



# Celebrating 10 years on Hutt Street



## CONGRATULATIONS PREMIER LEAGUE

The FFSA Cup really was the best way to finish a fantastic season. The girls won back-to-back Premier League and Cup playing the best football that they have ever played at Adelaide City, and they did so undefeated. The last defeat in a league or cup game for the ACWFC Premiers team was in July 2009!

The cup final once again brought out a very good performance both at the individual and at the team levels. The girls were prepared and focussed, and were able to translate tactical ideas into practice for most of the game. The attacking, fast, bold brand of football that the girls have made their own produced five goals, one post and several very good attempts missed by centimetres. It was a great game to watch.

We started really well, with Antonia Lupoi opening the score in less than two minutes, and then we kept working to create more occasions rather than sitting back and absorbing the pressure from Fulham. This attitude put the Fulham defenders under severe pressure and they ended up making a fatal mistake before the end of the first half...mistakes that you should never make if there's Leanne Slater in the vicinity! Adelaide City was up 2-0 at half time.

The second half brought even more emotions, with our girls continuing to attack and entertain the crowd. The excellent teamwork resulted in another goal from Leanne Slater early in the half, the poker served by Daniela Di Bartolo who came on for Lauren Chilvers, and a last gem, again from Slater to conclude the match with a winning score of 5-2.

In between, Katelyn Tucker made her mark coming on a few minutes into the second half, hitting a post, creating several important occasions and generally ensuring that the Fulham defenders will have bad dreams when they replay the game over the next few weeks.

Fulham also scored twice in the second half, reducing our lead until we scored another goal making it 4-2 before getting a 5<sup>th</sup> goal to finish it.

We never really looked like we could lose the game. These girls bring home the fourth major trophy for the club in two years, and write one of the finest pages of our club's history.

**- Edoardo Rosso, Head Coach**

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## 2010 FFSA GIRLS AND WOMENS AWARDS NIGHT

The 2010 Girls and Women's Awards night was held on Friday 15 October 2010. The annual event is to acknowledge all FFSA league and cup winners and runners up as well as presentation of award winners from all senior divisions along with the Coach and Volunteer of the Year Awards and the Adelaide Airport Limited Premier Division Team of the Year.

*Congratulations to Edoardo Rosso our Premier Coach for winning the Bob Bush Premier Division Coach of the Year – for the second year in a row and this time by himself. Last year he shared the award!*

Adelaide City went well in the Referees Choice Awards with Leanne Slater coming 2<sup>nd</sup> in the top 5 Shirley Brown Premier Division Player of the Year, Rosie Gardiner coming 3<sup>rd</sup> and Christina Papageorgiou coming 5<sup>th</sup>.

Adelaide City was well represented in the Adelaide Airport Premier Division Team of the Year with Michelle Male, Elise Whorlow, Christina Papageorgiou, Rosie Gardiner, Leanne Slater and Katelyn Tucker being named in the squad.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO EVERYONE!!

## ACWFC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

**Saturday 6th November**  
**96 Unley Road Unley**  
**1.00pm Start**

This is a very important meeting for all club members as a number of long term club committee members in key positions have indicated that they will not be seeking re-election.

Vacant positions include President, Treasurer, Secretary, Webmaster, Home grounds and clubrooms manager, Social (Event) Director and Sponsorship and Marketing Manager. Filling these positions is critical to enable the club to remain operational next year.

## WE REALLY NEED YOUR HELP!!

Please come along and consider nominating yourself or another to the committee  
Please email Gill Kette, Club Secretary [fegkette@esc.net.au](mailto:fegkette@esc.net.au) if you have any questions



# RESERVES FINAL REPORT

Looking back to the beginning of season we had a combined Premier and Reserves squad consisting of 30 players which looked like an adequate number. Our Reserves squad appeared very strong and this showed when they easily won the first 9 games. But during that early part of the season unfortunately the Premiers lost up to 5 quality players making a huge hole in the two squads. This put huge pressure on our players and meant that some of our Reserve girls had to step up to Premiers. They did this with consistent performances with additional reserves players moving up and down from week to week to gain experience at the Premier level.

Losing players to Premiers, restructuring of the Premier and Reserves fixtures into 2<sup>nd</sup> round, a three week layoff and also losing 2 players to season injuries upset the balance of our team and our results suffered with the team losing and drawing a couple of games. We promoted a few players from U17 and week to week borrowed players from Division 2 to make up the numbers. It took awhile to gel but we managed to put some more wins together. Some very close games towards end of season became make or break games.

The club's objective was always to develop and produce quality players for the Premiers. Unfortunately other clubs didn't have this same objective and dropped Premier players down to Reserves to bolster their team to win at any costs. Our club would not follow this approach but making this decision probably cost us winning the Reserve league. Despite all this to deal with we were still very competitive against these star studded sides but their greater experience showed in the end. Most of the reserve players worked so hard but at the end they didn't get the result they deserved.

We take this opportunity to thank captain Renai for her tireless guidance and work for both teams, players, coaches from other teams, parents support which was always there with helping hands putting up nets, line marking, running the lines, and stewards for game day. This is always much appreciated.

**- Anthony Di Bartolo, Coach & Franca Di Bartolo, Team Manager**

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# DIVISION 2 FINAL REPORT

The Division 2 team didn't have the strongest year within our league and we had a lot to deal with including general and season ending injuries. Regardless of the problems we had the team always managed to pull things together and every week we played with our hearts on our sleeve. We finished 6th in our league and were very unlucky not to have a few games go our way.

This year would not have gone so smoothly without John Hopwood our team manager. John was a pivotal point in making sure the team was always organised and what ever we needed done including putting up nets or breaking tree branches that were in the way of kicking corners – John was always there.

I would like to thank all of the parents, family, friends and partners who were out to support us on match days in particular those who helped to run the line each week. Also a big thank you to all the Reserve and Under 17 players who helped fill in during the season. Your help without a doubt has helped us get through the season.

Finally, I would like to thank the whole team. This season was my first year as a coach and a player within the same team but the girls were great in supporting not only me and also each other. We were able to build a strong team foundation which helped us pull through a very tough season.

The division 2 girls are one of the best groups I've ever played with and I would consider them more as family rather than team mates or soccer friends. We didn't win a lot of games this season but we were competitive throughout the whole season and we had a really good time too. For this I want to give a big thank you to all the girls and I cannot wait for 2011 Season.

**- Mim Luksa, Coach**

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## UNDER 17 FINAL REPORT

It has been my pleasure to be involved with the Adelaide City Under 17's this year. Having been away from Adelaide City for a number of years, I was so impressed with the junior structure that had developed at the club over the last few years and that is a credit to all involved.

The Under 17 team are a great bunch of girls and the parents have been fantastic and very supportive throughout the season. There were a number of highlights for me in the latter part of the year and one that stands out is the final game we played against Western Toros, we needed a result that day and the girls delivered, coming away with a 1 - 1 draw.

In summary, we finished sixth out of an eight team competition which is a massive credit to the girls, considering most of them are still eligible for Under 15's and the girls in opposing teams were usually a lot stronger and more experienced than our girls.

I know that in 2011 our girls will continue to develop and will continue having fun! I must thank Mim Luksa for her help toward the end of the season, she is an awesome coach and I know the girls really appreciated her assistance. Finally to the Under 17's girls, all the best with your football and the future, go City!

- Heidi May, Coach



Misca - Under 9 Mascot

Club Members working on the grounds



## UNDER 15 FINAL REPORT

What do you get when you throw 9 midfielders, 4 defenders, 3 rookies and a keeper together? Then 3 weeks into the season you end up with a squad of 13. You get a great bunch of young girls who very, very quickly learn to adapt to any position in which they are placed.

The U15's consisted of players coming up from the U13's and lots of new faces, comprising of a team with different levels of experience. But they all had one thing in common – a desire to learn, play as a team and never give up.

The team started the season strongly and with 3 games to go were in a position to finish in the top 3. Unfortunately we lost our last 2 games and the other game was a washout due to poor pitch conditions – so we finished the season in 7<sup>th</sup> place.

It was encouraging to see the team improve and develop during the season, especially the teamwork, position play, passing, ball control and ability to read the play. Most teams in our division would kick the ball long and chase the ball, not our girls, by the end of the season our girls would pass to feet, create space and look for a one-two pass or through ball. I am very proud of what the girls have achieved this year and look forward to seeing them back at ACWFC in 2011.

I would like to thank our team managers Sally Kelly and Monica Cianca, and for all the support and co-operation we have received from all parents.



**Jon Athanasopoulos, Assistant Coach**

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## UNDER 9 LEAGUE FINAL REPORT

This year has seen the first season that Adelaide City has had an U9 team. It has been a great success and the players can be really proud of their achievements. It is fantastic to see such young players showing great enthusiasm for the sport and a real willingness to learn. We have seen a big improvement in player skill over this season, which is really impressive when you realise that many of the U9's had never played before and had to learn the rules as well as the skills.

Both Sofia Kette as Coach and Paul Hegarty as Assistant Coach have put in a great effort to teach the girls in a positive and fun environment. A thank you should also be given to Marie Rungie, Team Manager and the parents for their ongoing support and commitment which was essential for the success of this season.

There were many highlights over the year, far too many to mention, but on top of the list was seeing players score their first goal and winning their first game. I think this season has been a great one for introducing the players to soccer and showing them how much fun this sport can be.



**- Sofia Kette, Coach**

## UNDER 13 BLACKS FINAL REPORT

The U13 Black team has continued to make substantial progress as their season has progressed. The team that started the season was quite different to the team that finished the season with 4 players promoted to other sides during the season, 2 players withdrawing and four new players added to the squad. Despite all the changes and a very stop/start fixtures list, the Under 13s have come together as a very tight knit team both on and off the field and have shown themselves to be one of the most difficult opponents in their league.

The U13's were always very competitive against their opponents but they were unable to take advantage of their goal scoring opportunities. The side scored 9 goals for the season with 6 of those coming against one team. With the benefit of a regular goal scorer the team would have been challenging near the top of the table. As individuals they have all shown substantial improvement since the start of the season and the coaching staff are very pleased with their progress. Many of these players will form the backbone of what will be a very competitive U13 team next season. Thanks to everyone who assisted with the team.

**- Lino Fusco, Coach**

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## UNDER 13 WHITES FINAL REPORT

The U13 Whites have had a GREAT season. Out of 21 games (including trials and cup games) we lost only three games and had two draws, with the remaining games being convincing wins. A great credit must go to the girls for their maturity and attitude, as there were a few games where we had a slow start and then came from behind to take out the game. As a result the team ended the season as runners up to Cumberland United.

Most of our team was made up of members who have been with the club in previous seasons and many had played together before, while a few girls joined the club and the team at the start of this season. The new comers were made very welcome, and easily settled into the team - the squad has got on fantastically all season. They have been a delight to coach and I have seen them all further develop their physical skills during the season. In addition to this, the girls success this year can be attributed to their teamwork, and how they have developed their football intelligence to play some very impressive team football as the season progressed.

The girls with a combination of some good luck and being determined to win each game, made it through to the Cup Final on Sunday 19 September at Hindmarsh Stadium. Playing at the stadium was a fantastic experience but a little daunting to begin with. In the end we lost 2-1 to Cumberland United, but the girls played exceptionally well, and if the game had continued for another 10 minutes, we surely would have scored another goal!!.

Apart from the team players themselves, we have had great support from the parents, diligently doing the duties requested of them, and a big thank you to Louise Rigoni for being a fantastic team manager, allowing Sedat Arkun and myself to concentrate on the coaching. Sedat has been a great help as Assistant coach, and has made a very valuable contribution to the team. I wish the girls all the best with their football for next season.

**- Neville Hainke ,Coach**



## UNDER 11 FINAL REPORT

With 4 weeks to go before the start of the season for the Under 11's, things were looking quite grim - we had a coach, only 6 players, no assistant coach and no team manager.

But with a lot of hard work by Franca Di Bartolo, Gill Kette and I, we managed to get a team of 12, an assistant coach and a team manager ready for our first game of the year against the Fulham United 2 side – a hard fought game which we won 3-1.

My aim before that game was to ensure the parents saw an improvement in the skills shown by their daughters by the time the last game of the season was going to be played in the middle of September. The results didn't matter to me and I didn't want them to matter to the girls either. To say that we have already achieved this in a total understatement!

Whilst official records of scores are not kept for Under 11's, both the team and I had very good reason to record our scores - out of a total of 17 games played – we had 16 wins, no draws and only 1 loss. The girls have been simply sensational.....they talk a lot at training.....it just means that the volume of the whistle gets louder. But this translates to effective listening and putting in to practice what we drum in to them at training.

The team has been 'rock solid' in defence – only conceding 12 goals all season. In attack, they have been equally solid – putting the ball in the back of the net on 69 occasions.

There were plenty of highlights this season but our most memorable game was a 2-1 away win against Fulham United with literally the last kick of the game, exacting a bit of 'revenge' for a similar score line in Round 3 – our only loss for 2010.

And when I say we, I can't forget to mention the super efforts of my assistant coach, Joe Maio. He never lets me down when I can't take training for whatever reason. Joe, I would like to sincerely thank you for your efforts with the girls this season. You are also the reason behind the success of this team.

Also, I can't forget to mention the efforts of Lucy Tubb, our team manager. Everything is so organised in her capable hands – one less thing for the coach and assistant coach to worry about on game day.

Finally, I would like to express my gratitude to parents of the Under 11 girls – they support their daughters, they support me and they support the team as a whole. They are sensational. Thanks guys!

To Alexandra, Alexia P, Alexia S, Lexi, Millie, Zoe, Eva, Olivia, Demi, Isabella, Marie and Francesca - congratulations go out to you all for your efforts this season. We are all extremely proud of what you have achieved this season.

***YOU ALL ARE THE FUTURE OF THIS VERY PROUD FOOTBALL CLUB...***

**- Lewis Pountis, Coach**



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## TEAM MANAGER CO-ORDINATOR UPDATE

Hi everyone - As this is the last newsletter for the season I would like to thank all the team managers for all the hard work that they have put in this year. It has been another great season hopefully for the players and all the people who support them!

I'd also like to thank all of those parents who volunteered to do the other important roles required each week i.e. Ground Steward, linesperson, strip washing and at our home games – nets and checking the pitch. Without everyone helping in these tasks the weekly games would not occur and for the most part it is parents that undertake this role.

Also a special thanks to the Team Managers for coordinating the team attendance for the presentation night held on Thursday 14 October as well as the team goodie baskets to raffle on the night. It was a well attended end of season event and was a great opportunity for all the players to get together for the last time this year and an added bonus to receive a trophy as recognition for their efforts this season. All the best in the trials and hope to see you next year. P.S. For those of you who are staying at the club next season please give consideration to continuing your role as team manager for 2011.



- Natalie Soulsby, Team Manager Coordinator

## END OF SEASON THANK YOU

Now that the season has come to an end it's time to thank everyone for their hard work to make it once again a successful season for the Adelaide City Womens football club. Firstly a big thankyou to the club committee for all their hard work this year. There is a lot of activity behind the scenes that club members don't see that is vital to making the club run smoothly.

We would also like to recognise those committee members leaving particularly those committee members leaving; Stefan Metanomski, Club president; Shaun McColl, Committee chairman and Grounds and Equipment Manager; Jan Hurley, Treasurer and Suzi Vladimirov, Social Manager.

Thankyou to all our sponsors who have worked with us on club activities including the clubrooms, sponsoring teams, providing equipment etc. Thanks also to all the coaches and their assistants for their work with the teams and players and Nick Pantsaras for his work as the club Junior Coaching coordinator.

All our teams performed well. Again this year our Premier team were the League and Cup winners. Let's not forget the Team Managers and their assistants who come rain, hail or shine (and there was a bit of all of these this season!) coordinated players, parents, coaches, playing strips, parent volunteers to make sure everything worked well at trainings and on game days. Thankyou!

And finally a thank you to the parents for supporting club and providing assistance to the teams and the club.

Next year is sure to be another great year for Adelaide City. We wish everyone well in the trials and look forward to seeing you again next year.

### CAN YOU HELP ...

We are in particular looking for assistance from anyone in the areas of tiling, paving, carpentry, plumbing whether it be expertise and/or materials.

Please email Gill Kette, Club Secretary [feqkette@esc.net.au](mailto:feqkette@esc.net.au) if you can help in any way