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THE OFFICAL SUNSHINE COAST F.C. NEWSLETTER



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From our Technical Director

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Firstly a warm welcome to our new parents / guardians and players to the "Fire" family.

As we wrapped up the season with an extremely vibrant end-of-season presentation / celebration, we now turn our attention to the 2022 season.

A couple of additions to our staff in which I would like to welcome and introduce to everyone, firstly Katrina Rugendyke who helped to put the successful presentation night together, as well as being the central contact point for all SAP or just rebranded "Football Queensland Academy" programs at the club. As well as all apparel supplies and logistics.

I would also like to introduce and welcome Bart Puszko and Paul Taylor as our Academy U9's staff, I have known Bart for a number of years from my initial time in Melbourne (Dandenong Thunder) back in 2014, and it wasn't a hard decision to bring him in when I found out he was on our doorstep. Welcome to both.

Most of you will be well aware that we have now appointed Bruno Pena Couto as our own full-time Head of Sports Science and Player Performance, Bruno has a wealth of experience as an associate Professor and expert in the field of Sports Science and Player Performance, having worked with International and domestic Professional athletes globally. Our off-field program is the coral system to ensuring our players from U11 - U18 operate at their maximum output.

We also have Chrissy Wegner who joins our Female Academy program under the guidance of Head of Female Football Trent Jepsen, Chrissy doesn't need much introduction as she is our Captain of our Senior Flames (Women's) squad, and her role will be to coach the U12 Girls squad in 2022.

We are also delighted to announce our partnership with Justin Morrison and Sunshine Coast Futsal Association, Justin and Mick McCone will lead a team of specialist coaches who will work with our U13 - U18 Boys and Girls squads once a week, as we integrate Futsal into our Youth Development Plan (YDP) for 2022 and going forwards. Information surrounding this will be sent out imminently.

We have a number of new sponsors who have come on board for 2022, and as the news letter continues we will highlight both new and exiting sponsors.

I'd like to welcome Banjo's Warana, who have kindly agreed to support our U13 Boys NPL squad, and as such will have their logo front and centre on the playing shirts.

We would also like to welcome Triple Zero Property Group to our U16 Boys NPL squad, we thank Danny Buxton and the team from Triple Zero for your amazing support. Again their logo will be front and centre on the U16 playing shirts.

I would also like to acknowledge our sincere gratitude to the Szabo and Mudri families for their amazing support of our latest addition to the Fire family a portable defibrillator, with a special mention going to Zoe Fisher Executive Assistant, who settled the outstanding finance to ensure we have this critical piece of equipment immediately.

I will also be sharing more sponsors and information in our New-Year January addition surrounding warm-up shirt sponsors, as well as other major sponsors.

Every parent / guardian in the U9 - U16 Boys program should have received information surrounding our pre-season residential program, this forms an integral part of our season foundations, as well as a significant factor in our club culture and team bonding process. It is extremely Important that all players attend. If you haven't already done so, can I please ask parents / guardians to make contact with Leanne O'Connell accounts@sunshinecoastfc.com.au or Katrina Rugendyke sapadmin@sunshinecoastfc.com.au to indicate attendance and send back your forms.

I would like to finish this update (novel) by providing an update on the Football Queensland Academy Assessment debacle. I'm aware some new parents / guardians won't have been across my communications prior to you joining.

We were given a score for our assessment of 74.8% for our NPL program which is 0.2% short of Gold rating, which is automatic entry into the Academy league. Our SAP scored beyond 80% so are already GOLD.

I won't go into the legalities, however, a number of our exiting parents / guardians and all staff are well aware of the debacle in which Football Queensland have created, and have since tried to hide away from.

Their indexing document in which they rely upon for their scoring / weighting mechanism is inaccurate, let's just say it's extremely embarrassing, and leave it at that.

We exercised our right to present to an independent panel external and impartial of Football Queensland as part of the By-Law 11 process, which is every members right to be heard impartially and independently. Ironically our club owners (Lawyers) wrote the By-Law 11 for FQ many moons ago for this very reason. To give people an independent voice.

However, Football Queensland Directors have decided that they don't want an independent tribunal convening to discuss the grievance against themselves (as in FQ) and have advised our owners (Lawyers) that no tribunal will be conveyed.

I cannot reveal the next course of action publicly, however, I will say the matter certainly isn't closed, as we continue to seek what is owed to us as a club for our Junior players. Watch this space.

Most people are aware of our ongoing inclusion in the "National Second Division" as a partner group member, I currently sit on one of the steering groups which is helping to shape the competition.

In the last week it has now been well documented by James Johnson (CEO) Football Australia, that FA are now pushing forwards with investment into the proposed "National Second Division", again we are the ONLY club on the Coast who is part of this and have positioned ourselves to be an inaugural member / club in the newly formed competition. This competition will be run by Football Australia without interference from State bodies such as Football Queensland.

It is still our intention to have representation in the State competitions such as NPL / FQPL for Juniors and Seniors, and the National Second Division will be an addition to our program going forwards.

We feel it is vital everyone knows what is going on, however, as you can appreciate there are some details we are not permitted to share. We will continue to keep everyone abreast.

We have other exciting news on the horizon.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

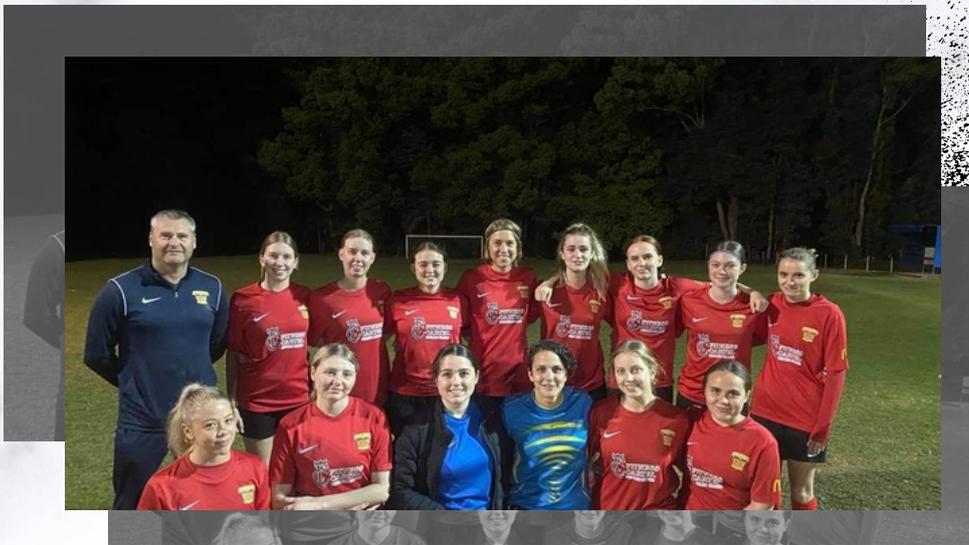
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FROM OUR FIRST TEAM COACH...

We are assembling an outfit to win things and give the club a senior outfit to be proud of. This year we want to progress and expand on the club culture we started to build in 2021 to do this some players we have bought in have great experience at being in successful change rooms and will strengthen our young team, with great youth additions added to our u23 they took will benefit from having these experienced players. I'm looking forward to the new challenge with some very good outfits in this league it will be even stronger than last year so we know we have to build on our strong back end of the season, hence why it was important to retain a majority of our squad from last year players like Patrick Moore, Reece Dalton & Eze Hawkins are all primed to push on to another level and inclusions like Jacob Reid & Connor Demerutis are showing our commitment to our youth products to step into the senior environment. We have more to come behind the scenes with coaching additions and the new exciting players we have added to the roster, we want to entertain the Sunshine Coast football community but we know we need to win things to show our intent.



OUR WONDERFUL WOMEN

Well! What a journey we've had in our first year as SCFC Junior U12 girls and Senior Women's Teams. Full of enthusiasm and have the potential to reach new heights in the 2022 season fast approaching.

Senior Women's with a relatively young squad fresh out of juniors and placed in the local McDonald's Premier League against well-established teams is no easy task. Amazingly, not only competitive reached the Grand Final.

The young flames (U12's) were coached by Liv Latimer, who also played in the Senior Women's team. Were thrown straight in the deep end, playing in the U12 Division 1 boys competition.

In the games that I saw I was extremely impressed with their awareness, positivity, and movement of the ball through the team. Technically outshone their opponents. Well done Liv on a great job!

Pre-season training for the 2022 FQPL Competition has commenced with some familiar and some new faces to our club's Junior Girls and Senior Women's teams. Introducing two new teams, U14's and U23's.

Liv will be taking on the coaching role with our new U14 squad. SCFC Senior Women's Captain Chrissy Wegner will be taking on a coaching role with our U12's squad along with Senior Women's Goal Keeper Alycia Catchpole as Assistant Coach.

Introducing Rae Pryde, previously from BeeGees Senior Women's to take on the U23's as Coach and me as Senior Women's.

With my role as Head of Female Football and Operations, I'm very proud of where we are currently sitting in the female space. We have the right staff in place to steer our young flames into the right direction and instill pride in our club and what we stand for. "THE FIRE WAY".

Keep giving your best to your game. Good luck in 2022!

Kind regards,
Trent Jepsen
Head of Female Football and Operations
Head Coach Senior Women's
SCFC



FROM OUR SAP COORDINATOR...

2021 saw our Junior SAP teams continue to grow from strength to strength finishing the year with a very successful Football Queensland SAP Carnival and Premier Invitational campaigns. I would like to thank all the parents for the enormous effort it takes to get players to training and games each week, but I am sure you will agree with me that it was worth every minute.

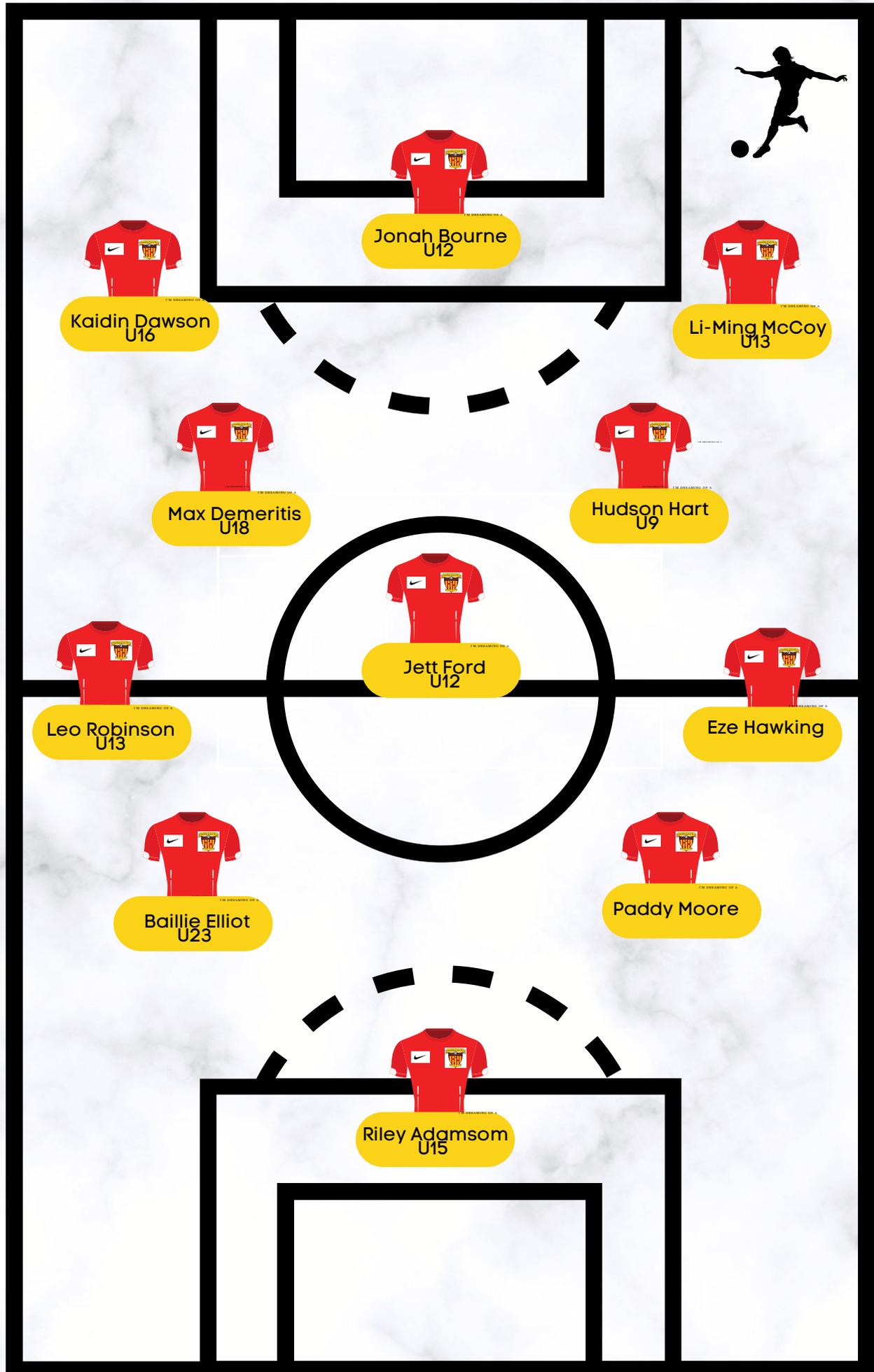
As we look to 2022, there are some name and logistical changes that Football Queensland are implementing. Moving forward, there will no longer be a SAP (Skills Acquisition Program) instead, FQ is adopting the name change to FQ Academy. What does this mean for us? In 2022, as we are a "Gold" Rated club, we will continue to play like minded teams including teams from both North and South regions. We look forward to playing against quality opponents and building on our already successful program.

We look forward to seeing everyone at our Club Residential starting on the 3rd January - this is always a great opportunity for our players to form new friendships and start the year as a new playing group.

Mitch



2021 Team of the Year





RESIDENTIALS

Junior Teams

The annual Sunshine Coast Fire FC Residential Camps is being held from 3rd January 2022 - 13th January 2022. See attached information for more details.



SAVE THE DATE - MEMBER INFORMATION NIGHT

Junior Teams

An information session is being scheduled for Friday 14th January 2022. This evening will give an outline of the year ahead as well as the opportunity for members to ask any questions about the upcoming season.



PRE-SEASON GAMES

All Teams

Pre-Season games have been temporarily scheduled for the following:





**PLEASE
RSVP -
ASAP!**

**Residential
Program
2022**



Sunshine Coast F.C.
Sunshine Coast Sporting
Academy
Peregian Beach College



Where	Peregian Beach College, 41 Old Emu Mountain Road, Peregian Beach				
When	3 rd – 13 th January 2022				
	U9 & U10 boys	U11 & U12 boys	U13 & U14 boys	U15 & U16 boys	U9 / U10, U11 / U12 & U13 girls
	Arrive 4pm Monday 3rd January 2021, depart 3 pm Wednesday 5th January 2021	Arrive 4pm Wednesday 5th January 2021, depart 3 pm Friday 7th January 2021.	Arrive 4pm Friday 7th January 2021, depart 3 pm Sunday 9th January 2021	Arrive 4pm Sunday 9th January 2021, depart 3 pm Tuesday 11th January 2021	Arrive 4pm Tuesday 11th January 2021, depart 2pm Thursday 13th January 2021 (female staff will be on site, no boys).



OUR SPONSORS!

