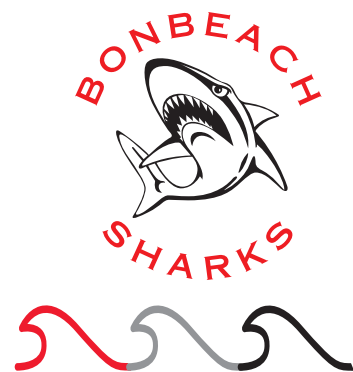


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NEW YEAR STARTS WITH A NEW PARTNERSHIP



Season 2019 was officially launched on Saturday March 30, highlighted by an exciting new partnership between junior and senior clubs at Bonbeach.

Bonbeach YCW Junior Football Club and Bonbeach Football Netball Club presidents - Andrew Faid and Matt Lowe - signed a new agreement that will bring the two clubs closer together and create formal pathways for sport progression.

The agreement reinforces and formalises the senior club's commitment to its juniors through engagement, pathways, education and welfare.

For the junior club it provides clearer definition of the role it plays in the support, promotion and communication with the senior club.

"It's exciting as it provides the framework and sets expectations of our football department and committee. It's certainly a positive step forward for both clubs," said Matt.

"It formalises the work the senior club has already been doing and sets the standard for future coaches and club leaders. It's the only agreement of its kind that I know of in the area and the players and members will be the beneficiaries as they move through the clubs."

Members and supporters will be invited to attend games and functions held by both clubs throughout the year as part of the newly formed bond.

WATCHOUT FOR WILLO'S WONDER KIDS!

A key addition to the 2019 football department is new Under 19s coach Peter 'Willo' Williamson. Peter, who played his football with Rosebud and Red Hill, brings over 19 years' experience as a junior coach with Rosebud and the Mornington Peninsula Juniors to Shark Park.

While nurturing the exciting young talent in the Under 19s will be his first priority, Peter will also take a lead role as a senior assistant coach, complementing our already strong off-field team.

His football philosophy centers on communication and a belief that, first and foremost, players need to enjoy playing.

"After all, it's a game isn't it?" he smiled after his side rose to the occasion and downed league powerhouse Langwarrin in the final practice game.

"I want to make sure I connect before I direct. Forming relationships with players is important and that's through all levels of the club, not just the Under 19s," he said.

"Pre-season numbers have been fantastic and being able to practice what we have learned over that time in our two practice matches has been great. We've still got a long way to go but I'm excited at what lies ahead."

Peter said there was significant talent coming through the Under 19s and predicted several players would likely make their mark



BFNC U19's Squad

and push for senior consideration this year.

"A few guys have already had senior exposure. Chaps (Brayden Chapple), Jason Carter, Sam McIlwain and Anthony DaSilva have all had a look, and Rhys Hogan and Will Dunne are in the senior program. Some other players to watch out for are Jack Congues, Heath Mullen, Jake Kovacic and our big ruckman Jacob Gonzales."

Peter's outlook for the coming season is again, fairly straight forward.

"We will get what we earn," he said. "Players have different expectations but the overall aim is to get every player to play to their potential. If that happens we will enjoy our footy and the results will come."

FOOTBALL IS IN SUE'S BLOOD

AWESOME

That is the answer to the question - 'Why does Sue Henry work so hard for Bonbeach Football Netball Club?'

Our loyal club secretary has never sung her own praises and dodged better than Macca in the goal square when asked for a little personal history for this yarn. In the end Sue's passion for the club, the people and the sport is the driving force behind a volunteer career that spans more than 23 years.

Sue's stint at Shark Park started in 2013 when she followed her son Dylan up from Bonbeach (then Chelsea) YCW juniors. Dylan, now a 23 year-old apprentice plumber who no longer plays, was the catalyst for her involvement in football from the time he started playing as a seven year-old in 2002. "He did Auskick when it was Chelsea Heights Auskick before that, but all he wanted to do was play football. When he got involved so did (husband) Wayne and so did I," she said. "I took over the merchandise and then helped anywhere I could when it was required. There's always a lot to be done in a football club but I enjoyed it."

Sue had already been hit with the administration stick before football came along. She was on the committee at Bonbeach Primary School and ran the school fetes and was involved in pre-school and playgroup.

Sue's younger son Daniel also played at YCW as a 14 year-old but he left to join the army at 17, so Sue followed Dylan to Shark Park.

"He was a good little footballer but he started with Marty O'Donnell at OTS glass and work just became too much, so he gave football away a couple of years ago. Dylan is an all or nothing type of kid and didn't want to play if he couldn't train," she lamented.

Sue was again doing many and most jobs around the senior club, including helping in the kitchen and behind the bar, when there was a change of the guard and she became secretary.

"When (former secretary) Jacquie Mclean left four years ago I sort of said I'll do it. I really didn't realise how much was involved but it's been great."

She is now also secretary of the Bonbeach Sports Club and works full time with former Bonbeach midfielder Stuart Hamill at General Bearings.

Over her time at the two clubs, Sue has worked with and supported a number of presidents including Peter and



BFNC Secretary extraordinaire Sue Henry

Tim Hogan, Danielle Jensen and Brian Lockett (YCW), together with Reece Murphy and now Matt Lowe at the senior club.

"Communication has been the most important thing for me. We've been pretty stable and that gives you the chance to get to know the people really well," she said.

Sue loves the players and the club environment and said Bonbeach was without doubt a place that success would follow.

"I think we'll have a good year, fingers crossed, and maybe we'll get a flag which is what we all aim for in the end," she said. "I think we've got a really good bunch of under 19s and that's thanks to the close ties we've got with the junior club."

"The players are lovely and Steve (Hughes) always says I smell good so that's nice," she laughed.

"The other big thing is how welcoming our life members are at Bonbeach, and what an important part of the club they are. I am also so privileged to be a life member at the YCW junior club. It's a great honour and one that is never expected."

"This will probably be my last year as secretary but I will continue on with the Sports Club and we'll see what the future brings."

Sue is joined by in the 2019 executive team by president Matt Lowe, new vice president Paul Smith and incoming Treasurer Trevor Dymond.

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