

## **Chairman's Blog – March 2019**



Dear members,

Welcome to the March edition of my Chairman's Blog for 2019. As they say in Adelaide at this time of year, it's "Mad March!" and that is certainly what it feels like with everything going on around the club in preparation for the start of our junior boys, girls and women's seasons (our State League men played their first game last weekend).

### **Ground works at Richardson Reserve**

Soil excavation and preparation is continuing at Richardson Reserve with a few hurdles being encountered (which is to be expected in a project of this magnitude). Unfortunately there was some compacted clay that needed removal that set the earthworks back a week and there is an additional water retention tank that is going to need to be installed due to such a large surface area being made into a synthetic pitch. This has resulted in a revised completion date for the pitches now being the end of May 2019 (as opposed to mid-May).

At this stage there has been no indication on the schedule of when construction will commence on the clubrooms or when the demolition of the shed and existing clubrooms will take place. As soon as I have this information I will inform all members.

I understand that it's been difficult for all involved whilst this construction and re-development phase is happening as it's not easy considering we are spread over numerous training venues. Irrespective of these challenges however, it's been great to see the hard work being put in by our coaches, coordinators, committee members and for parents and players to be understanding and flexible during this phase. I know that this is not an ideal situation but as I've mentioned on numerous occasions, this short-term pain will be worth it for the definite long-term gain.

In addition to the earthworks at Richardson Reserve, I can also inform members that work commenced this week by the council (in collaboration with the Wynn Vale Primary School and Golden Grove Lutheran School) on improving the ground surface on the school ovals. This work will include coring, turf maintenance, fertilising, additional watering and top dressing to cover the cricket pitch on the bottom oval. These works are important and necessary to ensure our junior teams have suitable surfaces to play on once the season starts. At this stage we will need to remain off the school ovals for training and games till at least the end of March to enable the maximum benefit of these maintenance works to be realised.

### **Registrations for 2019**

It is with great pleasure that I can announce that in 2019 the club will have 39 teams plus a development squad registered across the FFSA and E&D associations. This number of teams equates

to in excess of 500 playing members which once again establishes Modbury Vista as one of the largest soccer clubs in South Australia. We have been able to field teams in nearly all age groups with all but one or two teams at capacity. This is a great outcome for the club, especially considering the challenges we are facing with our pitches and clubrooms. This show of support demonstrates the commitment of our members and enhances our reputation as being the club of choice in the City of Tea Tree Gully and wider area.

In regards to registrations and payments, all members (excluding the State League men's teams) were issued a club wide email to remind that full payment of registration fees is due by the 1 April 2019 or else players will be ineligible to play. The exception to this rule is if players are in an agreed payment arrangement that has been determined in consultation with the club registrar. If you think you may have 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](mailto:registrar@mvsc.com.au)

The club will be advertising via the Team App or via our social media channels any additional nights where Kendall (or Kirstyn Carlisle deputy registrar) will be able to accept cash or EFTPOS payments for registrations.

**IMPORTANT:** All FFSA players (including Mini Roos) will also need to register themselves via the new myFootball website. Please see your coach or team manager if you are unsure of how to register.

### **Senior Women's season launch**

Next Saturday (16<sup>th</sup> March) at the Bridgeway Hotel will be another great night for the club with the season launch for our senior women's teams. We have once again invited local dignitaries to attend such as the Mayor of TTG, Mr Kevin Knight, Local MP member for Wright Mr Blair Boyer, Local MP member for King Ms Paula Luethen and TTG councillors, Sandy and Bernie Keane. The night promises to be a great celebration where we will present the teams with their jerseys and the coaches will announce the team captains. I would also like to make special mention to McIntyre Dental who has come on board again for 2019 as a club sponsor. This year they have upped their sponsorship to become the major front of shirt sponsor on both senior women's teams as well as our three junior girl's teams. Thank you to Nick and Tamara Maxted from McIntyre Dental for your support and commitment to the female players at Modbury Vista!

### **SL2 Update**

Because of the extreme heat a fortnight ago the men's State League 2 fixtures against Gawler Eagles were postponed. This meant last weekend our men played their first game of the season at home against Adelaide University. The day had mixed results for our teams with our U18's (3-2) and Reserves (2-1) both recording spirited wins, but unfortunately our senior team went down 1-2 after clawing back to 1-1 with a penalty but then conceding a late goal at the end.

Whilst the seniors result didn't go our way, the atmosphere at the ground, the after match food and hospitality, the teamwork and camaraderie shown between the players and coaches, and the support shown by supporters meant the day was a big success for the club. Thank you to all those who volunteered on the day, whether that was as a ground marshall, helping on the BBQ, selling merchandise, taking registrations or assisting with the after match hospitality. It's this type of commitment and help that is going to transform the home game match experience into something where all members want to get along and support the men and enjoy the atmosphere at home games. I know the players would love as much support as we can give them.

This week our men take on Mount Barker United away from home (details of the game are posted on our Facebook page).

### **Super Saturday! – 16 March (SL2 v Northern Demons, Mini Roos Mascot and Fun Day & Senior Women's Launch)**

If there's a date to put in your diary it's Saturday the 16<sup>th</sup> March. This will be a massive day for the club with it being our next State League 2 Men's home game against Northern Demons. For this game the club is planning on celebrating our inaugural mini roos program by inviting all our junior mini roos players (initially the U6, U7 and U9 teams) to be game mascots and to play small sided games at half time of the seniors match. This should be an exciting day for the future stars of Modbury Vista where they will get to meet and walk out with the senior players, enjoy a sausage sizzle and fruit box and get an opportunity to play on Smith Partners Stadium. This should be a great day for the club and I encourage as many players and parents to get out to Smith Partners Stadium to cheer and support the mascots and the senior men.

After the game, I then encourage as many people as possible to get down to the Bridgeway Hotel for our senior women's launch which I discussed earlier in my blog.

### **Merchandise**

Most of you have hopefully seen the post on our club Facebook page and Team App in relation to the pre-season sale we currently have on merchandise. It would be great to see as many members or players as possible out there in their supporter gear and team wear this season. Some of the current items we have available and prices include:

- Training jackets           \$40
- Hoodies                     \$20 (sizes 4 to small adults)
- Beanies                     \$15
- Umbrellas                 \$10
- MVSC Caps                 \$30

Thank you to Cara Gomez who has joined the committee this year for taking on the merchandise role within the club. Where possible Cara will try to get to trainings or senior men's games at Smith Partners Stadium so that people can view and try on merchandise. Alternatively you can contact Cara via email at [merchandise@mvsc.com.au](mailto:merchandise@mvsc.com.au) to discuss any questions you may have.

Good luck to all teams starting their seasons soon,  
GO VISTA!  
Stuart Carlisle  
Chairman