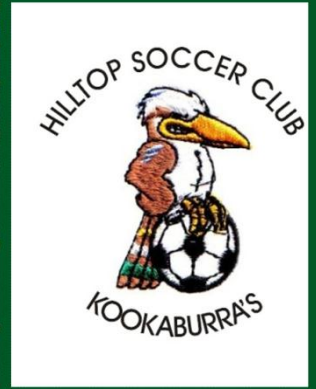


THE KOOKABURRA SQUAWK



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Welcome to the May edition of the Kookaburra Squawk newsletter. After a frustratingly wet start to the season it's great that teams finally hit the playing fields on April 26 to get their seasons underway following the dual wash-outs in rounds 1 and 2. Let's hope the weather stays kind for the remainder of the season (at least on Thursday, Friday and Saturday's!) and there are no more interruptions to our schedule. **GO KOOKABURRA'S !!!**

COACH CONTACT INFORMATION & WET WEATHER

Full contact details (mobile number & E-Mail) for all Hill Top Soccer Team's coaches is now available on the 'Coaches & Wet Weather' Tab in the main menu of the website. Please take the advice of your coach as the *single source of truth* for all game related matters. Also please keep in mind that circumstances for one team can be very-different for another team, so do-not pass your coaches information onto a player in another team – For Example, it might be raining in Bundanoon and your game is 'off', but sunny and dry in Yerrinbool where another Hill Top team is playing who's game is still 'on'.



SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY

Most members would be aware of the recent article on the club's website, outlining details of a new Social Media Policy which was introduced following the club's committee meeting on 17 March. To recap, the new policy was introduced as a measure to protect the club and its members, following some unfortunate comments published recently in social media forums (primarily Facebook) which left the club and its committee potentially liable for those same comments. To clarify the intent of the new social media policy, it's important to be mindful of the following key messages –

- The club *only* endorses information published on the official website and in this (Kookaburra Squawk) newsletter
- Comments or opinions published by members about the club, it's officials, or fellow members in any social media forum is *not endorsed* by the club
- Members who choose not to follow point 2 (and publish comments in forums about the club, officials, or members) leave themselves liable to potential expulsion from the club if the breach is deemed to be significant

A copy of the club's new Social Media Policy is permanently located on the 'Social Media policy' tab, located at the top right hand corner of the club's website



UPGRADES AT BORONIA PARK

New Storage Facility & Road Diversion Update

Further to our article in the previous issue, Wingecarribee Shire Council (as Trust Manager for Boronia Sportsground) was approved \$40,000 in state government funding via the Department of Trade and Investment Crown Lands - Public Reserves Management Fund Program (PRMFP).

The purpose of the grant is to provide a permanent maintenance storage facility as a replacement for the existing shipping containers. It is hoped that the securing of this grant will allow Council to leverage additional Council funds to provide additional roadwork's to upgrade the Carpark area, and relocate the existing access road to run behind the current amenities (canteen) building.

Joshua Patterson, Council's Recreation Planner, offers that "The securing of this grant is a great result for the user groups and broader Hill Top community, and follows on from the hard work shown by the Hill Top Soccer Club. The removal of the existing shipping container's and provision of a purpose built triple storage building will greatly enhance the general amenity, while the relocation of the access road will remove the considerable risks associated with vehicle movement through the sportsground"

HTSC president Mark Johnson was pleased with the outcome, noting "The club is happy to finally see the start of works after a slow and lengthy battle with regulation, and would like to thank Josh Patterson from the council for simplifying & speeding up the process. Hopefully works will now proceed quickly on all stages of works".



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VANDALISM AND BORONIA PARK

Everyone would be aware of the terrible damage caused to the playing surface at Boronia Park not that long ago, which had it not been for the bad weather, would have caused significant disruption to our season kick-off.

All club members are urged to be extra vigilant whenever they are in or around Boronia Park (particularly during the week / late evenings) and immediately report any suspicious behaviour, unusual activity, or vandalism to the police as an absolute priority. Help us protect our beautiful home ground so the whole community can continue to enjoy it!



BUNNINGS BBQ

A huge thanks to everyone who assisted at the previous Bunnings BBQ, an event that helped the club raise over \$600 on the day. It would be great if some new faces or different members volunteered for the next BBQ - simply contact Zac Connolly to register your interest (his contact number is on the club website).

Similarly, the club is also on the lookout for able helpers to assist with the BBQ at club home games. Please let Karen Johnson or Darlene Bishop know if you are interested, so a roster can be created. Please note that coverage at Bunnings BBQ's and Home Game BBQ's is undertaken on a pre-planned basis. Whilst all help is appreciated, the club cannot practically accommodate assistance without first being aware of your participation - ie: Please do not turn up to assist without pre-notice.



REGISTRATION AUDIT

The club president will be undertaking an audit of registration payments within the next 2 weeks, to confirm repayments are being honoured in accordance with commitments made. Any members who have failed to establish a plan or make regular agreed payments will be ineligible to play until such time as payments are brought up to date.

If you wish to avoid the embarrassment of being stood-down, please bring your repayments up-to-date as a priority. The club's Account Number details can be located on the club website under the 'Bank Details' tab in the main menu.



NEW PLAYING STRIPS

New playing strips are approximately 2 to 3 weeks away from being available to wear in games. Please be aware that all players will need to pay \$25 for matching shorts & socks.

Any player that hasn't purchased these when they are made available will unfortunately be ineligible to play. ie: Old style shorts/socks will not be permitted.

See the Club Website for a larger image of the new jersey.



KOOKABURRA'S PLAYER PROFILE

Emma Rumble – 2014 Under 14-15's

WHAT DREW YOU TO BEING A GOALKEEPER?

I wanted to try something different this year, being able to see the whole game play

MOST DIFFICULT PART OF PLAYING SOCCER?

Fitness Training

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO ACHIEVE IN 2014

Not being scared to dive

DESCRIBE YOUR COACH, MARK JOHNSON

He's a very good motivator – always explains and gives improvement tips. He never slackens off!

WHAT WAS YOUR WORST INJURY?

Dislocated shoulder

WHO IS YOUR FUNNIEST TEAMMATE?

Claire Mellish

WHAT IS YOUR MOST TREASURED POSSESSION?

My phone & music

FAVOURITE CARTOON?

South Park

MY LAST MEAL WOULD BE ...

Chicken and Mushroom Vol-Au-Vents

IF YOU WERE STRANDED ON AN ISLAND, WHAT WOULD BE YOUR 3 MOST ESSENTIAL ITEMS?

Food, Music, and Energy Drinks

WHAT WOULD YOU BUY WITH YOUR LAST \$50?

Caramel Magnum's

DO YOU HAVE A NICKNAME?

Rumble!



KOOKABURRA'S IN ACTION – ROUNDS 3 & 4



Brody Gilkes (U10's)
Vs. Mittagong G – Round 4



Luke Johnson (U11's)
Vs. Moss Vale – Round 4



Benny Brown (U6 R)
Vs. Bowral L – Round 4



Aaron Pike (U6 R)
Vs. Bowral L – Round 4



David Napper (U10's)
Vs. Yerrinbool – Round 3



Zac Bishop (U14/15's)
Vs. Bundanoon – Round 3

CAN YOU GUESS WHAT MARK IS SAYING?

Club president and Under 14/15's Coach Mark Johnson is seen here addressing his team after their game against Bundanoon in round 3

Can you guess what Mark is saying?

- A. Isn't the weather in Hill top Beautiful today
- B. Can anyone find a positive out of how we played today?
- C. Someone tell Karen I'm still waiting for that coffee!
- D. If I injure myself on that Gatorade bottle whoever put it there is in big trouble!

See last page for correct answer





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The Club would also like to thank Empire Cinema Bowral and Priceline Pharmacy Mittagong for their ongoing support in 2014

HILL TOP HARRY Says

“Did you know that Junior Teams (U6's to U11's) can now field up to 2 players from the next age group 'up' when a team is short of players? Speak to your coach about letting other teams know that your child is able to help out”



CORRECT QUIZ ANSWER – B. Can anyone find a positive out of how we played today?