

Bendigo City FC Newsletter

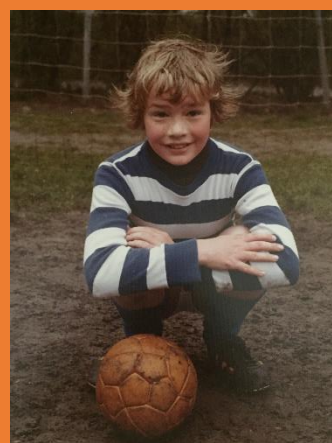
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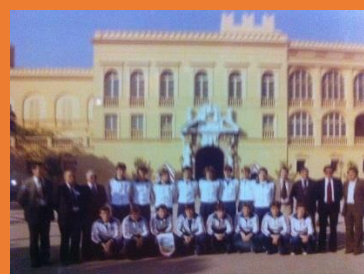
Archie, Peter and Srecko tell it like it is ...Last week Strath Village Newsagency and Bookstore kicked off a great week of football celebrations bringing Archie Thompson to Bendigo. Archie and journalist Adrian Beck were here for the book launch of Soccerufus – check it out! A great read for budding champions. Archie had all the time in the world to chat with fans young and old and listen to their stories. Bendigo Weekly journalist Joel Petersen highlighted Archie's passion for Bendigo football in last Friday's paper and why we should all be proud of Bendigo and keep supporting the club and the young players. Celebrations continued on Saturday night at the clubrooms with the junior welcome dinner. If you didn't get there you missed some inspiring stories from head coach Srecko Baresic Nikic and U15 coach Peter Lodewijks. But don't worry we will hear plenty more from Srecko and Peter throughout the year! Peter told the crowd about the fun he had whilst training day in day out as part of the Ajax youth academy in Holland as a youngster. Srecko recalled his childhood in former Yugoslavia and the hurdles he overcame to represent his country at the European champions as an U21 player going on to beat France in the final 3-2. Riding a bike through the snow to training only to have it pinched didn't deter his passion and enthusiasm.



ABOVE: Darren and Kylie Kay proprietors of Strath Village Newsagency and Bookstore with former Socceroo Archie Thompson and Adrian Beck Author



ABOVE: A young Peter Lodewijks (2017 U15 Coach) with his beloved soccer ball in Amsterdam



ABOVE: Srecko Baresic Nikic (2017 senior coach) representing former Yugoslavia U21 s beating France 3-2 in final.

A bit about NPL...

For those of you new to the NPL here's a bit of background. The NPL otherwise known as the National Premier League commenced in 2014. Bendigo had a club which was FC Bendigo. At the end of 2014 the licence was transferred from FC Bendigo to a new club called Bendigo City FC. Congratulations on being a part of Bendigo City FC or BCFC which is now going into its third season as we kick off 2017. We have eight teams in total which is a requirement of the licence. The seniors and 20s play in the NPL 2 and the 18s through to U12s will play in the Boys NPL West. Wherever possible FFV and BCFC's Peter Anderson who helps sort out our draw have organised things so that we play the seniors and juniors on the same day when we are home. We call these "Super Saturdays". Some of these Super Saturdays see the juniors and seniors playing the same club but that doesn't often happen. An example being a club like Green Gully have their seniors in NPL1 (hence we don't play them) and their juniors in BOYS NPL West which means our juniors play them. When we are playing away in Melbourne our seniors and juniors are almost always at different venues. A big thanks to Peter Anderson who has been liaising with FFV coordinator Nathan Johnston and the COGB aiming to get the best draw possible!



2017 JUNIORS ANNOUNCED!

U16s Coach Dave Gibbs and Manager Kate Harte

Thomas Kay
Cooper Harte
Zachery Brewer
Frank Gibbs
Nicholas Williams
Lachlan Priest
Jackson Rutter
Kip Preston Taylor
Lachlan Kelly
Lewis Merriman
Caden Meeks
Flynn Hartigan
Jacob Schober
Bevan Tresize
Nick Watts
William Russell
Lachlan McRostie
Nebraska Wilkie

U15s Coach Peter Lodewijks and Manager Tracey and Daniel Ashby

Jacob Creevey
Jackson Spedding
Leo Hams
Riley Joss
Lewis Dunne
Thomas St Clair
Jimi Fawcett
Brodie Poole
Cayden Thompson
Jerobin Benny
Nick Collins
William Beever
Josh Woods
Harrison Adams
Maxi Shanahan
Noah Ashby
Daniel Smith
Samuel Perry

Child Safe



2017 sees the introduction of tight regulations for sporting clubs around child safety. The committee welcome this great step forward in children's sport and were on the front foot working with FFV and Debbie Boise from Child safe. We hosted an information session in Bendigo on November 10th presented by Debbie Boyse Childsafe Australia and FFV. Club representatives from as far afield as Ballarat, Broadford, Castlemaine and Eaglehawk and many towns in between attended. Debbie workshopped how we implement the policies that FFV have had developed and how we do the very best possible to ensure a child safe club. You'll hear about our codes of conduct and children's rights as the season gets underway.



BUILDING THE SENIOR FOOTBALL DEPARTMENT

It's been a busy and an exciting time for the football department with the coming together of the senior, U20 and U18 squads. 2016's u16 s u18s, u20s and seniors were all invited back to the club with the opportunity for selection for 2017. We value the work the boys age 16 and over have put in and at this age that senior football begins. What that actually means for each individual player i.e. 18 s 20 s or seniors will be determined by coaches Srecko Baresic Nikic and Grant Lane, along with the players talent, attitude, experience , work ethic , passion and enthusiasm for the game. All three teams still have some room for player development however the success of the senior team is measured on its competitiveness. In order to stay in the national premier league we need to have a competitive senior team. The teams are close to being able to be announced – check out the next newsletter for all details. To date the following seniors have been signed...

**DANIEL PURDY LACHLAN BEEVER SAM MANGELSDORF
JARRED STYLES AHMED BADAWY ISAAC COMMADOUR VINNI
BRANCO SAM FARR DANIEL BISH JACK KELLY**

**U14s Coach Marcus
Dawson Co Managers
Karl Mathers and Leigh
White**

Under 14

Darcy McRostie
William Keating
Patrick Mathers
Ruben White
Thomas Whitehead
Spencer Harte
Ewan Dawson
Hakeem Dimozantos
Sam Thomson
Aziz Elkhazzar
Ethan Chuter
Jonah Graham
Thomas Coleman
Connor Rutter
Caleb Irvine-Kingsmith
Eli Saunders
Arshdeed Singh
Tommy Leung

**U13s Coach Louise
McColl Manager Wendo
Abuto**

Edward Harrison
Daniel McColl
Zac Marini
Kaiden Tucker
Darnell Hetherington- Abuto
Jacob Floyd
Hudson Dimarco
Dane Van Der Werf
Luke Wight
Ethan Furness
Fionn Kennedy
Jack Neilson Bridgefoot
Henry Tremlett-Davies
Edmund Wallis
Flynn Neilsen Proctor
Cameron Anderson
Lachy Doran
Will Long
Mats Lodewijk

COUNTRY v METRO.....a few home truths



The lure of the City is always there but things are changing. FFV are acknowledging that we don't all live in Melbourne and it's great for players to be able to be the best they can be whilst training and playing with those from their region in their region. FFV have disbanded what was the NTC and talented players will now be able to stay at home and study and play with their local NPL club and still be in the mix to travel up the football pathway to the A League. We have many examples this year of players excelling on central Victorian soil.

Matt Sporle.....currently trialling with Melbourne City
Lachlan Beever and Donte Thomas.....trialled with Victory
Darcy McRostie.....U13 Country State Goal Keeper and AIS training camp

Luke Burns.....runner up in the NPL WEST U16 Golden Boot
So we are glad you have stuck around boysyour best is yet to come!

Farewell Jose and Alejandro 2016 Senior Coaching Team

A big thank- you to Jose Montana 2016 senior coach. As a visitor from Spain Jose was unable to stay in Australia for another year. Jose's passion and football knowledge was a huge asset to the club. We wish Jose, Laura and Alejandro (fitness coach) all the best back in Spain.



U12s Coaching team – Darcy Tucker and Steve Robinson. Manager TBC

Cooper Atherton
Ryan Kalms
Archie Grist
Louis Mc Rostie
Himal Gautam
Logan Hromenko
Isabel St Clair
Sam Pitson
James Cheal
Darius Thomas
Mac Hilson
Rain Fawcett
Jye Broadbent
Kyan McGill
Seth Boyd
Angus Toll
Pearl Stevens
Samuel Stewart
Kyle Steve
Hamish Walker
Paddy Watson
Jessica Smith
Orlando Padgett- Delmenico
Beau Hetherington
Noah Mulcair
Elliot Leach

MENTOR GROUPS



Daniel PURDY SENIOR

Connor HICKS U20

Darcy JACOBS U18

Caden MEEKS U16

Jacob CREEVY U15

Cameron ANDERSON U14

Thomas COLEMAN U13

Isabelle ST CLAIR U12

Stay tuned more to come!

What gear do the Kids get?

All junior players will get the following included in their player package...

Training top and shorts (colours may vary to that shown)

Club Polo Shirt

Track suit pants

Socks 1 x home and away

Hat or beanie



Stay tuned for sizing details of the track pants and polos...it's a big job and still underway.

Christmas Shopping and Optional extras!



Here's a form for any extra shopping you want to do!

It's easy...

Complete form and photograph and text to Lea or Kerri

EFT payments preferred – please reference your payment when paying into BCFC bank account

Bendigo Bank

BSB 633000 AN 153492491

If you want stuff for Christmas. Check out the Facebook page!

Form available on website in near future. **Form will be emailed to all via CRM**

October

FFV CIB LUNCH



Daniel Cobb Managing Director of Electricity Wizard and Kimon Taliadoris Chairman of FFV board presenting Bendigo City FC - sponsorship recognition

Bendigo City FC Community in Business membership sponsored by Aaron Farm Enterprises



Farewell George Mcheileh



Get Well Roy



Congratulations Say Kapow on the arrival of Justice



Well Done Louise McColl on coaching recognition



The committee would like to welcome everyone to the 2017 season and introduce ourselves

Robyn Williams President



I love the fact that we have become known as a friendly multicultural club. I really enjoy seeing what sport can do for people and help them become a part of the community. I have learned a lot about what it takes to run a football club the last couple of years. The older established clubs in Melbourne all rely on volunteers just like we do. We need to keep welcoming volunteers so everyone feels like it is their club which it is. There are plenty of parallels between what happens on the pitch and in the running of the club. We need team players who are prepared to go the hard yards if we want to get the results. No room for dickheads hence our no dickhead policy.

I really value the support and friendship of the other committee members. I am a member of FFV's community in business group which has enabled me to meet some fabulous people this last 12 months. I am a physiotherapist by trade and enjoy volunteering my time with the seniors when we travel. Looking forward to meeting all the new players and families. I'm rapt we have a few young girls who've made the 2017 cut. Special welcome to Pearl, Isabelle and Jessica.

Kerri Hicks Vice President



Hi my name is Kerri Hicks. My role at the club is Vice President. Whilst in this role I have had the privilege of being involved in meeting and interviewing our new Senior Coach, attended a Football function hosted by FFV (sorry Rob can't remember the name of the function) support to the executive regarding some discussion and decisions within the club and generally be involved in supporting the functioning of the club. Working with Committee members to develop the apparel for all the kids to ensure we have a great bunch of kids looking the

part. What I have enjoyed most is pulling together with our



volunteers on game day to be active around the club in getting things done. I love the super Saturdays and the evening meal with the seniors, visitors and volunteers to contribute to the building of our inclusive culture and hosting our away teams. The families that come together to prepare a beautiful meal to share with all builds a welcoming friendly family culture which our seniors and visitors thoroughly enjoy and appreciate. It's fantastic coming together at the end of a long hard day for all. I look forward to the new season. It's great to be involved in watching my child and other kids enjoy and develop throughout the year in their passion to pursue the game they love. My involvement has been progressive over the time of the development of the club where I enjoyed and still do, in the 'hands on' in helping out... in the running of the canteen getting the bbq up and going on home games and assisting the coach in a managing role while the interest and intrigue grew in wanting to be a part of ensuring we have successful semi-professional club

Gavin Beever: Football Operations and Treasurer



I am passionate about firmly establishing a sustainable development pathway for all kids in the Bendigo region and creating a culture that ensures great fun, the development of lifelong friendships and life skills as well as sporting skills. "As in sport as in life"

Glenn Walker: Club Business



I went to Scotch College Melbourne, studied Business at Swinburne and later completed certificates 4 in Engineering, Building and construction. I've been a part of a medium to large transport company in Bendigo for 28 years and currently run a small winery (oldest in the region) with receptions and events each weekend. We were awarded best small business in 2014 at the Bendigo Business excellence awards. This coming football season I will assist the BCFC committee to achieve its goals on the business side.

Tim Smith: Secretary



Cool calm and collected Tim doesn't get flustered. Happy to do the monotonous stuff like write letters, complete forms, write minutes and establish a membership drive – soon to be released! Good on you Tim! Tim is a huge support to the rest of the committee.

Alba Panetta:

Catering Manager

Alba is a tireless club worker. Running the canteen and all that goes with it. Her organisational skills are second to none. Alba is also taking on the management of the Website with the support of Peter Lodewijks RAAK. Alba's son Jesse is now playing with Melbourne City FC however true to form Alba continues her community work for Bendigo City FC.



Lea Burns: Apparel and Merchandise



Thanks to Lea and her helpers the players will look great in their gear this year. Lea is about to enter her 4th season in the FFV NPL. She is rapt to see the way all the boys have developed. She often can't enjoy game day because she's working at the Drover's Arms in Goornong.

Keep in touch and in the loop....regularly check out our Facebook page.



The committee are supported by a growing group of people who are lightening the load and ensuring the important stuff gets done....

PETER ANDERSON:

Council Liaison and Draw Manager

TRAVIS ST CLAIR:

Game day set up coordinator

LEIGH WHITE:

WASTE MANAGEMENT

KEV BURNS:

BAR MANAGER

KATRINA STRONG:

Information Booklet production

ALLAN RUTTER:

Financial Support

CATHY LEACH:

Grant Applications

BRENDAN WILLIAMS:

Line Marker

Jose PANETTA:

Fried Food

This volunteer list is by no means complete...

We are looking for a property steward...ideally a parent or friend of one of the 18s 20s or seniors

Next Newsletter:

Get to know the managers and Coaches

Welcome to seniors, U20s and 18s

Mentor Groups

Football Update and more - TD

