



BLUEY'S NEWS

AUGUST 2017

Welcome to our 3rd Edition of Bluey's News. Finals and end of season breakups are now just around the corner and planning is underway. Thank you to the parents who have already stepped up to help with the end of season celebrations.

Miniroos will play their final game of the season on Saturday 2 September. There will be a different format this year for the Miniros to receive their medallions from Football CQ. These will be given to the clubs and Bluebirds will be presenting them to our players at our Junior Picnic.

The Junior Competitive Team fixtures will end on Sunday 20 August with Bluebirds set to take out the Minor Premiership in 3 out of 4 divisions. The Final Series will begin on the 26 August with the Grand Finals being held on the 9 September.

Bluebirds Junior Academies

The annual Bluebirds Goal Keeping Academy is underway with Mens Premier League Goal Keeper Andy Poyser running the sessions on Tuesday afternoons.

The 2017 Bluebirds Academy will commence on 3 October at 5.30pm. The Academy will be held at the CQ University Fields and will run for nine weeks on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5.30pm to 7.00pm. The cost for this year will be \$100. New players will receive an Academy training kit. The Academy is open to players aged from U8 to U16 and is open to players from all Clubs. If you have any friends who would like to attend the Academy please let them know. Enrolment enquires can be made at admin@bluebirdsufc.com.au or to William Gemmell on 0413 888 896

Team Photos

Photos have been ordered and will be available for collection at the last senior home game on Saturday 19 August. Thank you to Anetta from Active Captures for all of her work in taking and ordering the photos for us. Your support is greatly appreciated!

Thank You



Thanks to Pete and the team from PHL again, for "kicking some more goals" for Bluebirds. Pete has just delivered another set of junior goals for our club. This is the second set that PHL have donated to us and our junior players continue to benefit from their generosity.

Junior Picnic

The Junior Picnic on Sunday 10 September at Bell Park is now less than four weeks away. A working group have been meeting on some Tuesdays at Bluebirds while training is on. Order forms have been issued and need to be returned no later than the 19th August. A team roster for the day will be issued shortly. The picnic is usually a very enjoyable day for all and kids ... don't forget your togs and water guns!!! (sorry no water bombs allowed). The day kicks off with free morning tea for all 9.30am.

ATTENTION ALL JUNIORS

FINAL HOME GAME OF THE SEASON

The final home games of the year will be held on Saturday 19 August when both the Premier Team and Reserves take on Nerimbera. At this stage the Premier Team are in 4th place and the Reserves will need a win to make sure they have a chance to finish in the top four. Games will be played at Webber Park at 5.00pm and 7.00pm.

ALL JUNIOR PLAYERS ARE INVITED TO COME TO THE LAST HOME GAME OF THE YEAR. JUNIOR PLAYERS ATTENDING WILL RECEIVE A FREE SAUSAGE ON BREAD AND DRINK.

Miniroos will be playing prior to the games and will walk the senior players out onto the field. Junior Team Photos will also be available for collection and the winner of the highest Pie Drive sales will be announced. More information on the attached flyer!

Community Men's

The Community Men's Team played their last game for the season against Frenchville on Friday night. The boys have shown some encouraging results with a 2 all draw against second placed Cap Coast recently. We hope the boys all had an enjoyable season and are looking forward to 2018.

Women's Team

Our Women's Team played their last home game on Friday 11 August against Frenchville. The girls lost 3 - 0 but drew the week before against ladder leaders Gracemere Bears showing how much they have improved throughout the season. Next week the 18th August is a catch up round against Gracemere Bears to be played at Elizabeth Park, kick off at 6.15pm.

The 2017 Senior Dinner has been locked in for Saturday 14 October at Callaghan Park. More information will be available shortly when tickets go on sale.

Queensland Country Selections

Congratulations to Harry Black U14 and Caleb Hornagold U13 on their selections into the Queensland Country Team. The boys will now travel to Coffs Harbour in September to compete in the National Youth Championships



Congratulations and Well Done!

Fundraising

Our Fundraising is coming to an end for this season, thank you to all families who supported the activities this year. All chocolate money is now due and orders for the Pie & Lamington drive must be returned this week as orders need to be placed to ensure delivery on time. PLEASE REMEMBER ALL PIES AND LAMINGTONS MUST BE COLLECTED FROM THE CLUBHOUSE ON WEDNESDAY 30 AUGUST BETWEEN 2.00 AND 6.00 PM. The signed Melbourne Victory Jersey will be drawn at the last home game of the year for our Premier Squads on Saturday 19 August. Official Tickets for our \$5000 Cash Raffle are now here so anyone wanting to purchase a ticket for a 1 in 200 chance of winning \$5000 please contact Tracey Thorpe on 0421 448 895 or Debbie Skinner on 0417 787 501. (Don't forget the seller of the winning ticket also wins \$500 so if you think you can sell a ticket let us know!) This will be drawn at the 2017 Senior Dinner.

Monthly Meetings

The Bluebirds United Football Club's monthly meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each month at the Bluebirds United Sports Clubhouse. We would love to see some of you there. At least one representative from each team would be great so that we can gain valuable feedback and ideas from within the club. The more input we have from you the more we can improve and grow.

In this edition of Bluey's News we have our Meet the Players Interview with our CQ Premier League Player Bradd Dillon.

We put these questions to Bradd and thank him for his responses.



How long have you been playing Football?

I started with Bluebirds in 1986 as an under 8 Player.

How long have you been playing for Bluebirds?

I have played for Bluebirds every year since 1986 except for 2004.

What is your greatest achievement in the game so far?

I am extremely proud to have Captained our great Club for a large chunk of my senior career.

What else would you like to achieve with your football?

Unfortunately I have never won a senior premiership and ideally I would like to tick that box before I retire.

What has been your most memorable experience during your time playing?

I have been lucky enough to play the Brisbane Roar twice and the Central Coast Mariners representing the Capricorn Cougars

What has changed in the game since you started playing?

Team formations and the representative pathways for Juniors.

What is it that you like about playing Football?

Competing and the mateship. Most of my best mates are Bluebirds Football Players both current and former.

Do you have any advice you can offer our Bluebirds Junior Players?

Train your weaker leg as much as possible so you can use both feet for everything. Try and be a universal player and be able to play multiple positions and maintain your flexibility and speed as you get older.

What do you do with your time away from Football?

I love playing golf and spending time with my family and friends.

Next Edition we will meet Bluey's Premier Team Goal Keeper and Head Coach Andy Poyser

If there are any junior players out there who have a question they would like us to ask Andy please email it in to admin@bluebirdsufc.com.au

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Last Senior Home Game	19 Aug
Picnic Forms Due	19 Aug
Pie & Lamington Collection	30 Aug
Junior Picnic	10 Sept
Bluebirds Academy Commences	3 Oct
Senior Dinner	14 Oct

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<https://www.facebook.com/BluebirdsFootball>

for up to date results and information. Thanks to Sarah for keeping us informed and to Anetta from Active Captures and Bo-Maree for all the action shots from our games.

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Newsletter

If anyone has any stories or reports regarding their team such as Players who have shown great team spirit, sportsmanship or have been committed and working hard to improve their skills, send it to us with a photo and we can give them some recognition for their efforts.

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If you know of any businesses that would be interested in Sponsoring our Premier League Team Playing Kits please contact William Gemmell on 0413 888 896 or email admin@bluebirdsufc.com.au

This is an opportunity for businesses to get some value for money advertising with our Premier League Team now in strong contention to make the finals.



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Miniroos and U12 Blue will be playing prior to the games or at half time and the miniroos will walk the senior players out onto the field.

Start Time	Event	Field 1 (Left)		Field 2 (Right)	
		Team 1	Team 2	Team 1	Team 2
4:30pm	Mini-Roos Games (5 min half)	U8 - Jedinak	U8 - Polkinghorne	U9 - Chapman	U9 - Milligan
5pm	March 2nd Reserves Team unto field	U8 - Jedinak	U8 - Polkinghorne	U9 - Chapman	U9 - Milligan
5:45pm	Half Time Games (5 Min halves)	U6 - Leckie	U6 - Gorry	U7 - Mackay	U7 - McLaren
7:00	March 1st CQPL Team unto field	U6 - Leckie	U6 - Gorry	U7 - Mackay	U7 - McLaren
7:45pm	Half Time Games (5 min halves)	U10 - Franjic	U10 - Luongo	U11 - Kruse	U12 Blue
** Players please be there 20 minutes before start time for each event					

The Raffle for the signed Melbourne Victory Jersey will be drawn on the night. Prize for the highest Pie Drive Seller to be announced and Junior Team Photos will be available for collection.

It would be great to see as many of our Junior Players and their families at the club for the last home game this year. Please let your coach know if you are able to come.

