



# TIGER TALK

EPPING EASTWOOD FOOTBALL CLUB INC.

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## President's letter

Hi everyone. Well, like you, we are all sick of this wet period that we are having. It's creating havoc with the ground and training sessions are now totally up in the air. Never mind, all clubs are going through the same. The major factor is that playing days (Saturday & Sunday) are now starting to affect the competition and we only have limited time and grounds to schedule makeup games. Can I once more appeal to you all to keep a close eye on the GHFA website to check time & location of your games? Look closely as there may be changes and these may take place the day prior to your game. Any change closer than 1 day we, the club are told which we then pass on to our members as quickly as they are received.

There have been a lot of games washed out over the past month. All of these have been rescheduled. The games washed out on Sunday 23rd June will be played on Saturday 20th July as GHFA has reached a point where it is difficult to reschedule on the next few Sundays. Accordingly on 20th July the only games which will be played will be all of the Under 6/7/8's, Super League 1 & 2 and the washed out games from Sunday 23rd June. We have now reached the point where any further full washouts will mean we will start to lose Round Robin games.

At this point, the dates for the Final Series will be:

Round Robin – 27 July, 3 & 10 August

Division 2 down Finals – 17 August

Division 1 Finals - 24/25 August

Super League Finals – 31 August.

One would have to think that the Round

Robin will be a shortened competition. If this weather keeps up we could find ourselves with Position 1 versus Position 2 in the Finals. All ground (other than Christie Park) leases expire on the 31st August.

Looking at our Club's results as at June 30th, collectively we are doing well. Sure some teams would like to do better but that's the nature of the sport. It could be argued that we are doing better because of better team grading & improved efforts in coaching. We can all put our own spin on it and who's to say that what you think is not correct. Looking at the division tables U10 – U17's we have 14 teams of which 8 are in a top 4 position. Two of these at this time are leading their division.

Reviewing 21's to Super League, we have 5 teams placed in the top 4 and some in 5th position. Congratulations to the 35/1's who are in 1st position and dare I say it, cannot be toppled. So there you have it, as we run up to the end of the Premiership Round we have numerous teams who can finish in the top 4 of their division and we have the opportunity to win some Premierships.

Very shortly all members will receive a letter by mail informing them of a Special General Meeting of the Club to be held on Monday 29th July. At our last Annual General Meeting it was resolved that we needed to review and update the Club's Constitution (Articles of Association). A sub-committee was appointed to carry out the review — Chris Salmon (Club Vice President), Ian Smith (Club Secretary), Anthony Mitchell 35/1's (representing Senior Players) and

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Maurice Doria (representing Juniors and legal advisor). After a series of meetings they presented to the full Management Committee a draft for approval, which with some minimal change was accepted. This document now needs to be approved by the members of the Club. In general terms it deals with the changes in how we can communicate with you, our members. For example we can send notices of AGM's electronically rather than by mail. It has been spelt out in full – voting rights, numbers required to have matters passed. The existing Constitution & the revised Constitution can both be found in the Library section on the Club's website. All members, and this includes parents of U6 – U18 players, are encouraged to review both documents and to attend the meeting to vote. They may be 'dry' reading but are necessary for the running of your Club.

You will read in this issue about the passing of Lal Buyers, not widely known by the current membership but his funeral was attended by many past & current members.

That's it till next we meet,  
Go You Tiger's Go!

Ian Kendal.



## VALE – LAL BUYERS

*It is with much regret we record the passing of Lal Buyers who would be well known and respected by many of our senior players and their parents.*

*Lal was a dynamic, enthusiastic person when it came to our game and over the many years of service he gave to this Club he was a trailblazer and innovator when it came to coaching teams. Back in the 60's when the sport was not as popular as it is today, he was our 'Mr Football' and at that time was a personality within the sport. He was instrumental in establishing Women's Soccer within GHFA and for*

*many years Epping Eastwood had the strongest teams winning numerous titles. Today's Women's Competition owes much of its success to Lal's work all those years ago.*

*In saying goodbye, we believe that if sport is played in another world our Lal will be coaching and encouraging all who he comes in contact with.*

*To his family we extend our sympathy and as a Club we have lost one of our pioneers who helped develop the Epping Eastwood Football Club we have today.*



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# NOTES FOR THE DIARY

The Club Dinner will be on Saturday 7th September and it will have a change in format. Last year's was more formal being the 60th Birthday of our Club. So, as they say "a change is as good as a holiday".

- The Venue: The Ranch Hotel
- The Food: will be a buffet
- The Entertainment: will be a comedian

Bookings are now open so make up a group and join us on 7th September. Bookings are essential, admission is by ticket only.

The Club Picnic Day and Junior Presentation Day will be held on Sunday 1st September at Boronia Park. Last year's format worked well & will be repeated. Jumping castles, juice, ice blocks, tea & coffee, all free. It is open to all of your family. Let's hope that Boronia has dried out by then!

Team Photos – thanks to all our teams who turned out for Photo Day. It went well. Thanks for keeping to the schedule. I have seen some proofs and you all look great! The final product should be with you soon.

## **GHFA CUP –**

This competition continues and our Super League team is into the quarter-finals and their next match is scheduled for Wednesday 10th July commencing 6:30pm at Christie Park. Good luck to the boys.

## **BE AWARE –**

In our last issue we spoke about the Accident Support Scheme and we ask you to revisit that article. One point that needs to be stressed – if you sustain an injury and decide not to make a claim because you have private insurance – you should, in our view, fill in a claim form. It is at least a record just in case some time down the track a problem eventuates that can be attributed to the original injury. If it was not reported you have no come back. It is up to you. If it was me I would fill out the forms, after all you have paid for it.

## **LOW LIFE –**

Sorry to hear that some of our players lost phones & other valuables at training recently when some low life went through their bags. We have heard of this happening at other clubs and now it has happened to us. Club Management are looking at some solutions ranging from lockers to safes to cameras. All we can suggest short term is to be careful and store everything in one visible location.

## **WELL DONE –**

In contrast we had an incident in the public toilets a couple of weeks ago. The police were called. Their response time was amazingly quick and the matter was resolved and the offender dealt with.



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### **WATCH IT –**

Talking about distasteful things – players should be reminded of the rules of the game, in particular “abusive language to a match official”. I am pleased to report that over the years we have had less incidents occurring. If it does happen, the P & D Committee are taking a hard line on this offence and handing out stiff sentences. If a player continues after leaving the field of play, from the sideline and is reported, a further penalty is given and this is impossible to defend at P & D. Bad language within the game, be it in frustration or directed to someone, is to be frowned upon.

### **SYSTEM UPDATED –**

A lot of work updating our computer system has been done recently. This will improve our communication to coaches, managers & players. You may recall at registration this year you were asked for your email address. They are now all

in our database. Thank you for your input. In order to keep the system up to date we ask that you advise us of any changes to your postal or email details. This will become more vital if the changes to the Club's Constitution are approved in July.

### **TEAM MANAGERS – FANTASTIC –**

Your team manager does many things to keep you on the park. One job is the paperwork and within that getting the score in firstly on time & secondly correct. The reason we raise this is that at the last meeting of GHFA we, Epping Eastwood did not incur any fines. Well done! 10 out of 10! This is in contrast to others – the fines went over 4 pages (both sides). Treasury at GHFA must have reaped in thousands of dollars. It is great to have such a dedicated group of managers looking after our interests.

**JUMPING CASTLES FOR MINIS  
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**SUNDAY  
1st SEPTEMBER**

*Picnic Presentation Day*

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## MATCH REPORTS



### UNDER 8 ORANGE 25/5/13 – 1-3

We woke up to sunshine after days of rain to find our game still on. All boys were keen to play and made it to Ron Payne for our game. The game started out fast with great defending by Malachi. The other team tried to score quickly but found themselves blocked by our goal keeper Anish who kicked the ball down the line to Philip or James down the field. James used his excellent footwork to move the ball down the line but was constantly hampered by the other teams goalie. The other team was the first to strike a goal but we quickly followed up with our own where Phillip took the corner shot and powered the ball to Ashton who scored our first goal. We all cheered to see such great teamwork on the field. The boys felt great as they were back in the game. However, in the last minutes of the half the other team scored a goal. Supercoach Des talked to the boys and told them how well they were working as team and that the score didn't matter it was how they played together. The second half was spent defending the goal with some magical saves by David who protected the goal fiercely. He had a great team helping him with great runs by Alex and Thomas who passed it to the strikers Matthew and Xavier who kept their positions waiting for the ball. It was this way we almost scored again only to be thwarted by the other teams fast runners. In the end the other team got a ball over David's head to score one last time. With his work in goal David was our Player of the match. Every week we are getting better and better, you can hear the boys calling to each other on the field and working together as a team. GO Tigers!

**Naomi**

### UNDER 8 ORANGE 8/6/13

The game got off to a flying start with all the boys getting involved. The two sides were evenly matched and Xavier was kept busy in goals ably assisted by Alex, David and Ash in defence with only one goal to Pennant Hills in the first half. Philip, James and Tom probed the defence with Philip being rewarded with the equaliser just before half time. Tom replaced Xavier in goals for the second half and was also kept busy. Strong defence again by the boys (of which Ash's strong kicking game was a feature) restricted Pennant Hills to one goal in the second half. Down 1 – 2, Matthew playing one of his best games of the season scored the equaliser with 10 minutes to go. Final score 2 – 2.



Today we won our match. We had Mark from the Tigers Premier League team come and watch us play and remind us to use some techniques such as passing the ball down the line on a throw in and mark an opponent. It was our second win this season we were excited when we got off the field and Des and Mark were proud of our improvement.

**Philip Wadsworth**





## MATCH REPORTS

### EEW 14/3S - 11/5/13

The team had a strong game against Normanhurst with many attempted goal shots thwarted. An outstanding burst down the sideline from half way by Bobby had everyone cheering as he passed it to Jack who headed it into the nets for a spectacular 1 point victory! Todd was Man of the Match for his constant defence throughout the whole game.

### EEW 14/3S - 18/5/13

The home ground advantage certainly paid off on Saturday when the 14/3s took on table leaders West Ryde Rovers. A 3-1 victory now puts EEW at the top and the boys will train hard and focus on their game play to ensure it stays that way! Outstanding game from Aaron who scored 2 of our goals and Jack scoring 1. Aaron was again Man of the Match for his tremendous game and Nikhil for his 100% effort. **Bronwyn**

### EEW 11/3S - NORMANHURST 1-1, 11/5/13

What a tense game this was to watch. Both teams had unlucky own goals. Normanhurst kept up the fight as one minute the ball was at our end, the next they had it and were about to score. Player of the Match was Will for his constant scrambling. Keep up the hard work Tigers, a win is just around the corner!

### EEW 11/3S - CHERRYBROOK 0-1, 18/5/13

Another tense match. As Coach Schmacko said "If we had thirty shots at goal, and they had one... theirs went in." Full credit to their Goalkeeper, he worked tirelessly and was always in the right place at the right time. We just couldn't score. Player of the Match was Jack who worked extremely hard. Thanks Schmacko & Jason for your advice and your support.

### EEW 11/3S - GLENHAVEN 2-1, 25/5/13

Yee Haa! A well deserved win boys! Glenhaven scored first but we clawed our way back, and had most of the possession throughout the game. Player of the Match Alex scored for us, and it was a great to see the return of Joel and Aaron from injury (well, almost back Aaron, can't wait until you put those keeper gloves on again).

**Michele**

