

Pacific Soccer



It's only the second week back, but we now have only four weeks to the start of our fixtures and the excitement is building!

Pacific Soccer and Brisbane Roar Partnership

The 2016 season will bring more exciting opportunities for our players, with Pacific Soccer forming a new partnership with Brisbane Roar – Queensland's best football team and a leading club in the national A-League competition. Brisbane Roar actively encourages and nurtures grassroots competitions, where player participation and enjoyment is the highest priority. Pacific Soccer and the Roar are providing exciting opportunities for our players in 2016, including:

- Weekly coaching supported by a Brisbane Roar coach.
- Player Development Camp and Goalkeeping Clinic in the April school holidays.
- Bus trip to see Brisbane Roar versus Sydney FC in Brisbane on 26th March.
- The opportunity to meet current Roar players from the A-League competition.

So, if you want to play soccer with your mates, have heaps of fun and take your game to the next level, don't miss our upcoming Pacific Soccer sign-on days for the 2016 season.



Main Sign-On This Saturday

Pacific Soccer has always welcomed boys and girls to our sport and registers teams in various age groups from U6 to U16/17. If your child is turning 5 during 2016 (born 2011 or earlier), they are eligible to play this year and we would love to have them as part of a team!

Our early sign-on has started this week and our main sign-on will be held this Saturday from 9.00am – 12.00pm. The registration table will be set up at the Pacific Soccer Canteen, beside the main oval at Pacific.

If a new player is registering, please bring their birth certificate, passport or student card. All new and returning players who register will receive a complimentary gift pack from Pacific Soccer.

If you can't make it this weekend, registrations can also be completed on the following dates:

- Tuesday 9th February from 2.45pm – 3.30pm (outside the Prep building).
- Saturday 13th February from 9.00am – 11.00am (at the Pacific Soccer canteen).

Just For Kicks

This year Just for Kicks will run again at Pacific. This is a FREE 'come and try' event designed to introduce children aged 4 to 7 (born up to 2011) to the game.

Just for Kicks will be held this Saturday 6th February from 9.00am to 11.00am and places are limited. A Registration of Interest form is included at the back of the newsletter. Please complete and return to our registrar Jenny Lee as soon as possible.

All new players who attend Just for Kicks and register for the 2016 season will also receive a free ball and pair of shin pads (in addition to their welcome sign-on pack from Pacific Soccer).

Registration Fees

Pacific Soccer has always aimed to keep registration fees as low as possible so all families have the opportunity to participate in sport at an affordable cost. The 2016 registration fees are as follows:

- U6-U8: \$130
- U9-U10: \$150
- U11+: \$170

EFTPOS Available

In 2016, Pacific Soccer will be offering EFTPOS facilities for payment of registration fees and socks or equipment purchases.

Pacific Soccer Team App

The Pacific Soccer smartphone app will allow our families to obtain easy access to club information, forms, game times, venues, photos and newsletter updates. The app is now live and available via:

<https://pacificsoccer.teamapp.com/>.

Equipment Required

Players are required to have soccer boots and shin guards for all training sessions and matches. Socks and shorts can be purchased at the Pacific Soccer 2016 sign-on days. Pacific Soccer training shirts are worn for training and to and from games on Saturdays. Match jerseys are issued to each team manager and will be brought by the manager to each game.



Amart All Sports has been a long-term supporter of Pacific Soccer and has provided discounts for purchases made by our families. These purchases also benefit Pacific Soccer when we buy our equipment.

Amart All Sports is offering a discount weekend, where families can receive 20% off all purchases. If you need any new sporting equipment, please delay these purchases until after you have registered with Pacific Soccer, so you can receive the discount voucher. In 2016 the discount will be available on Saturday 13th February and Sunday 14th February.

Team Coaches and Managers

Each team requires a coach and a manager. These positions must be filled from within the team before games begin on 7th March. If you would like to help your team this year, coaching or managing is a great way to become actively involved. Any assistance you can offer is always greatly appreciated and will allow the players to play their game, learn new skills and to have fun.

If you are interested in assisting as the coach or the manager of a team in 2016, can you please let us know now or on the sign-on day. Alternatively, if team members would like to suggest a coach or manager for their team, please let us know, or encourage them to nominate now.

Thank you to all our coaches and managers who have previously offered their valuable time.

Coaching Director for Pacific Soccer

It is with great pleasure that we welcome Mr Ben Creamer to the Pacific Soccer committee, as the Director of Coaching for 2016. Ben was coaching the U7 Jewelfish in 2015 and we thank him for his continued involvement with the club. His passion for the game will now benefit all our players and teams in this exciting new role.

Pacific Soccer's partnership with Brisbane Roar will also provide ongoing support for our team coaches throughout the 2016 season, with weekly visits by Roar coaches to share training techniques. Ben will also provide additional assistance where needed.

SCCSA Coaching Clinics

To provide additional assistance to our new and our returning coaches, SCCSA is also be holding free coaching clinics throughout March. The clinics will provide guidance on additional training exercises and drills.

Coaching clinics are specifically designed for either U6-U8 and for U9-U16 age groups and run from 6.00pm to 8.30pm on the following dates:

- U6-U8 – Thursday 3rd March at Frank Mclvor Park, Currimundi;
- U9-U16 – Thursday 10th March at Multisports, Mudjimba; and
- U6-U16 – Tuesday 15th March at Multisports, Mudjimba.

SCCRA Refereeing Course

SCCRA will be holding a refereeing course at Siena Catholic College on Saturday 20th February and Sunday 21st February. The course will run from 8.30am – 4.30pm both days and is open to anyone aged 14 or older in 2016.

This year, SCCRA is especially looking for mature referees, aged 18-25 years. Refereeing is an excellent way to extend your involvement in the game and as such, Pacific Soccer will subsidise the \$35 fee for any of our players who complete the course.

Places for this course are limited, so if you are interested please contact Edd Grant (SCCRA secretary) at edwingrant2@bigpond.com or 0432 708 686.

Working Bee 27th February

Our annual working bee will be held on Saturday 27th February, commencing at 8.00am. The tasks to be undertaken may change, but at this stage we are seeking assistance from any 'handy-people' for the following:

- Attaching additional wheels on the last set of goal posts; and
- Organising team equipment and canteen equipment.

We have always had a great response to our previous working bees, so please come along and help out for the morning and share in a lunchtime sausage sizzle.

Involvement With Pacific Soccer

Pacific Soccer has always been run by volunteers since it was established in 2001 and this has only been possible through the generous support of our families. Whether you are helping out as a coach or a manager, in the canteen or as a committee member, all of these roles provide the services our players need to participate in their sport. As such, we encourage all our families to play a more active role in Pacific Soccer. Any help you can provide, large or small, will always be gratefully appreciated.

Currently the Pacific Soccer committee comprises of seven members and I would like to thank them for their time and the assistance.

Ian Barnes	President
Jenny Lee	Registrar
Louise Currey	Treasurer
Chris Friend	Secretary
Lisa Ackerman	Equipment Officer
Ben Creamer	Coaching Director
Zane Russell	Committee Member

The committee would welcome any assistance from our families, but especially would appreciate assistance for the following roles:

- Vice President (assist the President in a supporting role)
- Canteen Convenor (logistical role to keep track of canteen stock)

- Canteen Manager (shared role to oversee running of canteen by our teams)
- Field set-up and pack-up (to coordinate field setup)
- Committee Member (to contribute to decisions made within the club)

Correction to Previous Newsletter

In 2015, it was our U15 Pacific Torpedos (not Seahorses) who finished the season as the highest ranked Pacific Soccer team on the Fair Play Award, in 2nd place out of 147 teams.

Sorry for the mistake, but thank you to all the players on the team and especially the coach Jack Vardavas, for your passion and your commitment to the game.

Pacific Soccer Contacts

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We look forward to another great season in 2016! If you have any queries regarding registration or if you need any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Mr Ian Barnes, Pacific Soccer President