

## **WFA Newsletter December 2022**

### **Introduction**

Season's greetings!

There is lots to talk about in this newsletter, as WFA continues to grow and we look at 2023

### **Injured at WF?**

We have had a couple of injuries at our sessions. If you need to claim on the 'Play Football' insurance then for info go to

<https://football.gowgatessport.com.au/welcome/>

### **Changes to the Committee**

Obviously John Walker did so much and with him stepping down from an active role, and the growth of WFA there was much to do. At our last committee meeting we decided to make a few changes and split roles to reduce the amount individuals had to do.

The key change was split the Chair and Director of Football roles. Sav has taken on chair as well as Treasurer. The role of Director of Football was debated and we elected Bob Daley. Bob plays 'down south' since he arrived from Sydney about a year ago. He has a long and illustrious pedigree both playing and also as a fully accredited coach, with many years coaching at Blacktown in the NPL. His main function will be to develop a strategy for player and referee development.

### **Competitions**

2023 is going to be a busy year!!! One change this year is we will aim to enter teams of 8 for each tournament – so we have 2 Subs. This will save the exhaustion experienced!

NOTE – we will want to get early registrations as we found that booking travel and accommodation early made huge savings. Where there are cost savings we will also use Travel Prospects (David is hopeful in getting group discounts / sponsorship) as our travel partner to offer packages.

## **APRIL**

**The QUT** tournament in Brisbane is on **15<sup>th</sup> April**. Last year we entered teams in the over 50 (came second) and Over 60 (Came third). This year they hope to have an over 65 comp as well and there are women's and social events. The weekend is great fun and sociable.

We are aiming for

*1x Mens over 50 team*

*1 X Over 60 men's team*

*1 X Over 65 men's team*

*1 X Social (mixed) team and / or women's team.*

Expressions of interest to Derek on [derek.i.finch@gmail.com](mailto:derek.i.finch@gmail.com) and more info will be sent .When we have enough for a team we will then ask for confirmation before we formally enter. NOTE – we need to sort early to book cheaper travel.

## **JULY**

**World Club Team Tournament** - Gold Coast or Brisbane **7-9 July**. This will attract both teams from all states plus overseas clubs. It is timed to happen just before the Women's World Cup and will include supporters of teams coming for this. We already have both women's and men's teams from England registered with many more expected. It will be the biggest and best Walking Football competition held in Australia. Cost is \$75 a player (that's less than half of the cost for the Masters Games!). As a bonus there is hoped to be a follow on competition for representative teams – probably be states sides and internationals teams.

Again registration of interest for

*Men's*

*(Over 50, over 60 and over 65)*

*Women's*

*(Over 40 and over 50)*

*Mixed / Social*

(Over 40 for women and over 50 for men.)

Expressions of interest again to Derek on [derek.l.finch@gmail.com](mailto:derek.l.finch@gmail.com) and more info will be sent. Let's get a big turnout out for the biggest completion so far!!

## **OCTOBER**

Australian Masters 7-14<sup>th</sup> Adelaide. Actual dates not yet available for WF. More info on <https://australianmastersgames.com/sport/football-soccer/>

## **NOVEMBER**

The Pan Pacific Masters goes yearly on the Gold Coast from 2-12<sup>TH</sup> Nov 2023. More info to follow

## **National Approach**

Queensland has been the main driver of Walking Football due to the funding QF put in and the efforts of Alan Templeton. However to really grow the game there needs to be a national approach to aid continuity, regulate, promote and co-ordinate. A National working party has been set to do this (interestingly this is being done by Lee who guested for the Antiques at the pan Pacific's!). Derek Finch has been invited to sit on the WP as a SA representative.

## **Referees Training**

The FA are developing an on line referee course that will be released next year. In the meantime we have an opportunity to run the 'manual' course with a zoom link up, with a qualified Walking Football referee from Queensland, **in early January**. If you are interested but have not yet registered your interest please email [derek.l.finch@gmail.com](mailto:derek.l.finch@gmail.com) – course will take an estimated 5 hours.

## **Website**

Don't forget to visit our website. It contains useful information and is updated so please visit regularly. <https://www.wfadelaide.com/>

A big thank you to Colin Clarson for his assistance

## **Laws**

Updated competition Laws have been issued. These are based on UK Laws of the Game (LOTG) and are being adopted in Australia to aid continuity. These are published on our website

## **Fundraiser**

We are working on a fundraising event, hopefully for March. Details are being finalised but we hope to have a significant guest speaker and a live band plus food. Bring your partners and friends! Tickets on sale soon.

## **What's next?**

That's not enough? Well there are a few other things in the pipeline but we'll leave that for another day!

## **Contact Information**

If you have a question and needs to contact someone then use WhatsApp or

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