



# PANTHER NEWS CHRISTMAS-2012

MEMBERS Edition

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Ryde Panthers  
Football Club

## Season's Greetings to all RDP Members!

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### DIARY DATES!

- Rego Info Day—Cox's Rd Mall—  
**Saturday 2.2.13, 10-2pm**
- REGO & FAMILY FUN DAY**—Awesome fun and Rego Day—  
**Sunday 3.2.13, 11-4pm**
- Mini's Soccer Orientation Day – Under 6, 7 and 8's –  
**Sunday 24.2.13**
- Trial Games Commence –  
**MARCH**
- 2013 Coaches and Managers Information Night –  
**Monday 4.3.13, 7.30pm**
- Season 2013 Commences –  
**Saturday 6.4.13**



Hello Panthers,  
On behalf of the Ryde Panthers Football Club, I would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Safe and Happy New Year.

A big thank you to all the volunteers this year. Your help was much appreciated.

We are looking forward to the start of the 2013 season! Another new chapter in the clubs proud history.

We hope to see you all soon.

Go the Panthers!

Gary Phillips





Thanks mighty Panthers, for another fantastic year. The army of people who turned up every week to help set the fields and prepare for the weekend football during 2012 has been something all can be proud of.

Please maintain your enthusiasm for 2013, and if you can, encourage others to enjoy the great rewards of helping make it all work so well.

Remember it's a great club, it's your club and you will always get great satisfaction from being part of a great team effort.

Good luck to those of you playing summer comps I trust you are having fun and honing your skills for the "real comp".

I wish you all enjoyment and good luck. I am retiring as Vice President and have enjoyed the past 20 years with the club, and will still be around sometimes.

Please be safe, have a good time and be safe over the festive season, and look forward to an exciting 2013 of football for the Panthers.

Cheers  
Buck Findlay  
Retiring Vice President





## Join the Mighty Ryde Panthers for Season 2013!

### Come along to our information days:

Coxs Rd Mall, Coxs Rd, North Ryde

• \* Saturday 2/2/13 : 10am—2pm

**Rego Family Fun Day**—Ryde Community Sports Centre—ELS Hall Park, Kent Rd, North Ryde

*Games/Face Paint/BBQ/Canteen/Jumping Castle*

• \* Sunday 3/2/13 : 11am—4pm

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**SPREAD SOME HOLIDAY CHEER**

**SYDNEY FC**  
3 Game Pack

### 3 Game Pack Pricing

Includes Entry to 3 Sydney FC Home Games:  
Thursday 27 December 2012 7.30pm  
Sunday 13 January 2013 5.30pm  
Saturday 19 January 2013 5.00pm

### Game Pack Benefits Include:

Personalised Membership Card  
Personalised Membership Lanyard  
\$10 Merchandise Voucher for Allianz Stadium Store  
Weekly Members Only Emails  
Priority Access to A-League Finals and Socceroos Matches

10% off Club Merchandise online and at game day venues

Free entry to Sydney FC Westfield W-League and National Youth League home games

10% off additional Sydney FC home game tickets to bring friends along! (limit 4 per game)

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	Platinum Plus	Platinum	Silver	Bronze	Cove
Adult	\$ 120.00	\$ 105.00	\$ 90.00	\$ 70.00	\$ 70.00
Concession	\$ 120.00	\$ 90.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 55.00	\$ 55.00
Junior	\$ 120.00	\$ 70.00	\$ 55.00	\$ 40.00	n/a
Family	\$ 360.00	\$ 280.00	\$ 245.00	\$ 180.00	n/a



## Important Message from the Committee

Dear Ryde Panthers Members,

On behalf of all of us on the Ryde Panthers Committee we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Safe New Year.

2013 is nearly upon us and with it a new and exciting season of football for the Ryde Panthers FC.

It is predicted that the registration numbers will continue to grow in 2013 as they did in 2012.

There are a number of contributing factors to the membership growth at the Panthers.

There has been a significant increase in children in our area under the age of 8. Schools in the area are under enormous pressure this year with kindergarten intakes much higher than in previous years. It is predicted that this growth in our general population will be reflected by continued growth in our mini teams (U6 and U7) in 2013. We need to work hard to maintain our good name within our local community and continue to raise awareness of the Ryde Panthers within our schools.

Our strong association with the Ryde Community Sports Centre and the YMCA will continue throughout 2013.

The event schedule continues to increase at the RCSC with more and more visitors being attracted to our home ground ELS Hall. Now with the Sydney Kings training at the centre and the Phoenix playing there every Saturdays, awareness of these facilities continues to grow within the community. All of this is great for the Ryde Panthers FC as every visitor to the RCSC and ELS Hall becomes aware of our great little club.

Our club continues to get media exposure as our members get out and about in the local community.

Last week our U9.7 teams Premiers and Champions in 2012 were seen training with Brett Emerton at the Macquarie University. This was reported on in the Northern District Times. (See pg 5 ) Well done Martin for organizing this.

Last Friday our U9.5 team from 2012 got themselves on the TV running out as mascots for the Western Sydney Wanderers. (See page 5 for photos) It is rumored that some advice given by our U9's to the WSW players was instrumental in the 6 – 1 flogging they gave Adelaide :) Well done to everyone involved with this.

With the birth another A league team in Sydney, the Western Sydney Wanderers, and the excitement surrounding the upcoming world cup, local interest in football is very high. We are in a strong position to cater to the ever increasing interest in football in our district.

That said, with increased player numbers comes an increased work load.

The heart and soul of this great club is the committee and the volunteers who each weekend of the season give up their valuable time to provide a safe, functional and fun environment for our players and families to enjoy football.





The newest members of the committee in 2013 are:

\* Safety Officer - David McKechnie. David is an expert in grounds maintenance and irrigation.

Welcome David!!

\* Junior Registrar – Will Meikle. Last year Will coached the U11.4 side and the Womens U18 Blue team. When it comes to club football, Will has had extensive experience. He was President of Gordon FC. Welcome Will!!

After 15 years of service to the Ryde Panthers FC as President, Gary Phillips has stood down as President and will assume the role of Club Vice President in 2013.

Gary took over the Presidency from John Edwards in the late 90's. Congratulations Gary for your years of service to amateur football.

Buck Findlay our Vice President of many years retired from this position at the end of the 2012 season. His dedication and tireless work ethic will be missed around the club. We can count on his continued support however.

At the GHFA Annual General Meeting Buck was recognized for years of service to the club and association with an Association Award. Buck has also been appointed to the board of the NWSWF and received a State award from Football NSW 2011.. State Award winners are nominated by their Association in recognition of their tireless efforts and service to football in their local community.

The Ryde Panthers Committee in 2013 is:

**President – Kim Clifton**

**Vice President – Gary Phillips**

**Treasurer – Matthew Flynn**

**Secretary – Kim Clifton**

**Ass. Secretary – TBA**

**Executive Senior Registrar – Neil Hopkins**

**Junior Registrar – Will Meikle**

**U6 Registrar Caretaker – Kim Clifton**

**Gear Steward – Jude Moodley**

**Canteen Co-Ordinator – Margaret Jackson**

**Child Protection Officer – Janice Coratza**

**Club Safety Officer – David McKechnie**

**Executive Committee – TBA**

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There are some positions which remain vacant in 2013.

If you wish to be involved with the Ryde Panthers Football Club in 2013 then please do not hesitate to contact me, KC, on 0401 733 760, for further information on how you may best assist.

In season 2013, **as with all clubs in the district** it will be mandatory that teams registered with the club to play will provide volunteers to assist in the weekend operations. Those duties will include dressing the fields, manning the canteen and attending the BBQ.

It is proposed that once the draw is done that a roster would be drawn up and distributed to the teams via coach and manager who would then call for volunteers and communicate back with names and contact details. The committee would then be vigilant in posting reminders. All volunteers will be recognized at the end of the season. All the very best for the Festive Season :)

Kick On!

Kim Clifton





**COME & PLAY**  
**FOOTBALL**  
**WITH THE**  
**RYDE PANTHERS FC**  
**HAVE FUN AND**

**BRING YOUR FRIENDS!**

ONLINE Registrations for weekend **WINTER SOCCER** in 2013  
**OPENING 2.1.13**



To register – [www.rydepanthers.com](http://www.rydepanthers.com)

*Boys and Girls welcome!*

*ALL AGES CATERED FOR starting from Under 6's  
Mixed Competition play Saturday, Girls League play Sunday.*



**SPECIAL OFFER 2013:**

Under 6's 50% discount (Child must turn 4 by 31.12.12)

Under 7's 25% discount

**ALL TEAMS** – 10% discount if paid on or before 17.2.13

**FREE** Club Shorts and Socks with each Junior/Mini Registration

**Registration Information Days:**

Information - Cox's Rd Mall – 2nd Feb 2013 – 10-2pm

Rego **FAMILY DAY** – RCSC/ELS Hall Park, Kent Rd- 3rd Feb 2013 11-4pm

Wherever possible, friends are placed in the same team.



For more information:

Scan the QR code on the left to take you to the website

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Kim Clifton

# 0401 733 760



**Socceroo**  
**leads eager**  
**fans on a**  
**merry chase**



**Scott Howlett**

SOC CER OOS captain Brett Emerton gave a team of Ryde eight and nine-year-olds an early Christmas present on Thursday.

Emerton held a training session for the Ryde District Panthers under-9 division 7 players at Ross Gwilliam Sportsfield at Macquarie University, where he trains with A-League club Sydney FC.

"It was a fantastic afternoon, I can tell you," said The Panthers' under-9s manager Martin Fowler.

"The children had a training session, played a game of football with Brett, had their photos taken

with him and then got his autograph.

"It was an early Christmas present, for sure," Fowler said.

Picture: PHIL ROGERS

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# Vale Norma Hopkins

July 10<sup>th</sup>, 1933 — December 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012

Norma Hopkins was a life member of the Ryde Panthers Football Club. She worked in the canteen from 1984 - 2010 and officially ran the canteen from 1995 - 2010. She was awarded Life Membership in 2004.

Buck Findlay recalls: Norma and her mate Lyn being in the canteen when we first joined the club with Daniel as an 8 year old. She did the canteen every Saturday until a couple of years ago.



She always “sought out” the cheeky ones but had a great love for all those who tried their best. She always encouraged the young ones, and would often make them feel special by telling them how good they had been on the park.

Mike Jelf who was President for much of the time Norma was in the canteen, reminded me of his “special” treatment by Norma, he always got a special price on items he purchased at the canteen.... She levied him 10c extra because he could afford it. He only found out after buying an identical product to another person at the same time. Mike laughed and admired her cheekiness.

Norma was great to all of us in all her years at Ryde Panthers. She will be greatly missed.



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 Parramatta Stadium

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