



2024



Information Pack



CLUB ADDRESS AND LOCATION

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Field Address: Martin's Creek, 462 Maroochydore Road, Kunda Park QLD 4558

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President: Mat Bateman 0432 550 801

Secretary: Jean Pateman 0424 703 007

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WELCOME TO MAROOCHYDORE FOOTBALL CLUB

THE HOME OF FOOTBALL ON THE SUNSHINE COAST

MFC Club Colours: Sky Blue, Black, White.

The Maroochydore Soccer Football, Social Youth and Sporting Club Inc (Maroochy Soccer) was founded in 1968 and has operated continuously from that time. It had a name change in 2006 to Maroochydore Football Club to better reflect the truly global appeal of our sport. The club was originally created to provide a winter sport for the local lifesavers and to provide an opportunity for the young kids of the area to develop their social skills by being involved in a team sport.

Originally based at Cotton Tree, the club has since moved twice, firstly to Wises Rd, Maroochydore, and finally in 2002 we moved to our current location at “Martins Creek” Kuluin. The complex has 5 fully floodlit full-size fields and one ½ size field.

MFC provides team sport activities to over 620 senior and junior club members. The club promotes physical activity and social inclusion to people of all ages and gender in the Sunshine Coast region.

We are a progressive club with a number of significant achievements in recent years as follows:

- *Female Facilities – changing rooms and showers completed April 2020 – thank you to the Federal Government!*
- *An amazing shade structure that covers our Field 1 seated area and walkway.*
- *Another shade structure and concrete seating for Field 2, completed in 2022*
- *Installation of floodlights so that all 6 fields are now lit to competition standard (with funding provided by club funds, the Sunshine Coast Regional Council and the State Government).*
- *Installation of concrete seating beside field 1 and field 2 at the complex (with funding provided by club funds, the Sunshine Coast Regional Council and the Jupiter’s Casino Community Benefit Fund).*
- *Purchase of a new tractor / finishing mower to improve surface quality of the pitches (funded by the Gambling Community Benefit Fund).*
- *New drainage system for field 1 being installed for the start of 2024 season.*

WELCOME TO MFC

Maroochydore FC is one of the Coast's most revered clubs, known as a breeding ground for talented, technically excellent players.

Progressive and family friendly, we welcome players of all ages with teams catering for mixed, girls/women's and boys/men. Our players are recognised for their ability and competitiveness while demonstrating our clubs values of fair play, integrity and inclusivity.

Our club is renowned for its outstanding grounds and facilities, Statewide football competitions, Football Queensland Major events, International events and Sunshine Coast finals.

MINIROOS

Where club football begins.

At Maroochydore FC, our focus is on participation and developing players skills over winning games. We also instil our club values of fair play, integrity and inclusivity across all our teams. Investing these attributes in our youngest members allows them to grow into better players and people.

Our teams compete in mixed divisions as well as *girls only* divisions.

JUNIORS

Junior football is the transition phase to competitive football. At Maroochydore FC, our program covers all the bases teaching individual core skills, teamwork and tactical understanding. This is done while maintaining our clubs value.

We have teams in all junior girls and junior boys divisions.

SENIORS

The pride of Maroochydore Football Club, our Premier Women's and Premier Men's teams are renowned for their success, playing an attractive brand of football while staying true to our clubs values. These teams represent the culmination of all we have worked to achieve during the formative years of our players development. In 2024, our top men's team will play in the Football Queensland Premier League 2 (FQPL2) and U23's for the second consecutive year. We will also have an FQPL3 Men's and 23's in the Sunshine Coast League. Our FQPL3 Women's will continue at this level after being crowned the Grand Final Winners in 2023 and finishing 2nd on the ladder .

We also have women's and men's teams across all senior divisions, providing an opportunity for continued involvement in the game. These teams compete to a high standard while emphasizing the social side of the game. These teams will play in a Division 1, 2, 3 format, along with Masters football at Over 35's and Over 45's levels in 2024.



Come and join us – Together We Stand!



CLUB CONTACTS

OFFICE HOURS – Tuesday 4pm -6pm, Wednesdays 9am - 6pm, Thursday TBA
These times can change without notice



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Bar Manager	Nathan Starr	0410 356 894	
	Dean Oster	0439 308 910	
Canteen Convenor	Teresa Schembri		
Head Groundsman	Paul Tanner	0418 885 016	
Waste Management Organiser	Roland Starr	0408 715 530	
Club Cleaning Staff	Gary Rhodes & Toni White		

REGISTRATIONS

ONLINE REGISTRATON OPENED TUESDAY 12/12/23 FOR THE 2024 SEASON.

Registration and payment MUST be completed online via 'Squadi'

<https://registration.squadi.com>

Your child must be registered before you/they can play at Maroochydore FC, this is a Club and State requirement.

IF YOU WERE A REGISTERED PLAYER LAST YEAR, you will register the same way using your existing account details.

IF YOU ARE A NEW PLAYER, and haven't registered previously with Football Queensland in 2023, you will need to create an account in 'Squadi'.

INTERNATIONAL CLEARANCE

If you are new to Maroochydore FC and are not an Australian Citizen or your last football registration was overseas, you will need to apply for International Clearance. Please mark this box when you register online and contact the club secretary for further information – **secretary@maroochydfc.com.au**

All players must be registered and paid in full prior to the commencement of preseason games to ensure appropriate insurance coverage is in place which protects both our players and also our club. No player will be activated unless they have completed their registration and payment.

Any issue please contact our club registrars:

- Donna Zammit (Seniors) 0414 458 159 donnazammit@bigpond.com
- Kristy Cullen (Juniors) 0458 781 985 kristyleecullen@hotmail.com
- Keiran Simmonds (MiniRoos) 0411 984 912 keiranes@hotmail.com

COACHES

All current coaches and managers planning on continuing in 2024 are to sign themselves on via squadi. You will need a photo to be uploaded, FFA number, along with your blue card number. All coaches and managers **must** provide their **Blue Card** details to enable them to look after a team. If you do not have one, please make contact with **Blue Card** directly <https://my.bluecard.qld.gov.au/login>. See our committee page for contact details if you require help.

Please note that all cancellations of registrations received will incur an administration fee of \$15.00.

OPEN DAY

All registrations for 2024 must be undertaken online, via the 'Squadi' website. Online sign-on for 2024 opened 12/12/23.

OPEN/REGISTRATION DAY

Club open day will be held on **Sunday 28th January, 2024** from 1-4pm at our complex. Please come along and meet 'The MFC Crew', buy any merchandise and discuss any questions you may have about playing for Maroochydore FC.

FAIR PLAY VOUCHER TO ASSIST IN COST FOR ELIGIBLE PLAYERS UNDER 18

The state government provides subsidies for registration fees for eligible junior players. Go to <https://www.qld.gov.au/recreation/sports/funding/fairplay> for more information and to apply. Applications open 24th January, 2024. For those that are successful in obtaining the \$150 grant voucher, you can use the voucher codes at time of registration and it will apply the discount. Also please email voucher to the club secretary secretary@maroochydorefc.com.au.

2024 PLAYER FEES AND PAYMENT OPTION

Please note our fees include a training shirts and photo for all registered players.

(\$60 volunteer levy to be added per player)

Division	Rego
Senior Men, Women & U23 including FQPL teams	\$480
U18 (2006)	\$365
U17 (2007)	\$365
U16 (2008)	
U15 (2009)	\$335
U14 (2010)	
U13 (2011)	
U12 (2012)	\$260
U11 (2013)	
U10 (2014)	
U9 (2015)	\$240
U8 (2016)	
U7 (2017)	\$190
U6 (2018/19)	

All payments now need to be done online through the registration/payment platform called 'Squadi'. You will no longer be able to pay through the club in 2024.



A \$60.00 Volunteer Levy is an addition to these fees and is fully refundable after volunteering 5 hours at MFC. Volunteer cards are available at the club.

THREE STRIKE POLICY

Very important information all club members need to be aware of.

FQ has developed a series of policies and actions as part of the Protect Our Game initiative, aimed at reducing abuse and inappropriate behaviour in our game.

The Three Strike Policy will continue to be applied to all Clubs across the state, and has recently been updated and reinforced.

The Three Strike Policy is designed to reduce ongoing abuse and inappropriate behaviour exhibited during football activities by incrementally increasing the consequences of bad behaviours, being marked each time with a strike.

In line with this policy, it is the responsibility of the home club to implement sufficient policies and measures to protect the wellbeing and safety of all referees, participants and spectators, and to manage member behaviour to avoid incidents that may incur potential strikes.

FIRST STRIKE ISSUED TO CLUB



- Show Cause Notice will be issued to the offending club and will provide particulars of the allegations
- Any response made by the offending club to the Notice will need to sufficiently demonstrate all measures the club has or will implement, to address the specific particulars detailed within the Show Cause Notice and provide clear direction as to how this will mitigate future incidents of referee or other abuse at the club
- Football Queensland's disciplinary and integrity units will make a determination
- The specific team (or teams) involved in the incident may be issued a 3-point deduction penalty
- All members of the offending club or clubs will be advised in writing by Football Queensland of the strike, alongside any details of the sanctions handed down
- The strike will remain valid and on the club's record for 12 months from the date of offence
- Public notification of the strike will be published on Football Queensland's website
- There is no appeal after a strike has been issued

SECOND STRIKE ISSUED TO CLUB



- Show Cause Notice will be issued to the offending club and will provide particulars of the allegations
- Any response made by the offending club to the Notice will need to sufficiently demonstrate all measures the club has or will implement, to address the specific particulars detailed within the Show Cause Notice and provide clear direction as to how this will mitigate future incidents of referee or other abuse at the club
- Executive officials from the offending club or clubs will be required to attend a hearing with Football Queensland's Match Review Panel to discuss the particulars of the Show Cause Notice and the response tabled by the club
- Football Queensland's Match Review Panel will make a determination
- If a determination is made by Football Queensland that a strike is to be issued to an offending club within 12 months of a Strike 1 being issued, it will be considered as Strike 2
- Additional measures or requirements may be set down by the Match Review Panel, which may involve further oversight and review of the implementation and ongoing compliance of proposed measures taken by the club in relation to the Strike 1
- Every competitive team (that plays for points) at the offending club will receive a mandatory 3-point penalty (a maximum of an additional 3 points deduction may be further issued, if determined by the Match Review Panel – 6-point deduction in total)
- The offending club or clubs will receive a mandatory \$2,000 fine for any second strike
- All members of the offending club or clubs will be advised in writing by Football Queensland of the strike, alongside any details of the sanctions handed down
- The strike will remain valid and on the club's record for 12 months from the date of offence
- Public notification of the strike will be published on Football Queensland's website

THIRD STRIKE ISSUED TO CLUB



- Show Cause Notice will be issued to the offending club and will provide particulars of the allegations
- Executive officials from the offending club or clubs will be required to attend a hearing with Football Queensland's Integrity Unit and Executive Management team to discuss the particulars of the Show Cause Notice and the response tabled by the club
- Football Queensland's Integrity Unit and Executive Management will make a determination
- If the alleged behaviour has been proved and a determination is made by Football Queensland that a strike is to be issued to an offending club, within 12 months of a Strike 2 being issued, it will be considered as Strike 3
- If a Strike 3 has been issued, Football Queensland may, after providing natural justice to the offending club, terminate their affiliation to Football Queensland
- In circumstances where affiliation is not revoked under a Strike 3, one or more teams involved in the offending conduct or incident, across any number of competitions the club may be involved in, could be removed by Football Queensland from those competitions for the remainder of the season
- Every remaining competitive team at the offending club will be given an automatic forfeit, with no matches played for the next competition round, after the determination has been made by Football Queensland
- The club will receive a mandatory \$5,000 fine
- The strike will remain valid and on the club's record for 12 months from the date of offence
- Public notification of the strike will be published on Football Queensland's website

UNIFORM

TRAINING SHIRTS are provided to all players as part of their registration fee. These are to be worn at all training sessions once the session starts. **Training shirts** will be given out to team coaches or managers to distribute once teams are finalised and payment has been received. The aim is to have them all out the week before games commence. With the exception of the U6's who can get their shirts on payment as this will be their first year playing and they would not already have a shirt.

SOCKS AND SHORTS will be available on our open days, during office hours, training nights or home game days. Socks \$15 each and Shorts \$25. Official club apparel Black socks and shorts are compulsory for all games.

PLAYER JERSEYS are provided by the Club in team kits looked after by the team manager. These remain the property of MFC. Playing shirts are **NOT** to be worn home by players and **MUST** stay together as a kit at all times. MFC rule in 2024. Teams are to allocate a manager or parent to wash the full kit each week.

BOOTS AND SHIN PADS are mandatory for training and games (not sold at the club).

MFC MERCHANDISE AVAILABLE

We have a great range of merchandise available for purchase in the club house. Please ask one of our friendly committee members to help you with your selection. Merchandise is available on our open days, office hours and on some training afternoons.



Plus more...

Socks

Black and white shorts

Stubby holders

Kit bags

Cooler bags

Boot bags/ tote bag

Toddler range

Wet weather jackets

MATCH DAY INFORMATION / CANCELLATIONS

FIXTURES

This information is available on the Squadi app. As soon as a match is cancelled, all players and members assigned to that team will be notified through Squadi. Make sure parents, grandparents, supporters are all logged in too! Fixtures are expected to start early March 2024. Game venues vary across the Sunshine Coast depending on the team and division. Most venues are dog and smoke free zones.

Maroochydore FC grounds are both **DOG AND SMOKE FREE ZONES.**



WET WEATHER

- Updates for **all grounds** are available on the **Football Queensland Sunshine Coast website** under the wet weather.
- **'Squadi'** will inform you also of any changes to games, times, fields etc
- Updates for **Maroochydore FC** only are also found on our Facebook pages, website, and Stack team App. If you are unsure contact **your coach** in the first instance.



FOLLOW US

To stay up to date please join our Facebook page and Team App: -

Maroochydore Football Club

https://www.facebook.com/MaroochydoreFc/?_tn=%2Cd

Stack Team App

<https://www.teamapp.com/clubs/500242?webpage=v1>

TRAINING SCHEDULES AND COACH CONTACTS

Please see below for contacts and training days and times. These are subject to change depending on coach and field availability and inclement weather. Wet weather updates and field closures are posted on our Facebook page and Team App /Stack Team App as early as possible prior to the start of training. To ensure you are receiving these notifications it is important to 'like' our Facebook page and register on Stack Team App.

MiniRoos	U6 – U9 (mixed)	Wednesday	4pm – 5pm
Junior Girls	U9, U11, U13, U15, U17	Monday and Wednesday	TBA times
Junior Boys	U10, U11, U12, U13, U14, U15, U16, U18	Tuesday and Thursday	TBA times
FQPL3	Women & U23 Women (All other Senior Women teams TBA)	Monday and Wednesday	6.30pm – 8pm
	Men & U23 Men (All other Senior Men teams TBA)	Tuesday and Thursday	6.30pm – 8pm
FQLP2	Men & U23 Men	Tuesday and Thursday	6.30pm – 8pm

CONTACT NUMBERS

Director of Football Operations Junior and Senior Competitive for both female and male	Garrad Zammit	0438 440 633
Director of MiniRoos	Steffen Binke	0405 019 581
Junior Female Co-Ordinator	Steve Williamson	0414 894 574
Senior Women Co-Ordinator	Gareth Simmonds	0449 847 479
FQPL2 Head Mens Coach	Alex Barlow	0498 012 120
FQPL3 Head Mens Coach	Paul Baretta	0407 011 772
FQPL3 Head Womens Coach	Gareth Simmonds	0449 847 479
Community Senior Men Co-Ordinator	Oliver Watson	0408 390 797
Training Schedules and Lights	Garrad Zammit	0438 440 633



MFC ACADEMY



MFC will again run Academy Training session in 2024. These sessions cater for both MiniRoos U8-12 and Junior competitive U13-U18 age groups, for both female and male players. In addition, specialised Goalkeeper training will be offered.

More information will be released early in 2024 with an expected start in March.

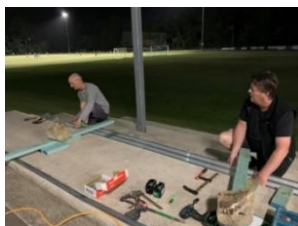
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



VOLUNTEERS—PLACES YOU COULD HELP



Have a think how you may want to support the club and regain your volunteer levy after 5 hours. Jobs include, but are not limited to, coaching, canteen, cleaning, selling raffle tickets on game days, social media, mowing and ground maintenance, plumbing, building painting, the list goes on. What are your skills and can you help out? The club is run entirely by volunteers. If you see something you believe you have the skills to do or a new idea to get going, don't hesitate to chat to one of our committee members. As the saying goes 'many hands make light work', and it also takes a huge amount of pressure off our core volunteers and committee members.



RECYCLING AT MFC



MFC is very pro-active towards recycling. All cardboard is collected at our club and then collected by SCRC.

All bottles and cans are collected from the yellow bins scattered around the club and saved into the red bin near the 1st Aid Room, to be collected by Scouts Recycling who then pay us a negotiated fee for each item returned. Last year we earned approx. \$1,500 from this facility.

Rather than put your own empty 10 cent recyclables in your yellow bin, just bring them down to the club and deposit into the yellow bin near the red steel bin and we'll do the rest.

SPONSORSHIP – BECOME A SPONSOR

We currently have some fantastic sponsors, but we're always on the lookout for more! Please email secretary@maroochydrofc.com.au if you are interested in finding out how you can sponsor Maroochydro FC and get your name out there.

We need to give a MASSIVE SHOUT OUT & THANK YOU to our current 2024 Sponsors 🙌

Maroochydro Football Club acknowledges & appreciates the valuable contributions made by our sponsors. Please ask for quotes or support them when you can – just like they have supported our MFC community 💙⚽

- ☀️ Pinnacle Insurance
- ☀️ Rise & Shine Kindergarten
- ☀️ The Radiology Clinic
- ☀️ Sunshine Coast Council
- ☀️ Oncore Services
- ☀️ Phatwheels & Tyres
- ☀️ Cotton Tree Meats
- ☀️ ARC (Australian Reinforcing Company)
- ☀️ Maroochy RSL
- ☀️ Suncoast Truck Bodies
- ☀️ Urban Certifiers
- ☀️ 360 Civil Consulting
- ☀️ Perry & Oster Funerals
- ☀️ Global Turf
- ☀️ M & W Things of Metal and Wood
- ☀️ Contour Consulting Engineers
- ☀️ Maroochydro Towing Service
- ☀️ Packaging and More
- ☀️ Ochre Sun Screens



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

CAN MY CHILD PLAY IN A TEAM WITH A FRIEND?

We do our best to place players with friends where possible in the Miniroo age groups (U6-U12). The exception to this is U10, U11 and U12 Kangaroo's which are graded teams. Requests must be made at sign on/ open days or in additional questions in the registration process.

WILL ALL TEAMS HAVE A PAID COACH?

No. Our teams are ALL coached by a parent/club volunteer. All Coaches will receive support and training from our Technical Team. We encourage all coaches to gain a FA accreditation.

WHEN ARE TRAINING DAYS?

Miniroos U6 to U9 generally train 4-5pm Wednesdays. All other age groups vary, depending on the availability of coaches and training fields.

WHERE WILL MY GAME BE PLAYED?

Games will be spread from Noosa to Caloundra and out to Maleny.

Draws for all ages are controlled by Football Queensland Sunshine Coast (not MFC) and can be viewed on their website <https://fqsunshinecoast.com.au/> . Fixtures and results will also appear on the Squadi app.

Draws may not be posted until 1 week before the first game and at the start of the season may only have a few weeks in advance. Team managers will assist in communicating game times.

CAN MY CHILD PLAY UP AN AGE GROUP?

We encourage players to play in their own age group e.g. If turning 9 in 2024 you are under 9. Consideration may be given depending upon ability, available positions, school friendships etc. No guarantee is made for any players to play up. Dispensation is required for players to play down or up 2 years. These dispensations are granted by Football Queensland and adhere to the current FQ play up policy.

IT'S RAINING! WILL MY TRAINING/GAME BE CANCELLED?

Yes, rain can affect both. Before heading to games or training see the Maroochydore Football Club Facebook page, Squadi app or Football Queensland Sunshine Coast website <https://fqsunshinecoast.com.au/> for wet weather advice.

Please **do not send messages** asking if training is on. Assume it is on unless it has been posted otherwise.

I AM NEW TO THE CLUB – HOW DO I GET INVOLVED?

Our Club is always happy to have parents / guardians / grandparents /friends get involved and volunteer their time. This might be in the form of coaching, helping in the canteen, helping pack goals away, emptying bins or being a ground official. Please contact anyone on the committee to have a chat and let us know what you can do.