



Altona City Soccer Club Newsletter

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Presidents Welcome

It goes without saying that the President together with the newly formed Executive Committee welcome back the previous and new members to Altona City Soccer club 2008 season.

This year as always, promises to be full of surprises, hopefully all of them positive experiences for our members.

We are very excited about a number of developments such as:

1. Having a full complement of well qualified and experienced coaches in place well before the beginning of the season. Many thanks to Ehab Botros and Kevin Ladd and his Coaching crew for achieving this feat.
2. A new Executive Committee structure that is designed to streamline communication and responsibilities into various key areas of club management. Each area also has a sub committee that supports the functions and responsibilities associated with the management area. I would encourage you all to use these lines of communication in the first instance for any queries

in the related areas. You will find a complete list of contact details and management areas included in this edition of the newsletter.

3. Introduction of Small Sided Games (SSG) as a new nationwide football skills development program which replaces Goal kick for players up to the Under 8 age group
4. Introduction of a regional summer competition. Further details of this development will follow as Football Federation Victoria (FFV) releases the information
5. New exciting Strategic Directions and Plan for the FFV which I have been an active member of the Zone, Women's and Junior standing Committees who have all greatly contributed to the strategic direction of football for Victoria
6. Having confirmed at this stage 20 plus teams (without SSG). We are also hoping to have the advent of a Master's team made up of parents and anyone else who want to brush up on their football skills. Altona City has three teams in the Super League competition plus an Open Women's side in

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the State League 2 competition on their way to Premier League if past performances are any indication. Watch this space to see who will get their first the men or the women!

6. A new bigger and better club website for you all to visit and get the latest information that is happening around the club including editions of the club newsletter. If you have anything you wish to add to the website please contact our infamous Webmaster Roger Borg on rogborg@hotmail.com or on 0425740376
7. New benches and goals for the two other pitches and more works planned in the form of lighting and shelter upgrades. Many thanks to Ted Moody and his Facilities crew
8. Introduction of club apparel as part of registration fees where all players will be kitted so they can all look the part of being Altona City players. All members will also receive membership card that entitles them to free entry to ACSC Senior home games. Also your membership number will entitle holders to be in the 'lucky members draw' so keep those cards handy and remember your membership number. Many thanks to Andrew Sagor the Merchandise Executive extraordinaire for all his work in this area
9. New updated policy and procedure document which will be available on the ACSC website. Many thanks to David Williams for all the hard work in putting this document together
10. Investigating an initiative of employing casual assistants for the canteen on Senior and Junior match days. Please let the Treasurer Jo Mucciacciaro if you are interested in earning some \$\$\$ on 0413483897 or jo.m@matsandassoc.com.au
11. Success in being \$50,000 Water Grant recipients to install a large water tank to assist with watering the grounds and recycling water runoff.

Conversely the club also faces a few challenges none the least are;

1. The continued water restrictions
2. The fact that some teams experiencing player shortages. Please do your bit to assist with recruitment for the teams that need a few more players. Please contact Kevin Ladd if you require more information on kevin@channelmarketing.com.au or 0411692241
3. That we are still looking for a fundraising/Events Co-ordinator to plan with the assistance and support of the Executive, family, team, player, club events throughout the year. If you are interested in finding out more about this role please contact Andrew Sagor on addcorp@alphalink.com.au or 0411851500.

On that note I will end this welcome with a personal appreciation for all the volunteers that make Altona City 'happen' and to your continued or beginning support of Altona City Soccer Club where we strive to

provide excellent football development, opportunities and participation in a family fun atmosphere.

Patricia Josipovic

President

Training

Training for Junior players has commenced. It is good to see many new faces amongst our friends from last year.

As with last year, the club, in consultation with coaches, is attempting to maintain out fields in the best possible condition ready for the season. We ask for your patience and understanding while training is being held at other venues. Teams will begin to return to the club grounds shortly on a rotational basis. This may mean that training nights will need to be adjusted. Remember, our aim is to provide our teams with the best possible grounds to train and **PLAY** on.

A reminder that the club has a strict policy about training in the heat. Each player must have their own drink bottle and remember to Slip, Slop, Slap. If the predicted temperature for training day is 34c or above, normal training **WILL BE CANCELLED.** Please contact your coach for advice about alternate training arrangements.



Sponsorship Opportunities

The Club is always looking for new sponsors and has several packages available. Two of the packages that the club offer are below:

1. Sponsorship boards around ground including artwork \$1500.00
2. New training strips approved for 08. Playing top, shorts and socks with the sponsors name on them. Package per team 16 players \$880.00

Registrations

If you have not already done so, please ensure that registrations are completed before 31 Mar 08. Payment plans can be organised by contacting the Treasurer.

This year the club will be enforcing its **NO PAY, NO PLAY or TRAIN** as of 31 Mar 08. This policy is to protect both the players and the Club.

Remember that until players are registered with the club for 2008, there is **no insurance**.

Registration Requirements:

1. Completed Altona City Registration Form
2. Completed FFA - 2008 Registration of Amateur Player Form
3. Copy of Birth Certificate or Passport
4. Two Passport Size Photos
5. Cash, Cheque, Credit Card, or EFPOS.

Registrations forms are available on the Club Website as a fill and print form or from the clubrooms.

2008 Junior Season

The Junior Season begins 27 April 08.

Apparel

This year, registration fees include sock, shorts and a club tracksuit. Every player should have been sized for socks, shorts and a new style playing top (remains Club property), at the time of registration. If you believe that this is not the case, please contact the treasurer as soon as possible.

Unfortunately, the tracksuit was not available for sizing on the registration days. With this in mind, separate sizing days will be arranged in the coming weeks to coincide with training days.

The club has further plans to introduce more apparel and merchandise as the year progresses. All general apparel and merchandise will be available for viewing on the club website and at the clubrooms as it becomes available.

Position Vacant

Fundraising/Events Co-ordinator to plan family, team, player, club events throughout the year. If you are interested in finding out more about this role please contact Andrew Sagor on addcorp@alphalink.com.au or 0411851500.

ACSC Small Sided Games

Altona City Soccer Club will be involved in the Small Sided Games (SSG) program in 2008. SSG caters for children less than 7 years of age.

The SSG program introduces young boys and girls aged 7 years and younger to the game of football. It focuses on teaching kids the basics of the game in a non-competitive friendly environment.

SSG will run over a 16-week period at Altona City. Each week is comprised of one 40 -50 minute session which entails:
Skill development activities

Small Sided Games (modified game of football)

There is also the opportunity to participate in Gala Days with non-competitive games against other clubs in our area.

Parent Help and Participation

Parent participation is an essential aspect of a successful SSG program and all parents,

are encouraged to volunteer their time to assist in running and setting up the skill based activities and Small Sided Games.

No experience or knowledge is necessary - just enthusiasm and a sense of fun.

Further information is available on the club website or the clubrooms.

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