



## President's Corner

**C**an you believe that we are well into our season; we may need to start thinking about the end of year presentations/celebrations!! All the Altona teams are certainly making their presence felt. Keep up the good work one and all.

Latest news is that we are still encourage teams to continue training away from the home grounds if at all possible to help preserve the grounds but if teams want to they can start training two nights a week at the home grounds ONLY as per circulated roster to ensure even use of the grounds and fair distribution of the grounds.

There are permanent lights on the Third pitch which just requires the wheeling down and back after use of the generator. If you require petrol for the generator please purchase and then provide receipt at canteen for reimbursement. It is great that we have lighting on all the pitches.

Football Federation Victoria is in the throes of establishing the new structure to align with the Football Federation Australia. This includes elections for numerous positions on the new standing committees. This is an important time to help shape the future of the sport in Victoria. So if you have received voting papers please use your vote wisely and if you are unsure speak to someone in the know. We want this great sport to continue to grow and prosper in Victoria. There are over 37,000 players registered in Victoria about a 10% increase from 2006. At Altona City we have about 450 registered players and as of last Saturday we have 48 Goalkick registrants. That is about an increase of about 120 players since 2006. In 2003 there were 11 teams and 180 players registered. Our registrations have almost trebled since then all thanks to the great work of the coaches, team managers, parents and committee.

A gentle reminder that there is NO SPEEDING around the club grounds as this is a huge safety issue for players running after balls into oncoming speeding traffic.

On any game day we require at least TWO Marshalls for each game. Most Team Managers have developed rosters for snacks, linesman, washing strips and marshalling. Please assist where you are rostered or as guided by your Team Manager or Coach. We all want the games to be as stress free and enjoyable for all and by assisting with these important activities we accomplish this.

Our Coaches Development meetings are going very well. It is great to see such wealth of knowledge and expertise amongst our coaches plus the camaraderie. If anyone has any ideas for any further areas of development please let the President know 0425762238.



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Mc Donald's Encouragement certificates are now available for each Junior team. Please see David Williams for further information 0414632658.

Regards,

**Patricia Josipovic**

### ***Ladies Night Out – Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> August***

*It's that time again for Us Women to let our hair down and have some fun.....*

*Tickets will go on sale as of the end of June and will be available from the Marie in the canteen or see Crisy Gerada. You are not able to pay on the night and tickets will need to be paid for by the first week of August.*

### **Trivia Night**

There will be a Trivia night in August. Stay tuned for more information and let see who will be the best team on the night.

### **Altona City Soccer Club Bags & Tracksuits**

You can purchase an Altona City Soccer Club Sports bag from Marie in the canteen for \$22 and are currently available. Marie is finallising the costs and details of the tracksuits and spray jackets.

### **Under 11's**

The U/11 Gold team has been playing well. They are first on the ladder at the end of round 6 with a couple of teams still to play due to byes. Our usual goal keeper has even managed to score a couple of goals. The team welcomed back Nicola in round 6. Nicola broke her arm after being selected for round two of the girl's school side. It's good to have her back on the pitch.

All in all, the team has been playing well. We have learnt some lessons and delivered a couple as well. The whole team is developing, both as players as well as a team.

The Under 11 Maroons have started to string some good results and performances together and show great signs of performing well as a team. So far we have scored 7 goals this season but, with missed chances and lucky saves, this could easily have been doubled.

We have currently had a spate of arm injuries, with Ollie breaking his arm, Jack breaking his wrist and Jacob damaging his finger. All these players should come back during the season but the team has to remember that a smaller squad means we all have to be fitter to cover the full game with less substitutions.

I would say that the season so far has been a time of getting to know each other and the next period will be when we start really playing as a team. When that happens, who knows where we'll end up!

That's it from the under 11's. See you 'round the traps. David Williams

### **Toll Fundraiser**

On Sunday 17 June Altona City hosted a fundraiser for Toll Transport and Security. A big thank you to all the 4 people who put their hands up to assist on the day especially Marie Fonua and family, Hilary Devatek, Nat Little, Tony Mucciacciaro. It was a shame that more people could not have assisted on the day as over 300 people came to the Altona stall. Toll have promised a substantial donation for our efforts. Thanks also to Hilary and Patricia who looked after the canteen following the event for the games on at the club on the same day.



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## ALTONA CITY CENTRAL SQUARE UNDER 18'S

*Late May has seen positive results. Following 3 months of intensive preseason training, and minimal practice matches, I had no idea of where we stood in this competition. Match day though is different to training runs, so much so that the best athletes at training are not necessarily the best footballers. Ali Hadzic has been appointed Captain, and this boy really leads from the front. He is ably supported by Boyan Caic and Henry Ore as Vice Captains. We are extremely appreciative of the van Noordeene family for sponsoring our football shirts, and as I have alluded to already, please support this by shopping at Central Square.*

*Our recent results are:*

*Game 1 :Oakleigh 0 : Altona City 5*

*Game 2 : Altona City 1 : Doncaster Rovers 0*

*Game 3 : Boorondarra Lions 3 : Altona City 5*

*Goal Scorers*

*Boyan Caic 4*

*Yeton Demiri 4*

*Henry Ore 2*

*My philosophy with the team is simple. I am not dealing with boys anymore. The football is physical and my aim is to prepare players for Senior and Reserve requirements.*

*A special thank you to parents, Mario Sanchez and Osman Shaptafaj, for their help during training and match days. Also thank you to those of the committee who are sp supportive.*

*Carmine Camerlengo*

*Under 18's Coach*

## Telstra Kids Fund Grant

A big thank you to Bobby Christakakis (father of George U9M). Bobby applied to the "Telstra Kid's Fund Grant Committee" hoping for a grant for equipment for the club. This application was one of 303 applications received by Telstra for numerous sporting projects. The application was approved by Telstra who have now awarded Altona City a grant of \$1200.00 to help with the purchase of equipment for the junior teams. We would also like to pass on our thanks to Telstra for awarding these funds to the club.

Mark Pellington