

Chairman's Blog – June 2019



Dear members,

Welcome to June's edition of the Chairman's Blog. We are now halfway through the season and it's safe to say the winter weather has arrived. I just wanted to start by first thanking and acknowledging the patience and understanding being shown by our members during this difficult and disruptive season. I've been hearing a few rumbles of discontent and that is totally understandable given the changes and restrictions placed upon us in regards to training venues and having to play games continually away from home. I'm fully aware of the sacrifices and changes to routine that we have all had to make but as I've been continually spruiking, this is short-term pain for some really exciting long-term gain! These new facilities are going to set the club up to become the club of choice and help achieve our strategic vision. I know it's easy for me to say this but all I can ask for is your continued support and understanding during these disruptive times.

Given the huge disruption and difficulties we have faced this season I want to call out the amazing job our coordinators have been doing in arranging training grounds and scheduling fixtures so that we can continue to operate with the minimum amount of disruption and postponement of games. The work that is done behind the scenes liaising with clubs, associations, coaches and parents has been nothing short of exemplary. This has not been an easy job so kudo's to Brenton Stehniak, David Bament, Jason Barnden, Kenny Nisbet and Dave Hughes on the great work.

Richardson Reserve Upgrade – Update

As many of you may have seen either driving past Richardson Reserve or via our social media updates, a significant moment in the club's history occurred last week with the demolition of the old clubrooms. For some members the demolition of the old building is cause for sadness. It's important as a club that we recognise this as many members had special events hosted in the clubrooms with many fond memories.

Whilst it's important to recognise and reflect on the past and remember the many great times, it is time for a new facility that is going to meet the needs of our club moving into the future. With the demolition now complete there is a sign of optimism and excitement as we look forward to the construction of the new clubrooms and facility. The committee has been working with council on providing feedback into the concept design of the building to ensure the clubs suggestions and needs as a soccer club are taken into account with the build. The commitment from the council to bring forward the funding for the new clubrooms to the 19/20 financial year is really appreciated so that we can gain access to the new facility at the earliest opportunity.

Since my last update significant progress has been made on the grounds with all retaining walls completed, light towers delivered, the installation of the new storm water retention tank and most

recently the installation of fence posts. The next items to be completed will be the concrete plinths around the boundary of the ground and the laying of the turf. The council has also advised that they expect to receive planning approval from the Department of Defence on the erection of the light towers by the 10 June 2019.

According to council they are still on target to have the pitches completed by mid-July ready for our first games to be hosted there on the weekend of 13/14 July. A meeting is planned between the council and the FFSA (who are project managing the construction) early next week so if anything changes I will get a communication out to members.

Respect and Club Values

I want to take this opportunity to remind all members and especially parents about their behaviour and our club values, in particular 'respect'. Recently I have received a number of complaints which has been very disappointing regarding inappropriate behaviour. This has included situations of parents speaking to other parents, junior members using inappropriate and foul language, parents interfering with coaches during games and parents coaching and yelling at their child from the sidelines.

Under **NO circumstances** should parents be coaching and yelling out instructions at their child during games and training. All parents when they signed the registration form agreed to delegate authority to the coach. Not only is it confusing for children if parents are yelling at them, but you could be asking them to do something that conflicts with what the coach is asking them to do. By all means we want parents to be involved, but let's keep that to encouragement and support. Kids want to enjoy the game, not be yelled at!

To assist parents in modelling accepted behaviour, there is a great guide within the documents section on the clubs Team App titled "Guide – Parent Conduct" which includes some tips to help on this issue.

In relation to parents speaking inappropriately to other parents or confronting a coach or official, can I remind all members of the need to demonstrate the club value of "respect". Under **NO circumstances** should a parent be confronting a coach or official during a game or training. As a club we strongly support our coaches who volunteer their time to undertake this important role and any abuse or attack on the coach is totally inappropriate. If you feel the need to address or speak to a coach or official can I recommend that you wait at least 24 hours for cooler heads to prevail before any attempt at communication is made. To assist in this matter the club has released a new grievance policy on the club's Team App in the documents section that outlines the appropriate procedure to follow if a member wishes to raise a complaint or has a grievance. This policy requires that all issues are resolved in a timely manner and in all instances self-resolution is the preferred approach (unless inappropriate to do so). If the committee is made aware of any further incidents where a parent confronts a coach inappropriately, sanctions on that member and their child may be applied.

Registrations and fees for 2019

There are still a number of players that have yet to finalise their registration fees for 2019. If players are not paid up in full by the 30 June 2019 you may find that your child will be prevented from playing by their coach.

As previously advised if you are having difficulty in paying your outstanding registration fees or you need to find out what your outstanding balance is, please contact Kendall Popping via email at registrar@mvsc.com.au

The easiest way to make your payment is via our direct deposit method. Instructions on how to do this are provided below.

DIRECT DEPOSIT

Deposit funds into:

Bank SA

Account Name: Modbury Vista Soccer Club Inc

BSB: 105-122

Account No: 448 909 540

Please use the player's initial and last name plus the age group that they play in.

E.g. J Smith U10

Save the dates

As advised in last month's Chairman's Blog the club has some important dates that you should put in your calendar. These are:

Saturday 27 July 2019 – Bogan Bingo at the Bridgeway Hotel (cost will be \$25 per ticket)

Saturday 19 October 2019 – End of season gala night and senior presentation at the Bridgeway Hotel

It would be great to see as many people as possible at these events so if you can put these dates in your calendar and then as further details come to hand we will publish them via our team app and social media channels. If you have any questions about either of these events please email the fundraising coordinator at eventsfundraisingcoordinator@mvsc.com.au

Team App

The best way to stay informed with what is happening around the club is to get access to the MVSC club team app. The club regularly posts information on this platform and is a great way to stay connected with what is happening around the club.

If you are unsure as to how to access team app, please follow the simple instructions in the attached brochure.

<https://user-content.teamapp.com/images/newsletters/documents/original/90011-632b46f61c9c19d86e9270a36be406c4e08a3dd4.pdf?1474591640>

Team Photos

The team photos were a HUGE success for the club this year. A huge thankyou to Kirstyn Carlisle and Tracey from Ascot Photography for organising the schedule for the week. Tracey commented to me on how well organised all teams were and how well behaved the players were, so well done to all!

From a club perspective it was great to be able to set up the photos at the Bridgeway Hotel and leave it set up for the entire week. This made the logistics of organising 41 teams that little bit easier. A huge thank you to Phil Camporeale and his team at the Bridgeway Hotel for allowing us to use the room for the photos. A big thank you also to the teams that took the opportunity to have dinner at the Bridgeway Hotel and support one of the clubs major sponsors. It's this type of community spirit and supporting each other that leads to successful partnerships. I know Phil and his team really appreciated the support.

Merchandise

Merchandise was a real hit at the team photos. The club made close to \$2,000 in sales during the week which was an amazing achievement. It will be great to see all these members out there supporting their team in their new merchandise. If you didn't pick anything up this time, don't worry we are going to have more online merchandise campaigns shortly. We will also look to try and get the merchandise table out at more senior games for the remainder of the season.

For those members who ordered merchandise through our first online campaign with JS sports we expect to receive the goods on 14th June. It is likely that members will be able to collect their order from Smith Partners Stadium on Saturday 15th June during the senior's home game against Mt Barker.

If you are unable to attend to collect your merchandise or you have any questions regarding merchandise, please speak to Cara Gomez is our merchandise officer. Cara can be contacted via email at merchandise@mvsc.com.au

Til my next update
Stuart Carlisle
MVSC Chairman