

## **Newsletter**

**2013**

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### **Presidents Report**

**Murray Ralfs**

2013 was another season where our numbers dropped in the middle grades. This does pose some problems for the older Junior grades but we are in good stead in the lower ages.

Our Management Committee has worked hard this year organising our teams and players this year, this is a major task throughout the year. Another group of people who deserve many thanks are our coaches for their efforts through the year – thank you for a job well done.

The NZ Football Whole of Football Plan is working well in our club. It is most notable with our First Kicks group (4-6 years) at Clare Park and the Fun Football (7-8 years) who have grouped together with Papanui-Redwood to form a hub of football teams on Saturday mornings.

Currently our Clubrooms are officially closed due to earthquake issues with the Council owned lower changing rooms/toilet facility. We are working with the City Council, East Shirley Cricket and our insurance company to start the process of what will happen to the whole facility.

With the help of Christchurch Earthquake Recovery Trust sponsorship funding we have been able to upgrade our training floodlights.

Our Senior team started the year in the new Under 21 grade but the low number of teams made this competition untenable. Just after half way through the year they were placed in Division 4 for the remaining part of the year only.

We have received a good level of sponsorship this year, many thanks to Christchurch Earthquake Recovery Trust, NZ Community Trust, Mainland Foundation and the Lion Foundation for their sponsorship.

To all the players, coaches and parents, I wish you all the best for the summer and we look forward to seeing you back next year.

### **2013 Sponsors: – thanks for your support:**

- **NZ Community Trust**
- **Lion Foundation**
- **Mainland Foundation**
- **Air Rescue Services**
- **Christchurch Earthquake Recovery Trust**

### **2014 Registration Mail Out**

The club will be mailing out the 2014 registration forms and details early next year (late January/early February). If your address has changed in the last 7-8 months or you intend moving in the next 5-6 months could you please contact the club with the change of address details:

Burwood AFC, P O Box 38050, Parklands, Christchurch 8842

or via the club email [admin@burwoodafc.co.nz](mailto:admin@burwoodafc.co.nz)

### **Annual General Meeting**

Monday, 4 November 2013, 7.30 pm

Venue – to be advised

### **Junior Club Captains Report**

**Don MacDonald**

Another season is over and the time to look at the past successes and the future planning for Burwood AFC. The "World of Football" plan by NZ Football has been a great success for our club, and as we see it roll through the grades I'm sure we'll see a vast improvement in our player's skill levels. I must thank all the parents this year, both for bringing the players along, and the great support you have provided from the sideline. Congratulations to all award winners and to all players for your participation this season. I hope to see you all next season.

### **Senior Club Captains Report**

**Phil Ward**

This season saw the return of our senior team from 2012 with some new players and a new coach Phil Schimanski. The team in 2012 was made up of ex-Burwood, Shirley Boys and St Bedes players. This year that trend continued with the introduction of more players from Shirley and St Bedes.

This 2013 side had a successful season, leading the U-21 league, and then proving themselves more than capable in Division 4 by winning the season ending section A play offs.

2014 will see the return of this side, plus at least one more senior team from this year's U18 sides, and school leavers.

So we are starting to see some real growth back into the senior ranks at Burwood.

This will hopefully show our current junior players that they now have a path to senior football within this club, and should see more of the school leavers in our catchment area return to Burwood to continue their football at a senior level.

Later this year Burwood will have a team entered into the U19 Tsunami tournament. This event is held at Linfield Park over Labour weekend and features some of the best talent from all over the South Island. Last year our team did exceptionally well by finishing 3<sup>rd</sup>, so we are hoping for similar or better results this year. The team will comprise of players from our U-21 and U-18 teams, as well as a few Shirley 1<sup>st</sup> X1 players. So put it in your calendar to get down to Linfield Park over Labour weekend to support our Burwood team.

Take care over the summer, keep fit and here's looking forward 2014.

### **First Kicks (4-6 Years)**

Well what a great season we have had. I would like to start by saying a big thank you to our game day leaders Aaran, Murray and Kelly, who gave our players a fantastic football experience. We have constantly fielded 30+ players, and we have seen a marked improvement in skill level. To all those players going into fun football next year, the skills you have learned in first kicks will give you a great start. We had a good finish to the season with a lolly scramble, soft drinks and a bouncy castle – a fantastic day.

**Coordinator – Don MacDonald**

### **7<sup>th</sup> Panthers**

The 7<sup>th</sup> grade Panthers had a successful and enjoyable season. Initially there were two 7<sup>th</sup> grade Burwood teams (the Panthers and the Rockets) but high attendance levels allowed a third team (the Hurricanes) to be formed. This set-up some extremely competitive (state of origin) games and also made managing the substitute's bench easier.

The three Burwood teams enjoyed each other's company and trained as one big squad.

Highlights of the season include getting to play at ASB Football park, big improvements in our players skills and teamwork, some hard fought wins (and losses) and a couple of very pleasant post-match BBQ's.

On behalf of the team I'd like to thank the other coaches and the parents for all their help and support.

**Coach – Arran Hunter**

## **7<sup>th</sup> Hurricanes**

With such good numbers turning out each week for the 7th grade Panthers and Rockets, the Hurricane's evolved mid season with 3 members from the Panthers and 4 from the Rockets. We quickly formed a tight knit team and the boys started to play some great football.

The season would have to be deemed a success, with the Hurricanes coming out slightly on the right side of the win loss ratio, with the odd draw thrown in for good measure.

We had some star performances from the likes of Jake Whitaker, Caleb Woodthorpe, and Jackson Taylor, and special mention to Kieran Christey for his stoic, heroic defense. Kieran saved us many goals with his determined "greyhound like" chases, and then kicking the ball into touch. Well done Kieran. Tommy Withell, Alex Turner, and Albie Eden all showed great heart, determination with good solid performances. What impressed me the most about the team was the great turnout's week in and week out, with us nearly having a full team most weeks. Even on the cold wet days, when games were not cancelled, we still had a good turnout.

It was one such game in the rain that turned out to be the highlight of the season. Our second to last game, cold, raining for most of the second half, the lads produced their game of the season winning convincingly 4-1. It was not the fact the boys won, but the way they played like a team with great passing, supporting each other and of course, 4 sensational goals. Well done the Hurricanes!!!! A game in conditions that was befitting of our team name!!!

Thank you to all the Parents, Grandparents, siblings, and friends who stood on the sidelines, cheering, and supporting each week. And of course thank you the mighty Hurricanes, Jake, Caleb, Jackson, Kieran, Tommy, Alex and Albie for the great season. Hope to see you next year.

**Coach – Murray Eden**

## **7<sup>th</sup> Rockets**

Both Stephen and I have loved coaching these guys! Our season has been so much fun.

The team failed to capitalize on a handful of scoring chances. We had some really good possessions. We were just lacking on the finishing touch. We probably could have scored five goals but had just the one in some games.

We were much more aggressive in challenging the 50-50 balls at the end of the season.

As a team we always had great defense and in most games had the ball over 70% of the game or more. Overall we played much, much better than the first few games by the end of the season these guys ended up working so well together working as a team, all bringing to the table something, and as a team all improving to become a great team

**Coaches – Gary Robinson and Stephen Church**

## **8<sup>th</sup> Asteroids**

This team of footballers has worked very hard this season to learn new skills and gel as a team. With only three players returning from last year's team being joined by a group of keen newcomers this season promised a lot to come from the Asteroids. Some early losses at the start of the season made the team more determined to work harder as a group. Lead by Noah, Ruby and David the Asteroids started playing together and passing the football downfield. With courageous defense lead by Nathan, Trey, Lachlan, David and Ben this provided attacking opportunities. Noah, Jason, Ruby along with all Asteroids took advantage of solid defensive work scoring more goals as the season went on. A highlight of Asteroids football this season has been teamwork and friendships. When they have been behind or in tight games this team works harder for each other win lose or draw. Having fun has been a big focus all season.

As Coach I would like say a big thank you to all our dedicated and passionate parents and families for all your help and support all season!

Particular thanks and appreciation to Tiago De Peyon Treys dad for coaching the team when I was unavailable. This year's awards were voted by parents of the team congratulations to both winners well done! Congratulations to all Asteroids for a great season.

**Coach – Tim Carter**

### **8<sup>th</sup> Tigers**

The team was: Harrison Avery, Tyler Houghton, Joshua Layt, Lleyton Miller, Campbell Naughton, Oliver Prattley, Lexi Scott

**Coach – Kim Avery**

### **9<sup>th</sup> Jaguars**

Nick Ward and I took over the Jaguars after the original Under 9 Wizards split into two sides. We started the season with a big loss to St Albans in the pouring rain which made myself and Nick question if we knew what we were doing as it was our first experience of coaching. But week by week the boys began to gel and started to score some goals, including a 6-2 win over St Andrews with Marcus and Matthew both scoring early season hat-tricks. It didn't take long for us to realise what a social bunch the boys were. I know everybody says it but we had the best parents anyone could ask for, they were always there supporting the team and gave myself and Nick confidence that we were going in the right direction when we weren't completely sure. It was hugely appreciated. Towards the end of the season we had a fantastic three match winning streak and although we lost the last few, the boys finished with a hiss and a roar with a fiery game against Western, which the lads put an awesome amount of effort and commitment into. Lastly Nick and I would like to thank Gareth and the parents for the privilege of coaching the boys this season and are sorry we couldn't make it to the prize giving.

**Coaches – Isaac Malpass and Nick Ward**

### **9<sup>th</sup> Wizards**

Quite an interesting season for the Wizards this year. We are among the lucky ones who managed to move from a "red zone" to a "green zone". We started the year with 14 players, mad sub combinations, and nobody getting good game time. We split into the Wizards and Jaguars – we moved to the 9<sup>th</sup> Green Zone and the Jaguars stayed in the 9<sup>th</sup> Red Zone – 7 players in each team so everyone got 100% game time – phew. The season has been great: up to today (30<sup>th</sup> August). Played 17; Won 8; Lost 7; Drawn 2 Goals for 54 Goals Against 56

We have played on some interesting pitches. Played some amazing football, learnt the meaning of the word "pass"- haven't quite mastered that skill yet – and made lots of friends around the North East of the city. A wonderful group of children and a fantastic family of families.

Last word has to be for William and his family who moved to the West Coast with three games to go AND came back to play on Saturdays - that's the Burwood spirit!

**Coach – Gareth Williams**

### **10<sup>th</sup> Comets**

Thanks to Shae, Jvaan, Greta, Paul, Claudia, Jordan, Noah, Mackenzie, Tobi, Jamie and Todd for a great season. The way the team has worked together and worked out their strengths was great to see. The passing and all round focus of the whole team got better and better as the season progressed. Once again everyone had a go at being goalie at some stage throughout the season it was great to see that everyone was willing to give it a go. There was always a very good turn out on training nights.

A huge thanks to Phil and Rob for covering for me while I was away and Mike for your timekeeping. Lastly thanks to the parents, grandparents, family, friends who got the team to practice each Thursday and to the game on Saturday.

**Coach – Paul Wylaars**

## **11 A**

We had a great team this year, with two girls and ten boys. Many of the players had played together in the 10th grade Meteors team in 2012.

The team played very well during the season, winning 10 games, losing 6 and drawing one. In some games luck was not on our side, but in general the strong focus put on passing and team-work during coaching and practices paid off with some excellent play that was often very exciting to watch. There were a few games where the Burwood 11th team dominated the opposition with a high-scoring game. The team developed well during the season, with all players improving their skills and team-work abilities. Many of the players seemed to grow in both height and skill. The team attitude was about having fun and enjoying the game, sometimes diminished by the weather, but always supported by a great bunch of parents.

Team: Zoya Elvidge (2 goals), Tyla Herron (2), Jake Herron, Joshua Brink (1), Jamaine Taylor (9), Hayden Taylor (1), Zebulun Hamill (2), Sam Page (12), Sam McLean (22), Marshall Rayne (24), Ben Comfort, and Griffin Hardaker.

### **Manager – Greg Comfort**

Special thanks to Greg the manager for organizing the oranges and Jerseys and all those emails, also a big thank you to Nick and Corey who were able to step in at short notice to help me with practices and coaching while I was away you guys were a great help couldn't have done it without your help and last of all big thank you to the parents for all the great support from the sideline and for bringing the kids to the practices and games.

### **Coach – Raymond McLean**

## **12 A**

The team was: Xavier Brown, Niko Clayton-Jones, Joshua English, Pawel Gall, Romek Gall, Dean Harris, Dylan Hider, Tyler Phillips, Ben Pierce, Levi Tipple

### **Coach – Kara Phillips**

## **13 A**

Thanks to Alex Reddish, Andre De Rose, Connor Hunt, Conor Manning, Finesi Lagokamu, Jared Thompson, Joshua Knowles, Keegan Hepburn, Lochlan Miller, Logan Parkinson, Loughton Romeyn and Mana Placid for a great season this year. Even though we defaulted a few games due to low player numbers, we won almost all our games when we had a full team. Thanks to all the parents that helped. A special thanks to Loughton and Joshua who have both improved immensely this year.

### **Coach – Kevin Thompson**

## **14 A**

All in all a pretty good season for the 14th grade team this year. Only having 13 in the team did make things pretty tough on the side some weeks once the flu season arrived and assorted injuries took their toll. I think I could almost count on one hand the match days where we actually had the full 13 in the squad there. But the team took it all in their stride and just went out and played their hearts out every week. Big thanks (again] to the parents and supporters who were always vocal and positive in their support of the team and of course a big thanks to the team for their efforts throughout the season. Hope you all enjoyed yourselves and had some fun along the way, which of course is the main reason for lacing up your boots and having a kick around on a Saturday morning. Thanks guys.

### **Coach – Andy Johnson**

## **18 B**

Well, it feels like it's been a very long season. Firstly, I would like to thank all the core players for their huge effort this season and the loyal parents who turned up week after week.

It's been a challenging year for the team, late defections, a new set of players and largely players with all types of abilities and age.

Highlights for me; having 11 players, bigger highlight having SUBS, but sadly this was few and far apart. When we did have a full team, the boys played a passing game and look good on attack.

Couple of the highlights playing at ASB Park, I know the boys really enjoyed this and after 20 mins we were 1-0 up against the A's and were playing a very well organised sliding defense, but in the end the A's superior players wore us down. Also losing 7-8 to Waimak, being down 4-0 after 20 mins and at halftime 5-4 up. Also defeating CBHS 3-2, drawing 1-1 with St Andrews.

If you wanted entertainment, plenty of goals and a few laughs, we were the team to watch. Big CHEERS goes to Jamie, Sheldon, Reece, Tyson, Shakeal, Ben, Will, Ricky, Simon and Jayden and to the cast of ring-ins, to many to mention. TEAM MARK ----- A for Attitude

**Coach – Phil Schimanski**

## **18 A**

The Burwood U18 A team had a very successful season. With the base of the squad from last year's U17 team and some handy additions from Shirley Boys, Hagley College and beyond, we had the makings of a strong side. We managed to win section 3 of the U18 grade. A sensational effort from the lads. The full season (including non comp round) was completed without losing a game.

At times we were under pressure but were able to come back from 1<sup>st</sup> half deficits to either win or draw these crucial matches. Our record for the final 2 competition rounds was: Played 14, Won 12, Drawn 2. Goal deficit: 71 for, 12 against.

Team players were (goals in brackets). Forwards: Matt Patterson (22), Jake Kenny (18), Sam Davidson (8), Niwa Utataonga (9). Midfield: Ben Mayo (3), Jude Hawthorne (15), Daniel Joubert (4), Campbell Crimp (3), Liam Campfens (4), Nathan Ralfs (1). Backs: Scott Heads (2), Matt McClurg (1), Brad Van Eyk Menkman (4), Hamish Sowden. Utility: Adam Green, Jordan Mines (3). And let us not forget our fantastic Goalkeeper Blake Coburn.

Thanks to all the lads for a great effort on the field this season. Also a huge thanks to Brent Davidson (assistant coach), Murray Ralfs (referee & coach mentor) and also to friends and family for some awesome support. See you all next year.

**Coach – Richie Mayo**

## **Senior – Under 21**

This year our senior team welcomed new coach Phil Schimanski. An early start to the season saw the team play in the Waimak Pre Season tournament. This helped set the team up for a great start to the season in the U21 league, winning our first four games without conceding a goal.

Unfortunately the U21 grade was not well supported by other clubs and was disbanded after just 6 games. We were then placed in Division 4. Despite giving the other teams a 7 game head start, we still managed to finish the season in the top half, and then went on to win the Div 4 section A round robin. We are very proud of the way the team conducted themselves on and off the field, and looking forward to more of the same next year.

Congratulations to the Golden Boot winner Tom Gooday, MVP winner Oliver Gooday and the Player of the Year Jamie Auld.

Big thanks to the parents, friends and families for all their great support. See you all next year.

**Coach – Phil Schimanski**

**Managers: Phil Ward & Mark Tolchard**