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# Cockburn City News

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## Presidents Report 2009



Season 2009 was a successful year with junior performances as our U/15's Premier team were crowned League Champions and Cup winners for 2009. Junior President Tim O'Brien coached this side with his assistant Josh Findlater. We also welcome our 16's premier and 16 div 1 teams who competed well throughout the season.

From a Senior point of view the Women's Div 1 and Div 3 teams have again been successful under the direction of Coach and Team manager Kristina Antonic. Next year will see Kristina Antonic taking a year off after her wedding next weekend. We thank Kristina for all her time and support during the time she has been with us and wish her well with her wedding next week. With big shoes to fill hopefully the women's teams continue to be extremely strong for Cockburn.

Our Saturday League sides had a great

start to season 2009 with Mirko Jelcic again taking the position of Senior Coach for 2009. Unfortunately Mirko left to fulfil a contract in Uzbekistan, making way for Scott Miller to be appointed as our senior head coach. He will remain in this position after signing a 2 year contract. A positive step for the club. Next season will also see Jason Petkovich continuing as our Goal keeping Coach and newly retired Michael Mirco will assist Scott. Richard Francisco has been appointed Reserves coach with John Loreto and Gary Smith as our U/18's Coach with Tim O'brien as his assistant. Dusan Macura will coach u/16 Premiers and we hope to rise above season 2009 and have an extremely successful season for 2010. Congratulations to all coaches on their appointments.

**Cockburn City finishes strong to fight off relegation. They regroup and look strong for 2010**

We have been getting larger crowds to our home games with some juniors supporting our seniors which is great to see. Our Masters have also been a huge asset to the club both spiritually and financially. They also do a lot of work as officials at senior games.

I would like to thank my committee Tim O'Brien, John Mijackica, Joe Dos Santos, Silvio Ranieri, Steve Zagami, Kristina Antonic and John Loreto. Thank you for your time and commitment for season 2009 and welcome new committee members Mike Nairn, John Thorburn, Paula Covell, Frank Da Silva into 2010 as I remain as President for a further 2 years. Finally a big thank you to all our coaches, team managers, sponsors, volunteers, members and other contributors as without their input we would not be as successful. Clubs do not sustain themselves without dedication from all the above. We must also sustain our levels of development and promotion so that we remain strong within the State League. I believe Cockburn provides development pathways for talented players as well as catering for social and enjoyment, making us an extremely successful club. The club's structure will lead us to not only remain a strong force within our State league but also promote a strong family club contributing to the community.



## David Tarka and Adrian Webster sign for 2010

Cockburn City have successfully signed David Tarka ( former Perth Glory, Socceroos and Nottingham Forrest) David was a welcomed addition to our senior team for 2010. David "s a C Level Coach as well as a professional fitness trainer has been working with our League Team

in the lead up to Night Series which commences Friday 29th January. Cockburn take on the League champions for 2010 Perth at Dorrien Gardens with a 8.30pm K.O. See more detail through FIT 4 FOOTBALL page 2.





**Adrian Webster in Action**

*Michael Mirco and Scott Miller playing back in 80's for*



*Spearwood Dalmatinacs. Michael Mirco Retired at the end of season 2009 and takes on the League Assistant Coach with League Coach Scott Miller.*

To be a club recognised around the country as the leader in the development of players, coaches, administrators and referees.

## Adrian Webster Cockburn's new Director of Coaching

**Adrian Webster** ( formally Perth Glory, All Whites. Charlton and Darlington) has signed to play for Cockburn City League team for a 2 year contract starting in season 2010. Adrian is a qualified FA Coach and Personal/ Fitness Trainer.

Adrian will also take on a position at Cockburn as Director of Coaching. He will work closely with all coaching staff to add his expertise and experience to all sessions throughout the

year. He will be prominent figure at the club as we are introduced to the FFA Curriculum implemented in season 2010. We were introduced to a new concept in 2009 with SSG, which proved to be extremely successful in allowing players to have more touches on the ball which is more vital to their development. With the introduction of Adrian we hope to expand our junior development to showcase our players and make us

strong contenders in Australian Junior Development. Adrian will also run a Academy within the club structure. He will also be watching training, games and following the development of all our players. David Tarka and Adrian have also teamed together to bring Fit 4 Football which is an individual based training sessions. More than 40 members have joined these session run at the club during Pre-season.

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## Jason Petkovic is our Goal keeping Coach for season 2010

Jason played as a goalkeeper for the Perth Glory where he has won two championships with them in 2003 and 2004. Petkovic has also had trials with Southampton F.C. and Norway's Rosenborg B.K. before joining NSL outfit Adelaide City in 1993. A broken leg sustained during a match against the Central Coast Mariners has ended his A-League 2006-07 season. However in Round 19 of the A-League 2007-08 season he made a return to Perth against the Central Coast Mariners which ended in a 1-1 draw showing good signs of his recovery. On the 11th January 2009 he played his last professional game after announcing his retirement in the Round 19 A-League game against the Melbourne Victory which the Glory went on to win 3-2. **Jason Petkovic will return to his Spearwood roots and will be the goal keeping coach for both junior and senior players in 2010. The club has welcomed Jason Petkovic to the coaching staff. Jason is a highly regarded figure within our Cockburn Community and an asset to the club.**



# U/15 Premiers crowned League Champions 2009



**U/15's Premier Team  
State League Champions  
State Cup Champions  
Top 4 Runner up  
Coach Tim O'Brien  
Ass Coach Josh Findlater**

Tim O'Brien will continue coaching at a senior level for 2010. He has been appointed Assistant Coach for U/18's State League. Tim had a back to back win with his team in 2008 also winning the State League Champions title.



The U/15's Premier Team were an impressive team with 7 players representing their State in 2009 with Scott Galloway, Riley Woodcock, Savo Cubrilo, Harry O'Brien, Byron Hudson, Michael Craggs and Joe Page.

Riley Woodcock and Byron Hudson went on to represent Australia. Harry O'Brien was selected to attend AIS trials. Both Harry O'Brien and Scott Galloway were named players of the tournaments for WA. They have all been selected to represent the NTC for season 2010. Well Done to all!!!



*Cockburn City  
Soccer Club had  
8 representatives  
for state, 4  
internationals  
and 3 Glory  
Youth  
representative  
4 players for  
State School Boys  
and 2 Australian  
School Boys*

## Scott "Scotty" Miller

Scott Miller has been appointed as Cockburn's Senior head coach. Scott ( former Perth Glory, Soccercoos) returned to Cockburn during season 2009 with the departure of Mirko Jelcic. Scott was handed a injury plagued young side. He had them fighting to the end of season 2009 and has started pre-season with some Major signings in **David Tar ka, Adrian Webster, Shane Nunes** ( who has returned from South Melbourne) **Shane Nunes** was our Fairest & Best winner in 2008 and is a par-

ticular crowd favourite. Scott also appointed **Paul Natale** as Club Captain for 2010(insert with Scott Miller at Cockburn senior wind up) Fairest & best winner for the second season. The club has also signed young talented strikers **Rory Feely** and **Michael Grigo**. Michael ( Monty) was runner -up Fairest & best, and joint Top Goal Scorer for season 2010. Scott will start his 2010 campaign with Night Series commencing 29th January. We wish Scott & the team all the best for the season.



Cockburn City Soccer Club had a highlight year with players representing State, Australian National Teams, Glory Youth, State School Boys, Australian School boys and

## Achievements for 2009/2010

overseas trials. It looks set to continue for 2010 with 5 players being in the final selection for State U/13's with **Milan Ognjenovic, Nic Cvijanovic, Tom Bayes (GK) Jordan Pokler** (inset)all players were in the Blue Metro Team who won the recent Football West International Challenge.

**David Naim and Devon Gibson** left Sunday to compete in the Australian School Boys Competition.

**Ryan Edwards** also leaves this week after being accepted into the AIS.

**Leo Athanasiou** who represented State and Australia in 2009 has been selected in the NTC and High performance squad for 2010.

**Matt Akerman, Gian Albano and Jesse Lazzaro** were also selected for High performance 2010 U/14's.

Well done to all boys for their outstanding achievements.



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At Cockburn City our aim is to provide the required environment necessary to promote and develop our players to express their individual talents at the highest level available to them.

We have nurtured many talents in the past such as Robert Zabica, Jason Petkovic, Michael Petkovic, Anthonio Naglieri, David Tarka and Scott Miller.

We hope that we will help to develop many more talents in the future and in recent seasons we have produced a number of State players in various age groups with many of these now involved in the National Training Centre (NTC) program and just in the last few months we have boys in the Qantas Joeys (Australia U-17) who will commence their competitive international football careers in their qualifying campaign for the 2009 FIFA U-17 World Cup.

Cockburn City are now into the third year of our Junior Development Program and 5 year plan for the juniors in the Cockburn area, which started in 2006 under the direction of Gareth Naven (former Perth Glory) and Alistair Edwards (former Perth Glory and Socceros).

The ongoing education of the clubs junior coaches and continuous assessment of teaching practises that was started is leading the way to make Cockburn City Soccer Club the benchmark for the future of juniors in the state. We now have girl's teams, women's teams and a Master's team training alongside our junior and senior teams, as soccer is growing as a sport in Western Australia and Nationally.

[www.cockburncity.org](http://www.cockburncity.org)

Sponsors required for 2010— For sponsorship packages please contact Heidi Lazzaro. Please support Cockburn City Soccer Club. Sponsorship is a vital part of supporting our club.



### AWARDS FOR COCKBURN CITY

**Our Club President Heidi Lazzaro** was presented with the David Schrandt Memorial Award for Administrator of the Year at the Football West Gold Medal Dinner. This was a huge honor being recognized by the governing body Football West. Heidi is the only woman President within the 12 State League Clubs and strives to make sure Cockburn City has a voice and remains a strong club for our community. Heidi was recently also announced as the Winner of the Inspirational Volunteer Award for Sports and Recreation category. The event was held at Manning Park where the nominated winners were announced. Heidi will continue as President of Cockburn City for another 2 year term. Heidi looks forward to the challenge ahead but is honored to be recognized for her work. She said "Starting as a team manager back 9 years ago, I have a son, a daughter and husband who all play for the club. Cockburn has a great family spirit and is a great community to be involved in, I am extremely happy and honored with my awards in 2009 and hope to continue with passion the challenge to make Cockburn the best"

