

FEBRUARY EDITION 2020

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 2020! I trust that you all had an enjoyable break over the festive season!

The NSW Government's Active Kids Rebate remains available to eligible families in 2020 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://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/apply-active-kids-voucher>

Registrations are now open for 2020 through Football Federation Australia's (FFA) registration platform - Playfootball.

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

It would be greatly appreciated if all players intending to play football in 2020 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 2020 season.

On behalf of the Committee of Alstonville FC, I wish you all an enjoyable and successful 2020 football season and if we can be of any assistance please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours Sincerely,



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.

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS



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PLEASE SUPPORT OUR SPONSORS AS THEY SUPPORT VILLA FC

2020 Calendar of Events

FEBRUARY

- 1st Sign on at Geoff Watt Clubhouse 10 am – 12 pm
- 8th Sign on 10 am - 2 pm Geoff Watt Clubhouse
- 8th MND fundraiser cricket match at GW
- 14th Sign on 3.15 – 6 pm Geoff Watt Clubhouse
- 15th Sign on 10 am – 2 pm Geoff Watt Clubhouse
- 15th MiniRoos introduction session for new players, 6 and 7 year olds
- 16th GRADING DAYS Grade 12 – 16 commence (see over)
- 23rd Referee's Course, Goonellabah
- 28/30th ANZAC Cup & Callan McMillan commences



MARCH

- 2nd Club Meeting 6.30 pm Plateau Sports: new members welcome
- 8th Bunnings BBQ fundraiser, help needed
- 23rd Coaches and Managers Meeting Grade 12 – 16 GW 7 pm
- 30th Coaches and Managers Meeting Grades 6 and 7 from 6 – 7 pm GW
- 30th Coaches and Managers Meeting Grades 8 to 11 from 7 – 8 pm GW
- 27/29th All Senior & some Junior (12-16) point score competitions commence

APRIL (School Holidays 10th – 26th April)

- 25/26th ANZAC Cup & Callan McMillan finals

MAY

- 2nd MiniRoos football commences

Calling Aspiring Referees!

Match officials are an essential part of the football competition.

Course for new referees 14 February 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 2020 Season

MINIROOS (Grade 6 -11):

First game will be **SATURDAY 2 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.

SATURDAY 15 FEBRUARY BETWEEN 10 – 2 PM MINIROOS INTRODUCTION SESSION

For new players, as well as 6 and 7 year olds, come along for a skill and information session.

When teams are formed by the registrar, team training can then commence on a day and time that suits the coach. Your child's coach and/or the registrar should contact you regarding team placement once teams are finalised. If no contact has been made by mid-April please email miniroomsregistrar@alstonvillefc.com.au or secretary@alstonvillefc.com.au.

Please contact miniroomsvp@alstonvillefc.com.au if you would like to coach or assist in some way.

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

Competition games, for some age groups, will commence on either **28/29 MARCH** the same day as all seniors, or **2 MAY**, after school holidays. This is determined by the number of teams in each competition.

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

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| Grade 12 mixed | GW3 | 4.30 – 6.00 pm Sundays | (16 Feb, 23 Feb, 1 Mar) |
| Grade 13 mixed | GW3 | 6.00 – 7.30 pm Sundays | (16 Feb, 23 Feb, 1 Mar) |
| Grade 14 mixed | GW3 | 6.00 – 7.30 pm Mondays | (17 Feb, 24 Feb, 2 Mar) |
| Grade 15 mixed | GW2 | 6.00 – 7.30 pm Sundays | (16 Feb, 23 Feb, 1 Mar) |
| Grade 16 mixed | GW2 | 6.00 – 7.30 pm Mondays | (17 Feb, 24 Feb, 2 Mar) |
| Girls 12 | GW2 | 4.30 – 5.30 pm Sundays | (16 Feb, 23 Feb, 1 Mar) |
| Girls 13 | GW4 | 4.30 – 5.30 pm Sundays | (16 Feb, 23 Feb, 1 Mar) |
| Girls 14 | GW4 | 4.30 – 5.30 pm Sundays | (16 Feb, 23 Feb, 1 Mar) |
| Girls 15 | GW4 | 6.00 – 7.00 pm Sundays | (16 Feb, 23 Feb, 1 Mar) |
| Girls 16 | GW4 | 6.00 – 7.00 pm Sundays | (16 Feb, 23 Feb, 1 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.

CODES OF CONDUCT

All Alstonville FC players, parents, coaches, managers and spectators agree to abide by the **Codes of Conduct**, including respect for Referees, at the time of registration. The club will take a strong stance on any breaches of these codes. Our Member Protection Policy including Codes of Conduct are on our website.

FEES

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| JUNIORS FEES: | Grade 6-7 | \$120 | Grade 8-9 | \$130 | Grade 10-11 | \$150 |
| | Grade 12-14 | \$180 | Grade 15-16 | \$190 | | |

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| SENIOR FEES: | Premier Men: | 18 years and under | \$270 | 19+ | \$370 |
| | Premier Women: | 18 years and under | \$270 | 19+ | \$350 |
| | Lower Div Senior Men/Women: | 18 years and under | \$270 | 19+ | \$340 |

Fees must be paid in full before the playing any games including ANZAC Cup & Callan McMillan.

ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS: Eligible school aged children from 4 and 18 years old can apply for a \$100 voucher for approved sports. **You must obtain a voucher at Service NSW before registering in PlayFootball.** The voucher number is entered during registration and the invoice shows the balance owing.

PAYMENT / BANKING DETAILS:

Payment Details: Cash at Sign On, cheque, credit card in PlayFootball only (surcharge will apply)
or direct deposit into our account:

BSB: 082-522

Account number: 12-856-3267

Account name: Alstonville FC Fees **Branch:** NAB, Ballina

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

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

Payment plan available so long as fees are completed before the playing season commences.

Senior Players – Welcome to the 2020 Season Training Times

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| 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

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| 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.

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. Obtain an Active Kids voucher, if applicable, then register as a player at www.PlayFootball.com.au, complete a Membership Form and pay fees online or come to Sign On, bring paperwork, make payment and receive information about the forthcoming season. See information on facebook and on our website www.alstonvillefc.com.au.
- **Team Allocations:** Grade 6 – 11 MiniRoos have an introductory session for new players, 6 and 7 year olds. After coaches are appointed the MiniRoos Registrar can form teams. 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/fruit 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/Facebook:** Our website and facebook 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, signage at the grounds or contact your coach.
- **Newsletter:** Our e-newsletter is the Villa Sweeper available at Sign On and on the website.
- **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.

