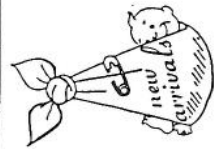
Please do **not** climb onto the top of the Shirley Cricket Club's new gear shed at the end of the clubrooms

1996 Burwood AFC Awards

<i>Junior Goalkeeper Cup</i>	11 th to 13 th grades	Michael Bunn
<i>Senior Goalkeeper Cup</i>	14 th to Youth grades	Adam Kearney
<i>Guernsey Cup</i>	Junior Personality	Sara Clapham
<i>Tavender Cup</i>	Best Junior team	Under 11 th grade A
<i>Gulland Cup</i>	Committee Person	Elsie Haakmeester
<i>Best Senior Team Trophy</i>	Best points average	Masters
<i>Top Senior Goalscorer Trophy</i>	Most competition goals	Alan Goy
<i>Senior Personality Cup</i>	Voted by Members	Jeremy Busby
<i>Young Player of the Year</i>	Best Young Senior player	Elysia Dick

1996 Junior Awards

Team	Player of the Year	Most Improved
Youth grade	Inia Glasson	James Dauwalder
13 th grade	Quentin Hunt	Ryan Wood
12 th grade A	Ashley Hendry	Blake Henderson
12 th grade B	Scott Shackley	Michael Bunn
11 th grade A	Aaron Clapham	Stephen Sell
11 th grade B	Luke Smith-Williams	Merran Collett
10 th grade Pumas	Danny Lingard	Andrew Shea
10 th grade Chiefs	Joshua Ryder	Jonathan Keen, Timothy Cone
10 th grade Hawks	Timothy Day	Nicolas Aitken, Benjamin Melville
9 th grade Broncos	Jason Mills	Andrew Hampton
9 th grade Hotspurs	Andrew Clark	Simon Hughes, Corey Grainger
9 th grade Tigers	Darren Shea	Christopher Day
8 th grade Wizards	James Price	Michael Batey
8 th grade Tornadoes	Michael Pawson	Hayden Sturzaker
8 th grade Panthers	Daniel Dibnah	Scott Tamis



Congratulations

To Raewyn and Murray Ralfs (Secretary and Treasurer respectively) on the birth of their 2nd son Joshua Ryan on 14 March (only 5 more to go for their own Junior team!).