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THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF IONA FOOTBALL CLUB

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WHAT A START TO THE MAROON SEASON!

As we head into Round Six, we've kicked the season off with some stunning weather (a little rain) and amazing play across the Club.

A big thank you to our teams for sending through some fantastic match photos and reports each week! We are beginning to build up a fantastic gallery of match photos that we will continue to share via our [Iona Sports Club Facebook page](#). If you would like to see your team featured on our Facebook please send through your match highlights and photos to info@ionasportsclub.com.au.

We have tried to put as much information as possible on our [webpage](#), please check the information here before you send an email. Importantly for our MiniRoos families, there is a link to the rules for each age group of MiniRoos, it is important that we all know the rules (especially for goalkeeper) so we can support our players positively. Please ensure you understand all the relevant regulations that apply to your team.

I would like to give a massive thank you and congratulations to our **VOLUNTEER** coaches. Our game cannot exist without them and they need the support of all families. I encourage all families to talk with coaches and see how you can support them. Please be active in supporting your child to make sure they are listening to the coach and following their instructions.

I would like to thank and congratulate everyone that has helped get this season up and running. It is a huge job to organise teams and deal with the many requests to change. I encourage all teams to be organised and help out with set up and pack up when you have the first game and if you are the last game, this will lighten the load on the small committee that we have. to lighten the load on the committee.

Best of luck for the remainder of the season! Game On.

Tony Judge
Iona Football Club President



COACHES CORNER

Thanks again to all Iona volunteer coaches at the club – your contribution to the club is valued by all members and without you, our club wouldn't be what it is today. As a coach, your role is an important one in ensuring we create a fun, safe and enjoyable environment for your players to learn the wonderful game of football. We are entering the midpoint of the season so I ask you to please take a moment to reflect on the team and players developing with your guidance. The experience of coaching is both rewarding and challenging, and we are here to support you for the remainder of the season.

Please contact Tony Judge or Laurence Barlow if you have any questions or if you see us around the grounds please feel free to ask any questions or discuss the support you may need.

If you have enjoyed your coaching, I would recommend you look into a coaching course. Northern NSW runs a number of courses throughout the year. Iona Sports Club would pay any coaches wishing to attend a community coaching course.

Organising training sessions can sometimes be a daunting task but following these tips will make it that little bit easier:

- Taking a few moments to plan the session prior to each week is an important exercise to ensure the enjoyment of the team.
- Arriving at least 10 minutes before the session to allow time to set out your field and session cones in readiness for the first players to arrive.
- As the players arrive ensure each player receives a ball and get them straight into a warm-up routine for the first 5 min or until all players arrive.
- Each session should have a plan to teach a certain skill or moment in the game and you should try and state this upfront at the beginning, carry it through as a theme for the session and test their understanding at the end.
- Encourage this new skill through to the game on the weekend.
- Remember to ask the players at the end of each session what they liked the best – take note of what they say...you will be surprised!

Enjoy the rest of the season!

Tony Judge
Club Coach Coordinator



UPCOMING EVENTS

Our Presentation Day will be held at the completion of the season. Please keep an eye on the [Iona Sports Club Facebook page](#) for dates.

KEY CONTACTS

For wet weather information during the season please refer to the [FMNC website](#). Your Team Coach/Manager will try and advise the team should you be impacted due to weather. The below contacts are available to help if required.

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MiniRoos Coordinator	Alex Harvey Kristy Kawaguchi	football@ionasportsclub.com



COMMUNITY

Love where you play

Iona Football Club is lucky to be able to use St Columba Anglican School grounds for games and training. Please follow road signs, drive slowly, park in marked areas (not Columba Cottage Pre-School) take your rubbish with you and look after all the equipment. Share the love for our ground this season – let's keep our venue top notch all season.

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