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Newsletter September '06

Well the 2006 season has now ended and we hope all players, parents and supporters enjoyed themselves and will be returning to Cockburn City Soccer Club next year.

As a club we have successfully completed the first year of our 5 year plan where we hope to improve the development of our young players and improve the organisation and running of the Cockburn City Soccer Club. Our new Junior Director of Football Gareth Naven has spent lots of time with our Junior Teams and coaches this year and everyone was pleased with the results. He is hoping to spend more time with the Rooball Teams next year. The club committee has made progress with the club structure and further organisational improvements are planned for the coming year. Every organisation should continually strive to improve but we can only do this with help, support and encouragement of everyone involved with the club and that means all of you members helping in any small way you can. Thank you to everyone that helped and supported the club in 2006.

We would appreciate constructive criticism and offers of help rather than complaints, often we know there are better ways of doing things or more exciting fundraising events etc but we don't have the manpower resources to do these things. If the every member of the club helped in some way with one event or task that has to be done during the season the club could improve enormously. We hope to list all the jobs we need help with and break these down into tasks that we can put out to you all to ask for volunteers to take one of these jobs on. We realise that everyone is busy in their lives but doing one small task during the season would help immensely. Please offer your help in 2007. We have received suggestions or questions relating to the running of the club and we hope to address some of these in the next newsletter.

Cockburn City Soccer Club would not have survived for the last few years however without the guidance and many thousands of hours of voluntary work by **Sue Potter** our current Club President who is stepping down at the end of this year at the AGM on 19th November 2006. Sue we thank you very much for keeping Cockburn Soccer Club going.

Rooball

The Rooball Family Fun Day Windup was held on Sunday 17th September. Everyone seemed to have a great day and all enjoyed themselves with the bouncy castles, candy floss machine and soccer games that some of our Under 14's supervised. We asked for feedback on this day as the format was different from previous years and all but one reply was positive. We will be discussing the feedback for next year.

Thank you to all that replied and a big thanks to Heidi and everyone involved in helping on the day.

Juniors

Our Junior teams Presentation Date is on Sunday 24th September commencing at 4pm and we hope that this will be just as successful.

Six Cockburn City players have made it into the State Teams. Five for the Under 14's team and one has been selected for the State Under 15's team and they will all be representing WA in a tournament in NSW in the October school holidays. We would like to congratulate Alex Pearson, Cameron Edwards, Sam Mitchinson, Ryan Edwards and Andrew Emsavana from the U14's and Dejan Aleski (aged 15) our Under 18's goalkeeper and wish them and the rest of the teams Good Luck at Coffs Harbour.

Seniors

The seniors play their last match this Saturday 23rd September at home against Swan IC. This is your last chance this season to come along and show your support at Dalmatinac Park! U18's kick-off 11.50am, U23's Reserves at 1pm and Seniors at 3pm

Presidents Message 2006

Another great year goes by at Cockburn City Soccer Club and this one is my last as President. It was a sunny day in February 1995 that my newly emigrated family happened to pass Beale Park. There were soccer balls being kicked by little ones and as we had two boys that played we called in. We were met by a lovely man who turned out to be the Junior President his name was Sam. Needless to say we stayed and here I am today with my family having been involved in most facets at the club and I have been involved on the Committee at some level all this time. There have been ups and downs, mostly ups, and I have met a huge number of people I can proudly call my friends. For me there is no other club like Cockburn City. We may have our struggles, but we have a dedicated family that only want to see us at the top. It is important that we stand by our club, leave the rumours and innuendos to those who have nothing better to do and focus on building this great club of ours. I know I leave the club in good hands to people who have the passion I have had over the years. I would ask that you all get behind them and show the soccer community we have the best, in players, coaches and committee. Over the years I have thanked a number of people who have supported me and this year is no different. My Committee are always looking to improve the club and are making strong headway in that direction. The two ladies that have been the backbone in the office, Heidi and Tracy, have taken on the "early shift" on training nights this year and I take on the "late shift". There have been times that these ladies have been really snowed under and I thank all of you, the parents, for your patience. Jan has done a great job with IT and kept us all informed during the season.

I have been told by many that I will not be able to leave the club "cold turkey"; the club has been my home for 12 seasons now and I have no doubt these people may well be right. When needed I am a phone call away to assist with whatever is required. I deliberately left the Junior rooball windup to others and I observed the day. Heidi did an absolutely brilliant job and I she moves onto the next windup and Quiz Night. Heidi reminds me of myself in the early days and we should all encourage her and support her. The club needs people like her.

The first week of the school holidays Monday 2nd October to Friday 6th October the club plays host to the Country teams who play at Beale for the whole week. It has been confirmed that over 500 kids per day will be at the venue with up to 1000 people passing through the venue on any given day. **I need helpers urgently for this week**, if you can give us an hour or two on any day people get in touch with me. The help is needed mostly during rush times between 11am and 1.30pm. Lots of food preparation occurs from 7.am for about an hour then we are quite organised for each day. Please come along and give us a hand.

My last request is to you, the members, support your club, get involved and have your say. Don't criticise those people who do all the work if you are not prepared to get your hands dirty.

Join us at the AGM on Sunday 19th November and elect your new Committee.

Sue Potter

Junior Presidents Report

The Junior season ended with all of our teams in the top four of their respective divisions as follows:

11's 1 st Div	- 2 nd
11's 2 nd Div	- 3 rd
12's 1 st Div	- 2 nd
13's JDL	- 4 th
13's Div 7	- 3 rd
14's JDL	- 3 rd
15's JDL	- 4 th

Overall it has been a very successful season taking into account that we changed our training and our system of play structure.

We have been very well represented at state level this year. Overall the improvement of all of our players can be contributed to the coaching put into place by Gareth Naven our coaching director who we would like to thank for all his effort. I would also like to thank all of our coaches for their contribution in coaching our Juniors and Rooball. As said before the rooball numbers are up and also the standard of football they are playing again due to the time and effort of the coaches.

The foundations have been laid this season for very successful season in 2007.

Tim O'Brien

Message from our Junior Director of Football

Congratulations to all our coaches and managers at Cockburn Junior Soccer Club for their commitment to coach the players, also to our parents thank you for your continual support during the year and for those parents who volunteered for canteen duty and helped assemble the nets on a Sunday I thank you sincerely.

Our club has progressed well in 2006 and the implementation of a generic training system and playing style has developed positively over the season but more challenges lie ahead.

The attendance of our 4 a-side tournament was well received mainly from our 11's, 12's and some 13's. We had a total of 36 players attend and 282 goals scored over a period of 8 weeks. Our winners will be announced on Sunday the 24th September at our presentation day.

One final message to the most important people the players, thank you for your commitment.

Regards

Gareth

Important Dates & Events

- **Last home match of the Season for Senior teams KO 11.15 Dalmatinac Park.**
- **Quiz Night Saturday 23rd September 2006 6.45pm for 7.30pm Start at Beale Park. Junior Presentations at Beale Park from 3.30pm for 4pm. Buffet & Inflatables.**
- **Country Week at Beale Park from Monday 2nd October to Friday 6th October – Help needed. Perth Glory Training Session open to All Our Players on 4th October (during Country Week) at 3pm.**
- **The trials for 2007 Junior Development Leagues are on 29th October 2006. The trials commence at 9.00am for under 11's and under 12's. For the under 13's and 14's at 10.30am and Under 15's at 12.00noon. For further details contact Sue Potter on 0401 340 157.**
- **AGM on Sunday 19th November at Beale Park.**

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