



MATILDAS

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FIFA Womens World Cup 2023



Well done to Kim for her amazing Matilda's decorations celebrating the Women's World Cup!

The FIFA Women's World Cup 2023 has captured the nation and the Matilda's have captured our hearts! At the time of writing, the Matilda's are heading into their quarter final against France after a clean sheet against Canada and Denmark.

The phenomenon that is the 2023 Women's World Cup has been breaking records everywhere. FIFA had originally targeted tournament ticket sales of 1.3 million, yet sales have already reached 1.7 million. On average over 30,000 fans have attended every match. Optus Sport has reported the tournaments' first week was the platforms' largest week ever. For Channel 7, the Australia Vs Canada match was the most watched program in 2023, reaching over 5.3 million Australians. For the Matilda's opening match, a total of 1.24 million viewers tuned in. This is more than three times as many people who tuned into the first session of the fourth Ashes test!

Nike's Pacific boss has confirmed the Matilda's have sold more jerseys ahead of the Women's World Cup than the Socceroos did during (and since) the men's World Cup last year.

Who says women's sport isn't popular?!

KEY DATES

AUGUST

- 15th FIFA WWC Semi Final 1 6pm
- 16th FIFA WWC Semi Final 2 8pm
- 19th FIFA WWC Third Place 6pm
- 20th FIFA WWC FINAL 8pm
- 26th Annual Trivia Night

SEPTEMBER

- 9th KickOff Presentations
- 9th FV & VCFA Presentation Night
- 16th MiniRoos/Juniors Presentations

NEWSLETTER FEATURES

- Wheelchair soccer
- Chef's in the kitchen
- 5-star canteen

Wheelchair soccer

with Michele Madjer

Did you know that Whitehorse United Soccer Club has wheelchair teams?

Our amazing canteen manager, Michele, has been involved with the wheelchair competition since 2012. Our teams were already playing for a few years prior to Michele volunteering to help.

We have always had two teams, Whitehorse Brumbies and Whitehorse Stallions.

The competition was made up of:

- Whitehorse Stallions
- Whitehorse Brumbies
- Glen Eira Falcons
- Glen Eira Phoenix
- Knox Soccer Club

The year prior to covid, the 'official' competition changed due to a dramatic drop in numbers across all three clubs. The competition now runs with two games at 11am and 12pm on Saturdays, played at Springers Leisure Centre in Keysborough.

The teams are made up of a combinations of players from all teams. So basically, whoever would like to play, jumps in and plays!



Chefs in the kitchen!

Every Thursday night the FV Senior teams gather in the social room for dinner. Mainly provided by Kim and Amanda, this year the boys have been treated to some very fancy meals. It started with coach Steve (from U12 Joeys) who worked as a chef for many years and was excited to jump back into the kitchen. His first meal was instantly famous, a delicious butter chicken that left the seniors wanting more. Steve had been chatting with one of the other dads from the team, Ivan, who coincidentally was training to be a chef. Ivan was keen to get his training hours up so joined Steve on a Thursday night to produce restaurant-quality dishes.

Recently Ivan brought some of his classmates along who were also keen to further their training hours. Who said too many cooks spoil the broth?!

I caught up with Ivan to find out more about why he's in the kitchen.

At 45 years old, what made you head back to school?

I've worked for almost 30 years in IT, specialising in architecting solutions and managing data. I decided to do the course just for fun and because the Government is offering free TAFE. I've always had a passion for cooking so I'm not really changing careers but am considering using the skills when I get closer to retirement age.

What are you enjoying most about your hospitality journey?

Cooking is fun and commercial kitchens are way better than home kitchens!

What other interests/hobbies do you have?

I have many other hobbies like camping, hiking, shooting, tennis, gym, piano and learning languages (French, Spanish and Italian). In between all that I've completed a number of random courses and study certification for work. I enjoy experimental cooking and am currently trying to perfect using a BBQ smoker (wood pellets) and I enjoy gaming.

On behalf of the seniors and everyone who has enjoyed your meals; THANK YOU!



Quick bites!



Recently we had our annual canteen Food Safety inspection. Our team work very hard to ensure the canteen is always spick and span and all our signs, records and paperwork are kept up to date. Kim, nervously, hosted the inspector and due to her wonderful presentation we can proudly announce that we now have been awarded the maximum 5-star rating! Congratulations to Michele and the whole team for an amazing season filled with lots of yummy food and perfect coffees!

WHITEHORSE UNITED PRESENTS ANNUAL 2023

TRIVIA NIGHT

SATURDAY 26TH AUGUST 2023

DOORS OPEN 7:00PM FOR 7:30PM KICK OFF

VENUE: HUNGARIAN CENTRE, 760 BORONIA RD, VERMONT

\$20 PER PERSON | BYO NIBBLES | TABLES OF 10 | DRINKS @ BAR PRICES

ONLINE BOOKINGS @ WWW.WHITEHORSEUNITED.COM



**GAMES | LAUGHS
RAFFLES | FUN!**

Around the stable



Supporting the Matilda's



One minute's silence to honour Mick (Domenico) Marrone



Congratulations to U10 player, Anay, in his first season of soccer, winning the opposition Match Respect Award



Senior's coach, Fernando, taking the U12 Joey's training session



Half time at the Seniors



Waiting for the day to become a senior player!

Member Insights Survey



We have engaged Club Builder to run a Member Insights Survey to help us better understand our stakeholder base as we plan for the future of the Organisation. The Survey and the resultant Insights Report will provide the Board of Management with clear insights into the thoughts, hopes and concerns of our members and stakeholders. To complete the survey, please scan the QR code below.

