



**Presidents Report**

**Murray Ralfs**

2017 was another good year for the club where both Junior and Senior sections consolidated their positions and numbers. There is a good feeling among the club at all levels. We had a bad run with the weather with at least 4 game days cancelled due to poor weather. Thank you to our coaches for all the hard work they put in to help our players. As well our Management Committee carried on their usual good work organising our teams and players. Our Junior section has had a small increase in numbers from the previous year. We managed to attract a Youth team from Shirley Boys HS to play under our banner, and this has worked well. The lower aged Juniors continue to be strong. Our First Kicks and Fun Football sections continue to be working well in the NZ Football Whole of Football Plan.

The Senior club had 3 teams again this year. Our 1<sup>st</sup> team continued in the Canterbury Championship League and while the results did not go their way, their games were mostly close and team morale never seemed to wane. Again they had great support from the Reserve team who finished 5<sup>th</sup> of 6. Our B team moved up to the 4<sup>th</sup> Division and did well finishing in 4<sup>th</sup> position.

Our training this year was severely limited due to the loss one set of floodlights in the previous summer. And while we managed to get some great sponsorship from CERT to replace them, the bad weather has meant that they could not be put up until the end of this season. Special thanks to CERT sponsorship here.

Many thanks to our sponsors noted below who keep our costs down with this sponsorship. I wish you all the best for the summer and we look forward to seeing you back next year.

**2017 Sponsors – many thanks for your support:**

- Christchurch Earthquake Recovery Trust
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**Annual General Meeting**

Monday, 6 Nov 2017, 7.30 pm  
Venue – Clubrooms  
Come along, no pressure

**2018 Online Registration**

Again registration for all players will be done online. Existing players will receive a registration email from the club (via SportsTG GoalNet). And new players will also register using this method.

**Senior Club Captains Report**

**Phil Ward**

The 2017 season saw our 3 senior sides consolidate from the previous two years with a few players having left, and the introduction of some new faces to the Burwood club.

We had approx. 50 registered senior players. Normally this should be adequate numbers across the 3 teams, but a raft of injuries and players away, meant some challenging times for the coaches on game days. Also hindering the teams was having only one flood light to train under all year. Winter certainly made its presence felt this year with 4 weeks of footy cancelled due to ground conditions.

Our B side gained promotion to Division 4, and had a steady season finishing mid table. This side has plenty of talent, with a couple of players comfortably making the step up to CCL league when filling in for injuries.

Our A side competed in the CCL league for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year. New coaches Mark Hilhorst and Shane Cope taking over the reins. A tough season, with wins proving hard to come by, but there is still a strong belief within the squad which bodes well for next year. Wins in the English Cup over Halswell and Western certainly season highlights.

Our Reserves side, which trains alongside the CCL team continued to battle hard in their league, and had plenty of very tight matches. They continued to provide fantastic support to the CCL side.

Next year we will have new flood lighting installed, which will make a big difference to mid-week trainings. Hopefully we will see all senior players return, and continue recruiting new blood.

Keep fit and safe over summer. UTW.

### **Junior Club Captains Report**

**Don MacDonald**

The weather has given us challenges this season but we have managed to come through with Clare Park relatively unscathed. We have taken down the senior posts at Burwood Park with just the Clare Park set to go.

Coaches and parents have done a sterling job this season helping to grow and support our players week after week, a big thank you to them.

I'm really hoping for a good day next Saturday (9th) for our club picnic as the last couple of years have been well attended and great days have been enjoyed.

All the best for the summer and we'll see you back next year.

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

**Coach – Don MacDonald**

With a regular session of 20 or so youngsters we ran 2 groups one with the 4-5 year olds and one with the older children. Many thanks to Murray Ralfs who assistance was invaluable. It's great to see young talent developing, and then to see the older group move up to 7<sup>th</sup> grade. I must also mention the parents and caregivers for your tremendous support throughout the season. For those that are staying with us you can look forward to some great football again next year.

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

**Coach – James Croot**

Training alongside 7th grade counterparts the Hawks, this committed octet of footballers had a terrific first season playing Fun Football at Redwood Park.

Despite many of them having only turned six in 2017, they showed a great attitude on the park, even when coming up against eight year olds far taller than themselves.

I was particularly impressed how the team all barracked for each other and backed each other up and despite some trying ground conditions were prepared to not only muck in, but try to play running football where possible. In short, this is a team with a bright future.

My thanks go to Hawks coach Nic for her support and superior knowledge of drills, Paul and Matt for taking the Wednesday practices and all the parents and family members who turned up to support the players each week.

**The team was:** Isabella Alexander-Stewart, Daniel Bone, Ryan Christey, Tyler Christey, Harrison Croot, Tyler Low, Sophie Orr, Cade Whitaker.

Player of the Year: Daniel Bone, Most Improved: Tyler Christey.

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

**Coach – Nicola Danielson**

'Fun football' as the name suggests is about having (unsurprisingly) fun. It's also about making friends, building new skills and kick starting dreams of football greatness!

I think I can be reasonably confident in saying that we can put a tick in each of those boxes.

We had a great bunch of keen kids who demonstrated great commitment and enthusiasm for the game and who have grown in both confidence and ability as the season progressed.

We set a couple of key focus areas for the season and tried to build on this each week and it was incredibly pleasing to see all the lads go from strength to strength in these areas.

Our results this season definitely didn't reflect the efforts being put in on the park, with us often dominating in possession but not quite able to convert some goals. However we were definitely hitting the fun KPI based on the smiles on the boys faces at the end of the games.

As the season progressed all of our hard work started paying off and we nailed two convincing wins at the end of the season #megaexcited!!

We were very fortunate this season to have a fantastic support system. I would like to give a big shout out to Paul O'Donovan for his awesome efforts in taking the team for training mid-week and also to all of our lovely parents and grandparents who cheered us on from the sidelines each week and for getting their small people to and from games and trainings.

The lads can all be incredibly proud of their efforts on the park this season, for playing the game with good sportsmanship and huge ticker (great heart!!). I know I am super proud and have enjoyed being part of their footballing journey.

**The team was:** Fletcher Blair, Queva Bramao, Brodie Chapman, Tyreese Clayton-Marquet, Ethan Danielson, Aston Mitchell, Rylan O'Donovan, Oliver Saunders, Jacob Taia.

Player of the Year: Rylan O'Donovan, Most Improved: Aston Mitchell.

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

**Coach – Matt Wright**

Another great season for us Hurricanes, kids and parents had a great time.

We were unbeaten all season (well we lost one game when I wasn't coaching due to me needing a wee sleep in from night out :-), we won't count that one :-)

The improvement from last season to this was fantastic, which can be shown by the amount of goals scored from all players unlike last year where only a couple scored. The knowing where to be on the field and the passing was awesome to see. I can really see a lot of improved skills by all throughout season, even the coach maybe :-).

There were a lot of superb team goals which any team would be very proud of seeing. The defense was second to none. It was great to see all games played in good spirits and like last season there was a great vibe with team and parents. Many thanks to Patrick for bringing oranges though out season and other parents that also brought some. Bring on 9th grade can only see team improving more and more.

**The team was:** Liam Beck, Coastt Hakaria, Quinn Hanson, Liam McKeever, Daniel Smith, Kaia Smith, Josiah Ward, Amelia Wright.

Player of the Year: Josiah Ward, Most Improved: Liam McKeever.

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

**Coach – Bianca and Ryan Isherwood**

**The team was:** Ryan Ashby, Kayla Burrowes, Van Goudie, Brayden Matthews, Jackson Morgan, Will Sanders, James Watson.

Player of the Year: Brayden Matthews, Most Improved: Will Sanders.

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

**Coaches – Rob Bone, Ryan Paterson**

2017 was a tougher season for the mighty Wizards! We managed 15 games in a rain drenched season. Out of those, we won 10, drew 1, and lost 4, with the losses being by narrow margins.

In total, goals for 109, goals against 40. Golden boot went to Josh with 44 goals, runner up Diego with 34, and Jake with 15. As voted by all parents, 3 points for 1st place, 2 points for 2nd, and 1 for third:

We look forward to keeping this band of players together next season. Ryan and I have enjoyed working with the boys and seeing them grow in stature, not only this season, but from one year to the next.

Most Improved Player: Jake Wilson, Player of the season: Josh Bone.

**The team was:** Kyan Baker-Langefoss, Josh Bone, Luke Chmiel, Reuben Derham, Jack McStay, Diego Paterson, Kyle Spriggs, Darnel Sykes, Dylan Tebbutt, Kael Vallance, Jake Wilson.

Cheers...Rob & Ryan

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

**Coach – Mike Dennett**

What a pleasure to again coach some fine football talent that Burwood AFC have produced. This year unfortunately rain and very wet grounds stopped us playing some games and even rolled in to some practices which never really bothered the kids to much.

As for the season when you win or draw twice as much during the season than you lose, they must be doing something right, and to do that with majority of the season with 1 sub or must times at the end of the season none that is an awesome effort and every single kid played with heart and passion to the dying end.

I would like to thank the parents and caregivers for the time and effort you put in to having to drop them off and pick them up every single week, it gets extremely satisfying to see a smile on the kids' faces when they win lose or draw. This I believe is my 4th year coaching and although it takes up some time during the week and weekends, it's a pleasure to watch the kids grow and mature every year into better players not just on the field, but this year the rockets showed that if they 'win lose or draw they come off and thank the other team and praise each other for a good effort and they would look forward to getting there revenge next time.

Thanks everyone for the support for my coaching and hope to see most of the players next year to do it all over again.

**The team was:** Benjamin Allan, Charley Ansett, Jordan Dennett, Oliver Eden, Noah Goudie, Jaxon Hogg, Mason Matthews, Tommy Reeves, Jayden Young.

Player of the Year: Jaxon Hogg, Most Improved: Oliver Eden.

Regards Mike Dennett

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

**Coach – Graeme Christey**

**Team members:** Gustavo dos Santos, Benig Jansz, Kieran Christey, Caleb Woodthorpe, Kahurangi Martin, Liam Rogers, Lucan Best, Thomas Bowden, Owen Menzies, Isaiah Newcombe, Ryan Orr

**Coaches:** Graeme Christey, Paul Bowden. **Assistant coaches during the season:** Steve Evett, Andrew Menzies, Rob Woodthorpe. **Referees:** Silvano Silva dos Santos, Rob Woodthorpe

This was an interesting season in a number of ways. It was always not about how we started but how we finished! Despite all the difficulties thrown our way (overcome by chocolate) we came through this season and ended with a team all of us are really proud of! One team member correctly observed that no matter how bad things got, it was the job of the parents and coaches to always encourage their children to stay positive on the good things achieved in the game, keep improving, keep encouraging no matter what the result was. He was correct, but the true reason we do it is to try to transfer ownership of this behavior to them to do it themselves in the game. Watching the last two games, particularly the last one, seeing them on the field supporting, encouraging, backing each other up, holding their structure, showed just how much these boys have developed as individuals and a team.

The emphasis in the training was to work on improving the positives that we were doing well in, to reduce the things we were not doing quite so well at and to gel as a TEAM. "Together Everyone Achieves More". The coaches set the team goal to improve the individual skills of our players, improve our playing as a team and not worry too much about the score line. Our team motto was "Skills not the Score line matters". By the end of the season the team had reached our season goal and were gelling well as a unit. They had developed effective combinations in defense, mid field and attack. Every player made significant skill improvements.

I would like to thank the parents (and our mascots) for their support this season. The help by taking in the nets, helping run the warmup's, refereeing, assistant coaching, the team hoodies, the face book page, photos, first aid and the vocal support all helped improve our players. The parent support had a significant impact on our team and we were very lucky to have such a positive sideline of support and help to the coaches.

Special mention and thanks must go to Paul Bowden for his major contribution to the team coaching and his personal advice to me on improving my coaching. He stepped up to the role when we were at our lowest ebb. The turnaround made by the team has a lot to do with his influence on our players and his passion for the game.

The parents had a very tough choice to make for our player awards. There were so many deserving players for these top awards. Voting was very close. Congratulations to our two winners. However, I hope all the team members look at the skills they have developed, the individual improvements they have made and some of the memorable/inspirational plays during the games each player did. Everyone made a significant difference for the team and congratulations to all of you on a great end to the season.

Some statistics – **Goals:** Thomas 16, Liam 13, Caleb 6 Lucan 1 Kahurangi 1 Ryan 1 Owen 1 Benig 1 =40 goals

**Goals saved by our goalies:** (Ryan, Benig and Caleb) Heaps!!! Special mention to Kieran, Gustavo and Lucan for protecting the King and feeding our goal scorers each week.

**Results:** B Grade: 1 win 4 losses, C Grade: 4 wins 6 losses (we also had 3 matches that were rained off).

So, the season is done, thank you one last time for being part of it. Let's hope we see as many of you back for 2018. We have developed a really good squad for next year if most of you are able to return.

Player of the Year: Liam Rogers, Most Improved: Benig Jansz.

## **12<sup>th</sup> A**

**Coach – Isaac Malpass**

2017 was the last year of junior football for my boys, before we move onto youth (and competitive) football next season. Fitness, keeping the ball and first touch were the main focus for myself and Nick from the outset, as we wanted to prepare the boys for the big step up that will come next year with the size of a senior pitch.

We started in the 12 B band, but mostly struggled, with a record of 1 draw and 5 losses. We then moved down to the C band, and fared much better winning 6, drawing once and losing only 3.

Cam G comfortably won the golden boot with 23 goals, doing well playing as a lone striker for much of the season. Ollie, Cam J and Ryan provided the creative spark going forward, with Blake and Nathan racking up the K's in the midfield. Geordie, Lleyton and Sean were all tested at the back (particularly in the B band matches) but stood up well to the task. Ben was as reliable as ever in goal, and even set up a goal or two with his large boot.

A massive thanks from Nick and myself to the boys who filled in from the 11th and 13th grade sides when we were down on troops, this sort of thing epitomizes the Burwood spirit in my opinion. Also to the parents, who always got the boys to trainings and games, and supported Nick and I unconditionally.

We hope to see you all back in Maroon in 2018!

**The team was:** Oliver Alexander-Stewart, Geordie Boniface, Cameron Grossett, Blake Jackson, Cameron Jeffrey, Sean McEntyre, Lleyton Miller, Benjamin Smith, Nathan Walker, Ryan Whittaker.

Player of the Year: Geordie Boniface. Most Improved: Blake Jackson

### **13<sup>th</sup> A**

### **Coach – Tom Gooday**

The Youth 13th grade team this year was full of positives and negative learning curves which the team had to face this year. Despite the team only succeeding in winning one game against the Papanui Redwood Sharks 7-3. I think the team enjoyed themselves just as much as a team that was winning week in and week out.

The first thing I tried to teach the team was that "the ball travels faster than you" to try and teach the kids that they weren't playing on junior football fields and they needed to be able to pass, communicate and defend with their other 10 players beside them to be successful, at times it was vivid and they played some amazing football that was beautiful to watch, at other times the team would be out of steam at half time and it would cause us to slip and fall behind on the scoreboard.

We struggled for most of the year without a designated keeper for our games but the men did well to share it around. Big thank you to Ben from the 12<sup>th</sup> grade team for playing majority of the second half of the season in goal. Did an amazing job in-between the sticks. Keep working and you'll become a top goal keeper!

Just would like to give a shout-out to all the parents that came to watch the kids every Saturday without failure, you guys made things a lot easier for me and could vent off to the kids when we knew they were doing something wrong. I think if we look at our parents/family attendance at each game we would have one that competition by a country mile so thank you so much, you guys were awesome.

Player of the year was a tough one but I wanted to pick a player for me that was going to go off to high school next year and be the player that made themselves present on and off the field, would come to every training with the right attitude and would communicate and listen just as well. But also showed the skills on the field that could get results. This player managed to score a lot of goals (14 of which came in three games) despite me playing him in the centre mid role for majority of the season which shows a lot of talent and vision.

Despite me thinking the whole team improved immensely I thought that the Phoenix brought some of his rugby mentality with him which I thought was a big asset to the team, he wouldn't be afraid to tackle a player and win the ball. He would fight till the end of the game and if I subbed him off he would give me about 30 seconds before asking to go back on. He definitely liked to voice his opinion to the team if something wasn't going right for the team. He was involved, which was what I wanted, and being his first year of football I think we could all agree he has the skills to become a great footballer. I remember in our very first game he ran the entire field against Medbury to score our very first goal of the season.

Player of the year for the team is Corban Fisher.

Most improved player for the team is Phoenix Goudie.

Up The Wood, Tom Gooday.

### **19<sup>th</sup> A**

### **Coach – Gerard Navickas**

Burwood AFC 19<sup>th</sup> grade had a mixed season. Starting off in Division 1 proved to be too difficult as the vast majority of the team should be at 17<sup>th</sup> grade and the 12 to 18 months age gap made a big difference. Division 2 was more our standard at this stage. We finished 4<sup>th</sup> in the final day with a defeat but a win could have consolidated 2nd place, no team in Division 2 was too difficult for us it was just individual mistakes but that can be rectified with training and this team has real potential for next season at 19<sup>th</sup> grade Division 2 as I'm sure a promotion to Division 1 will be on the cards ... onwards and upwards for these boys.

Player of the Year: Jason Sikma, Player's Player of the Year: Ben Magson.

### **Senior B**

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

The Burwood B team moved up to Division 4 this year, finishing a creditable 4<sup>th</sup>. Some good wins during the year and only a few disappointments. We were hit badly during the year with various injuries to players.

Both Richie and I have enjoyed coaching this great bunch of young men. There was some great football played during the year along with the usual laughs. All the best lads and we all look forward to next year giving it another crack. Big thanks to the partners, families and friends for their support during the season.

Coach Richie Mayo is off to Great Britain at the end of this year, we all wish him and Caroline the very best on their adventure in Pommie land (but come back soon).

Our record this year was: Played 15, Won 6, Drawn 2, Lost 6. Goals for 31, Goals against 30.

The team was (with goals in brackets):

Jason Brown (2), Liam Campfens (5), Devlin Coates (2), Fraser Crawford (7), Matthew Davison, Zeus Engineer (1), Scott Heads, Daniel Linden, Ben Mayo (2), Matthew Patterson (2), Nathan Ralfs (1), Hamish Sowden, Michael Sutton, Jordan Van der Wielen (8), Bradley Van Eyk Menkman, Lachlan Wallace (1), Adam Green.

Player of the Year: Liam Campfens. Most Valuable Player: Ben Mayo.

### Senior Reserves

Coach – Paul Auld, Manager – Mark Tolchard

There were many positives for the 2017 season.

New players for the team, Josh, Braydon, Matt, Tom B, Taine and Hamza, were very valuable gains for the club. 26 different players had game time for the reserves, while this did create some issues these things happen because of injuries, absences, work, etc. The only area where we were consistent was the back four of Shaun, Joel, Josh and Nick, and this was the strength of the team.

The team never gave up and towards the end of the season had some great results, including beating the runaway competition winners Selwyn 3-1.

Thanks to Ben for all his work as captain, and Nick and Braydon who filled in.

Thanks to Mark H and Shane the first team coaches for all their hard work, and Phil for his fitness work.

Congratulations to the Player of the Year Cameron Kilty and Most Valuable Player Shaun Burke.

Huge thanks to Mark T for all his work as team manager. Looking forward to next season.

### Senior A

Coaches – Mark Hilhorst, Shane Cope, Manager – Phil Ward

Well the 2017 season is now over and for Shane and I, Our first season in charge has been a learning curve first getting to know the boys, then introduction a new style of football plus coming into a league that improved so much over the summer (by that I mean teams importing and paying players) that lifted the league to a new level.

Although the table shows we finished last, it doesn't tell you that in 3 games against MPL bound Selwyn we lead them all the way but couldn't finish the game off. This was the story of our season playing well being in front or level but not getting the result. To their credit the boys never gave up, they trained hard and played some great games but injuries, work, university commitments, the non-lights at training and some bad refs all contributed.

Highlights the 1st round English Cup win over Halswell 3-0 (two more goals disallowed) and the English Cup Quarter Final win over MPL side Western.

From where we were at the start of the season to where we finished we made a lot of progress and when we come back we start much further along. We have big plans for next season, if everyone gets on board then watch this space. Retention of players a must but also the addition of more is a must as well.

Player of the Year: Jamie Auld. Most Valuable Player: Nicholas Hay.

Up The Wood.

#### **Shirley Tennis Club – Junior Tennis** (located in Richmond Park)

Opening day – Saturday 26 August 2017

(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

Professional coaching provided as part of \$100.00 subscription

**First 50 new junior members to sign up and become financial members receive a new racket (worth \$50)**

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