

Blues News

The official Newsletter of the CROYDON JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB & CROYDON BLUES AUSKICK

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Well it has finally happened. Yes, we actually started the season and all that work finally paid off. I would like to thank the Committee for all its hard work in getting players organised, registered, fitted with mouth guards and fitted with the correct apparel.

Our sides wore black armbands as a mark of respect for Neville Campbell, a long serving Committee member, who passed away recently.

It would be great to see a lot of our players come to the grounds with the Croydon Junior tops and jackets on. This makes our teams look organised and professional, and it gives the kids a buzz to be identified as part of a team. We keep the costs low so, if you can, see one of the Committee at training or on Match Day and get your kids decked out. See page 4 of this Newsletter for details.

I would also like to thank Ray Thatcher from Norwood Upholstery for the Team Managers' Bags. They look so much more professional than our old striped bags.

All these things have gone towards making the start of our season positive and we look forward to a successful year, both on and off the field.

Michael Robinson
President

Round 2 FIXTURE ~ Sunday 30th April

TEAM	PLAYING		TIME	GROUND	MELWAYS	SHORTS
U9	St Simons White	Away	9:30am	Liberty Reserve Liberty Ave. Rowville	82A4	Blue
U10	East Ringwood	Home	9:30am	Barngeong Reserve Bambra St, North Croydon	37 E10	Blue
U11	Blackburn	Away	10:55am	Morton Park Central Rd. Blackburn	48A10	Blue
U12	Blackburn	Home	10:55am	Barngeong Reserve Bambra St, North Croydon	37 E10	Blue
U13	Norwood Black	Home	12:30pm	Barngeong Reserve Bambra St, North Croydon	37 E10	Blue
U14	Mitcham / Ringwood	Away	12:30pm	Jubilee Park (No. 1 Oval)	49H11	White
U15	Rowville Hawks	Away	2:30pm	Seebeck Oval Stud Rd. Rowville	81H7	White

Please Note ~ We are playing our HOME matches back at Barngeong Reserve this week!!!

Coaches' Rap

Under 9s

CROYDON vs BORONIA GOLD

Awards......James McKendry, Aiden Thompson, Luke Styles, Luke Sparks, Dillon Williams

The boys seemed well in control and dominated from the start. A special mention to Mitchell Burke for great coverage and to Lucas Anderson for a great effort. James McKendry was very talented and kept the ball in our forward line with constant pressure. Well done boys and we can look forward to a great game against St Simons this week.

Go Blues!

Dean Williams

Under 10s

CROYDON vs BORONIA

Awards......Riely Garland, Darcy Carrigan, Oliver Smith, Emmiley Keogh, Thomas Jorden

Not knowing whether we would have a side, it was great to see us do so well!!! A great effort by the whole side. A great effort by all the helpers to get the side up.

Trevor Carrigan

Under 11s

CROYDON vs NORWOOD BLACK

Awards......Jack Larkin, Jake Smith, Lachlan Hampton, Nathan Warner, Jarrad Partier

Well, it was our start to the season—two Practice Matches, two wins. We started off very slowly and it showed on the scoreboard. To the boys' credit, they came out after half time and played like we know they can. We will take a lot out of this game and we will improve quite a lot I hope.

Go Blues!

Paul Trowsdale

Under 12s

CROYDON 10.8.68 vs BORONIA GOLD 3.4.22

Awards......Kieran, Oscar, Josh Schille, Josh Curry, Shaun, Jordon Williams, Toby, Ben

The best way to start the season is winning and the boys took control from the first bounce and played good, hard, desperate football for 3½ quarters. It was good to see every player having a go, and contributing to a good team effort. The scoreboard tells the story with a 46 point win.

Well done everyone on a great game!

Alan Wilkins

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Coaches' Rap (cont'd)

Under 13s

CROYDON 0.1.1 vs ROWVILLE 27.31.193

Awards Jesse McLaren, Ben Slattery, Paul Thatcher

Today was the day we came up against a side that has won every game in the past three years, and also won the flag in the U12s last year. So, with no players on the bench and eighteen players on the ground, we were no match against a side that had almost every player as tall or if not taller than our tallest players. To our boys—on the day they fought it out to their best of their ability and from this I will leave it at that.

Ray Thatcher

Under 14s

CROYDON 7.13.55 vs KILSYTH 2.11.23

Awards Harrison Clark, Brett Binning, Trent Gniel, Dylan Lemmings

Great effort guys. The first quarter was not the best because we didn't get in and get the ball. The next 3 quarters were great—our running game kicked in and we won the ball at ground level.

Congratulations guys!

Ryan Sleeman

Under 15s

CROYDON 3.2.20 vs VERMONT 19.19.133

GoalsChad Millard, Jaydn Cass, Ryan Toohey

Awards......Macca, Byrnsey, Eggy, Toohey, Hughes

A slow start to the season, where the guys were shown what was needed for games going forward. A stronger effort in the last quarter saw us able to hold our heads higher at the siren, but hard work to come.

Simon Fielding

EFL Website

CROYDON JUNIORS

Not just a Football Club,
a Family Club!

A lot of people have enquired about the EFL Website. The correct address is **www.efl.org.au**. This site contains lots of information for parents and players.

As a new initiative Lou Dardengo will be updating the Croydon Juniors Site for us this season. Please gather photos etc. so we can use them on this Site. There will be more information to follow on this Project—keep an eye on future Newsletters.

U10s

More Players needed

U13s

Our U10 & U13 sides need more players. Spread the word...tell your friends, family, neighbors and anyone else you may know with a Junior to 'come on down' and join us!! Check your mates at school.





Trivia Night

It would appear that not everyone is aware of the date change for the Trivia Night

The new date is:



PLEASE PUT THIS IN YOUR CALENDAR.
MORE DETAILS WILL FOLLOW!!!

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Merchandise

We have the following items available for sale from Dee Fraser at the Canteen on Game Day & training sessions—

Kid's Polos	\$20
Adult's Polos	\$25
Warm-Up Jackets (Kid's sizes)	\$35

Player Fees Due

Could all parents please finalise payments for players—by **no later than Round 3** (3rd May).

Please mail payments or pay Ken Edwards, our Treasurer, directly.

DO NOT GIVE PAYMENTS TO TEAM MANAGERS



Hughes Park

We have been fortunate to gain the use of Hughes Park for 8 rounds this Season. Unfortunately, the Council cannot guarantee the use of the ground to our Club for next Season.

Your Committee will be working with the existing Clubs at Hughes Park, and also the Council, to try and come to an arrangement that will allow us to have access to this wonderful facility going forward.

Barngeong Reserve will remain listed as our Home Ground and training will remain at Barngeong. We will give clear directions in the Newsletter when we have the use of the Hughes Park ground on game days.

Back to Hughes Awards Night

We will be having an Award Presentation and BBQ on Sunday 7th May at 5:00pm for all age groups at Hughes Park Club Rooms—Maroondah Hwy, Croydon. Come along and meet the rest of the Club and check out the new facility.

Auskick News

A reminder to all Auskick families that there will be **no clinic** this Friday night. Instead we will be visited on Saturday morning by **a player from Richmond Football Club** between 9:30am and 11:00am. There will be Football Skills activities and an autograph session followed by a Sausage Sizzle.

Any CJFC players who are interested may also come along to watch and participate in the autograph session.

VIP SHOPPING NIGHT

Monday 8th May.....6:00pm—9:00pm

McKnight's RETROVISION

79/83 Maroondah Hwy Ringwood



A major Sponsor of the Croydon Football
Club is offering **genuine** discounts for Members in a relaxed environment! A percentage of sales will go directly back to the Club.

\$1200 in-store Shopping Spree to be WON!

To enter the draw you must register with Prue on 0409 150 556 and be present at the draw on the night.

Drinks and nibbles will also be supplied on the night.

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