

Pacific Soccer



Limited Places Available

With 150 players across 15 teams, everyone is certainly looking forward to the games kicking off on Saturday 5th March. Although many of our teams for this year are full, we still have a few places available. We are especially looking for players for the following teams:

- Five players for U9 teams (boys born 2007, girls born 2006/2007);
- Two players for U11 (boys born 2005, girls born 2004/2005); and
- Two players for U12 (boys born 2004, girls born 2003/2004).

Team Coaches and Managers

With the games kicking off soon, this is a great opportunity to thank the many parents and supporters who have already offered to help their team as either coach or manager this season:

- U6 Mantarays – Sean Naus (C), Rachele Crawford (M)
- U6 Marlins – Daniel Anderson and Sam Dee (C), Angela Lengenber and Amanda Roberts (M)
- U7 Seadragons – Scott Bowering and Nathan Cran (C), Leighanne Daniels (M)
- U7 Razors – Felix McKeown (C), Lisa Ackermann (M)
- U7 Flyers – Sol Hellyer and Brad Tink (C), Linelle Puschmann (M)
- U8 Barracudas – Rob Moffitt and Belinda McCulloch (C), Sherrilyn Palmer (M)
- U8 Vipers – Greg Lee (C), Rod McGregor (M)
- U8 Jewelfish – Ben Creamer (C), Jodie Crawley (M)
- U9 Swordfish – Chris Friend (assistant coach), Megan Friend (M), *coach required*
- U9 Seals – Harrison Dines (C), *co-coach and manager required*
- U10 Eels – Mike Burlone (C), Elizabeth Stennett (M), *co-coach required*
- U11 Cobras – Matt Gigney (C), *co-coach and manager required*
- U10 Taipans – Dave Swan (C), Chris Friend (M)
- U12 Sharks – Zane Russell (M), *coach required*
- U13 Snappers – Leah Croke (C), Shane Punter (M)

Each team requires a coach and a manager. These positions must be filled from within the team before games begin on 5th 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. Thank you to all our coaches and managers who have offered their valuable time.

Coaching Assistance Through Brisbane Roar

Pacific Soccer's partnership with Brisbane Roar will provide ongoing support for our team coaches throughout the 2016 season. Roar coaches will visit weekly to share suggestions and training options. Ben Creamer, our Coaching Director, will also provide additional assistance.

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.

Mentoring Opportunities for Older Players

Pacific Soccer has always appreciated and encouraged the involvement of our older players to assist with the coaching of the younger teams. This not only provides an increased level of responsibility, but it is also a valuable mentoring role. Thank you Sam Dee and Harrison Dines, who will be helping with the coaching of the U6 Marlins and U9 Seals respectively. If you are also interested, please let us know as soon as possible.

Welcome Chat for Coaches and Managers this Saturday

Our Equipment Officer Lisa Ackerman has had a busy few weeks organising our team bags for the 2016 season and the kits will be ready to be collected this weekend.

With many new players and families in the club, it is important for our teams to be aware of the latest SCCSA guidelines to allow matches to run smoothly. We invite all coaches and managers to come along to the canteen this Saturday morning at 11.30am for a brief welcome chat about the season ahead and various SCCSA requirements. If you would like to assist your team as a coach or manager, please come along as well and we'd be happy to answer any questions. After the meeting, everyone is welcome to join us for the Working Bee BBQ.

Team training days

Now that teams have been finalised, training will commence over the next week. Coaches and managers will select the specific training day for each team; however most are training on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday. Please remember shin pads must be worn for training and matches.

Some teams may also be training on Meridan Fields #3 to #6. Pacific has always had a good relationship with the Meridan Sports Complex and thank Mr Mark Hauser for maintaining this good relationship. We ask our teams to also value this relationship. Please remember that training is not permitted on the main fields #1 and #2.

Round 1 Games – 5th March

Round 1 commences on Saturday 5th March and games will be played at various venues across the coast. The venues and times have not been confirmed yet, but will be sent to team managers and uploaded to the SCCSA website: www.SCCSA.org.au in due course. Pacific Soccer is expecting to host some of these games at home.

In Round 1, our U6-U10 teams will each participate in a Rooball Carnival and will play three shortened games throughout the day. Each game will only be 30 minutes (10 minute halves) and generally there is a 30-60 minute break between games.

Our U11+ teams are in the competitive age group and will play the first of three grading games. Grading games are played over the first three rounds of the season to determine whether a team is placed in the A grade, B grade or C grade of the competition.

Brisbane Roar Game – 26th March

Pacific Soccer is organising a bus trip to see the Brisbane Roar versus Sydney FC game at Suncorp Stadium on Saturday 26th March, kicking off at 6.30pm.

More details will be provided next week, so please watch the newsletter and news feeds for more information.



Pacific Soccer Canteen

Pacific Soccer operates a canteen at home games and at Rooball carnivals. The revenue from the canteen is the principle source of income for the club and allows us to purchase equipment for our teams.

After five years as the canteen convenor, Kelly Abraham stepped down from this position at the end of 2015. As part of her role, Kelly not only ordered supplies for the canteen, but also oversaw the running of the canteen at each home game.

In 2016, to reduce the workload involved with the organisation and the running of the canteen, we are hoping to separate the roles as follows.

Canteen Organiser

The Canteen Organiser will keep track of stock in the canteen and to place orders for perishable items prior to each home game. The collection of orders has always been a shared role, with some items collected on Friday, while our bread is collected on Saturday morning.

The Canteen Organiser will not be required to attend our home games. An end-of-trade stocktake can be arranged if necessary or will be completed by other committee members on site.

If you have a logistic background, are familiar with stock control, spread sheets or MYOB software and you would like to provide some valuable assistance to the club, please let us know as soon as possible. We can provide spread sheets for existing stock items, but this system can also be changed to suit the preferences of the organiser.

Canteen Manager

During our home games, the canteen is operated by team families, based on a roster. Shifts last around two hours, with 3-4 volunteers per shift. Volunteers operate the BBQ, prepare food and drinks and serve customers.

The role of the Canteen Manager will be to oversee the running of the canteen and to ensure volunteers are aware of safety and food handling guidelines.

The canteen set up commences around 7.00am, with hot food being served by 8.15am. The canteen remains open for the duration of all home games, although the BBQ is often turned off around 3.00pm. If required, we are also happy for the position of Canteen Manager to be a shared role, with a morning shift and an afternoon shift.

The position of Canteen Organiser and Canteen Manager(s) are important roles for Pacific Soccer. The committee will always provide assistance to the canteen when necessary, but having these specialised roles will help share the load.

Please consider if you can help us out in 2016 and let us know if you have any questions.

Baking for Pacific Soccer

Thank you to Mandy Hentschel and Angela James, who have offered to assist with baking for the Pacific Soccer canteen during our home games this season. Homemade baking has always been especially valued because of the extra effort involved and because of the natural goodness of the snack.

Sponsorship opportunities



Pacific Soccer has always appreciated the generous support of businesses that sponsor the team jerseys.

The jerseys are worn every week during the season and appear in our team photos and school newsletter. The jerseys are also kept for more than five seasons, providing continued exposure for businesses.

We only have one or two sets of jerseys left that are available for immediate sponsorship. Only one business will be advertised on each set, so if you would like to promote your business and sponsor a team, please contact our Equipment Officer Lisa Ackerman as soon as possible.

Encouragement Award Sponsors

Pacific Soccer has always appreciated the encouragement awards, which are donated by local businesses and issued to the manager of each team. The coach and manager present weekly awards to celebrate the special achievements of one or two players in their team such as their first goal or an extra special effort during the game. We will be publishing a thank you to all our encouragement award sponsors in the coming weeks.

Working Bee 27th February

Our annual working bee will be held this 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;
- Installing additional blocking under our storage shelves;
- Organising team equipment and canteen equipment;

- Excavating a seepage drain around the canteen; and
- Constructing a concrete slab over the seepage drain, which leads onto the covered area.

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.

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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.

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