



**Presidents Report**

**Murray Ralfs**

2014 was another season where our Junior numbers in the youth grades dropped away. Although the younger grades are going well. Our Senior club is getting stronger, now with 2 teams. The highlight of the year was our A teams Chatham Cup game at Clare Park against holders Cashmere Technical. This was after beating Waimak United a Division 1 team. Congratulations to the A team who easily won Division 6 winning all their games, hopefully in 2015 we can get them into a more meaningful league. And well done to the B team who finished 5<sup>th</sup> in Division 6. Our Management Committee has worked well again this year organising our teams and players. Of course none of our teams get on the pitch without the hard work put in by our coaches. So many thanks are our coaches for their efforts through the year – a job well done. The NZ Football Whole of Football Plan is working well in our club with our First Kicks group (4-6 years) at Clare Park and the Fun Football (7-8 years) who group together with Papanui-Redwood to form a hub of football teams on Saturday mornings. Our Clubrooms are still officially closed due to earthquake issues with the Council owned lower changing rooms/toilet facility. We are trying to work with the City Council, East Shirley Cricket and our insurance company to start the process of what will happen to the whole facility. Our Insurance company is the stumbling block. 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.

**2014 Sponsors – thanks for your support:**

- **NZ Community Trust**
- **Lion Foundation**
- **Mainland Foundation**
- **Christchurch Earthquake Recovery Trust**
- **O'Sheas Public House**

**Annual General Meeting**

Monday, 10 Nov 2014, 7.30 pm  
Venue – Burwood Scout Hall

**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)

**Junior Club Captains Report**

**Don MacDonald**

Even with the reduced number of players this year, most teams have had a good season. Our First Kicks and 7/8<sup>th</sup> grades are still enjoying the new Whole of Football plan format and it is developing skillful players at an early age. With a number of housing developments happening in our area we can look forward to increasing our player numbers in the seasons ahead. Thanks must go to all the parents and supporters standing on the sidelines encouraging our players. Have a good summer and we'll see you all back next year.

**Senior Club Captains Report**

**Phil Ward**

This season saw not only the return our senior team from the last two years, but also the introduction of our second senior side, made up predominately from last year's Under 18 team. Both teams were placed in Men's Division 6. The senior A team winning the league, and the B side finishing a very credible 5<sup>th</sup> in a 10 team competition. Having two senior teams is now starting to give the club some depth, and we are confident we can add a third team, possibly in the PDL division for next year. So from no senior teams from 2000 to 2011, to two, probably three teams for the 2015 season, the signs are positive that Burwood senior football is here to stay. Having a growing senior club should also have a positive spin off at our junior level, giving the younger players a pathway to senior football at the one club. Our senior club highlight was getting to host a Chatham Cup game against Cashmere Technical. Our committee did a fantastic job organising the day. From making sure the pitch was freshly marked out, to roping of side-lines, to providing ball boys. A day the club can be very proud of. I'd also like to thank O'Shea's for hosting our teams throughout the year. Take care over the summer, keep fit and here's looking forward 2015.

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

### **Coach – Rob Bone**

I had a lot of fun helping the teams out this season, hopefully I can say the same for Ryan (my wingman). We certainly saw a lot of improvement from the start of the season until the end. Skill levels, focus, being aware of team mates etc got stronger as the weeks went by. Sure, there were always days when some players' minds seemed to wander a bit but always seemed to end up ok. The boys and girls are young and much of what happens on Saturday is all about confidence, learning to be comfortable with team mates and coaches and learning to focus on an activity. Some determination levels are higher than others, but that can also be a reflection of how much they enjoy what they are doing. All we can do is try and make what they are doing fun, and hopefully they will want to return each season and progress.

My boy Josh will be playing in the next grade up next season as he will be 7 half way through the year which means he will be in the 7th grade from the beginning of the season, your son or daughter may be in the same situation but Don and Murray can fill you in on that. I will however (if our 3 year old Danny wants to), return next season with him. I think he is keen. I am wondering if there are any Dads...or Mums, out there who may want to help next year? Go on...bring out the Sir Alex or Jose in you!

Hope to see many of the same faces on the pitch, or on the side-lines next season. Have a great summer, might spot you at Waimairi beach at some point for a kick around huh?

Many thanks to Rob Bone and Ryan Paterson for their coaching efforts with the First Kicks kids during the year. They have done a great job.

**Coordinators – Don MacDonald and Murray Ralfs**

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

### **Coach – Mike Dennett**

The season started off in great fashion with some very big wins but as the season has gone on and the grounds got a bit softer the scores got a lot closer but the Hawks have gone through the season undefeated so far. Each player has shown great improvement in their passion for the game and competitive spirit to go through the season without losing a game. The skill and awareness of the players has greatly improved over the season and I believe this will make them very hard to beat.

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

### **Coach – Murray Eden**

When asked to do the season summary I started to think of good adjectives to describe it.

**Frustrating** ... with all the rain early on in the season we seemed to miss a lot of games and practices. Then we would have school holidays, then some more rain. It was hard to get momentum.

**Enjoyable** ... I really enjoyed coaching the Rockets, watching the team grow and watching their skills develop week to week.

**Disappointing** ... Not for me but for the team. We didn't manage a win this season. When Murray Ralfs asked for the summary to be in by Friday 29th I knew we still had one more game to get the elusive win. I had hoped to write, "We saved our best game till last and came away with a great win." Unfortunately our best game of the season was probably the 2nd to last game. When I checked the draw and saw we were playing the Burwood Hawks my dream of the perfect season finale were somewhat dashed.

**Successful** ... If based on wins, not so much, but based on fun, heart, grit and determination, the season was a great success. The team improved over the season and some of the scores certainly did not reflect how the Rockets had played. There were some outstanding performances from Jackson, leading from the front. Kun Woo was always strong, barging his way through the opposition, sometimes a little bit too literally, but showing great determination. Ollie had some very strong games, using his size to make good ground and also having some great games in defense. Our two youngest players, Ben and Matthew showed great improvement over the season, showing bravery outweighing their size and age. Makayla had her best game in the 2nd to last game, showing great speed and agility. Taine was stoic in defense, he would charge back to save many goals. And also of note were some of Taine's very impressive air kicks, we were lucky that none of them actually connected with the opposition players. But my highlight of the year was Elijah during a pre-game drill when he competed with Finn from the Hawks, to fight for the ball and score a goal. Thank you to all the parents, grandparents, siblings and friends who supported us all season. Thanks Krish and Lisa for managing the subs. Thanks Mark Tolchard for all the support and for looking after the team when I was away. Thanks to Mike, Arran, Gary and Marcus, the other 7th and 8th grade coaches for all the help and support for the year. And thank you to Ben Allan, Kun Woo Baek, Ollie Eden, Matthew Hunter, Makayla Lackie, Taine MacGregor, Jackson Smith, Elijah Trotter for the great season.

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

**Coach – Arran Hunter**

The Burwood Panthers can be proud of their efforts this season.

They came up against Hurricanes, Lightning Bolts, Titans, Lions, Aliens and even Jedis.

Our consistently high turnout meant we usually had a number of subs. These were rotated with military precision by our honorary manager, armed with her clip-board, laminated team-sheet and stopwatch.

Highlights of the season included: Some huge efforts against the Aliens, the excellent session at ASB Football Stadium, the fantastic weather we had for our mid-winter BBQ and seeing the improvement in all our players.

I'd like to thank the other Burwood coaches and the player's families for all their help and support.

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

**Coaches – Marcus Irvine and Gary Robinson**

It's been a pleasure to be part of a pretty good season with the Hurricanes both as a coach and a parent. All the kids have played in such high spirits and seemed to have enjoyed their time on the field. Like all teams we have had our stars, and all the kids really tried their hearts out and as the season progressed we have seen them grow into great team players. The team have a never give up attitude and this was highlighted at a game earlier in the season when the team were down 0 – 4 at half time. After our team huddle at and our all-important "super oranges" the team decided to pretend the score was back to nil and they were to try their hardest to win this thing!!! They never gave up and came back to win 5 – 4. Our biggest victory! The pride on both parent and children's faces was priceless and something I hope the children always remember. Gary and I would like to thank all the parents for their support, it's been a very enjoyable season and we hope to see you all back again next year.

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

**Coaches – Isaac Malpass and Nick Ward**

The team was:

Harrison Avery, Ruby Carter, Trey De Peyon, Noah Gilpin, Tyler Houghton, Lleyton Miller, Campbell Naughton, David Nicholson, Oliver Prattley, Lexi Scott, Benjamin Smith, Nathan Walker

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

**Coach – Gareth Williams**

It has definitely been a season of two halves. We started off with a loss, a win, a loss and then went on a winning streak of five games on the trot. Then we had a weather break and the wheels started to fall off in terms of results. Throughout the season though, the team tried really hard and made progress right up to the final game – when we finally managed to string four passes together in the same movement. We are planning to "SPREAD OUT" next season. So our record was played 17, won 6 and lost 11. Goals for 42, goals against (too many). A couple of notable highlights – we had two penalties awarded against us – both saved (well done Kane and Sho). We also won away at Ferrymead Bays – always a good result. Four players scored goals Jamie, Ethan, Eben and Matt and everyone else came close – so next season we expect to see Samantha, Josh, Calyb, Kane, Sho and new to football this season Jun Woo on the score sheet. It's been a fun season and hopefully we will have everyone back next year to step up to intermediate size pitches and goals. The team – Calyb, Eben, Ethan, Jamie, Josh, Jun Woo, Kane, Matt, Sam and Sho.

### **12 A**

**Coach – Nick Herron**

Our season started off fantastic, all the players from last year gelled and played great football. We had some very close games and were unlucky not to win more than what we did. The kids blossomed over the season and became a strong fighting unit, unfortunately a lot of our games were played with the bare 9 which meant we had no sub's so we were very competitive in the first half which quite often 1-1 but in the second half because we didn't have fresh legs to put on and that's where we generally lost our games, due to fitness. We had young Ashley Whittaker join our squad early on and she thrived on the soccer training and games, it was pleasing to watch her improve with every game. Griffin Hardaker - I watched him thru 11th grade (which I helped coach) and where he has ended up this year, he is streets ahead of last year where he would have previously just kicked and hoped it got to someone and this year he took his time to control the ball, look-up and find a player to pass to which was also pleasing to see how he was using his head. The results don't show it but Burwood 12th Grade were competitive and made upsets during the first round, the team never gave up and showed fine sportsmanship throughout the season. There were some fine moments I will name a few: Zoya-20 meter free kick, went like a rocket over the wall and crashed into the top corner of the goal; Jake - received a cross from Sam at pace and Jake lightly flicked the ball off his head just enough to beat the outstretched arms of the goal keeper - both of these goals were definitely highlights. Harrison played in goal most of the year and pulled off some fine saves. Tyla - as like last year, was a rock at right back and she made sure that when she tackled the person she was tackling came of second best - her nickname was "the enforcer". Josh played left midfield for most of the season and ran, tackled and put good passes thru to the strikers. Sam - took a good knocks during the season but this seemed to make him more determined and play harder which he did and had great speed and ball control. Jake - every game ran his heart out both in defense and attack and his skill on the ball was outstanding. Hayden - was back and forwards between mid-field and defense and was very good to see how well he was tackling and using his head to pass the ball forward. Zeb - seemed to find his feed playing at Left back, making good tackles and pushing the ball forward

using his vision and was always enthusiastic about the game. Ben - to begin with Ben was used for half a game in goal split with Harrison and his grit and determination showed when he damaged his fingers during a game and he kept on playing until he could be replaced, then Ben started playing right back and did a very good job. Zoya played a few different positions over the year, striker, centre-midfield, centre-back - she was comfortable playing anywhere on the park and scored 3 good goals.

In summary our season was a learning season and I am very proud of how the whole team never gave up and no matter what the score was they kept positive and upbeat and most pleasing of all they all played fair.

I am looking forward to next year and hopefully will see most of this team back. Good luck to Sam who is moving to Perth, and good luck to Josh who is moving to his new house with his parents.

### **Senior B**

### **Coaches – Murray Ralfs and Richie Mayo**

The Burwood Senior B team was formed with the basis of the team from last year's successful Under 18 team. In their first year of senior football they have done very well, finishing 5<sup>th</sup> in Division 6.

The team struggled to win games at the start of the year due to the lack of pre-season training put in.

But once we got going we were hard to stop, with only our A team beating us twice.

Highlights during the year were a great run of winning 7 of our last 8 games. Also we beat the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> teams convincingly during the year.

We didn't have a set goalie this year with the job shared around most of the players – Nathan and Scott doing the job predominantly.

Both coaches have enjoyed coaching this great bunch of young men. There was some excellent football played during the year along with a lot of laughs. All the best lads and we all look forward to next year giving it another go.

Thanks to the parents, friends and families for their support during the season.

Our record in Division 6 was: Played 18, Won 10, Drawn 1, Lost 7. Goals for 60, Goals against 35.

The team was (with goals in brackets): Shaun Burke (1), Liam Campfens (3), Fin Cresswell (4),

Adam Green (2), Jude Hawthorne (10), Scott Heads (2), Jake Kenny (12), Ben Mayo (5),

Jordan Mines (2), Matt Patterson (9), Nathan Ralfs (1), Hamish Sowden, Simon Thornton,

Jordan Van der Wielen (4), Brad Van Eyk Menkman, Ricky Weastell.

### **Senior A**

This was the 3rd season for our senior A side. Our hope was to have this side placed up in Division 1, 2 or 3.

Unfortunately this didn't happen and we had to start this season down in Division 6, which we won with ease, winning all 18 games, scoring a record 127 goals for and only conceding 11 against. Our season highlight was undoubtedly our first round Chatham cup victory over Division 1 Waimak United. We came back from 1-3 down early in the 2nd half, to win 4-3. An article in the Press the following day had the headlines of "Giant Killers", so it was great having that result recognised in the media. That win earned us a 2nd round clash with the reigning Chatham cup champions Cashmere Technical. We played the match at home on Clare Park, and whilst we were soundly beaten, it was a great occasion for the club, and we could still hold our heads high.

Match highlight, Casey's penalty save getting the biggest crowd roar of the day!

The standard of football played throughout the year, was, for the most part of a high calibre. One thing is very clear; this is a pretty tight team, who just love playing football with their mates, and take real pride in putting on the Burwood shirt.

The team will be back for another tilt next year. We hope we will be placed in an appropriate division, and we'll be doing our best to go further in both English and Chatham Cups rounds.

Big thanks to the parents, cougars, friends and families for all their great support.

See you all next year.

**Coach – Phil Schimanski**

**Managers: Phil Ward and Mark Tolchard**

### **Shirley Tennis Club**

Junior Tennis (located in Richmond Park)

Opening day – Saturday 23 August 2014

(if you can't make it on this day just come along on your first free Saturday)

8.30 am – 9.30 am

8 years and under Boys/Girls

9.30 am – 10.45 am

9-12 year old Boys/Girls

10.45 am – Noon

13 years and over Boys/Girls

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