



The Good Oil

Training is in full swing and MCUE is getting ready for a successful season in 2013. Footballers have been training since November with good numbers at training. Several netballers have also been taking advantage of optional fitness training sessions, ahead of the start of formal netball training on February 14.

Football training is currently Tuesday and Thursday nights at 6pm at Apex Park, with about 45 players attending each session. Netball fitness training (optional) is Tuesday nights at 6pm at Apex Park, and general netball training is Thursday nights at 6pm at Equex.

Recruitment news

There have been plenty of new faces at training and a successful off-season of recruiting new footballers to the club. Among the new players are:

- Pat Barrett (utility)
- James Creasy (forward / midfield)
- Stace Creasy (midfield)
- Ryan Price (forward / utility)
- Scott Purcell (ruck)
- Josh Walsh (midfield)
- Dean Ward (midfield)

MCUE in action!



Who says training is all hard work?! Thanks to Shane Curran for these great pics from a hot night at training - everyone had a great time cooling off on the Slip 'n' Slide between sprints.



Trial games

Several football trial games have been scheduled in the coming weeks.

- MCUE v Holbrook at Mango on March 9: There will be two games - seniors / reserves and 17s combined
- MCUE v Wodonga Raiders on March 22 and 23: A venue is yet to be confirmed, but we will play a first grade trial on Friday, March 22 and reserves and under 17s on Saturday, March 23

- MCUE v East Wagga at Mango on April 5: This game will be played under lights at Mango.

Function dates

Dates for our major club functions have been set:

- Blue and Gold Ball: May 25
- Goods and Services Auction: June 29
- 300 Club Draw: August 17

We are also considering a Ladies Day (June 15) and Grey Goannas (July 27). More details will follow.



Goanna Profile

This year we would like to profile some of the players and officials we have around the club. If you would like your Goanna Profile to feature in our newsletter – or would like to suggest someone to feature – please contact mcuegoannas@hotmail.com

We will start the year with first-grade coach Nathan Irvin.

Name: Nathan Irvin

Nickname: Sperry

Age: 40

Height: 188cm

Preferred position: Wing / half-forward flank

When did you play your first game for MCUE? 1980-ish

What do you enjoy most about being part of MCUE? The people and the place

What has been your proudest footy achievement? Second time drafted in 1994 after a tough couple of seasons, and the 1990 flag at Mango

What are your goals for this season? Mango to become a top RFL side

Which AFL player do you admire the most? Nic Nat – he will change our game in the next few years

What's your favourite quote? "You can't put brains in monuments" – Tony Turner, 1990, referring to dumb footballers

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Pre-season camp

Planning has begun for this year's pre-season training camp. At this stage, the weekend of March 16 is being considered for the camp, to be held at Blowering Dam. Footballers, netballers and families are invited to attend, with skiing and fishing on the agenda as well as some training sessions. More information will be available when details are finalised.

Centenary celebrations

Work is continuing on the centenary celebrations. We will play a Centenary game against Coolamon at Mango on Saturday, April 27 and expect a big crowd of past and present players and supporters to attend. First grade will play in heritage jumpers and there will be a range of Centenary merchandise available to purchase on the night. A line-up of local identities with links to the club will also be attending the event and sharing their memories of the Mangoplah district.

If you would like more information about the Centenary celebrations, or know somebody who may be interested in attending, please email us at: mcuegoannas@hotmail.com

Building project

Construction work is continuing on the new clubrooms at Mangoplah Sportsground. The canteen ladies have had a look at the site and had a chance to provide some feedback on the new kitchen's design. Frames and trusses are being stood this week.

The project will be completed in two stages and will ultimately provide new toilet facilities and netball change rooms, a new canteen and kitchen, and a great place to relax and watch the football and netball competitions.

A couple of working bees have already been held to help get some of the work completed, but if you have skills you think would be beneficial to the project, please don't hesitate to contact us. You can phone Ralph on 0417 470 495, Aussie on 0438 311 220 or David Griffin on 0418 867 598. We are hoping to have lots of people involved who can each offer just a day or two of their time and skills and share the workload.

Keep in touch

If you know of someone who would like to receive the MCUE Goannas newsletters and other emails about what's happening at the club, let us know their details so we can add them to our database. Email us at: mcuegoannas@hotmail.com

