

2008 YEARBOOK



Woden Valley FC Presidents Report 2008

The 2008 season saw WVFC grow to 270 players competing in 16 teams with significant success throughout the club.

2008 was another year of growth and change for WVFC with new faces on the clubs committee and in the coaching ranks. Joining us at the committee table were Rosa Ruiz(Registrar), Kar Chaivanacoopt, (PL/Womens Coordinator) and Kieran Angel (SL/Womens Coordinator). The club is run by a total committee of 10.

Joining us in the PL mens coaching ranks saw Paul Gagetti take the lead role with the 1st grade side ably assisted by John Helgeson. A big ask for somebody new to coaching but Paul's extensive playing experience proved valuable and significant improvement has been achieved with the team missing the finals by 1 spot finishing in 5th position. The task of PL Pathways coach was accepted by Andy Diggle. I think Andy would describe the journey as an 'interesting' one but the job of balancing the pressures of promoting youth whilst providing a competitive reserves team has been achieved, with the team again narrowly missing out on a finals spot finishing 5th.

We also saw new faces in Christine Taylor and Erin Freuin combining for the womens Premier League with Vince Taglieri working hard at promoting a youth pathway into womens SL1. A suggested womens PL framework change that sees it closer to the mens PL setup may provide further challenges next season. Overall there perhaps needs to be more of a focus on the womens side of the club especially when it comes to retaining those girls in the game as they finish their junior days.

The club took a leap of faith in 2008 by entering the SL1 and SL2 men's competitions (the only mens Premier League club to do so). The work of Nick Issacson, Neal Harris and Mike Swan was admirable in seeing the SL1 side through a testing season, whilst Jacky Gibson's team newly promoted SL2 side impressed, losing the SL2 minor premiership in questionable circumstances on the last day of the regular season.

Another new team, men's SL4 was led by Joe Italiano through a competitive season in SL4 whilst the Woden Valley family was joined in SL5 by Rohan Smith's Northside based team who trained at O'Connor but played at Hughes .

2008 saw WVFC finally achieve its very own web site www.wvfc.asn.au. This move allowed a greater presence for all our valued sponsors with a much improved profile for our major backers as well as providing all the latest club news and information. I encourage everyone to bookmark the site for next season. The club also made an investment in buying a storage container for Mawson at last, as well as a fully enclosed trailer used primarily for the PL canteen operations. Both purchases should serve the club well for years to come.

The club continues to grow in size and complexity and with that comes challenges. We continue to learn our trade in both the men's and women's Premier Leagues as well as facing the financial realities of being competitive at these top levels. Although proud of our reputation in promoting youth at every opportunity, 2008 saw the club reward both Premier League coaches and players to a modest degree. If we value the overall impact, having Premier League programs has on the whole club (junior and senior) we will need to remain realistic as to how far youth development can take us, working hard to see the club enabled financially to compete for players and coaches. The future organization of the club will need to be continually reviewed to ensure opportunities can be taken when they present themselves whilst also ensuring Premier league operations do not jeopardise the financial security of the general club.

Every player at Woden Valley was subsidised in 2008 in an attempt to spread the benefits of sponsorship to all members. Individual team sponsorships aided some teams further, which the club is happy to support. The role of sponsorship is crucial to a senior club in allowing it to set reasonable registration fees and we encourage any interested parties to contact club officials ready for 2009.

New initiatives in 2008 included the very first WVFC year book, thanks to Maria Gagetti for making this happen this season. Also launched this year was our first membership scheme. The 'Premier Membership' gives further much needed financial support to the club whilst providing an increasing range of benefits to those who join. The current membership is valid until the end of 2009. Full details are available on www.wvfc.asn.au.

Although all teams found space to train, the poor condition of surfaces at Mawson will see some teams look for alternatives next year. The arrival of new lights may help spread the load at Mawson in 2009. Indeed it is pleasing to see the theme of improved facilities being picked up in the new Capital Football strategic plan. The sport continues to win the battle of participation rates but there is a need for all weather training and playing surfaces to be built. The now unused driving range area adjacent to the Mawson fields is on the radar for such a development as the Southside equivalent of the soon to be built artificial surface at Hawker Enclosed.

Major events in the year included the opening of the new Mawson club house. The club house opening day itself saw Central Coast Mariners players and coach attend, a relationship that we I hope we continue to encourage as we had players on the fringe of picking up youth A League contracts with the Mariners this season. The gala night on Aug 22nd saw the club celebrate WVSC's 20th birthday. A great night with a plenty of laughter and fun at the Hellenic Club, thanks to Lynn Eager and all involved for a tremendous event.

Special mention to one team: Entered as a WVSC team because of its entry in a junior competition, Michael Asize and his Premier League U16's have swept all before them in 2008, as Kanga Cup Winners and League Champions. The strength in this age group bodes well for senior Premier League sides in 2009.

Finally we say goodbye to Tony Radford as a team coach this year. Tony's influence on the players and teams he has coached over the past two years has been significant.

To all the many people who have made and continue to make WVFC such an enjoyable club to be involved with, THANK YOU. Hope to see you all back in 2009.

ENJOY THE BREAK



Alan Hinde
President



Report Soccer Canberra

Trophy Cabinet

Southside Challenge Cup - Mens Premier League

Lifeline Cup - Mens Premier League

Kanga Cup - U/16's Premier League

WVSC Premier League 16s - 1st Place

State League 2 Mens - 1st Place

Premier League 18s Mens - 2nd Place

State League 5 Mens - 2nd Place

Masters Div 1 Mens - 2nd Place

Masters - Womens - 4th Place & Grand Finalists

State League 5 Womens- 5th Place

State League 4 Womens - 5th Place

State League 6 Womens - 5th Place

Premier League Mens - 5th Place

Premier League Pathway Mens - 5th Place

State League 4 Mens - 6th Place

Premier League Womens - 6th Place & Federation Cup Semi Finalists

State League 1 Mens - 7th Place

Masters Div 3 Mens - 7th Place

Masters Div 2 Mens - 9th Place

State League 1 Womens - 10th Place



Southside Challenge Cup

23rd February 08

Woden Valley Football Club along with Tuggeranong United played the inaugural Southside Challenge Cup this year. Both clubs endeavoured to raise money for charity throughout the day and collected donations for Epilepsy ACT.

Under 16s, under 18s, Premier League and also Premier Pathways squads from both clubs went head to head in a series of point scoring matches. Six points were on offer in the Premier League clash, four points were up in the Premier Pathways match, while the winners of the under 18s and under 16s games received three and two points respectively. One point was awarded for drawn matches. The Club which had the highest points tally at the end of the day took home the trophy.

Woden Valley took out the very first Southside Challenge Cup!



Mike Swan receives the Southside Challenge Cup.



Reasons to become a referee:

- 1) You love football, but cant quite understand the rules.
- 2) You have the strange desire to run aimlessly around in the wind, rain and snow.
- 3) You love the sound of verbal abuse.
- 4) You find it hard to make decisions and whatever you do your always wrong.

WVFC make Federation Cup Semi (Womens)

1st April 08

WVFC Premier League womens team made the Federation Cup semi final for the 2nd year running. The game against Weston Creek was won 2-1 to enable us to finish at the top of our pool before progressing to the semi finals.



14th April 2008

Christine Taylor and the Premier League squad won the Federation Cup 3rd place play off against ANU.

The game was in hot conditions and despite a few injuries they managed to hold Weston to 1-1 at full time. Lauren Bowman scoring for Woden. No score in extra time saw penalties before Kim Wheeler became the hero of the hour saving penalty 8!

“ I was very proud of all the girls and the effort they all put in throughout the Federation Cup. We managed to shock the local football community with our results. It was a great lead into the season and confidence boost for some of the players returning to the sport or new to the Club”, said the happy coach.

The girls won \$1000 for the Club with the victory.



Club house opening

18th May 2008

Woden Valley and the Central Coast Mariners continued to develop their relationship when goal scoring heros Sasho Petrovski and Ahmad Elrich and coach Laurie McKinna made the trip to Canberra for the official opening of the new Woden Valley clubhouse.

Months of preparation came to a head on Sun May 18th as the club officially opened the new club house.

Petrovski and Elrich joined up with Mariners team-mate and Australian Institute of Sport resident Andrew Redmayne and were an instant hit on a day of celebration with everyone who relished the opportunity to meet and greet the Mariners trio.

The gala atmosphere on the day was helped by the presence of the Gecko gang and a number of rides for the younger members. The official opening of the new building saw all the major contributors to the project present and recognised for their efforts. An unusual sight however was the gathering of all six former Presidents of the WVSC club including current President Kim Chapman. Gordon Carmichael as master of ceremonies and was pleased to introduce club patron Gary Humphries as well as Mariners coach Laurie McKinna to speak before Andrew Barr (ACT Minister of Sport) actually cut the ribbon to open the building.

After captivating a new legion of fans decked out in yellow and navy, Petrovski and Elrich then tried their hand at coaching, going head to head from the bench in a celebrity match played in front of the new clubhouse. The match played out to an enthralled crowd saw local celebrities and politicians pull their boots on to take part in a high scoring game that eventually went the way of Petrovski's team.

The presentation of a large gnome going by the name of 'Gordo' to the winning team + miniture cups saw proceeding close on a project that had its inception way back in 2002.

The day was made extra special for all involved by the Central Coast Mariners accepting an invite to take part. All involved in the day from Woden Valley and those who were there are sure that the good nature and generous help of the Central Coast Mariners' Hyundai A-League stars have secured many new Mariners fans from the ACT for the future.

The event was another success for Lynnette Eager whose impeccable planning has become a feature of recent events.



WODEN VALLEY PREMIER LEAGUE - MENS

Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against	Points
	16	15	0	1	50	10	45
	16	10	3	3	47	16	33
	16	9	2	5	36	18	29
	16	6	4	6	24	30	22
Woden Valley	16	5	4	7	20	35	19
	16	4	5	7	17	24	17
	16	3	6	7	20	36	15
	16	3	5	7	21	31	14
ANU FC	16	2	1	13	16	45	7





Name - Jack Ducommun.
D.O.B - 1/2/90
Position - Midfield
Rep Honours - U19 ACT
Rockets.
Hobbies - Fishing & Surfing.
Likes - Relaxing, chilling with friends and partying.
Fav Foods - Italian
Fav WVFC Player - Chris Morrow...not Paul G



Name - Jonathon Reis
D.O.B - 24/2/90
Position - Center Left back.
Fav International Player - Tevez
Hates - Early Classes and losing.
Likes - Football and clean sheets.
Fav Foods - Pies
Fav WVFC Player - Smedley



Name - Cameron Gordon
D.O.B - 14/8/89
Position - Full Back
Rep honours - ACT Youth rockets.
Fav international Player - Ryan Griggs
Hates - Slackers & losing
Likes - Having a kick with mates at the oval.
Fav WVFC Player - Chris Morrow



Name - Billy Sgouros
D.O.B - 1/4/90
Position - Roaming midfielder.
Fav International Player - Cristiano Ronaldo.
Hobbies - Cars.
Hates - Snakes.
Likes - Soccer, cars and girls.
Fav Foods - Souvlaki
Fav WVFC Player - Jack



Name - Ciffin Evans
D.O.B - 12/9/90
Position - Stopper
Rep Honours - ACTAS & ACT School boys.
Likes - Girls
Hates - Cocky players.
Hobbies - BBQs with Family.
Fav Foods - Mums Cooking.
Fav WVFC Player - Reisy.



Name - Chris Morrow
D.O.B - 1/10/86
Position - Goalkeeper
Rep honours - ACT Team U13-U16, ACTAS & Deakin NYL.
Hobbies - Music, DJing, cars, surfing and the gym.
Fav Foods - Thai
Fav WVFC Player - Ryan Jones and Jono Reis



'I would not be bothered if we lost every game as long as we won the league'. Mark Viduka



Name - John Caggiano
D.O.B - 2/4/83
Position - Striker
Hobbies - Gym
Hates - Being sober
Likes - Drinking
Fav Foods - Steak
FAV WVFC Member - Nick Caggiano.



Name - Tal Evans
D.O.B - 29/3/89
Position - Midfielder.
Rep Honours - ACT under 15's, 16's. ACTAS.
Hates - Boys
Likes - Girls
Fav Foods - Cake
Fav WVFC Player - Myself.



Name - Luke Pilkington
D.O.B - 12/7/90
Position - Midfield.
Rep Honours - ACTAS, Captain of ACT Rockets, played with central coast mariners.
Hobbies - Surfing, motocross
Hates - People that hog the right lane.
Likes - Most stuff.
Fav Foods - Steak
Fav WVFC Player - Chris Morrow



Name - Zac Smedley
D.O.B - 26/2/92
Position - Striker
Rep Honours - Academy and ACTAS
Hobbies - Soccer, gym and girlfriend.
Hates - Getting up for soccer.
Likes - Watching movies.
Fav Foods - Pizza
Fav WVFC Player - Jono Reis.



Name - Marcin Zygmunt
D.O.B - 24/4/86
Position - Centre Midfield.
Fav International Player - Cristiano Renaldo.
Hates - Paul Gagetti
Likes - Listening to Music
Fav Foods - Strawberries, white chocolate and Mangos.
Fav WVFC Player - Jack Ducommun.



Name - Ryan Jones
D.O.B - 11/10/90
Position - Centre Halfback
Rep Honours - ACT 12's - 18's.
Hobbies - Spending time with mates.
Hates - Soft players.
Likes - Winning.
Fav Foods - Pizza/Pies
Fav WVFC Player - Luke Pilkington.



'My parents have been there for me, ever since I was about 7'. David Beckham

WODEN VALLEY PREMIER LEAGUE - WOMEN





Name - Cassie Schilg
D.O.B - 25/11/87
Position - Centre Midfield, forward.
Favourite International Player - Kaka
Hobbies - Photography, films and reading
Fav WVFC Player - Alan Hinde
Fav Foods - Pasta and Chocolate



Name - Christine Taylor
D.O.B - 9/1/82
Position - Centre Midfield.
Rep Honours - ACT U16, ACT U19, ACT Academy, ACT Futsal.
Fav International Player - Ryan Giggs
Fav WVFC Player - All of the Womens Premier League Team



Name - Claire (Scotty) Scott
D.O.B - 24/5/90
Position - Left Back
Rep Honours - PSSA2002, ACT Futsal 2002-2006
Hates - Being late, lack of sleep and annoying people.
Likes - AFL, sleep, TV, money.



Name - Erin (Boots) Clout
D.O.B - 20/11/92
Position - Wing (I wish striker)
Rep Honours - PSSA2005, NYC 2007/8, ACT Futsal 2008, SSSA 2008
Fav Foods - Up and Go.....and lollies
Fav WVFC Player - Maddy Beard



Name - Erin Frewin
D.O.B - 17/12/85
Position - Midfield
Rep Honours - NSW Academy, ACT Academy, Canberra Eclipse, Nationals.
Hobbies - Dancing, Futsal, Soccer and partying.
Likes - Hot men, sport, and money
Fav Foods - Pasta,



Name - Kate Davoren
D.O.B - 1/6/87
Position - Right Midfield
Rep Honours - ACT Futsal 1999 - 2006
Fav International Player - Michael Owen.
Hates - Apples and spiders
Likes - Shopping, eating chocolate, playing sport.
Fav Foods - CHOCOLATE!!!! and lasagne.



Name - Kate Greenacre
D.O.B - 14/12/87
Position - Central Defence.
Rep Honours - ACT 1999 - 2006, Aus 2001 - 2006.
Hobbies - Guitar, Uni, work, movies and friends.
Fav Foods - Satay Chicken and gummi bears



'I couldn't settle in Italy - it was like living in a foreign country'. Ian Rush



Name - Kim Wheeler
D.O.B - 10/1/87
Position - Goalie
Fav International Player - Viduka
Hates - People who dont indicate when driving.
Likes - Playing with my son (Noah)
Hobbies - Soccer



Name - Kimberley Anne Williams
D.O.B - 3/1/74
Position - Sweeper
Rep Honours - None this year.
Hates - Lack of commitment to training.
Likes - Fantastic Team spirit.
Fav WVFC Player - Claire Scott



Name - Korri Chaivannacoopt
D.O.B - 16/9/87
Position - Wing/Striker
Hobbies - Uni
Hates - Being Cold
Likes - Food and Holidays.
Fav Foods - ALL



Name - Lauren Bowman
D.O.B - 7/6/89
Position - Defence
Rep Honours- ACT 03, School girls ACT 04, 05, 06
Fav International Player - Harry Kewell.
Hates - Lil Reppion
Likes - Erins Jokes
Fav Foods - Chocolate
Fav WVFC Player - Lill



Name - Elizabeth (Lil) Reppion
D.O.B - 27/2/87
Position - Defence/Bench Warmer
Rep Honours - U14, U16, U17 WA/ACT
Likes - Cricket and Sleep.
Fav Foods - Custard and Pasta
Fav WVFC Player - Lauren Bowman



Name - Maddy Beard
D.O.B - 14/3/91
Position - Centre Mid-field.
Rep Honours - PSSA2003, NYC 2006, ACT Futsal, SSA 2008.
Hobbies - Erin Clout.
Hates - School and Ref's.
Likes - Hot Men.
Fav WVFC Player - Erin Clout.



Name - Sabrina Spinapolice
D.O.B - 14/2/88
Position - Striker
Rep Honours - U14, U18
Hobbies - Drawing, singing, working, friends.
Likes - Sleeping, Soccer and going to the beach.
Fav WVFC Player - Kate Greenacre



WFVC wins Lifeline Challenge Cup

7th July 08



Mens Premier League with Lifeline Cup.

On the 29th April WFVC threw its support behind Lifeline Canberra and its many important services to the community. As part of this relationship the Clubs Premier League sides took part in a brand new competition named after Lifeline.

The Lifeline Canberra Cup was played between WFVC and Canberra City across both home and away legs of their mens Premier League fixtures throughout the season. The first leg kicked off on 4th May at Hawker and concluded at Woden enclosed on 6th July, where the cup was presented to the overall winner of the 3 Premier League grades.

The 2nd round of games between WFVC and Canberra City concluded with the Woden 1st grade team needing to win to secure the inaugural Canberra Lifeline Cup. A 2-1 victory did the business and David High from Canberra Lifeline was on hand to accept the \$200 raised on the day by a raffle (won by Mick Alexander) and also to present Marcin Zygmunt with the trophy. This is the second of the year for the club after securing the Southside Challenge Cup in the pre season.



WODEN VALLEY PATHWAYS - MENS

The Premier League Pathways team had a season of progression with last seasons points tally of 19 being increased to 27 pts in 2008. Despite this, the team narrowly missed out on a finals spot finishing in 5th place. Belconnen Utd eventually taking the Grand Final.

Delays in the naming of the squad made for interesting pre-season but one that in fact promised much for the year. The first outing of the season against ANU also bode well with a convincing 3-nil victory to the lads. But the cyclical nature the PPL season now saw the 'bear' period with large defeats to ACTAS and Canberra FC split by a close loss to Canberra City. The City result was a respectable result considering that we played most of the second half with 10 men, including Jirrima as stand-in goalkeeper, dominated play in the second and were unlucky not to take away something.

The problem with this run of form was that the next fixture saw us play unbeaten Belconnen at McKellar. No worries though with a fantastic game. Haydn O'Kelly began the scoring, and in the second half was followed by a terrific strike by Ben Rundle making us think a 2-1 result was on the cards but an equaliser from Belconnen meant just one point from a confidence boosting game.

A significant turning point with bear turning to bull for PPL. Next up were Queanbeyan who were seen off after an excellent strike by Ben Rundle and then onto 4th placed O'Connor. But the team continued the good form of previous weeks and secured the points with a 4-2 win, excellent goals to Luke Pilkington (2), Alex Barnes and Nick Tsakiris. Woden now taking 4th place. The roll was well and truly on with confidence high unfortunately for Olympic as the local derby was settled with a very tidy 2-0 victory with goals to Under 18 striker Lukas Cole playing off the bench, and a blinder of a strike from the edge of the 18 yard box to Hayden O'Kelly. Stand-in goalkeeper from the State 4s, Danny Williams, made an excellent contribution.

Tuggeranong were next to visit Woden Enclosed and two pre-season losses were to be avenged as Woden earned a very hard fought 1-0 victory after a magnificent header from mid-fielder, Simon Hinde. Will Laurie in goals pulled off some stunning saves. Good contributions and depth on the bench from P18 players, Gary Alexander, Daniel Moutrey, Chris Ruiz and Luke Davoren. Woden now moving into 3rd place. One hangover from the early ACTAS and Canberra FC games was a negative goal difference.

That was erased with an 8-0 demolition of ANU, a hat trick to Tom McLachlan, and a brace of goals each to Phil Swan and Lukas Cole and a penalty to Alex Barnes. The five top teams won on the day, no change to position and then there was ACTAS. A confidence going into this game was soon seen to be misplaced and the slide began with this 8-nil defeat which saw ACTAS dominate the first half when 6 goals were put away. Woden did play better in the second half but the damage had been done. A 2-nil loss to Canberra City was followed by a visit to Canberra FC, despite going in level courtesy of a Zac Smedley special, the 2nd half saw the Deakin club dominate and win 5-1. Woden dropped out of the top 4.

Belconnen next and despite pressing the attack, Woden Valley could not put the ball away until well into the second half when Shaun Hagen finished neatly to make it 1-1. A crucial game vs Queanbeyan loomed but despite totally bossing the game only one goal came from Alex Barnes, this was the one that got away. However O'Connor were then beaten with an early penalty put away by Ben Rundle and Shaun Hagen adding to. The final result 2-0 was marred by the prospect of being without Andrew Kiley for the last game though. The penultimate game of the season saw a comfortable 3-nil victory over Olympic but on the same weekend Tuggeranong confirmed their finals spot and locked Woden into 5th.

It is always difficult to finish a season relying on the favourable results of other teams and seldom brings football happiness. .

If the Pathways concept is to work, every opportunity must be given to emerging players to be noticed in the Premier League. Woden PPL was run on that basis. While the PPL season did not take us to a position in the final four, two important outcomes are evident; the first is the undeniable quality of the PL18 players who either claimed a permanent place in the PPL or played off the bench for the PPL.. The second is the promise this season holds for a wonderful season in 2009.



WVFC Spons

Woden Valley Football Club is run by 2 separate clubs that work together. WVFC provides senior mens and wo club in the ACT with players competing in 16 teams with significant success. We expect to grow further in 2009 2007-8. The club experiences regular success at all grades and provides many of the ACT representative play the new club house recently completed there. Woden Valley FC is always looking to encourage new sponsors contact ..Alan Hinde

The clubs sponsorship structure is briefly oulined below. Sponsorships can start for as little as \$500.



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Principal Sponsor Opportunity

- Naming rights
- Strip signage
- Clothing extension
- Ground signage
- Clubhouse signage
- Opportunity to host the end of season presentation night.
- Increased visibility
- Speaking opportunities
- Social events
- Website presence
- Media and PR profile building
- Other opportunities.



Major Sponsor Opportunity

- Strip signage
- Ground signage
- Opportunity to be represented at end of season presentation night
- Increased visibility
- Speaking opportunities
- Website presence



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Sponsorship Levels

Principle Sponsor	\$10,000
Major Sponsor	\$ 5,000
Gold Sponsor	\$ 2,000
Club Partner	\$ 1,000
Valued Supporter	\$ 500



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Sponsorship Structure

women's football. WVSC provides junior football. In 2007-8 WVFC grew to be the largest single senior football club in Australia. WVSC continues to be one of the largest sporting clubs in Australia with membership of 1860 players in all age groups as well as young Australian "Joeys" representatives. Both clubs are based at Mawson playing fields and encourage fans to jump aboard and support the club. For all enquiries regarding sponsorships and what the club can offer

Gold Sponsor Opportunity

Strip signage
Ground signage
Opportunity to be represented at end of season presentation night
Increased visibility
Website presence



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Coordination**



Club Partner Opportunity

Strip signage
Opportunity to be represented at the end of season presentation night
Increased visibility
Website presence



Valued Supporter Opportunity

Opportunity to be represented at the end of season presentation night
Increased visibility
Website presence

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WODEN VALLEY STATE LEAGUE ONE - WOMENS



WODEN VALLEY STATE LEAGUE ONE - MENS



WODEN VALLEY FOOTBALL CLUB MEMBERS

A special thank you goes out to our club supporters who joined the Woden Valley Football Club in this our inaugural year.

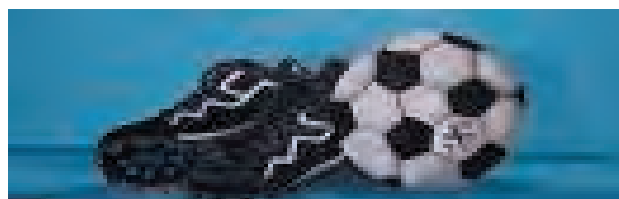
11th August 2008

Woden Valleys FIRST!!!! Member is....**Graham Barnes.**



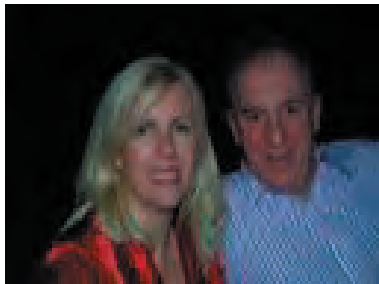
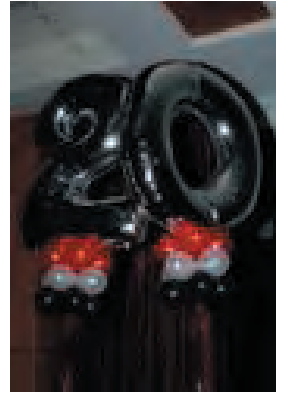
Graham 'belongs' to Premier League Pathways player Alex Barnes and was the first to join the club's new membership scheme which we hope to grow quickly in members and benefits.
Thank You Graham!

Other new members - Mr Phillip Swan, Ms Rhonda Swan, Mr Gerard Barrett and Mr Frank Van Duren.

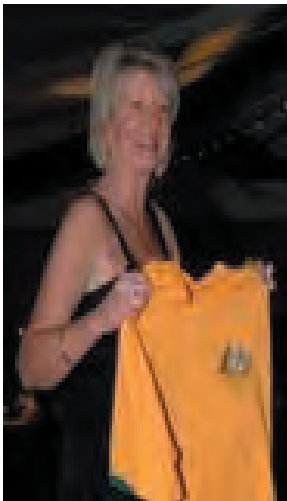


Celebrating 20 Years of Woden Valley

22nd August 2008



The WVFC 20th Birthday bash on Aug 22nd was another stunning event directed by Lynne which saw the club gather to celebrate 20 years of Woden Valley. MC's on the night included Club President Alan Hinde and the 'man of a thousand costume changes' Tony Olivera oversaw a beautifully decked out Olympus room at the Hellenic Club with dancing and fun the focus of the night including Gary Humphries very own slide show from the club house celebrity game.



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WODEN VALLEY STATE LEAGUE FOUR - WOMENS



WODEN VALLEY STATE LEAGUE TWO - MENS



WODEN VALLEY STATE LEAGUE FOUR - MENS



The Season went well considering this was the first time most of the team had played together.

The previous years SL4 team split into two squads, most going to SL2 and three of us staying in SL4. The rest of the team came together from word of mouth that we wanted an SL4 team.

A bunch of great guys turned up from all over town. Once we finally had a full team, the start of the season was close, and Canberra grounds decided to perform maintenance on all ACT fields and close all grounds for 2 weeks, 4 weeks before the season was to start. It was not the most ideal situation for a team that was thrown together but the group of guys that joined all got along very well, and played well on the field together.

Our pre season games were very promising with convincing wins over Cooma 4-0, and Weston creek 3-0.

We trained every week with state league 2 and had close ties with them, helping each other out in games where players were short in numbers, and meeting at the pub after every game.

On the field we had a strong back line including a great goal keeper which worked extremely hard every week, a versatile midfield and good forward line. We played with a very positive and enthusiastic attitude and had a great time on the field playing for each other.

We had mixed fortune in the season, with some serious injuries (broken noses, and dislocated knees), and a couple of players deciding to head overseas to Europe for most of the season. The middle of the season was a struggle for numbers on most occasions, but with some help from the SL2 players and the fighting spirit of the SL 4 Woden rivals we managed to hold our own.

Our home ground was at Hughes oval which was a tough ground to play on. This was mainly due to the uneven ground and many divots on the field. This made it quite hard to score and make opportunities for both teams with no more than a few goals scored whenever we played there.

Be it a win, one of our many draws or a loss we headed to the pub as good mates and had a laugh over a few drinks learning from the game that just went by

Near the end of the season we began to find form. Mainly due to players coming back from injury and overseas, we finally got most of our full team back together, and went our last 5 games undefeated which included 4 of top 5 teams, finishing the season in 6th place out of 10 teams. Judging by our run of form at the very start and at the end of the season the SL4 Woden rivals would definitely have been finals contenders had they not lost so many players to unforeseen circumstances.

It was a great season and many great friendships were formed, and we are looking forward to many seasons to come.

WODEN VALLEY STATE LEAGUE FIVE - WOMENS



WODEN VALLEY STATE LEAGUE SIX - WOMENS



WODEN VALLEY STATE LEAGUE FIVE - MENS

The men's State League 5 side was new to Woden Valley this year. As a group of players from the north side looking for a new place to play, Woden wasn't an obvious choice. But the relaxed nature and inclusiveness of the club suited the team and, with only a hint of trepidation, we signed on. After a successful and thoroughly enjoyable season, the choice we made looks to be the right one.

The 10-team competition was solid this year, with six stand out sides (ANU, UC, Olympic, Tuggeranong, Belwest and Woden). The season started slowly for Woden with a win, a loss and a draw in the first 3 games. But from that point, the boys started to rack up the wins and the team went unbeaten for 14 rounds. A final round hiccup in a dead rubber against ANU dented an otherwise impressive season with Woden recording 13 wins, three draws and two losses, to finish in 2nd place behind ANU.

The key to our success was a strong and consistent defence, backed by excellent goal keeping. The defensive brigade of Luke Barrett, Rufino Gonsalves, Jared Hawkins, Eric Kerrison, Marcus Lumb, Andrew McPherson, Dino Minutti, Wayne Young, and giant goal keeper Nathan De Rooy, ensured the team conceded just 12 goals from 18 games (8 from 17 if you don't count the last game...).

In attack, the midfield group featuring Chad Barton, Jay Bellchambers, Brendon Bishop, Paul Gloyne, Alex Malyon and Hamish McDonald contributed plenty of goals as well as creating many more for strikers Sean Polacsek and Rohan Smith. It was this support work, and some smart finishing, that allowed Rohan to win the division's golden boot with 22 goals.

While the whole squad contributed significantly to the teams' success, Luke, Chad, Rufino and Dino were outstanding in their performance and consistency.

The top two finish ensured an appearance in the major semi final, with the winner progressing directly to the grand final. Woden faced an unbeaten ANU who had an imposing record of 17 wins and one draw through the regular season. After a tough 90 minutes, the sides couldn't be separated, but a single goal from Rohan in extra time was enough to see Woden through to the grand final.

Following a well earned and much appreciated week off, Woden faced local rivals Olympic in the grand final. They'd found form at the right stage of the season, having mounted a comeback from 2-0 down at half time to beat favourites ANU 3-2 in the preliminary final. That result ensured they carried plenty of confidence into the grand final. In very warm conditions, Woden jumped out to an early advantage with 2 goals from Chad and carried a 2-0 lead to half-time. Olympic played a strong 2nd half, but couldn't find a goal and were finally beaten when Woden added a 3rd through Rohan.

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Special thanks also go to our dedicated group of supporters, who ensured that there was a good sideline atmosphere at all our games. Their support helped this to be one of the most enjoyable seasons the team has had. We would also like to thank Gerard Barrett for all his efforts acting as referee and assistant referee when required.

Squad: Luke Barrett, Chad Barton, Jay Bellchambers, Brendon Bishop, Nathan De Rooy, Paul Gloyne, Rufino Gonsalves, Jared Hawkins, Eric Kerrison, Marcus Lumb, Alex Malyon, Hamish McDonald, Andrew McPherson, Dino Minutti, Sean Polacsek, Rohan Smith, Wayne Young



WODEN VALLEY UNDER 16'S PREMIER LEAGUE - MENS

Much was expected from this side, Woden Valley having dominated the junior competition in this age group for the past four or five seasons. Luckily we were able to live up to past teams, but more importantly we created something for ourselves, as well as playing some great football in the Woden tradition of style, teamwork and good sportsmanship. The bald results may make it look like the competition was poor, but this would be to unfairly denigrate the quality of these players and this side, which was even more than the considerable some of its parts.

Early season form was scratchy, with some untidy wins and some, but mercifully not too few, patches of good play. Of course, the idea of what constitutes "good play" is - relative – most teams would have killed for our ordinary play but we knew the team could do better and the trick was going to be to get it out of them. Given the large number of new players and some injuries it was only expected the team would come together in fits and starts.

The game against Deakin, won 6-0 after our usual slow start, showed what we were capable of. It was a display of power and control, with some excellent finishing, topped by impressive composure and strength in the face of some niggling tactics from the opposition. The next week we looked like 13 strangers in a scrappy 2-0 win over Majura. Tuggeranong were only defeated 2-1 in the last minute and after Michael Portelli saved from a penalty and a swerving free-kick.

Belconnen handed us our only loss for the year when they grabbed a last minute winner. Overall, we were satisfied with the performance in a game we might not have deserved to win and a team with this quality knows it cannot make excuses. We reacted well to this with a strong 4-1 win over Marist. The team gave everything in a 1-1 draw with Radford without a lot of luck.

It was after this that the style of training and play changed. We worked on playing to our strengths - short passing, control, build up and the transition between the zones. The results of that process came early in a 6-1 win over the Academy, arguably the performance of the season. We racked up 3 goals inside 10 minutes to take a stranglehold on the game. 2 more followed before half-time. Our passing and movement off the ball was superb. The Academy had no answer to our power in midfield or at the back, or the pace and strength of Nathan Duck and Lachlan Nichols up front. Overall, it was an extraordinary display.

The balance of the season seemed like a procession at times as the sheer ability of the players put paid to the opposition time and time again. The defence in particular was stunning, not conceding a goal for 6 straight games. There was a 4-0 defeat of Radford, an 11-0 disposal of O'Connor Belwest, a strong 3-0 defeat of Deakin, a 7-0 romp against Majura and a very satisfying 5-0 win against Queanbeyan. Things did not go all our way against Tuggeranong but against determined opponents, with a reduced bench and one man down for most of the game, the team showed it had character and substance to go with its class to claim a 1-0 win.

The next game against Belconnen was our Grand Final. As so often before we started slowly and were lucky not to go one goal down to an aggressive and fired up Belconnen. We eased into the game before Nathan Duck took a well constructed chance to give us 1-0 lead at the break. In the second-half we controlled possession and territory. A second Nathan Duck goal was followed by a long string of passes that saw Brenden Dimeski slamm one in from just inside the box and the job was done. Just to steal our thunder Belco scored the goal of the season directly from the kick-off but we ran out comfortable 3-1 winners and deserved champions.

The season was finished with a 3-0 defeat of the Academy, the later game made more memorable by a blinding one on one save from Michael that would be on Peter Schmeichel's highlights reel.



WODEN VALLEY UNDER 18`S PREMIER LEAGUE - MENS



WODEN VALLEY MASTERS DIVISION ONE - MEN

Woden Valley Master Div 1 enjoyed another successful and enjoyable season in 2008. The elder statesmen of the club finished 2nd on the competition table to Canberra FC beaten only by goal difference over the 18 match season before also succumbing to the same side 3-1 in the Grand Final. The highlight of the season was once again Paul Faichney taking out the golden boot with 24 goals this year.

As can be expected the squad that lined up this year had a few new faces but the majority of last years Championship winning side returned the field of battle again. The continuity of Woden's play was on display from the outset of season, as the side took out the pre-season Lightening tournament defeating Belconnen 2-0 in the final. This impressive form continued on and it wasn't until later in the season when the side cost itself back to back titles by suffering defeats to Canberra FC, Belnorth and Belconnen. Despite these set backs a record of 13 wins, 2 draws and 3 losses was a good return for the 18 matches played.

In the finals, the side comfortably accounted for last year's Grand Finalists Lanyon in the Semi final 2-0 before losing out the major play off. The Grand Final was series of wasted opportunities and clinically punished defensive errors that offered a flattering 3-1 scoreline to FC. The side showed tremendous spirit to the death and would all have considered themselves particularly unlucky that the result went against them.

The boys are already formulating a plan to redeem themselves in 2009 and have the Woden name in its rightful position back on top of the league table.



WODEN VALLEY MASTERS DIVISION TWO - MEN



WODEN VALLEY MASTERS DIVISION THREE - MEN



2008 has been a building year for Woden Valley Masters Div3; a host of new players to the team meant building relationships, it meant building positional structure for the players and it meant building confidence in each other and in our ability to play well as a team. There is not denying it took some time... however, it did happen.

While we started the season slowly... we soon built up momentum. Where once we struggled, we were competitive; it was not long before we moved from competitive in our games to winning. The strategies that were the foundation of our building year were showing dividends... but more than that... there was a team culture developing. You would have thought at Masters the aged and weary legs would mean less commitment. It wasn't so. Each of the players showed they cared enough for the team, cared enough for each others to be disciplined, accountable and structured in their game. As we came together as players on the field... so we came together as a team.

2008 was a great building year; individually and as a team. There is no doubt there are great things ahead for 2009.

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