



## **Message from the President**



Welcome everyone to the 2019 Football season.

How time flies. It seems like only yesterday we were arranging presentation nights and end of year events for 2018.

I would like to personally say a huge thank you to all the members who had the confidence in myself to elect me as the new President of this great club for 2019. It's a privilege to be able to follow in the footsteps of our previous elected Presidents.

I would also like to acknowledge the elected committee members for the 2019 season. For the many people who may not know myself, I'm extremely grateful to have been a part of this great club for 26 years. As a player (Best and Fairest, Senior Captain, Players Player award winner), Coach, Volunteer and Committee member. My mother Jenny Harvey has also been a senior team manager for 10 years, also a life member. For which I am extremely proud. What this club has provided to myself and my family personally over the years is indescribable, now I feel it's time to contribute as much as I can. I take all these experiences into this role to provide a holistic approach to improving our great club.

Welcome to our fantastic new committee members, and welcome back to those invaluable people who have volunteered their services yet again. Observing already what these people have achieved is beyond belief and highly motivating. Volunteering and giving, seeing the joy and excitement of our Parents, Coaches, Members, Junior and Senior players truly is the key to a fulfilling life. We still have outstanding open positions for some key roles. If you want to join a fantastic team and contribute in any way you can, we would love to have you on our team.

Once again as a committee we have been working hard in the background. We have been working with the council trying to lock in grounds for our training sessions to ensure we cater for our club and our growing numbers, as well as catering for our other tenants, Rugby, BASL and Bendigo City.

This year we will be involved in Boys and Girls FC once again, a substantial fundraiser for the club. We will be asking for volunteers to assist us in this endeavour. These fundraisers assist with equipment and keeping player's fees down, so any help will be great. We have upgraded our communications this year through our Facebook page (Epsom FC- Soccer in Bendigo) for all members, to help assist all of our members in any way possible. If you have an idea or a thought, throughout 2019, please let us know, as we sit here as representatives for every member. I have never known a positive or negative thought and/or idea that has not been beneficial in some way.

A massive thank you to our major sponsors, The Bendigo Stadium, Mercedes Benz Bendigo, The Human Mechanics and Interact Us. Without your support our 30+ junior and 4 senior teams would not have the equipment and development opportunities they have today. Please make these supporters your first stop when looking for their services.

I look forward to catching up with as many members as I can this year and will be out and about on as many Saturdays and Sundays as I possibly can. Good luck to all teams for the up and coming season. Let's have everyone on the sidelines and those on the ground, encourage everyone in a positive manner and show everyone what true sportsmanship is.

Thank you,  
Trevor Harvey

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Keep up to date with updates and information regarding the club on our Official Facebook Page -

Epsom FC - Soccer in Bendigo

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# The Scorpion

## Epsom FC Official Newsletter



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### 2019 Registrations Open!

The 2019 season is fast approaching, and we have opened and are accepting registrations for all ages. Get in quick, we don't want you missing out.

Our website had been updated with finalised fees for 2019 and a step by step process to registering, as well as links to support/help pages, and contact details of the correct committee members that can provide assistance. Click on the "Registrations" tab to access this information.

The registration system has changed this year and is simple and user friendly.

We ask you to be careful when completing the process via, [www.playfootball.com.au](http://www.playfootball.com.au), as all players require a new account but please use the same email you had for the old "MyFootballClub" system to link previous playing history, doing this also keeps your current FFA Number which we recommend doing. When registering there is a comment box, it is for any requests you wish to make and we will try and assist your request, eg you want your child to play in same team as year before etc. Please feel free to contact us if you require any assistance.

**ALL JUNIORS AND SENIORS NEED TO REGISTER ASAP!!!**

## Major Sponsors

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On behalf of everyone at Epsom FC, a massive thank you to all our major sponsors that will support and contribute to us in 2019.

Our 2019 Major Sponsor –

### Bendigo Stadium

Our Other 2019 Major Sponsors –

### Human Mechanics Epsom

### Mercedes Benz Bendigo

### Interact Us

\*Click on the Sponsors names to access their websites.

## Boys & Girls FC Volunteers

Epsom FC has once again regained the rights to cater, organize, and operate the canteen and BBQ, as well as set up the Boys & Girls FC in 2019. This event requires an important input from a vast number of our members as it is the clubs major fundraiser for 2019, and any contribution will be greatly appreciated.

The event will be held this weekend on the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> of March. If anyone is able to volunteer their time for a couple of hours to contribute to such a substantial fundraiser for the club please message our Facebook Page to sort out details.

## Boys & Girls FC Paid Work

We are also in charge of organising workers to help set up/pack up and to be ground marshals. These roles are paid positions and we can take the money earned off your fees or direct deposit it into your bank account. The pay rate is \$15 per hour.

Set Up (Paid Role) –

- Thursday 21st, March 3pm onwards.
- Friday 22nd, March 3pm onwards.

Marshalling (Paid Role) –

- 8am Saturday (23rd) till 5.00pm.
- 8am Sunday (24th) till about 3pm with pack up.



## Minor Sponsors

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On behalf of everyone at Epsom FC, a massive thank you to all our minor sponsors that will support and contribute to us in 2019.

Our 2019 Minor Sponsors –

[The Bridge Hotel](#)

[George's Bakehouse](#)  
[Huntly](#)

[The Zone](#)

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If you are or know of a business interested in sponsoring us, feel free to contact us.

## 2019 Committee

*President – Trev Harvey*

*Vice President – Liz Graco*

*Secretary – Andrea Caldow*

*Treasurer – Natasha Zimmer*

*Communications – Kyle Smith*

*Events – Jonah Pisevski*

*Catering/Canteen – Bron Claney*

*Senior Coordinator – Jenny Harvey*

*Junior Competitive Coordinators – Paul Dixon & Craig McMurray*

*Junior Non-Competitive Coordinators (U8-U10) – Felicity*

*Horsburgh & Sarah Fitzpatrick*

*BASL Representative – Jarrah O'Shea*

*Senior Representative – Jack Bourke*

We are still looking for diligent and passionate personal who are willing to contribute to the club and join our committee, with the following roles still not filled. If you know of anyone that could be interested, please get them to contact us via our Facebook Page or Email.

Committee Roles –

- *Junior Non-Competitive Coordinator (U6-U7)*
- *Junior Property Coordinator*

Volunteer Roles –

- *Grounds (Set Up/Pack Up on Saturday)*

All positions listed above come with discounted fees for yourself and/or your children.

## 2019 Fees

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Non-Competitive Juniors  
\$170

Competitive Juniors  
\$180

Youth  
\$280

Seniors (who are  
Unemployed / Student /  
Apprentice)  
\$285

Seniors (Div 1 & 2 and  
Women's)  
\$360

Fees must be paid prior to  
start of the season.

- 7th April 2019 for  
Competitive Juniors and  
Seniors
- 27th April 2019 for  
Junior Non-Competitive

Please note if they are not  
paid prior to the season  
start, then this could  
jeopardise the player  
taking the pitch for the first  
game.

## Non-Competitive Juniors

This year the Non-Competitive Juniors will begin a 16 round season on the 27<sup>th</sup> of April.

## Competitive Juniors

The Competitive Juniors will begin on the 6<sup>th</sup> of April, with the first part of the season being a League Cup lasting 4 weeks, which will also double as a final grading decision process. After the League Cup, there will be a 14 Round Season with a 3 week final series following.

Pre-season training for our competitive junior players in ages U12, U14 & U16s has commenced for 2019.

Group training will be held within each age group until the teams are finalised.

Once teams have been chosen, the players will be advised of their coach, training night, training time and pitch.

- *Under 12's - 6.30pm-7.30pm, Pitch 2*
- *Under 14's - 5pm-6.15pm, Pitch 4*
- *Under 16's - 5pm-6.15pm, Pitch 4*

Further enquiries may be emailed to the Competitive Junior Coordinators, Paul Dixon & Craig McMurray, at;  
[juniors11to16@epsomfc.com.au](mailto:juniors11to16@epsomfc.com.au)



## Important Dates (Juniors)

3<sup>rd</sup> April –  
Meet the Coaches  
(Non-Competitive)

6<sup>th</sup> April –  
Competitive Juniors First  
Game of the Pre-Season  
Cup

15<sup>th</sup> April –  
Coaches/Facilitators  
Meeting

27<sup>th</sup> April –  
Non-Competitive First  
Game of the Season

11<sup>th</sup> May -  
First Game of the BASL  
Championship Season  
(Competitive)

1<sup>st</sup> June –  
BASL Silent Round

## Senior Men, Women, & Youth

BASL have confirmed the senior season will start on Sunday the 7<sup>th</sup> of April. Epsom have been given the Bye for the 1<sup>st</sup> Round, and will face Colts on Sunday the 14<sup>th</sup>.

All 4 of our senior teams have begun training for the 2019 season. We are still looking for more numbers in these teams, so please don't hesitate to come along and tell your friends!

### Senior Men (Div 1 & 2) & Youth Training –

Tuesday & Thursday at 7pm-8:30pm

### Women's Training –

Thursday at 6:30pm-8pm



## Goalkeeper Training

We currently have a once a week training specific for goalkeepers, run by Joel Pitts. A former goalkeeper at the club, Joel has willingly volunteered his time to help develop and improve our keepers. Goalkeeper training is held every Tuesday night from 6pm to 7pm down at Epsom.



## Important Dates (Seniors)

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7<sup>th</sup> April –  
First Round of Seniors (Vs  
the BYE)

14<sup>th</sup> April –  
Our First Actual Game Vs  
Colts

20<sup>th</sup> July –  
Kevin Merchant Cup Vs  
Strathdale  
(Saturday Game)

## Referees

We are looking for anybody who will be interested in being a club referee with us this year, you will get paid! As a club we need to provide a referee for all home games from Under 8's to Under 16's except competitive games with a BASL referee. If you are interested please email [treasurer@epsomfc.com.au](mailto:treasurer@epsomfc.com.au) for more information and details.

## 2018 Honour Roll

At Epsom FC, we pride ourselves not simply on the results, but how we achieve improved sporting performance and acquire new skills. All players, parents, coaches, officials, supporters and everyone at the club should be proud of the steps that we all made in 2018.

In addition, this year we also pay congratulations to the following teams:

**Seniors –**

**Youth: Championship Winners and League Cup Winners**



**Competitive Juniors –**

**U16A Stingers: Championship Winners & League Cup Winners**

**U16B Scorpions: Championship Runner Up & League Cup Winners**

**U14B Stingers: Championship Winners and League Cup Runner Up**

**U14B Strikers: League Cup Semi Finalists**

**U12B Scorpions: League Cup Semi Finalists**

## \$1000 Draw (Event)

Our first social event of 2019 will be held on Friday the 12<sup>th</sup> of April.. Save the date!!

More details to come soon.

You won't want to miss it. It'll be a fantastic time, and you might leave richer.

Make sure you follow our Facebook Page, Epsom FC – Soccer in Bendigo, so when we release details you're the first to know!



Jye, Barry & the 16A Stingers

Pete Harris & the 16B Scorpions

## 2018 Senior Presentation Night

The senior presentation was a huge success at the end of last year with over 120 people in attendance for a night of celebration. Life members returned, players gathered with partners and parents, to celebrate and remember the 2018 season. We also said goodbye to Tony Hill, President for the last 10 years, and Peter Raeburn, retired from coaching after back to back Youth Championships. We thank them for their efforts and service to the club.

### President's Award –

Natasha Zimmer

### Wayne Smith Club Person of the Year –

Peter Raeburn, & Liz Graco

### Division 1 Best & Fairest – Trophy Donated by Jenny Baker –

Jack Kelly, September Htoo, & Pa Naing Paw

### Division 1 Player's Player – Gerry & Carol Smith Perpetual –

Jack Kelly

### Division 2 Best & Fairest – Trophy Donated by Deon Pearce –

Lachie Linton

### Division 2 Player's Player – Greg Warren Perpetual Trophy –

Hamish Gladstone

### Women's Best & Fairest – Trophy Donated by the Nicolson Family –

Caitlin Green

### Women's Player's Player – Trophy Donated by the Hill Family –

Caitlin Green

### Youth Best & Fairest – Luke Hercus Memorial Trophy –

Kyle Smith

### Youth Player's Player – Trophy Donated by the Harvey Family –

Kyle Smith

