

Cranebrook United Soccer Club



2014 Management Committee:



President: Heike Forth
Vice-President: Rob Palejs
Secretary: Gail Macleod-Jones
Treasurer: David Macleod-Jones
Coaching Co-ordinator: Brendan Kirkland
Groundsman: Peter Forth
Equipment Co-ordinator: Mathew Forth
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General Committee:

Narelle Forth, Glenn Korn,
Stephen Sevil, James Mallows,
Terry Massey, Tony Thorpe,
Jai Pearce, Amanda Forth,
Leigh Macleod-Jones.



Club Priorities, 2014

The priorities set for the Club for 2014 were:-

1. Promote and maintain the highest possible standards of sportsmanship in amateur sport whilst providing opportunities for member development,
2. Promote player and coach development for all age groups and ability levels,
3. Promote positive and respectful behaviour by teams whilst playing or representing the Club in soccer related activities,
4. Maintain the high standard of playing and training equipment,
5. Commence process for a new playing jersey,
6. Encourage increased involvement by Club members in Club activities and decision making,
7. Provide an environment that is socially inclusive,
8. Continue to improve playing surfaces by adopting sound ground maintenance plans,
9. Acquit grants received for improvements to the playing surface at Andromeda and Sherringham, and upgrade of lights at Andromeda to night match standard,
10. Improve facilities for the benefit of Club members and the community,
11. Promotion of Premier League squad,
12. Forge wider connections with the community and local businesses.



From Our Vice-President:

'The club is in a strong position because of the countless hours of work that volunteers contribute. With the volunteers that the club has we are well placed for the future and encourage all members to actively take part, contribute and engage in club life. It is only through the active engagement with innovative ideas that we will see continued growth within the club.' Rob P.

Club Membership:

Players: 528 members

Managers: 48 members

Club Referees: 5 registered

Coaches: 49 members

Life Members: 9 members

Committee: 17 members

Our Teams -

	U5	U6	U7	U8	U9	U10	U11	U12	U13	U14	U16	AAL	AAM	O35	O45	Prem's
Teams	2	6	7	3	4	1	3	1	1	1	3	3	7	1	1	Squad
Players	13	40	41	30	38	13	35	14	14	16	45	48	118	17	16	30

Many thanks for our coaches and managers who did a wonderful job for our players and for the Club.

Team	Coaches	Managers
5 Alligators	Matthew	Sarah
5 Bears	Frank	Leanne
6 Cougars	Kathleen	Georgia
6 Dingoes	Mark	Monique
6 Emus	Anthony	Gavin
6 Foxes	Nathan	Isaac
6 Giraffes	Paul	Tammy
6 Sharks	John	Marianne
7 Jaguars	James	Amy
7 Kangaroos	Scott & Scott	Lorae & Lisa
7 Lions	Jai	Erika
7 Monkeys	Jessikah	Samantha
7 Numbats	Kevin	Michelle
7 Tigers	David	Joanne
7 Zebras	Gail	Linda
8 Black	Paul	Paul
8 Grey	Shane	Naomi
8 White	Glen	Helene
9 Blue	Malcolm	Janet
9 Green	Dylan	Renee
9 Orange	Russell	Luke
9 Red	Nathan	Georgia
10 Purple	Paul	Michelle
11 Div 2	Matthew	Lisa
11 Div 6	Russell & Rebecca	Deidre
11 Div 7	Mel	Kylie
12 Div 2	Greg	Lee-Anne
13 Div 3	James & Stephen	Dennis
14G Div 1	Anthony	Jacinta
16 Div 1	Brendan, Mathew & Ian	Stephen
16 Div 2	Ory	Gregory
16G Div 1	Stephen	Taylor
35 Div 5	Glenn	Andrew
45 Div 1	Anthony	Shirley
AAM Div 04	Linh	Darren
AAM Div 05	Dean & Bill	Anica & Bill
AAM Div 07	Rob	Terry
AAM Div 09	Shannon	Joshua
AAM Div 10	Rhys	Danielle
AAM Div 11	Jai	Terry
AAM Div 12	James	Adrian
AAM Prem 2	Ian, Ron, Ian & Mark	Christine & Gail
AAW Div 3 Black	Patrick	James
AAW Div 3 White	Erin	Fiona
AAW Div 4	Guy	Brian



League Winners:

* Under 12 Div 2 – The team proved a force to be reckoned with as they streaked away, winning the league undefeated. Their nights of consistent hard drill work at training shone through as the boys developed their skills and passion for our beautiful game. Taking part in the goalkeeper clinics on Tuesday nights and the Striker clinics on Friday nights added to the boys' skill level. Congratulations to Greg, Lee-Anne and the boys. Many thanks also to the parents who encouraged and supported the members of the team.

* AAM Div 5 – Training is part of life 365 days a year for the members of the AAM Div 5. Dropping only 1 game along the way, the team came first in their league table. A fantastic effort from the team and congratulations to Bill, Dean, Anica and the boys.



Final Series – Winners:

* AAM Div 10 – after finishing the season in 2nd place, the boys focused on winning this game. They kept their composure throughout the Round Robin series and came through victorious. Congratulations to Rhys, Brendan, Danielle and Nick for working closely with the team to achieve this feat.

Finals Day – Runners up:

* Prem 2s – after finishing 2nd on the league ladder after 21 rounds, the boys rallied for just one last match for the year. In the last league round the firsts had successfully shaken Convent's pedestal by defeating them 3-0, denying Convent the opportunity of an undefeated season. On the day of the finals, Convent was determined that revenge would be sweet. They took out the golden crown with our Prem 2s having to settle for silver.



Congratulations to all teams – win, lose or draw, you are stars!

One of the downsides of competition sport is that there can only be one winner. Each team has its own story to tell about the year, and there are some very courageous and humorous stories to hear. Congratulations to every team. You are all winners for your own achievements.

Many thanks to the teams who promoted the Club with their positive onfield sportsmanship and spectator behaviour. We are proud of all the ambassadors who have waved our club flag with pride as they just enjoy playing football.

Fin Pos	Team	
2	AAM Div 10	Lost 3 games
5	AAM Div 11	
7	AAM Div 12	
2	AAM Div 4	Lost 2 games
1	AAM Div 5	Lost 1 game
3	AAM Div 7	
7	AAM Div 9	

Fin Pos	Team	
2	AAM Prem 2	Lost 2 games
3	AAM Prem 2 Res	
4	AAW Div 3 Wht	
8	AAW Div 3 Bkck	
8	AAW Div 4	
5	O35 Div 5	

Fin Pos	Team	
7	O45 Div 1	
1	U12 Div 2	Undefeated
3	U13 Div 3	
4	U14Girls Div 1	
5	U16 Div 1	
8	U16 Div 2	
5	U16Girls Div 1	

Referee Coverage:

Most of our games were covered in 2014 by NRG referees. As the season progressed so did the coverage, many with ARs as well as Centres. The positive relationship and the communication with NRG were well appreciated. The Club sincerely thanks our Club referees and club members for assisting where and when necessary. Your willingness to accept the call for help, took much pressure off the weekend. Your Club spirit didn't go unnoticed. Many thanks!

And not to smile about:

Red Cards:

0 Junior Players. Well done to our Junior players!
 9 Senior Players. 5 of these were for receiving second yellows in the same match.
 This figure is significantly down in comparison to 2013.



Yellow Cards:

100 throughout the year ranging across all competition ages. This is a slight increase from 2013. Most yellow cards were for 'Guilty of unsporting behaviour'.

Ambulances at Andromeda:

2 throughout the year. Interestingly, both were for female players. The Club Emergency Care plan was put to the test without any problems.



Injuries:

The Club was mindful to have people with Senior First Aid training on duty whenever possible. It was a priority to ensure that ice was always available and the First Aid kit restocked as necessary. The injury record book was used to record injuries, creating a means of following through on injuries. Club members were encouraged to submit insurance forms to formalise the record. Letting other Clubs know about injured players was gratefully accepted.

Online Registrations

Online registration process was much easier this year. The ins and outs of the system were more familiar to everyone and the process of uploading photos made 'remote registration' a real possibility. The site seemed to cope better than previous years. The Club also offered online connections at the fields and telephone assistance where necessary. Not only players but the coaches, managers, club referees and committee members were all registered online. Many Club members elected to direct deposit their registration fee payments into the Club account to finalise the process which saved valuable time for the committee members. The Association and Club system caused a few concerns; however by working with Compman administrators and NFA, these were overcome. The club assisted in the evaluation process with MFC.

PLAYER AND COACH DEVELOPMENT

PLAYER DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

- * Appointment of coaching staff to the Prems Squad.
- * Grading days.
- * Prem coaches worked by invitation with junior teams and offered assistance for coaching programs.
- * Prem squad members visited and worked with junior teams.
- * Encouragement for our players to attend holiday development clinic, Nepean Development programs and WSW development programs.
- * Attendance at International Goalkeepers Academy.

- * Mentor program for some of our younger coaches.
- * Coaching and Goalkeeper courses attended by coaches at all levels.
- * Goalkeeper clinic conducted weekly for junior players.
- * Striker clinic conducted weekly for junior players.
- * Mini-roo teams merged to train together.



Coaching

Our coaching co-ordinator, Brendan, visited many of the coaches and teams early in the season sharing ideas and discussing coaching.

During Brendan's absence, our Prem coaches happily adopted an advisory role when requested. Throughout all age groups, coaches freely shared ideas and often combined teams for joint training sessions. In each age group there were coaches who had up to date qualifications. The club is aiming for a higher percentage of qualified coaches. To achieve this coaches are invited to attend funded coaching courses.

COACH AND PLAYER DEVELOPMENT

Throughout the season, the Under 10 to Under 16 teams were invited to participate in a Goalkeeper clinic conducted on Tuesday nights by James and in Striker clinics conducted on Friday nights by Greg. Many players embraced the opportunity and as their own coaches watched on, they too were able to gain valuable coaching ideas.



JUNIOR COMPETITION TEAMS

Moving onto a full sized field is an exciting move. Moving into competition mode, whilst exciting, can also be overwhelming with grading not always correct. Our junior competition teams settled in well and, win, lose or draw, most enjoyed their football. The year produced some courageous stories and the Club applauds each team for their sportsmanship and efforts. There was certainly skill development in these teams which establishes a positive foundation.

SMALL SIDED FOOTBALL BECOMES MINI-ROOS.

2014 saw SSF renamed by FFA to become **MINIROOS**. Paul attended the miniroo seminar at NFA and was impressed in what he saw, wanting to share the information with other coaches. To achieve this the presentation was emailed to all Miniroo coaches, with an invitation to the Miniroo expo held at Cook Park. A Grassroots Coaching Course was held towards the end of the season.

The emphasis of miniroos is increased time on the ball and participation for enjoyment whilst developing skills and an understanding of the game. All miniroo teams participated in a 'home and away' format this year and the change was embraced by most people.

Six of our Miniroo teams were also fortunate enough to be sponsored by Veolia Environmental Services. Each member received a training kit. Enormous thanks to Scott for his involvement with the process.

Many of the miniroo teams trained together to add increased enjoyment and participation. The friendships formed were amongst the coaches and parents as well as the children who benefited greatly from the experience.

ALL AGE TEAMS

The teams, whilst friendship based, were most accommodating to new club members indicative of the strong social inclusive ethic within our club. Members from various teams gladly upgraded to assist other teams, trained together and stayed after their own games to cheer on their club mates.

OVER 35S TEAM

Many of the Over 35s team are veterans who have played for the Club for many years. Luckily, the numbers were bolstered this year with a few younger players. Unfortunately the team was plagued with injuries. It is wonderful to see the men playing to enjoy the friendship and exercise.

OVER 45S TEAM

The skill level of our Over 45s team is strong. Most of the team members trained with our AA teams and occasionally upgraded to play with the younger men. The competition remains strong in the league competition and provided the opportunity to allow the players full enjoyment of playing.

Our Premier 2 Squad

Trials for the squad commenced in January. New members trialled for the squad and the strong ethos of previous seasons was built on. The Club and squad welcomed Ian Wright to assist in running the men. The squad completed their preseason conditioning and matches growing accustomed to its new members and the new coaching set up.

Throughout the year, injuries took a huge toll on the squad. The saying goes, 'When one door closes, another opens', and Mark joined the coaching ranks echoing this saying. Members travelling overseas also impacted on the squad. With the reduced numbers came the opportunity for club members from other teams to upgrade into the squad.

The achievements of the squad were pleasing during the year, with firsts finishing second and the reserves third in the league tables after 21 rounds. With the success of the squad this year, the goal set for moving into Prem 1s looks promising. Undoubtedly this will be a new challenge for 2015.

Many thanks to Ron, Ian, Ian and Mark for their guidance and commitment throughout the year.

The club acknowledges the role members of the squad played in assisting the club and is grateful for the inclusive philosophy demonstrated. Several assisted with our junior teams, helped with the BBQ and in the canteen and with various tasks at Andromeda.

The Club looks forward to building on its experience with the squad to create a pathway for younger players into this higher level of competition. Plans are in motion to create a development squad that will feed into the squad.

EQUIPMENT

PLAYING EQUIPMENT: * New match balls

TRAINING EQUIPMENT: The Club is mindful that it is important to ensure that the training equipment is maintained, fully utilised and available for all teams.

* Extra training bibs purchased. * Sufficient training balls purchased to maintain the one-to-one ratio for our junior players.

Other training equipment available for use included resistance parachutes, medicine balls, hoops, speed hurdles, passing arches, skipping ropes, agility ladders, agility poles, cones, dummy men, PUG goals and rebound nets.



NEW PLAYING STRIP AND LOGO

As part of the management plan a new playing jersey had been planned for introduction to correspond with the Club's 35th anniversary celebrations. The process for its design started in June when members were asked to submit suggestions. The management committee selected three of the submitted designs and these were voted upon by the Club members. The design which received the most votes was submitted for approval by NFA. It is anticipated that the design will be unveiled at this year's AGM.

A new logo design was also decided upon. The possibility of having a 'child friendly' logo as well is still being considered. The new design has also been submitted to NFA for their consideration. It is anticipated that this design will also be unveiled at this year's AGM.

Many thanks to the Club members who submitted designs. Thanks to everyone who took the opportunity to have their say and participate in this important process.

CRANEBROOK UNITED PLAYS AT WSW MATCH.

Australia Day, 2014 was celebrated on the field for 10 of our miniroo players, invited to play at half time of the WSW - Perth match at Pirtex Stadium, Parramatta. Under the watchful eyes of Lisa and Matt, the children

were put through a training session and played a miniroo game before the crowd at halftime.

Well done to the children who were fine ambassadors for the Club, and thanks to the Lisa and Matt for organising them.

Club part of WSW Club Ambassador Program

The Club continued to be part of the WSW Club Ambassador program to strengthen its ties with the ALeague team. Several junior club members participated in the WSW skills development programs weekly at Eastern Creek. One of our junior players was lucky enough to be part of the photograph promotion of the WSW. Plans are under the way to invite the WSW to some club events during 2015.

Brazil Boys

World Cup Year! Several of our All Ages players took the opportunity during the year to travel to Brazil for the World Cup. The boys were eager to share their stories upon their return.

Other Travellers.

In October 2013, a couple of our Club members participated in the Gold Coast Masters Soccer tournament.

In 2014, one of our U16 players participated in a Madrid skills coaching clinic in Spain. There are other tales of club members visiting football clubs in Europe. Each has returned to the Club with amazing stories that reflect the beauty of our world game.

And on Australian soil, some of our club members travelled widely following the A-League games. This of course included travelling to Brisbane for the WSW grand final in May.

Passion for our sport is mirrored in the smiles on faces as the members speak zealously about their experiences.

All Age Players Represent the Club At Dragons Gala Day.

In July, our AA players were given the opportunity to play in a very special gala day with the Nepean Dragons at Jamison Park. Playing alongside the members of the special club gave our AA men and women players a completely

different view of football. Here they flanked players who play the game for the pure love and enjoyment of the sport. Many described it as a privilege and honour, with hope that the experience could be repeated in 2015.

The 'Dragons' president spoke glowingly of our Club members who were fine diplomats for our Club. Congratulations and thank you to the players who participated at the Gala Day.

Andromeda – time to shine.

* Western field rebuild * 125 000 l underground tank

* Night lights – first night match 16 July

The number one piece of equipment that needs maintenance are the fields on which the club plays and trains.

With funding from the successful grant applications, Andromeda has been transformed.

Work on the rebuilding of the Eastern field commenced in September, 2013. Over the next five months, 400 tonnes of subsoil was incorporated into the field, the field turf and top-dressed and levelled with a further 200 tonnes of topsoil. The watering system was upgraded, and it was all systems go.

A new underground water tank holding 125 000 l was installed with the water bore being replumbed to feed the tank. The security fence was extended to protect the latest work. The site of the old tank was regenerated with turf and sandstone seating, making it an ideal picnic area.

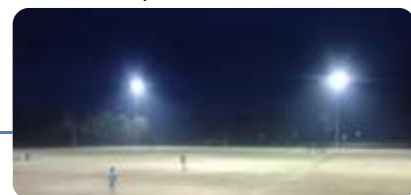
In May work began on the installation of stage one of the light upgrade. The work took 8 weeks to complete and for various issues to be resolved. However, with the lights certified at 100 lux, the club celebrated its first night match on Wednesday, 16 July. The Under 14 Girls had the honour of playing the first night match. The lights were put onto a SMS activated system giving many young club members the joy of being able to turn the lights on or off.

Sand slitting, top dressing and fertilising the western field to improve drainage was delayed due to problems with the contractors. This work will be completed before the start of 2015.



At one stage the venue resembled a construction site, but once all the work is completed, it will be sustainable through most weather conditions and the playing surface improved. It will be a great community asset, promoting the opportunity for an active, healthy lifestyle well into the future. Years of planning and work had finally come to fruition, reflecting what had been contained in the management plan!

The Club is most appreciative of the support received from Penrith City Council, Hix Electrical, Bart Bassett, NFA, FNSW, FFA and Telstra to complete the makeover.



Sherringham Looked After Too!



Sherringham is now a more sustainable, community asset which will benefit the club as a training venue, the high school and other community groups who use it thanks to the upgrade made possible through grant funding. During the first half of the year, improved access lighting was installed, a new water tank was installed with security fencing and the irrigation system recommissioned. The playing surface was then upgraded to complete the work. The lights were put onto a SMS activated system as an added extra.

The work has made the venue more attractive at which to train and eases the wear and tear on Andromeda.

The Club is most appreciative of the support received from Penrith City Council, Hix Electrical, Stuart Ayres, NFA and Cranebrook High School to complete the project.

Grants.

Fiona Scott MP promised \$25 000 towards the work at Andromeda. It is with these funds that the sand slitting of the western field will be completed to improve the drainage on that field.

A 'Good Sports Club'



The club continued in the 'Good Sports' program, being promoted to level 2. Being a 'Good Sports' club, means it has registered its commitment to long-term improvement of its culture, its facilities and for its members as a whole. Continuing commitment to the program is indicated by the club's responsible approach to alcohol, drugs, health and fitness in general.

From Australian Enterprises:

CRANE BROOK UNITED SOCCER CLUB INC



Australian company Cranebrook United Soccer Club Inc was given a rating of 4 out of 5 stars.

Updating Policies.

The scope and currency of many of the Club's policies were reviewed during the year. These included the Club Risk Management Policy, Job Descriptions and the Club Management document. These become documents reflecting requirements to which the Club must adhere. The documentation of the policies is a vital part of the Club's operations. The Club Management plan for short and long term goals incorporated suggestions made by club members from the 2013 Evaluation survey. The Club is keen to hear new ideas from Club members.

Club Member Involvement.

Club members were encouraged and welcomed to take part in the running of the Club.

Members undertook specific roles of coaching and managing teams, assisting in the canteen, setting up and marking fields, general maintenance repairs, helping with the presentations and being part of subcommittees. It is this involvement that makes our Club a true community asset with everyone benefiting from the input.

Club members provided an 'Oval Watch' group to ease vandalism at Andromeda Oval.



Communication with Club members continued to assist in establishing an open door policy. The Club Facebook page and website kept members informed by being regularly updated with Club and Association information. The Facebook page has almost 500 'likes' with the majority being women aged 35-44. An average post will reach around 200 people instantaneously depending on what time it is made. The majority of Facebook users are online from 7-8pm and making posts during that time maximises the audience.

The Club endeavoured to provide ongoing appreciation to our volunteers by providing BBQs, tea, coffee, biscuits, cakes, supper, icecreams and writing to our volunteers to express our appreciation. Member involvement is vital to the ongoing success of the Club as the Club is run by its members for the benefit of its members and the wider community.

Support for Mini-roo player.

Tragically one of our mini-roo players lost his dad in a road accident during the year. The club rallied to support the family through this difficult time. Thanks to all who supported this cause.

Connecting with NFA.

Throughout the year, the Club has continued its positive connection with our association, NFA. The connection is important for the club members to understand how our governing body works and to meet the people within the association. With NFA now on Facebook, club members can receive the latest association news. Our club members were directed to NFA

website to access for themselves the up to date information regarding the draw.

Members of the Board and the Administration staff visited our fields, in their various roles of being part of our Football family, enjoying our game. On occasions, some Club members had cause to visit the office. The visits were for purpose, and by appointment.

The Club MC also assisted at the Finals weekend and throughout the year in NFA operations.

The Club was honoured to have representatives of the NFA Board join Club members in the celebrations of our Club's achievements.

Off To School for MC members

During the year some of our MC members attended various courses about Club governance and practices. The update in information is necessary to ensure that the Club is adopting the most current practices necessary to comply with our higher governing bodies and government departments to which the Club is accountable.

Social Events

Happy Easter:

With the rain keeping the teams off the fields, the Easter Bunny was able to find lots of long grass in which to hide his treats. For the teams that trained this was a bright spot in what had been a sad start to the season. As the children gathered their finds, the smiles on their faces told the story! The reward of participation was sweet.

Happy Easter everyone!



Trivia Night:

Working with one of the Club's new supporters, King Henry's Court, a Trivia Night was held in August to which all teams were invited. Participants enjoyed a fantastic meal and a night full of fun and games whilst assisting in raising funds for the Club. The winning team with all the right answers was representing our AAW Div 4 team.

Many thanks to everyone who supported the night and contributed to the fun.

Mothers' Day:

Mothers' Day was celebrated at Andromeda this year with chocolates, jellybeans, tea, coffee and cake for the mums who were at the fields. Many of our AAWs teams were playing at Andromeda on Mothers' Day and it was wonderful being able to share the day with those players, spectators and partners who are mums, and those soon to become mums. The smiles and shared stories of being mums helped brighten the day.

Happy Mothers' Day to every mum!

Junior Presentation:

Saturday, 13 September, 2014

Our Junior Presentation Day for our Under 5 to U16 teams was held at Penrith Pools. The weather was perfect after the early morning rain. The smiling faces of our juniors beamed as they bounded into the function centre, beckoning the sun to come out to play too. With the trophies sparkling, the BBQ sizzling and the drinks cooling, the stage was set for a great day. Each of our junior club members, and their coaches and managers were recognised on the day by the Club. It was a magnificent way to celebrate and reflect on a fantastic football season with members of our Football Family.

The wonderful meat trays, kindly donated by Joe's Fresh Kitchen, were a very welcome prize for our raffles held on the day.

Of course, days such as the junior presentation require many hands for the day to work. Many thanks to every club member who helped make the day a success.

To our wonderful crew of helpers - THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!! Your club spirit is sincerely appreciated!



Senior Presentation:

Saturday, 20 September, 2014

With the sun setting, over two hundred senior club members gathered for their presentation at Penrith Paceway. Many teams had opted also for pre-presentation gatherings. Laughter quickly filled the air heralding in the tone for the night. The club was most honoured to welcome John Churchward, President of NFA and Fran Refalo, treasurer of NFA to our function.

After catching up with other club members, the venue quickly settled into the first presentation bracket, followed by a gourmet buffet where everyone was given the opportunity to feast on roast pork, beef, ham and chicken, curry chicken, calamari, selection of vegetables and salads and other amazing dishes.

Teams were each recognised for their fine efforts and achievements throughout the year. Presentations were made to many of our members, recognising outstanding efforts on the fields and reflecting on the social nature of our club. Also recognised was the work of our coaches and managers, our club referees, our committee and every club and community member who contributed to the running of the club throughout 2014.

Sincere thanks to the club members for their assistance with setting up the venue and for being our MCs and presenters on the night.

Annual Club Awards



Junior Team of the Year: Under 12 Div 2

Junior Clubperson of the Year: Indii N.

Junior Community Service Award: Damon K.

Senior Team of the Year: AAW Div 3 Black

Senior Sportswoman Of The Year: Rachal B.

Senior Clubperson of the Year: Paul N.

Coach of the Year: Greg B.

15 Year Service Awards: Adrian, Ben, Jamie, Rob, Jake, Mick, Pete, Phillip, David, Kurt, Tony, Gail.

20 Year Service Awards: Buttsy, Hoops & Narelle

25 Year Service Awards: Heike & Peter

Congratulations to each of these Club members for achieving the awards, and thank you for your Club spirit and service.



Canteen Report

The canteen is run by the club members for the benefit of the club and its members.

Canteen and BBQ duty continued to be a social event with members meeting other members and new friendships formed. It was also a good place to toss around ideas for the club, and the heater inside the canteen was a welcome attraction too. The canteen was manned weekly by our club members, the parents and siblings of our junior players, community members, and our committee. During the week, some club members stopped by to help prepare the canteen for the weekend by restocking the fridge, packing the sausages, chopping onions and packing red frogs and mixed lollies. Our volunteer workers were treated to cake, biscuits, tea, coffee, cold drinks, fresh fruit and icecreams.

*Most popular drink – can of coke**

*Most popular lolly – bag of red frogs**

Most popular BBQ item – Sausage sandwich

**Remains unchanged from 2010*

Many thanks to everyone who helped and supported the canteen and BBQ throughout the year.

Menu items were changed throughout the year to reflect the wants of the club members. Bananas and fruit juice grew in popularity.

On cold mornings the practice of using mugs was gratefully accepted to enjoy hot chocolate, coffee or tea. Once the new turf was put down next to the canteen, this became a picnic area that allowed easy access to the canteen, along with the tables and chairs under the awning. It was fantastic to see some of our local residents visiting for a chat, and for both home and away teams mixing on the hill in a social gathering.

The canteen stocked a wide variety of drinks and food, and was complimented by an extensive BBQ menu. Profit from the canteen in 2014 was \$16 662.



Financial Report

The Club remained in a strong financial position in 2014. Budgets were set in the management plan in December 2013 for predicted spending. All areas for the year remained within budget. The effective Club income for 2014 was \$136 726.69. Effective expenditure for the Club this year was \$155 388.43. This represents a loss of \$18 661.74 which includes payment for the extensive venue improvement programs undertaken at both Sherringham and Andromeda throughout the year. It must also be noted that grants totalling \$38 000 are included in the income.



Future Direction

As the Club moves into 2015 positive, planned direction will ensure that priorities set for the Club reflect the philosophy of the Club and the wishes of Club members whilst complying with the rules and regulations of our governing bodies - NFA, FNSW, FFA and the various government bodies to which the Club must report.

The Club management plan has set out the long term direction. These include:-

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- * Maintain playing and training surfaces by adopting sound ground maintenance plans,
- * Improve and maintain facilities for the benefit of Club members and the community,
- * Forge wider connections with the community and local businesses.



Our Sponsors & Supporters

The Club is most appreciative of the many businesses and people that sponsor and support the Club, and for grants received. This is indicative of forging wider connections with the community and local businesses.

* Joe's Fresh Kitchen, Jordan Springs



* Storage King, Penrith



* Veolia Environmental Services



* Buri Building & Design



* Trim's Fruit and Vegetables



* Inspire Concreting



* M & M Windscreens



* King Henry's Court

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- * Arnall Trophies, Penrith
- * Bart Bassett, MP
- * Chivers Bakery, Cranebrook
- * Coca Cola
- * Cranebrook High School
- * FFA
- * Fiona Scott MP
- * FNSW
- * Gomo Sportswear
- * Hix Electrical
- * IGA, Cranebrook
- * Jolly Josh's Lollies
- * M & J Screen Printing
- * Nepean Football Association
- * Penrith City Council
- * Penrith Paceway
- * Rebel Sports
- * Regentville PS
- * Ripples, Penrith
- * Rowlands Horticulturalist Services
- * Scott Bond
- * Southern Cross Colour Studios
- * Stuart Ayres, MP
- * Sweeties, Penrith
- * TAB
- * The Coffee Club, Tench Reserve
- * Unleased Photography
- * Vistaprint
- * Western Sydney Wanderers
- * Wyndham College

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of Cranebrook United Soccer Club has been called for **Monday, 20 October, 2014**, commencing at **7:30pm** at **Cranebrook High School**.



All Club members are encouraged to attend. This is an opportunity for Players, Coaches, Managers, parents and associated members to discuss the direction you would like to see your club take and offer to dedicate some time to assist in the administration and shaping the future of the Club.



Nominations are called for the following positions for the 2014/2015 Management Committee:

1. President
2. Vice-President
3. Secretary
4. Treasurer
5. Registrar
6. Groundsman
7. Equipment Co-ordinator
8. Coaching Co-ordinator
9. Mini-roo Co-ordinator
10. General Committee

Nominations must be made in writing, signed by 2 club members, accompanied by the written consent of the candidate and must be received by the Club Secretary via post*, email* or delivery by Monday 13 October, 2014. All members making nominations, seconding nominations and nominees must be fully financial members of the club.



Associate Committee: Cranebrook United Soccer Club proudly acknowledges the ongoing assistance it receives from its members. Our Club is run by volunteers, dedicating their time to benefit the Club and community. With your help, for as little time as you can afford to offer, Cranebrook United Soccer Club can continue to grow and promote the 'world game' in our local community. The Club is inviting you to register for the Associate Committee.

For just a few hours of your time once every couple of weeks you can ensure that the Club continues moving forward in a direction that you can proudly say that you have been a part of. This is particularly designed for members who may not want to commit to being on the committee but who are willing to offer their time to help.



Throughout the year there have been amendments to the By-Laws. At the AGM the following will be voted on:-

Add Under Section 3 Duties and Responsibilities Of Committee Members:-

(I) Coaching Co-ordinator shall be responsible for

- i. Ensuring each team has a coach in place who, where possible, is qualified and suitable to coach that level team.
- ii. Coordinate grading sessions for relevant age groups if required.
- iii. Work with other coaches to share knowledge and assist with coaching concerns
- iv. Promoting and encouraging coaches to attain suitable coaching qualifications.

Club Logo

- change the club logo as per published logo design 2.



There will also be voting on nominations received for Life Membership inclusion. Nominations for Life Membership consideration must be received by the Club Secretary via post, email or delivery by Wednesday, 10 September, 2014. All members making nominations, seconding nominations and nominees must be fully financial members of the club.

