



Brunswick Zebras FC Annual Report 2014.

Season 2014

President's Report 2014

2014 season again showed some strong demand for the small-sided football, some successes including three teams finishing runners up in their leagues: U12 boys , U13/14 girls and U15/16 girls West and a disappointing relegation of the senior men on a penalty shootout. The pitch at Sumner Park has had a lot of wear a consequence of early rains and the virtual loss of Ryder Oval for most of the season. As a consequence the Committee is trying to get resources together to fix the change rooms at Balfe Park to use it as a match day venue.

Due to the loss of Ryder Oval the only canteen that flourished was at Sumner and the team that ran it made it a focus of club life. Our sponsor Vittoria Coffee has also been invaluable in securing our reputation for a good coffee. Our relationship with Melbourne Victory saw teams participate in tournaments and our kids being involved in Victory games. We thank Melbourne Victory for their active support of our club.

We fielded competitive teams and managed some notable successes. The impact of the National Premier League (NPL) has been mixed. Many of our neighbouring clubs now field NPL teams and they have also established community clubs. This has dramatically increased the number of clubs in the area and hence the competition for players. We believe as a community club we need to continue to provide opportunities for all at modest costs.

The current committee continues to see the Zebras primarily as a community club with a mission to promote football and well-being. However the Club also wishes to contribute positively to establish paths for elite players. We want to be actively involved in the formation of a NPL Club for girls and women in the area. As the strongest club in the area for female football we believe we need to be involved in this important change. The committee has worked to ensure that teams were competitive, grounds were available and any potential conflict was dealt with quickly.

The Committee comprised a mixture of experienced and new members. In particular I want to recognise the invaluable work done by the committee and highlight the particular contributions of: Clare Corbet as secretary she dealt with the complexity of forms and websites and still provided a smiling face around the club; Theo Zafiropoulos for ensuring the canteen was always well stocked and our uniforms were ordered; Michael Bartley for all work and calming influence; Rob Barrese for sorting out the financial records and managing the canteen staff; Bill Intino for his coaching and ensuring the ground was ready for match day.

Thanks to all the volunteers, team managers, coaches, players and all the people that make it possible to field teams. We are a club with a justifiably proud reputation for sportsmanship.

I would like to thank Duncan Ryan Brazilian Soccer Schools staff for running our Saturday morning Small Sided Program. Duncan Ryan's support for the Club has got us out of some tricky situations.

Next year will be one of change. Clare Corbet will be standing down as secretary. We are also looking for technical director to work with the club and had some useful input from people in 2014. We want to spend money on Balfe Park and get it back to a condition we can use it for games.

I expect 2015 will present new challenges for the new committee. The current committee leaves the club in good shape. We are a large club with a strong presence in both girls and boys junior football. Our senior teams are competitive and moderately ambitious.

Carlo Carli
President Brunswick Zebras Football Club

Committee 2014

Office Bearers

Carlo Carli President
Clare Corbet Secretary
Rob Barrese Treasurer

Ordinary members

Micahel Bartley
Theo Zafiropoulos
Bill D'Intino

Club Sponsors 2014

Many thanks to our club sponsors:
Vittoria coffee
Jane Garrett MP

Club Profile 2014

319 registered players.

100 Girls and women

219 Boys and men

54 Saturday Small Sided Football or Miniroos (5—8 years)

59 Sunday SSF (9-11 years)

60 Junior girls (12-18 years)

80 Junior boys (12-18 years)

24 Open Age women

37 Open Age men

17 Teams

1 boys' team in the U9 and 11 age groups

2 in the U10 age group

1 girls' team in the U11 age group

5 junior boys teams U12-18

3 junior girls teams U12-18

2 open age men's teams

3 open age women's teams

Coaches Team Managers and Volunteers

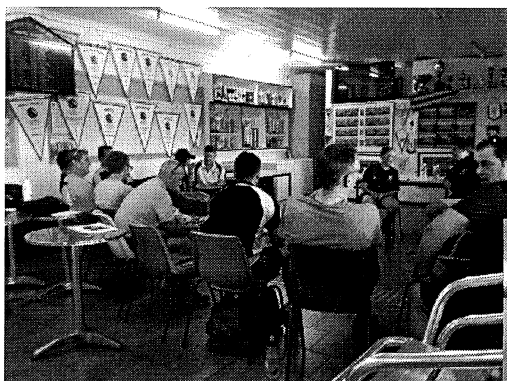
The club runs on the volunteer hours of coaches and team managers, committee members and other club members. Thank you to everyone who contributed their time to the club in 2014. Quite simply without this effort the club could not function, so congratulations to everyone for making season 2014 possible!

Just to provide a picture of this volunteer commitment I estimate that coaches average 8 hours per week, team managers 6 hours per week and Committee members collectively average 60 hours per week. These estimates are only for the 'good' or 'ordinary' week where nothing goes wrong and there is no special event to organise!

Robyn Thomas helped monitor the results logging process for all teams in the club.

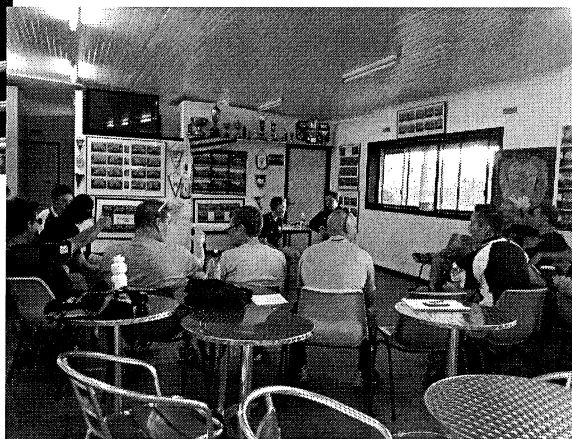
In 2014 we were fortunate to have a community member who offered his services to the club. Santo Caruso supported various teams throughout the season.

Coaches Training Courses



The club hosted one FFV coach's course that was well attended by club and community members during the 2014 season.

We hope to continue to provide these opportunities in the 2015 season and also include a first aid and lines person course.



Community Engagement



**MELBOURNE
ASIAN CUP 2014**



Come and support your team, make it a family day & enjoy the atmosphere

16 teams will compete in the first qualifying round on Sunday 26th October 2014



10:00am	Australia Malaysia	vs	Vietnam Zambia
12:00pm	Hong Kong Indonesia	vs	Afghan East Timor
2:00pm	Iraq China	vs	Burma Japan
4:00pm	Iran Afghan 2	vs	Thailand Nepal

See you at the Darebin International Sports Centre,
281 Darebin Road, Thornbury

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www.mcsa-web.org.au

Brunswick Zebras goal keeper coach Enso Neghad has continued to work with a young men's social football team for asylum seekers and refugees from the Iranian and Kurdish communities. The group has attracted a large number of enthusiastic players. The team has played a number of successful friendly games. Enso has not only provided coaching for the team but also used their time together to organise information sessions on Australian social, legal and community issues relevant to the group.

We have welcomed Enso's initiative and supported the team by providing playing kits and making Balfe Park available for training and matches.

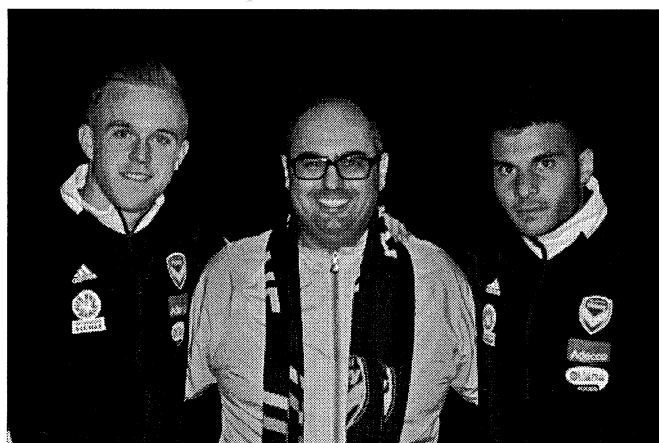
Enso has been declared the Iranian community ambassador for the 2015 Asian Champions League community tournament. He worked with the club secretary to secure a grant for the Iranian group to enter the community tournament.

Enso's role a community ambassador will open up exiting opportunities for Brunswick Zebras to participate in Asian Champions League community events in 2015.

Melbourne Victory Night

Brunswick Zebras association with Melbourne Victory FC through the Club Victory program offered some great benefits for our players. During the season we hosted a successful players visit welcoming Andrew Nabbout and Connor Pain at Sumner Park. The two young Victory stars joined in training activities with many Zebras teams, signed autographs and chatted with excited Zebras players.

Zebras also got the opportunity to provide ball squads and mascots during the A league season.

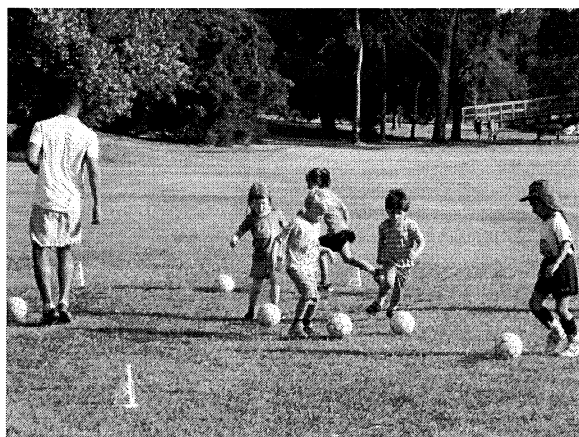


Brunswick Zebras Saturday SSF 2014

The club Saturday morning SSF program for 5-8 year olds was run in partnership with Brazilian Soccer Schools this season. The program was a success attracting a total of 54 children during terms 1, 2 and 3.

The program was structured by age group and focussed on lots of engaging play based skill activities and small games. It was pleasing to see an increased number of girls participating this season.

A highlight of the program was a Gala day at Clifton Hill FC. All the children enjoyed the opportunity to play small games against teams from other clubs.



Club Award Winners 2014

Name	Citation
Zoe Hodgetts U15/16B Girls West	Best and Fairest Junior Player (Female U12-16)
Cosimo Russo U16A Boys	Best and Fairest Junior Player (Male U12-16)
Hamid Naemi State 4 Women and Russell Eicke U15/16B Girls Nth (joint winners)	Coach of the Year (Female Teams)
Joseph Franzoni U 16A Boys	Coach of the Year (Male Teams)
Jane Arnett U15/16B Girls Nth	Team Manager of the year (Female Teams)
Sean Farrell U13B Boys	Team Manager of the Year (Male Teams)
Enso Neghad (Goal Keeper Coach)	D'Intino Award (best club person)

