



Pacific FC – March 21st Compass Newsletter

We trust you enjoyed the home game round of soccer over the weekend.

Weekend Match Report



There were some great photos taken that captured the moment, including this one posted to our Facebook page of a certain Pacific FC Seal showing us how to enjoy the passing rain! Luckily he wore his PLC swimmers to soccer!

There was a particularly loud cheer at a goal scored, followed by ecstatic celebrations from the Pacific U10 Vipers. Although they were not victorious in the final score, the jubilation and team celebration at scoring the goal was a joy to watch and also bought smiles and applause from the spectators from both sides. It

was great example of good sportsmanship.

We would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone that playing in the Churches Soccer and Pacific FC league is about competing in a sportsmanlike manner and having fun. Scoring goals is great, but acknowledging and celebrating great plays, good skills and good sportsmanship is more important. We need to win, lose and draw to grow as players (and parents).



Let us also remember and thank the volunteers and the referees. We had some very mature young people officiating at our games on Saturday, allowing play to continue when rain started, yet still thinking of the grounds and their conditions. They kept safety in mind when fields became waterlogged with puddles by suspending play, but still allowed a friendly half field game to be played so the teams could practice skills under game conditions. When field conditions improved at half time, they allowed the game to return to the full field.

Speaking of volunteers...our lucky prize winners for helping in the canteen during the Rooball Carnival and Round 2 were Di Cannon and Mel Austin. Thank you to Aussie World for their support and encouragement of volunteers!

Committee Changes



Over the past few weeks there has been a number of changes within the committee. Firstly, Matt Gigney has resigned from his role as Pacific FC President. Thankfully, Matt will still be an active member of the Club and will be seen on the field often. A big heartfelt thank-you to Matt for his time as President, filling a difficult position and making it look effortless. Vice President Deni Fowler also tendered her resignation. Deni sits on the College Council and remains co-manager of the U7 Bears and still contributes so much to our Club. We sincerely thank Deni for her enthusiastic and dedicated contribution to Pacific FC. Belinda McCulloch has also stepped down from her positions as Treasurer and Manager. After five years as a team manager, we are so thankful for her contribution.

I will take this opportunity to introduce myself as the new Pacific FC President. My name is Zane Russell and I have been involved with the club as a parent since 2009, then as a Team Manager, followed by committee member for the past five years. I've mainly helped with field set up and assisting with alterations to the soccer shed. I have two sons at PLC, both who play soccer at other clubs now. My association with the College started in 2000 when construction commenced on the first buildings. I am privileged to be part of a dedicated committee, whose members include Jenny Lee, who looks after our canteen among other things and is also the Chairperson for Friends of Pacific, Paul McFadyen, who does set up and ground official duties, Lisa Ackerman as Secretary and a super organiser and Rita Williams as Coaching Director and our resolutions officer (and Manager for U14 Cobra's team).



Pacific FC is run by volunteers who work tirelessly to create an inclusive environment for fun, fitness and the enjoyment of soccer. Every Coach, Manager and Committee member gives their time to provide a fun and safe environment for children to enjoy the game of soccer.

The Sunshine Coast Churches Soccer Association (SCCSA) is our governing body and we are also part of Pacific Lutheran College. Both the College and SCCSA operate on a Christian ethos. They guide us to act in a certain manner that is

respectful, courteous, tolerant and with integrity. As parents, coaches, managers and committee members we will display these values and encourage our players and spectators to do the same. To this end, there is a handbook available on our Team APP to offer guidance as well as our Pacific FC Code of Conduct for parents, players and coaches.

Training

Let us know what your team is doing, do you need help? Please ask, we may not always know the answer but we will know someone who does. Pacific FC is providing a professional coach from K3 to guide the competitive teams at training on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. So far feedback has been great. We're also working with Pacific's fitness instructor, Mason, to improve player's fitness.

Upcoming Events / Dates

- Saturday 23rd March is another home game round and our last grading round for competitive teams. The canteen volunteer list has been given to your team managers.
- Each year we host a Bunnings BBQ. The date this year is Saturday 20th May at the Birtinya Bunnings. Please mark the date in your diaries. If you can help on the day, please let us know.
- In August, the Friends of Pacific (FoP) are holding a Trivia Night. The last one was a real hoot. Form a Pacific FC team or two and show FoP we not just armchair critics...we are clever too! Drop us an email to nominate a team.

If you can help or even if you are interested in doing a particular job or project, please let me know. Join the Committee to help run our club, or drop a suggestion of something to improve. I welcome your contribution and would love to see more parents get involved! Feel free to send us an email, or drop a written note at the canteen. Alternatively, come and say g'day at the games and share your ideas with the committee volunteers Lisa Ackerman, Jenny Lee, Rita Williams, Paul McFadyen or myself.

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