

WFA Newsletter March 2023

A huge thank you to Sav, Derek, Nadine (ably supported by Mark) who did a huge amount of work to organise the Adelaide United event and the Party Night.

Also thanks to all the volunteers on both nights – particularly The Walker family, Steve and Karen Tricky, John Clark, Bob Daley, Steve Cox, those handing out fliers, Louise talking the uber driver to play going home Saturday and all the players for their patience and understanding on the team rejig!

We all agreed the Adelaide United demo was a huge success and we generated some interest from potential players. A hiccup at the AU end meant we didn't have the demo area behind the southern stand but otherwise we had great support from AUFC. Thanks to all the volunteers on the night that meant the players could show off our sport.

The party was a huge success – so if you didn't come you missed an awesome night! The Bob and Paul Wade double act plus Eclectix on sounds and a great feed were just a few of the highlights. We had VIP guests in Louise Millar-Frost MP (Federal) and Jane Woodlands- Thompson (GM of the Australian Masters Games) who both said they had a fantastic time (and saw the passion and enthusiasm for our game). We also welcomed Lee Pepper (National chair of WFF Australia) and his wife, and Margaret Bowden (she did a soccer radio show with Donald Campbell ex FIFA referee for 27 years) who is showing great interest in our women's program.

What's Next?

STOP PRESS – New location Hallett Cove - April

The next tournament is QUT where we have an over 50 team. One slight criticism in that we called for players months ago and had very little response. Only after we said we were not going did a team get together. **PLEASE – we need to plan and organise tournament entries to work out number of teams and travel so if you are interested in playing in a tournament please register your interest when we promote.** You can choose not to go nearer the time but we need numbers for planning – late entry is simply not an option.

Expressions of Interest

After QUT, the next tournament is the July extravaganza in Brisbane. There are two tournaments back to back at the Kelvin Grove campus at Queensland University of Technology.

4-6TH July Club tournament

7th July a state team comp (and maybe some overseas teams)

Details are still to be confirmed but basically it's a 4 day commitment.

Please send your Expression of interest to play to Derek Finch at derek.i.finch@gmail.com

ASAP!!! Then we can work out what teams we can send. Categories depending on interest, are social, women's (over 40, 50, 60) and men's (Over 50, 60, 65, 70). The earlier we know what teams we can enter the easier to confirm the competition details. Just nominate if you are interested and let's take an even bigger squad!

Masters Games

Due to take place in Adelaide 7-14th October (no specific date for WF yet). There are still details missing but we have been promised these will be fixed. More info is on the AMG website but we need your EOI to calculate which teams will be entered.

<https://australianmastersgames.com/sport/football-soccer/>

If you are interested in **any** of these games message Derek on WhatsApp or email derek.i.finch@gmail.com and more details will be sent as soon as they are at hand. We have done really well in Tournaments so let's keep up the standard!

National Teams

As you know, last year Roger represented Australia in Italy. Derek just got added to the over 70 squad. There are International tournaments /

tours planned for this year and next and if you are interested in being considered for selection then get your name in. (We have a high standard in SA so don't be shy). There are teams for Women's over 50 and Men's over 50, 60, 65 and 70. If interested email admin@walkaroos.com

Note – If selected players will need to pay their own way ... although we are working on that!!!!

National Approach

As mentioned last newsletter a national panel for Walking Football has been set up. Each state is represented and it is forming an incorporated Not for Profit Association with the aim to co-ordinate, promote and develop Walking Football in Australia. The aim is to have national referee's courses, cheap insurance, continuity of operations in all states, sponsorship and selection of national teams.

Much of the set up work is done and we will launch soon. There will be a range of memberships including individual. We are looking at registering every member of WFA in the new organisation automatically – more info soon.

Website

All new information is posted on the website so please remember to visit regularly.

<https://www.wfadelaide.com/>

T Shirts

The T shirts we ordered have been popular and we got asked for another order. The order form is in this newsletter. **Orders by 29th March** – this is likely to be the last run, at least for quite a while, so get in quick if you want one.



Walking Football Adelaide T Shirt – Order Form

We are having T shirts printed – see below. **COST IS \$30 A SHIRT** (plus \$12 post and packing if not picked up)

If you would like one or more please complete the form below and return to Derek.Leach@gmail.com

Send no money yet, we will 'invoice' you once the order is placed with the printer once we know numbers and sizes. Shirts will be distributed only when monies are paid. **Orders for this run MUST be placed by 29th March 2023**

Please Add M/F in first column and number of shirts by size required in table.

Male/Female	KSM	SM	MED	LGE	XLGE	2x XLG	3x XLG

Name _____

Email _____ Phone _____



Some pics from AUFC

