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PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

Hello Everyone!

A sincere welcome to all new players, families and volunteers to Villa FC as well as those returning to the Club in 2019! I trust that you all had an enjoyable break over the festive season!

2018 was a great year for Villa FC, being crowned Club Champions – a wonderful achievement we can all be proud of.

The NSW Government's Active Kids Rebate is back again in 2019 and 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, which must be completed prior to registering to play football.

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

Registrations are now open for 2019 and Football Federation Australia (FFA) have changed their registration system to Playfootball.com.au.

<https://www.playfootball.com.au/>

It would be greatly appreciated if all players intending to play football in 2019 register as soon as possible to assist with the Club's team nomination process.

I wish to thank the hardworking members of the Committee for their dedication to our Club and our sport. We are a large Club and appreciate all the assistance we can get and so I encourage you to become involved as a volunteer in some capacity. Please see one of the Committee members or email us at secretary@alstonvillefc.com.au to register your interest.

Please ensure that you check the Club's Website and Facebook page regularly in order to remain informed about the goings on within the Club and important information relevant to the 2019 season.

On behalf of the Committee of Alstonville FC, I wish you all an enjoyable and successful 2019 football season and if we can be of any assistance please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours Sincerely,

Club President

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2019 Calendar of Events

FEBRUARY

- 15th Sign on at Geoff Watt Clubhouse 3.15 pm – 6 pm
- 16th Sign on 10 am - 2 pm Geoff Watt Clubhouse
- 17th Referee's Course Goonellabah
- 23rd Sign on 10 am – 2 pm Geoff Watt Clubhouse
- 24th GRADING DAYS Grade 12 – 16 commence (see over)
- 27th Muster: Grade 6 Mini Roos at GW 4.00 – 5.00 pm
- 27th Muster: Grades 10 & 11 Mini Roos at GW 5.15 – 6 pm



MARCH

- 1 - 3rd ANZAC Cup / Callan McMillan Cup commences
- 2nd Working Bee at Geoff Watt 8 am. Help needed!
- 4th Club Meeting 7 pm Geoff Watt Clubhouse: new members welcome
- 6th Muster: Grade 7 Mini Roos at GW 4.00 – 5.00 pm
- 6th Muster: Grades 8 & 9 Mini Roos at GW 5.15 – 6 pm
- 25th Coaches and Managers Meeting Grade 12 – 16 GW 7 pm
- 26th & 28th Coach Skills Training Course GW 6-9 pm
- 29 - 31st All Senior & Junior (12-16) point score competitions commence

APRIL (School Holidays 13th – 28th April)

- 2nd Coaches and Managers Meeting Grades 6 and 7 from 6 – 7 pm GW
- 2nd Coaches and Managers Meeting Grades 8 to 11 from 7 – 8 pm GW
- 8th MiniRoos Coaching Course 6 – 7.30 pm

MAY

- 4th Mini Roos football commences

Calling Aspiring Referees!

Match officials are an essential part of the football competition.

Course for new referees 17 February 10.00 – 4.30 pm Goonellabah Workers Sports Club

Email referees@ffnc.net.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 2019 Season

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

First game will be **SATURDAY 4 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	Wed	Feb 27	5:15 to 6:00 PM	GW 4, 5 (continues each week until teams formed)
Grade 8/9	Wed	Mar 6	5:15 to 6:00 PM	GW 4, 5 (continues each week until teams formed)
Grade 7	Wed	Mar 6	4:00 to 5:00 PM	GW 4, 5 (continues each week until teams formed)
Grade 6	Wed	Feb 27	4:00 to 5:00 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 half an hour. These are not team groups. When teams are formed by the registrar, team training can 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 with you regarding training once they have received a team list from the Registrar. If no contact has been made please email miniroomsregistrar@alstonvillefc.com.au or secretary@alstonvillefc.com.au.

Please contact miniroomsvp@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 **29, 30, 31 MARCH** 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 – 6.00 pm Sundays	(24 Feb, 3 Mar, 10 Mar)
Grade 13 mixed	GW3	6.00 – 7.30 pm Sundays	(24 Feb, 3 Mar, 10 Mar)
Grade 14 mixed	GW3	6.00 – 7.30 pm Mondays	(25 Feb, 4 Mar, 11 Mar)
Grade 15 mixed	GW2	6.00 – 7.30 pm Sundays	(24 Feb, 3 Mar, 10 Mar)
Grade 16 mixed	GW2	6.00 – 7.30 pm Mondays	(25 Feb, 4 Mar, 11 Mar)
Girls 12	GW2	4.30 – 5.30 pm Sundays	(24 Feb, 3 Mar, 10 Mar)
Girls 13	GW2	4.30 – 5.30 pm Sundays	(24 Feb, 3 Mar, 10 Mar)
Girls 14	GW4	4.30 – 5.30 pm Sundays	(24 Feb, 3 Mar, 10 Mar)
Girls 15	GW4	6.00 – 7.00 pm Sundays	(24 Feb, 3 Mar, 10 Mar)
Girls 16	GW4	6.00 – 7.00 pm Sundays	(24 Feb, 3 Mar, 10 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	\$120	Grade 8-9	\$130	Grade 10-11	\$150
	Grade 12-14	\$180	Grade 15-16	\$190		

SENIOR FEES:	Premier Men:	18 years and under	\$270	19+	\$370
	Premier Women:	18 years and under	\$270	19+	\$345
	Lower Div Senior Men/Women:	18 years and under	\$270	19+	\$340

Fees must be paid in full before the playing season commences. Players participating in ANZAC Cup & Callan McMillan Shield must have paid in full to participate.

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 at Service NSW before registering to play in PlayFootball.** The voucher number is entered as part of your registration and the invoice reflects the balance to be paid.

FEE INCREASE: The fee increase in 2019 is the result of rises imposed by FFA, Football Far North Coast and an increase in the Referee levies. Unfortunately, these increases cost players more but do not allow the club to make increases. The club retains a small portion to cover equipment, electricity, rates and other expenses.

PAYMENT / BANKING DETAILS:

Payment Details: Cash at Sign On only, cheque, credit card in MFC only (surcharge will apply) or direct deposit into our 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 Jan/Feb 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 2019 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:	Tuesdays & Thursdays 6 - 8 pm at CP
WOMEN: (all other div's):	Tuesdays & Thursdays 6 pm at CP until team formation

Training times will change once teams are formed.

Clothing Price List 2019

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

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.

COACHING COURSES 2019

Alstonville FC will be hosting two NNSWF coaching courses at Geoff Watt Oval. These are great opportunities to obtain some qualifications and learn more –

TUESDAY 26 MARCH & THURSDAY 28 MARCH - SKILL TRAINING – 6-9 pm

MONDAY 8 APRIL – MINIROOS CERTIFICATE – 6 – 7.30 pm

Other local courses scheduled are –

SATURDAY 2 MARCH – GAME TRAINING - SOUTHERN CROSS – 9-5 PM

SUNDAY 3 MARCH – SENIOR TRAINING - SOUTHERN CROSS – 9-5 PM

SUNDAY 10 MARCH – SENIOR TRAINING – BALLINA – 9-5 PM

To register go to www.northernnswfootball.com.au – Coach HQ.

VILLA Skills Acquisition Program GRADE 9-12 2019

A fantastic opportunity for talented Villa Grade 9 -12 year olds will be available in 2019 with the introduction of a Skills Acquisition Program.

This program will:

- Be coached by Dave Gambley who has a C licence coaching qualification, is extremely experienced and has an interest in developing young enthusiastic players
- Commence in March 2019 with player selection trials
- Consist of a 20 week program, run twice weekly on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons (excluding school holidays)
- Cater for both male and female 9-12 year olds (age turning in 2019)
- Include approximately 12 X Grade 9 and 10 players and 12 X Grade 11 and 12 players in two separate sessions
- Attract a cost of approximately \$300 per player for the program
- Require players to train and play with their Villa club team

Trial dates for selection

The following dates are for players to trial for this program:

MONDAY 4 AND 11 MARCH at GW 4.00-5.30 pm (Grade 9 & 10) & 5.30-7 pm (Grade 11 & 12)

The registration process for this program will be advised ASAP.

When players are identified, the program will then commence:

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS COMMENCING 19 & 21 March

SUNDAY AFTERNOON SKILLS SESSIONS

In addition, the skills session introduced in 2018 for Grade 10 and 11 players on Sunday afternoons and coached by John Thomson, will also be available again in 2019. More details to come.

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.PlayFootball.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 playing strip is provided by the club for use on game days only. They are not distributed to players. 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, check signage at the grounds or contact your coach.
- **Newsletter:** Our e-newsletter is the Villa Sweeper available at Sign On 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 many volunteers to run our successful club efficiently. Please consider a coaching or managing role or a committee position. See the website for more detail.

