

WFA Newsletter Jan 2024

Changes to the Committee

After much consideration Sav has stepped down as Chairman, due to time constraints, although will continue as Treasurer. I am sure everyone would like to say thanks to Sav for all his hard work – he puts in an enormous amount behind the scenes. The committee is electing a new Acting Chair to sit in the role until we can elect a new chair at the AGM.

Tournaments

2024 Competitions Update

QUT Brisbane Still awaiting registrations to open however we have 2 teams going so far. Categories will be Mens 50+, 60+ and 65+, Women's 40+ and 50+ and social / mixed for less experienced players and wider age limits.

Singapore – Some small changes for this. The Land competition will now be 1st Sept with 2nd Sept free for sightseeing. The cruise 3rd – 6th is going to Thailand. We should be open for bookings soon but you can register interest by emailing WF4Hcomp@gmail.com either for teams or individuals and more info will be sent soon. Travel package through Travel Prospects are looking excellent value for money!! The cruise ship is family friendly so perfect to bring the whole family for a holiday as well as playing some WF both in Singapore and on the ship.

Pan Pacs Masters – This will again be on the Gold Coast and last I heard slated for **6-9th November** i.e. over 4 not 3 days. Registrations will open in a couple of months but start getting teams organised ready. Categories are

Women's 40+, 50+, 60+

Men's 50+, 60+, 65+ and 70+

Mixed / Social (min 3 women)

Member Benefits

One of the things WFA and WFFA have been working on is member benefits.

Travel Insurance – WFFA members qualify for a 10% discounts. Go to <https://quote.goinsurance.com.au/?referer=wffa>
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Frequent Flyer – Remember to sign up for free membership on Rex and Virgin, plus if you add the WFFA ABN on a Virgin booking (49666990549) points also go to WFFA for future use.

National Teams

Teams for the IWFF tournament in Chesterfield are being selected and some of our players are going. I have not got a list of the final teams but will publish here when I do.

Website, Kit and Merchandise

The website has details on all venues and times. We also hope to have new merchandise soon so remember all new information is posted on the website so please remember to visit regularly and <https://www.wfadelaide.com/>

Membership Fees

We still have quite a few who have not paid their membership fees. Please make it easy and pay your \$25 at your next session. We will soon be messaging all those who are unpaid. These payments will go towards the Play Football Insurance so everyone is covered automatically. Insurance is compulsory when competing in national competitions

Promoting WFA

On Saturday 2nd March we have a Bunning Sausage Sizzle at Marion. This is a very busy Bunnings and in addition to making people aware of Walking Football we will also raise some funds for the club. We have to have 5 people on site the whole day from 8.30-4 so if you can spare a couple of hours to help please contact Derek who is organising a roster. It can be cooking, taking the money or serving. This will be a major fundraiser for us so please give your time to help

5th Birthday Celebration

Demo match at Adelaide United on Friday 9th Feb and a party the following day at the Croatian Club on the 10th Feb. Last year was a HUGE success. Bring friends and family and make it bigger and better! Tickets on at <https://www.trybooking.com/COLAF>

If anyone would like to donate a raffle prize please get in contact. Come and support the club, help raise some funds and have a great night out doing it!

VOLUNTEERS – The above events aim to raise money for WFA and promote our sport. Lots of work is done by just a few but we all need to help where we can. YOU can assist by

- Helping give out brochures at the AU game
- Come along to the Party Night
- Help at the sausage sizzle
- Referee games (we can organise training)
- Help the hub captains organise sessions – every little helps

There will be lots to get involved with going forward, especially as we open more venues, so don't be shy – please help out anyway you can.

Walking Football Federation Australia (WFFA)

For those that don't know, WFFA was formed last year to represent the interests of WF across Australia. The committee has representatives from each state. The purpose of WFFA is to develop the game here, co-operate with international partners, particularly in Asia, to have continuity and organise tournaments, select Australian representative sides and offer a range of other benefits (if you want the full list please contact Derek on derek.l.finch@gmail.com). WFFA are offering membership in the following levels

Foundation members - \$99 for three years 1 Jan 24 – 31 Dec 26, renewable at full member rate thereafter (before 1st April 2024 4 Years)

Full member - \$35 per year 1 Jan 24 – 31 Dec 24, renewable annually thereafter. (Before 1st April 2024 18 months membership)

Social member - \$15 per year 1 Jan 24 – 31 Dec 24, renewable annually thereafter.

Club member – (paid by club of twenty members of more)

To be eligible to play in an Australian endorsed tournament or represent Australia you need to be a member. WFA will join as a club but individual membership offers additional benefits, including voting rights, again available on request and the Foundation members will receive a 'recognition package'.

To join as an individual please email lee@wffa.org.au

- your full name
- year of birth
- your best contact number, and
- a postal address at to which we can send your welcome pack.

Lastly

A reminder – buy your ticket for the party night. It's your club so please support it. It's a great night out. If you really can't make it please buy some raffle tickets.

