

FEBRUARY EDITION 2018

PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

Hello Everyone!

Happy New Year to you all and I trust that you had an enjoyable break.

Welcome back to all existing players and families and a very warm welcome to all new players and families to Alstonville FC!

Many of you would have heard of the NSW Government's Active Kids Rebate, which can be utilised to meet up to \$100 of football registration fees per each school enrolled child aged 18 years or younger. Please visit the following link to obtain your voucher noting that this needs to be done prior to registering to play football.

<https://sport.nsw.gov.au/sectordevelopment/activekids>

Registrations are now open for 2018 and must be completed at myfootballclub.com.au. It would be greatly appreciated if players can register as soon as possible to assist with the Club's team nomination process, which needs to be provided to Football Far North Coast early this year.

This year we need as much assistance from the Club community as possible, particularly with regards to coaches and managers. We are extremely short on coaches for senior teams. The committee would welcome any assistance that members can bring to the Club in 2018 in any capacity.

I also encourage you to regularly check the Club's Website (currently undergoing an upgrade) and Facebook page in order to remain informed about the goings on within the Club and important information relevant to the 2018 season. Also, watch for the Alstonville FC app coming soon!

I wish you all an enjoyable and successful 2018 football season and if I can be of assistance please don't hesitate to contact me.

Yours Sincerely,



Club President



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2018 Calendar of Events

FEBRUARY

- 1st Active Kids Vouchers available Service NSW
- 10th First sign on 10 am - 12 pm Geoff Watt Clubhouse
- 16th Sign on at Alstonville Plaza 2 pm – 5 pm
- 17th Sign on 10 am - 2 pm Geoff Watt Clubhouse
- 24th Sign On 10 am – 2 pm PLATEAU SPORTS –kids activities & BBQ
- 25th GRADING DAYS Grade 12 – 16 commence (see over)
- 25th Referee's Course (see below for details)



MARCH

- 2nd – 4th ANZAC Cup / Callan McMillan Cup commences
- 5th Club Meeting 7 pm Plateau Sports Club: new members welcome
- 13th Muster: Grade 6 Mini Roos at GW 4.30 – 5.15 pm
- 13th Muster: Grades 10 & 11 Mini Roos at GW 5.15 – 6 pm
- 14th Muster: Grade 7 Mini Roos at GW 4.30 – 5.15 pm
- 14th Muster: Grades 8 & 9 Mini Roos at GW 5.15 – 6 pm
- 26th Coaches and Managers Meeting Grade 12 – 16 GW 7 pm

APRIL (School Holidays 14th – 29th April)

- 6/8th All Senior & Junior (12-16) pointscore competitions commence
- 9th MiniRoos Coaching Course 6 – 7.30 pm GW

MAY

- 1st Coaches and Managers Meeting Grades 6 and 7 from 6 – 7 pm GW
- 1st Coaches and Managers Meeting Grades 8 to 11 from 7 – 8 pm GW
- 5th Mini Roos football commences

Calling Aspiring Referees!

Match officials are an essential part of the football competition.

Course 25 February 9.30 – 4.30 pm Southern Cross Football Centre, course fee \$50 refunded on completion of course & registered to be active referee

Email admin@ffncreferees.com.au if you are interested.

You must be at least **13 years of age** to become a match official (either referee or assistant referee)

Junior Players - Welcome to the 2018 Season

MINIROOS (Grade 6 -11): See Muster schedule below for first attendance.

First game will be **SATURDAY 5 MAY**. All MiniRoos games are played between 9 -12 pm. Home games will be played at Geoff Watt Oval, away games will depend on the location of other teams in the draw. Games will be played on the first Saturday of the school holidays but no other Saturday during the holidays. Playing equipment, see back page.

MUSTER SCHEDULE

Grade 10/11	Tue	Mar 13	5:15 to 6:00 PM	GW 4, 5 (continues each week until teams formed)
Grade 8/9	Wed	Mar 14	5:15 to 6:00 PM	GW 4, 5 (continues each week until teams formed)
Grade 7	Wed	Mar 14	4:30 to 5:15 PM	GW 4, 5 (continues each week until teams formed)
Grade 6	Tue	Mar 13	4:30 to 5:15 PM	GW 4, 5 (continues each week until teams formed)

The Grade 6 – 11 Muster Days are designed to get all players from the same age group together until coaches for all teams are found and late registrations are processed. Supervised activities will be provided for approximately three quarters of an hour in no particular groupings until such time as teams can be formed and coaches announced. Team training will then commence on a day and time that suits the coach. If teams have not been announced at a muster you have attended, your child's coach should make contact to notify you regarding training, once they have received a team list from the Registrar. If no contact has been made please email the address below or secretary@alstonvillefc.com.au.

Please contact miniroomvp@alstonvillefc.com.au if you can help at a muster afternoon or would like to coach.

JUNIOR COMPETITIVE (Grade 12 – 16): See compulsory Grading dates below. Team placement in the FFNC competition will be dependent on the nominations and draw constructed by FFNC.

Competition games will commence on either **6/7/8 APRIL**, the same day as all seniors.

The majority of Junior Competitive games are played on Saturday morning. However, there may be occasions where games are scheduled for Friday night. In the case of wet weather causing game postponements, some rescheduled games may be Sunday mornings or mid-week. Referee shortages or the structure of some competitions may also cause games to be played on different days than expected. It is normal practice for teams to play on the first Saturday of the school holiday. Some age groups will be required to play on the last weekend of the school holidays as well.

GRADING SCHEDULE

Grade 12 mixed	GW3	4.30 – 6 pm Sundays	(25 Feb, 4 Mar, 11 Mar)
Grade 13 mixed	GW3	6 – 7.30 pm Sundays	(25 Feb, 4 Mar, 11 Mar)
Grade 14 mixed	GW3	6 – 7.30 pm Mondays	(26 Feb, 5 Mar, 12 Mar)
Grade 15 mixed	GW2	6 - 7.30 pm Sundays	(25 Feb, 4 Mar, 11 Mar)
Grade 16 mixed	GW2	6 – 7.30 pm Mondays	(26 Feb, 5 Mar, 12 Mar)
Girls 12	GW2	4.30 – 5.30 pm Sundays	(25 Feb, 4 Mar, 11 Mar)
Girls 13	GW2	4.30 – 5.30 pm Sundays	(25 Feb, 4 Mar, 11 Mar)
Girls 14	GW4	4.30 – 5.30 pm Sundays	(25 Feb, 4 Mar, 11 Mar)
Girls 15	GW4	6.00 – 7.00 pm Sundays	(25 Feb, 4 Mar, 11 Mar)
Girls 16	GW4	6.00 – 7.00 pm Sundays	(25 Feb, 4 Mar, 11 Mar)

For Grades 12-16 formal grading is carried out where there are enough players to form more than one team in an age group. Players will be graded on ability to suit the structure of the competition offered by FFNC. Players should attend all grading sessions and try their best and **should not assume** that they will be in the same team as last year. The 3 weeks of grading may be longer or shorter depending on numbers, weather and grading progress.

FEES

JUNIORS FEES:	Grade 6-7	\$100	Grade 8-9	\$110	Grade 10-11	\$130
	Grade 12-14	\$160	Grade 15-16	\$185		

SENIOR FEES:	Premier Men:	18 years and under	\$260	19+	\$360
	Premier Women:	18 years and under	\$260	19+	\$335
	Lower Div Senior Men/Women:	18 years and under	\$260	19+	\$330

ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS: School aged children between 4.5 and 18 years old who are eligible can obtain a voucher up to \$100 for approved sports. Alstonville FC is a provider. You must obtain a voucher by registering at Service NSW before registering to play in Myfootballclub. The voucher number is then entered as part of your registration and the invoice reflects the balance to be paid. There is a lot of information on the Service NSW website where you can obtain the voucher.

PAYMENT / BANKING DETAILS:

Payment Details: Cash or cheque at sign on, credit card in MFC only (surcharge will apply) or direct deposit into our Bank account:

BSB: 06 2657

Account number: 1019 5731

Account name: Alstonville FC Fees **Branch:** CBA Alstonville

Deposits can also be made over the counter at any CBA branch.

Please include your **name and age group** so that we can identify your deposit.

Payment plan available if commenced in February with REGULAR weekly / fortnightly payments so that fees are completed before the playing season commences. Contact committee for more information.

Senior Players – Welcome to the 2018 Season

--- TRAINING TIMES ---

PREMIER MEN:	Tuesdays & Thursdays 6 - 8 pm at CP
MEN: (all other divisions):	Thursdays 6 pm at GW until team formation
PREMIER WOMEN:	Wednesday 6 pm at CP
WOMEN: (all other div's):	Wednesdays 6 pm at CP until team formation

Training times will change once teams are formed.

COACHING COURSES

Mon 9 Apr	ALDI MiniRoos Certificate	Day 1 - Mon 9 Apr	Alstonville	6pm-7.30pm
Tue 8 May	Skill Training	Day 1 - Tue 8 May Day 2 - Thu 10 May	Alstonville	6pm-9pm

If you are interested go to Coach HQ www.northernnswfootball.com.au to register.

Clothing Price List 2018

Playing shorts (Junior)	\$20	Club Polo shirt (optional)	Junior size 8-14	\$30
Playing socks (Prem)	\$12		Senior size S – 3XL	\$35
Playing socks (Junior)	\$12	Club Jacket (optional)	Junior size 8-14	\$45
Playing socks (Senior)	\$12		Senior size S – 3XL	\$50
Training shirt	\$15	Club Hoodies (optional)	Junior size 8-XL	\$45
Beanie (optional)	\$12	Cap (optional)		\$20

2nd hand boots are available at the Geoff Watt Clubhouse.

CHILD PROTECTION

Villa FC is committed to the safety and well-being of all children and young people involved in the activities of the club.

Villa FC supports the rights of children and will act without hesitation to ensure a child safe environment is maintained at all times.

The club also supports the rights and well-being of its volunteers and encourage their active participation in building and maintaining a secure environment for all participants.

See our Member Protection Policy on the website for more information.

Sponsorship

Alstonville FC is seeking sponsorship from local & regional businesses who are willing to support our club. There are a number of attractive sponsorship packages to promote your business to people in the local area. Opportunities include playing strip, equipment, signs on CP fence, event sponsors and more.

Please contact sponsorship@alstonvillefc.com.au or talk to us at sign-on for more information.

Want to Know More?

The latest Villa news, draws, rosters and upcoming events are on our website www.alstonvillefc.com.au or like our Facebook page **Alstonville Football Club**. New App coming soon!

For draws and point scores visit: www.footballfarnorthcoast.com.au

Codes of Conduct

When signing up to play for Alstonville FC all players, parents, coaches, managers and spectators agree to abide by the **Codes of Conduct**. All members are expected to abide by these codes at all times. Also note the section in our Member Protection policy regarding Referee Abuse. The club will take a strong stance on any breaches of these codes. The Member Protection Policy including Codes of Conduct can be found on our website.

Sign On and Parent Information

Welcome to the Alstonville & District Football Club (Villa FC) the largest club in the Far North Coast zone. We cater for male and female players from 5 years old to seniors. We hope the information below will assist you to become an involved member of your team and the club and you have a really enjoyable season as a member of our football family.

- **Sign On:** Held early to mid February each year. Register as a player at www.myfootballclub.com.au, complete a Membership Form and pay fees. Come to Sign On, bring paperwork, make payment and receive information about the forthcoming season. Helpful information on our website www.alstonvillefc.com.au.
- **Team Allocations:** Grade 6 – 11 Mini Roos muster days are held once a week, for each age group, until coaches are appointed and the Mini Roos Registrar can form teams. The dates are in this newsletter. Requests for team placement with a friend can be made in writing but no guarantees are made. Please volunteer to be a coach if you are able.
Grade 12 – 16 Competitive Juniors – Teams are graded where there is more than one team in an age group. Grading takes place shortly after Sign On.
Seniors – Grading (higher divisions) and team placement is undertaken by the Senior Committee.
- **Training Days & Times:** This is a decision for the coach as he/she may have limited time flexibility.
- **Equipment:** Players require covered footwear, shin guards, black shorts and Villa socks (available at either canteen). Team shirts are provided by the club for use on game days only. Optional extras include club shirts, jackets, hoodies, caps and beanies also sold by the club.
- **Team Organisation:** Please assist your coach as much as possible, he/she is a valuable volunteer who gives his/her time and expertise freely. A manager is important to the team and assists the coach, volunteer if you can. Duties for the team include washing the shirts which are kept as a set, washed together and worn only at games. This duty can be shared by parents or be the responsibility of a single person. Organise oranges for the game if desired. Ensure parents are available to do canteen and grounds set up duties. Rosters appear on the website please check regularly. Communicate with the coach if your child is unable to attend training or games and be on time for drop off/pick up on training days. Allow time on game days to find grounds, allocate shirts and start on time. Get to know each other and enjoy your child's football.
- **Website:** Our website has comprehensive information. It is the major communication tool - please check it regularly – www.alstonvillefc.com.au. Occasionally emails are sent to club members.
- **Wet Weather:** For ground closures check the website, phone Ballina Council wet weather line on 66861499, check signage at the grounds or contact your coach.
- **Newsletter:** Our e-newsletter is the Villa Sweeper available via email and the website. To submit an article email secretary@alstonvillefc.com.au
- **Coaching Courses:** Grassroots Coaching Courses are conducted each season. Parents are encouraged to attend – details on the website. Further levels of coaching qualifications are available throughout the season.
- **Carnivals:** On the first Sunday in August the club hosts our carnival which is a great family fun day and our biggest fundraiser. All Grade 6 – 11 teams are entered and all families help out on the day. Other clubs hold carnivals throughout the season and we ask teams to attend at least one of these. The club also hosts the Oceania Cup on the long weekend in October which is a 2 day tournament for girls and women.
- **Fundraisers and Social Events:** Please support these as they help provide important resources.

VOLUNTEERS: As the biggest club in the zone we need lots of volunteers to run our successful club efficiently and well. Please consider a coaching or managing role or a committee position. See the website for more detail.

