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YOUTH DEVELOPMENT DRIVES LANE COVE WEST FC



Community is at the heart of every club in the McDonald's Kanga Cup and Lane Cove West FC are no different with a thriving junior section set to embark on their journey to Canberra to participate in the 30th Anniversary of the competition. The club, based in Lane Cove, New South Wales, are

part of the Northern Suburbs Football Association and compete in the North Shore area, which is roughly between North Sydney and Berowra.

Formed in 1973 as West Cove FC with four mixed junior teams and an all-age team. The club have progressively grown through the decades, recently adding a Youth Development Program to their ranks. Competing in the Kanga Cup is something that the club is looking forward to as tournament football is in their blood.

"At Lane Cove West FC we love tournament football and can't wait for this year's Kanga Cup.," Cormac Begley, Youth Head Coach told Kanga Cup. "Our players, their families and our coaching team really enjoy spending time together on and off the field when we travel interstate to youth tournaments, and we are excited to be coming to Canberra."

There's much to enjoy about the McDonald's Kanga Cup both on, and off, the pitch and the growth experience for the players, and the support staff, including the oft-neglected family members who make this trip possible, is there for all to see. "Everyone grows and learns so much from the highs and lows of the week and we always come home as a tighter football family, and all the better for the exciting experience," Begley commented.

With the Lane Cove West Youth teams promoted to the NSW Super League for the 2022 season, the future is looking bright for the club and a successful week at the Kanga Cup would add another page into the club's proud history.

ORANGE HAD NO INTENTION OF MISSING THE FUN!



“We didn't do any fundraising, everyone basically said let's do it, we're going. We weren't missing out on this chance, especially with the last couple of years being ruled by COVID-19.” Those are the words of Tori Worboys coach of the U15 Boys Orange Representative team who are enjoying their 2022 McDonald's Kanga Cup adventure.

The team are from a little country town called Orange, in the Central West region, is a Representative team made up of a collective of Clubs in the town and features players from

Barnstoneworth United FC, Cyms FC and Waratahs FC. The collective have reportedly developed into exceptional players, with lots of potential and are keen to show what they can do.

“Lots of siblings around us has raved about how much fun and different Kanga Cup is,” Worboys said of why the team made the trip to Canberra. “Our coach has always wanted to take an exceptional team to Kanga, and this year we truly have an exceptional team. I wanted the boys to have every chance at experiencing different levels and quality of football, and they deserve to be part of something so incredible as Kanga Cup.

“We're going to enjoy our time, that's for sure. We'll probably spend a fair bit of time watching other games. There are lots of options and activities for us to do/see in Canberra, we'll be taking advantage of that. Might depend on how tired the boys are after their games!”

The McDonald's Kanga Cup has a unique stranglehold on teams, many of whom travel many hours to be part of the competition, in the main to test themselves against the best that the country has to offer at their age level and, in some instances, get the chance to play against teams from overseas.

“It's the biggest youth comp in our country and the potential to play international teams is an unreal feeling,” Worboys commented. “We have friends and family that have played in Kanga Cup previously and they can't express enough how much fun they had and how they wish they could still participate.

“Kanga Cup opens so many doors for everyone involved, the players, coaches, and refs. It’s the one event every football player/coach/manager should get to experience. It’s not just the quality of football that will be around us and that we will be playing, but everything that comes with an event like this.

“The travelling with a team, the bonding, making new friends and connections, the chance to meet incredible people in all aspects of football and to appreciate that everyone at Kanga Cup has something in common, that thousands of people from all corners love football just as much as us.”

Whilst they had no fundraising per se, the sheer pull of the tournament was enough to secure their registration, the Orange District Football Association had their part to play in sending the representative outfit, and there were many others who have made this trip possible as Worboys attests.

“The biggest thank you goes to the boy’s parents,” she said. “They are all so supportive and just want the best opportunities for them. Honestly would be a very different environment for us if we didn’t have them. A special shout out to Jen for all her organisation, time, and effort she put in to get us here, we’d probably be sleeping in our cars if she hadn’t. Thank you also to our Manager Jacinta, for keeping us on time, making sure we’re all registered and has about five back plans to our back plan, so we’re prepared for anything!”

Keep an eye out for the Orange Representative Team in this year’s competition. With the quality they have you will certainly enjoy watching them play!



WAGGA CITY WANDERERS ARE BACK FOR MORE AT KANGA CUP



Wagga City Wanderers was formed in 2014 with the philosophy 'to provide a pathway and opportunity for local players, coaches, and volunteers to participate in an elite football program' and a visit to the McDonald's Kanga Cup will help them to achieve part of that vision in 2022.

The Kanga Cup is an annual event for the Wagga representative programs with their SAP and academy teams entering for many years, indeed they have even tasted victory at the competition.

"This is a great opportunity for our players to go away and develop as individuals and as a team and experience a week-long tournament and be around their friends and teammates. The Kanga Cup is a great opportunity to play against different teams," Liam Dedini, Football Wagga Wagga Development Officer commented.

"We strive for a community that can be challenged to realise their full potential while maintaining a safe and friendly environment for all its members and supporters. As a club we look heavily towards player and coach development and to ensure all members are achieving their maximal potential whilst still enjoying their football.

Enjoying everything that the Kanga Cup can offer in terms of competitive action and the chance to bind is vital for the Wanderers, but there is more to it for the club from Wagga who see the competition as a chance for individual and group enhancement throughout the week.

"We are hoping for all our teams to experience great sportsmanship and competitive games throughout the week," Dedini revealed. "If each individual and team can improve from each game to the next it will be a success and if they can make the finals or win their competition that is a bonus.

"We have had some great success at the tournament before and are hoping for the same in 2022. As well as the players getting something out of this week, we also hope to see our coaches develop and manage the hurdles thrown at them whilst managing a team for the full week.

"The McDonalds Kanga Cup has created a name for it and set a standard which is why teams keep coming back. I think the biggest draw card is that teams can head away and act like a professional team in a professional environment for a week tournament. This year is even better I believe leading into the Men's and Women's World Cups."

There is more to the event than just football of course and the Wagga group, including parents and officials, are excited about the chance to act like a fully fledged full-time football club for the duration of the competition, a unique experience for the youngsters involved.

"Being away as a team and a club is an awesome experience and will allow for teams to go for team dinners or even hit the pool up for a recovery session and act like a professional team for the week," Dedini said.

"If we have access to the VEO Cameras we will try and do some video sessions for the younger teams to give them that experience and the chance to watch their games back for enjoyment and as a learning experience. We will also take this time to have coaches' meetings to work as a team and develop our coaches also.

"We would like to thank our major sponsors which include Wagga Motors Isuzu Ute, The Rules Club Wagga Wagga, Wellways and All Glass Wagga. The other major thank you goes to all our coaches for their dedication to our representative program. Finally, we would like to thank all the WCW parents for their dedication and commitment."



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LUGARNO FC PLANNING TO TURN CANBERRA ORANGE!



The McDonald's Kanga Cup celebrates its 30th Birthday in 2022 and whilst we are proud of that milestone, we are a relative infant compared to one of the competing teams. Lugarno FC, one of the largest clubs in the Football St. George Association, will come to Canberra celebrating their 60th Anniversary.

Established back in 1962 by the club's Fourfathers, Bill McAfee, Ken Derrett, Harry Brown and Cyril Henness, the team is well known throughout the Georges River region and beyond with our tangerine coloured playing strip. And it's a kit that will be gracing the fields of Canberra this Winter.

"The Kanga Cup is great opportunity to test our teams out in a complete football environment," Eddy Poh, Lugarno U9 Male coach said.

"We had a team enter the last tournament in 2019 and their week-long experience was excellent, and we've been trying for a couple years now to get a few more teams to experience the tournament as well."

The Kanga Cup experience is one that the club are looking forward to and their distinctive kits and colours should be in abundance throughout the week-long festival of football in the national capital.

"The cup is a true test of all facets of football and will feel like a mini World Cup," Poh commented. "We are hoping to have the kids enjoy being part of a football environment that lasts a week and is a great challenge for everyone involved."

"The opportunity to participate in a national and sometimes international, week-long football tournament. It will be cold, it will be winter, and it's the best way to experience football for kids and parents alike. We hope that it is a brilliant experience for all."

Another thing to keep an eye out for is the sea of orange Lugarno FC flags in the crowds. We plan to turn Canberra orange for the week."

The McDonalds Kanga Cup is a popular event for many clubs and, like their peers across the tournament in 2022, Lugarno have been busy raising the requisite funding in order to make the trip South.

“For the last two years, every Thursday night at training, we have opened up the canteen to cover a lot of the cost,” Poh revealed. “Our famous ‘Cevapi nights’ have been very popular and a good source of additional funding to help our teams get to Canberra.

“In addition to that, we are very fortunate as a club to have generous sponsors like Club Grandviews, Ausrealty, Love Luggage, Talon Electrical, Bentleys, Alpha Nobis, Shoegrab Lugarno Gourmet Meats and Jetflow Plumbing and many others, who’s support for the club has been enormous.

“We would like to thank Jeremy and Vlado for all their efforts getting their teams registered and organised. We would also like to thank the coaches and managers who put in so much effort at training every week and at games.

“And lastly, a huge thank you to all the Lugarno FC parents for committing to join this great tournament. It’s not a small commitment to make, taking an entire family away for a week-long football tournament and that is very much appreciated by all involved.”

Lugarno will make the most of the week in Canberra with activities planned outside of the main tournament events such as a large team pre-tournament dinner for the Sunday night after the opening ceremony for all three competing Lugarno teams and visits to the AIS and Questacon amongst others.

Make sure you keep an eye out for the orange of Lugarno at McDonalds Kanga Cup 2022!



NEW LOOK FOR MAJURA CITIZENS AT MCDONALD'S KANGA CUP



The McDonald's Kanga Cup is always a special occasion for any club that is involved, but some go full out and Majura Citizens are one of these having eschewed their traditional colours for a new look at the 2022 edition.

The Citizens, who are part of the Majura Football Club based in Canberra, will be wearing special jerseys designed exclusively for the Kanga Cup with their usual white with blue stripes jersey replaced with a new blue and black design which the team adores!

The club originated from two of the earliest junior soccer clubs in North Canberra, namely North Canberra Soccer Club and Downer United Soccer Club. Initially the club operated out of a little caravan but lots of hard work and fund raising by a dedicated bunch of volunteers enabled the club to acquire its own clubhouse.

Regulars at the Kanga Cup before the enforced hiatus on the tournament, Majura are excited to be taking part again this time around and can't wait to get out onto the fields of the ACT and test themselves against their interstate foes.

"The team wanted the opportunity to play against teams from NSW and elsewhere," Chrysann Frazer, team Manager of the Citizens confirmed. "It will be good for the players to experience how good teams are and realise what is possible for them.

"We would like the players to practise their skills of using space and coordination against players of similar or better calibre. It is only through practise will they grow as players and as a team.

“To strengthen the bonds of friendship and camaraderie, the team will have dinner at the Ainslie Football Club. The team will also participate in the Opening Ceremony.”

Majura are lucky enough to be based in Canberra, so did not need to fundraise to participate at the Kanga Cup but, like all entrants were delighted that the parents were willing to contribute towards the cost of the registration fee.

Being part of a nationwide football competition, albeit one being held on their own doorstep, will be an exciting moment for the team and, as Frazer succinctly put it, there’s not many places you get the chance to play against interstate teams.

“The McDonald’s Kanga Cup is a brilliant event where the young players can experience challenges from teams from around the nation,” she said. “We can’t wait to get started!”



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