

THE KOOKABURRA SQUAWK HILL TOP SOCCER CLUB

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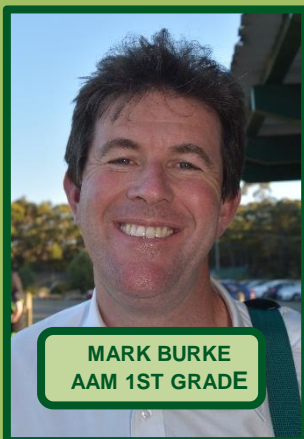
Welcome to the May edition of the Kookaburra Squawk newsletter. Did you know we have the descendent of a Manchester United legend playing at our club? Find out who it is, as well as how they have started playing in season 2016. We take a pictorial look at our Under 6 Green team's Gala Day at Bowral, as well as see how our Under 13's faired at the annual Antony Liberale Cup hosted by HTSC at the end of April. We say thank you to the 12 magnificent men who have put up their hands to coach our teams in 2016, as well as check in with the finely tuned machine that is our third grade team. Finally, we profile Youth's Lucas Carpenter before checking in on where the club stands with its 2016 registration campaign

HILL TOP HARRY CATCHES UP WITH JUDY & DAVID PACKER

"Do you know if they still hand out knighthoods these day's Mick?"

"Not Sure Harry, but if Hill Top had a King & Queen It would most certainly be Jude & Dave"





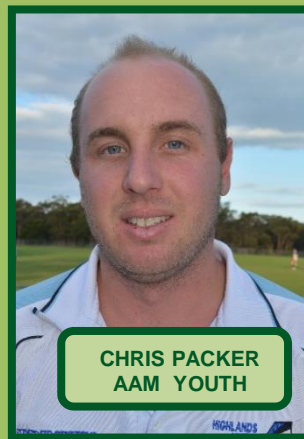
MARK BURKE
AAM 1ST GRADE



SCOTT REECE
AAM RES GRADE



JOHN PARSONS
AAW PREMIER



CHRIS PACKER
AAM YOUTH



CHRIS CASH
AAM 3RDS & U8'S

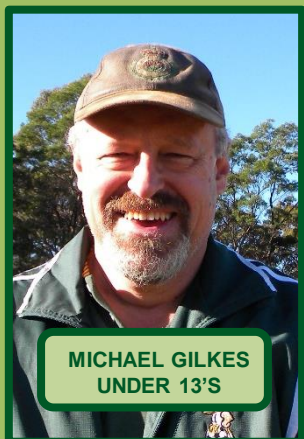
**HILL TOP SOCCER
CLUB
COACH
ROSTER
FOR SEASON 2016**

Our club is very fortunate to have these 12 dedicated individuals, who give up their time and effort each week in guiding the fortunes of our teams throughout the 2016 soccer season. A huge thank you to each and every one of you from the Hill Top Soccer Club committee, the parents & families and players - all of whom would be much poorer if you were not there.

YOU ARE ALL HEROES !



NATHAN BISHOP
UNDER 15'S



MICHAEL GILKES
UNDER 13'S



GARRY GEORGE
UNDER 11'S



STEVE SARGEANT
UNDER 6'S RED



AARON FOX
UNDER 6'S GREEN



MATT FUSSELL
UNDER 7'S



DAVID MIDDLETON
UNDER 9'S



REGISTRATION UPDATE - WELL DONE MEMBERS!



It is with great pleasure to report that of the 143 active players the club has registered for 2016, only 3 players have outstanding registration, who are currently stood down from participating. This number does not include the AAM 3rd grade team who are working to a slightly different timeframe due to their late entry into the competition. When the club announced it was reforming its registration rules, there was a fair bit of debate surrounding the merit of the changes, however, this result is a great reflection on all players & parents, and something we can all be very, very proud of. WELL DONE TO ALL KOOKABURRA'S !!!



KOOKABURRAS MAKE A RETURN TO 3RD GRADE



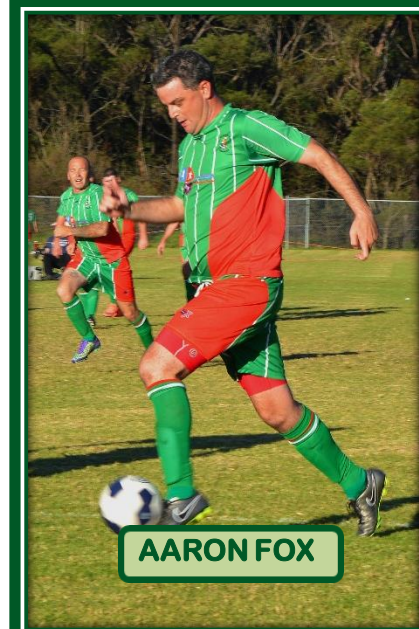
After an absence of just on four years, Hill Top Soccer Club answered the call of the HSA in entering a 6th team into the 2016 third grade competition, assembling a motley crew of former club legends, current players, and total newbies, in bringing the total number of HTSC teams up to thirteen for 2016. Undoubtedly the biggest concern for new thirds coach Chris Cash was the attrition rate of his newly assembled squad, with the score card showing significantly more injuries than goals after the first 2 rounds of competition (although Andy 'Hicko' Hickman was quick to point out his round one own goal V Mossy was a finely crafted piece of football that his teammates are yet to match) It's fairly safe to say there will be no Parramatta Eels-like salary cap drama's with this group of likely lads, who's only issue with 'third parties' would be the location of the party, and if team skipper Aaron Fox had made sure it was well and truly catered for!



SCOTT FLEETON



TROY BISHOP



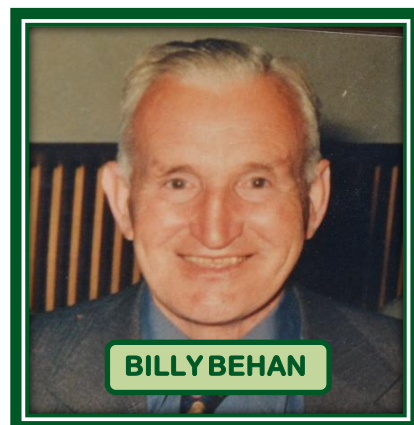
AARON FOX



SOCCER ROYALTY ALIVE IN OUR UNDER 13'S



Little did Hill Top Soccer Club know about the bloodlines of new Under 13's player Rachel Behan when she signed-up for her first season of soccer earlier this year. Not only did HTSC sign up an excellent young player, the club also now has in its playing ranks the descendent of a Manchester United football legend from the 1930's. The Squawk has learned that Rachel's great grandfather, William "Billy" Behan, was a world class goalkeeper throughout Europe in



BILLY BEHAN

the 1930's, plying his trade for Shelbourne and Shamrock Rovers in his native Ireland, before moving to Manchester United in 1934. After Billy retired he became a respected referee and was in charge of the 1943 FA Cup Final, before finishing up as Manchester United's Irish talent scout in the late 1950's. Billy passed away at the age of 80 in Nov 1991. Whilst not specialising in goals like her great grandfather, Rachel has made an excellent start to her career for the Kookaburra's, displaying a tough, no-nonsense approach on the football field, and impressing her coach Michael Gilkes with her dogged determination and willingness to stick to her opponent in all situations. Well done Rachel on a bright start to your career, and thanks for sharing your story with the Squawk!



RACHEL AT THE U13'S LIBERALE CUP



RACHEL DISPLAYS BILLY'S MEDALS



SOCCER ROYALTY ALIVE IN OUR UNDER 13'S



if, Tuesday, November 12, 1991

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You find 'em, I'll mind 'em . . .



ELDER STATESMEN . . . Mr Manchester United Sir Matt Busby (right) and the man who unearthed a wealth of Irish talent for the Red Devils Billy Behan

Irish soccer's starmaker dies

IRISH Soccer last night lost one of its favourite sons when Billy Behan, player, referee, and famed Manchester United scout, died in a Dublin hospital.

He had celebrated his 80th birthday last August and his passing will be mourned by all who knew him.

Billy, a native of his beloved Ringsend, lived for football. His genial smile and gentle manner were a welcome sight at football matches in Dublin for decades.

A goalkeeper of imposing bulk and good reflexes, he joined Manchester United from Shamrock Rovers in the early Thirties. Although he played for United's first team on a number of occasions, he rejoined the Hoops in time to an FAI Senior Cup medal in 1936.

He later took up refereeing, which he personally regarded as his forte, despite his success as a player and later as a scout.

His first signing for United was the great Johnny Carey in 1937.

From then on Behan, Matt Busby, and Manchester United were a formidable unit.

Liam Whelan, Johnny Giles, Tony Dunne, Eamon Dunphy, Don Givens, Mick Martin, Gerry Daly, Ashley Grimes, Kevin Moran, and Paul McGrath were all signed by Behan and went on to play for the Republic of Ireland.

Sir Matt Busby, the creator of the post-War Manchester United legend, led the tributes to his friend of more than 55 years.

"I am very sad to hear that Billy is gone. He was a great friend of mine and we shared many happy days together.

"Billy was a great judge of footballers

BILLY BEHAN

John Giles said: "It's sad news. I knew Billy when I was a boy, as he was very friendly with my father. When he came to our house to sign me for Manchester United, he didn't have to ask twice.

"Billy loved football, loved watching all those games he attended all over Dublin in the search for new talent. He had a marvellous instinct for what makes a good player and he was a lovely person."

From Istanbul, Paul McGrath and Kevin Moran remembered with affection the big, kindly man who offered them the key to an undreamt of career in top class Soccer.

Said McGrath: "I'm shocked and saddened to hear about Billy's death. I owe everything to him."

Kevin Moran's horizons spanned no further than playing for Dublin's GAA team when Behan swooped to sign him after seeing him play for Pegasus against Dundalk in the FAI Cup in 1978.

"He gave me an opportunity that I could not resist. I would have kicked myself if I had turned it down. I owe Billy so much, and he and his late wife Vera, were very good friends to me," said Moran.

Both players sent their condolences to Billy's family. On behalf of the sports staff of Independent Newspapers, we echo those sentiments.

● The removal is today, arriving at St Patrick's Church, Ringsend, at 6.0. The funeral is tomorrow after 11.0 Mass to Shanganagh Cemetery. No flowers are requested and donations if desired to Our Lady's Hospice, Harold's Cross.



MAKING BILLY VERY PROUD!



RACHEL v MOSS VALE - ROUND 1

BILLY BEHAN'S PASSING IN 1991 WAS HUGE NEWS IN THE UK, BEING AFFORDED A STATE FUNERAL IN HIS NATIVE HOME OF IRELAND. BILLY WAS WIDELY RECOGNISED AS THE PREMIER TALENT SCOUT OF HIS TIME IN THE UK, IDENTIFYING MANY OF THE EPL'S STARS WHO WERE HOUSEHOLD NAMES IN THE 70'S



ANTONY LIBERALE CUP FOR U13 TEAMS

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12 TEAM TOURNAMENT - BORONIA PARK – 30 APRIL 2016



RHYS GILKES



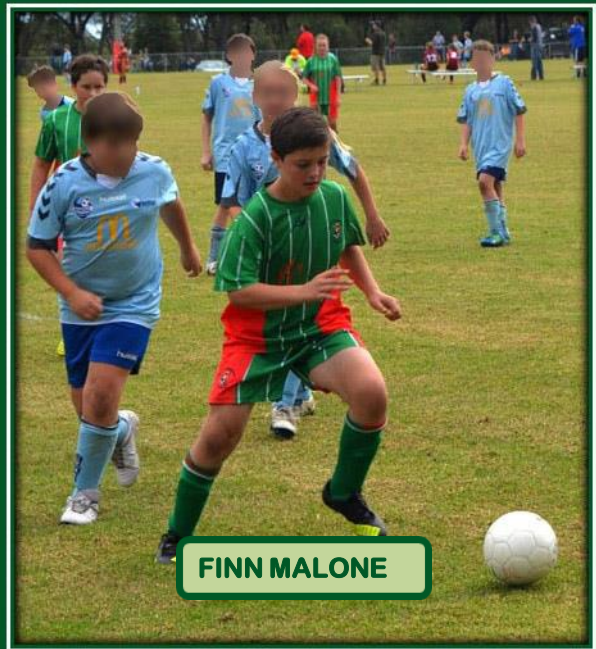
CALUM FRASER



DYLAN RUITERS



RACHEL BEHAN



FINN MALONE

Hill Top's Under 13's did the club proud at the annual Antony Liberale Cup on Saturday, 30 April, coming in 3rd place in the 12 team knock out tournament. Finishing top of Pool B, the young Kookaburra's had three wins and two draws from their 5 pool games, which included 5 consecutive clean-sheets in not conceding a single goal in their five pool games. Coach Michael Gilkes was delighted with the excellent team effort, which saw great contributions across the entire roster



ANTONY LIBERALE CUP FOR U13 TEAMS

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BORONIA PARK, HILL TOP, SATURDAY 30 APRIL 2016



A SCRAMBLE IN THE GOAL BOX v MOSS VALE AS FINN MALONE HITS THE DECK



DAVID NAPPER



BREANNA MARTIN



UNDER 6'S GALA DAY 2016

UNDER 6'S GREEN – PHOTO GALLERY

DAVID WOOD FIELD, BOWRAL - 30 APRIL 2016



JAXON BIRD



TAHLIA VAN HAEFF



MARCUS WESTNIDGE



MASON RUITERS



ETHAN DAYBALL



ELLA MURRAY

Our two Under 6's teams enjoyed a wonderful day at East Bowral, playing in the annual Under 6's Gala Day. Thank you to Allys Murray for supplying this fantastic photo gallery of our Under 6 Green team in action, playing games, learning skills & having a really great time with their team mates!



UNDER 6'S GALA DAY 2016
UNDER 6'S GREEN – PHOTO GALLERY
DAVID WOOD FIELD, BOWRAL - 30 APRIL 2016



MARCUS WESTNIDGE & KOBE FOX



TAHLIA VAN HAEFF & ELLA MURRAY



ITS HARD WORK BEING AN UNDER 6! TIME TO GET INTO THE GOOD STUFF!



KOOKABURRA'S PLAYER PROFILE

LUCAS CARPENTER – YOUTH GRADE



YOUR FAVORITE TV SHOW

Arrow

FAVORITE MEAL OR FOOD

Chicken Nuggets

WHAT OTHER SPORTS DO YOU LIKE?

Cricket

MOST PEOPLE KNOW YOUR NICKNAME IS 'POOKIE' HOW DID YOU GET IT?

My mum made it up for me!

MEMORIES OF YOUR FIRST GAME OF SOCCER FOR HILL TOP ?

Having all my friends in the same team

WHO'S YOUR FUNNIEST TEAMMATE?

Dylan Errington

YOUR MOST ANNOYING TEAMMATE?

Daniel Kearney

WHAT MAKES YOU ANGRY ON THE FIELD

Bad Sportsmanship

WHAT'S YOUR WORST HABIT?

Wasting Money ..

DESCRIBE YOUR COACH, CHRIS PACKER

Chris is both a great player & great coach. He brings the best out in all of the team with his skills, drills, tips and jokes!

YOUR THREE MOST IMPORTANT THINGS IF STRANDED ON AN ISLAND?

Food, Knife and Daniel Kearney ..

FAVORITE MEMORY FROM WINNING LAST YEARS UNDER 15'S GRAND FINAL?

Coming back from 3-0 down, never giving up, then going on to win the game in pens!





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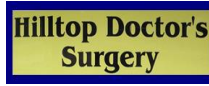
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