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**Chinchilla Football Club**

**Information Book**

**2025**

## **WELCOME TO THE CHINCHILLA FOOTBALL CLUB 2025 SEASON**

## This handbook provides an overview of Chinchilla FC, including key information about our teams, community, and club operations. For further details and helpful resources, visit our website, where you’ll find additional information and useful external links.

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### **OUR CLUB**

## The Chinchilla Football Club first started in the mid-1970s with a handful of local players and has grown to a club of almost 200 playing members.

## We offer playing experiences for juniors through to seniors, as well as an introductory program for participants as young as 4!

## As we approach our 50th anniversary, we can proudly say that our small country club has achieved remarkable milestones. Our growth and longevity are a testament to the hard work of our volunteers, who have not only shaped our past but continue to nurture our club and community, enabling our players to achieve their footballing goals.

## As a club, we pride ourselves on a community-focused culture, aiming to foster a lifelong love of the game among players, club families, and supporters.

## **Our Location:** Chinchilla Recreation Grounds, Wambo Street, Chinchilla **Our Email:** [committee@chinchillafc.com](mailto:committee@chinchillafc.com) **Our Webpage:** [www.chinchillafc.com](http://www.chinchillafc.com) **Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/footballchinchilla](http://www.facebook.com/footballchinchilla) **Instagram:**<https://www.instagram.com/chinchillafc/>

## Chinchilla FC has a social engagement partnership with the **Chinchilla Bowls Club**, which serves as our entertainment hub for special events and post-match celebrations.

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### **OUR LIFE MEMBERS**

## Life Membership is awarded to individuals who have dedicated significant time and effort to our Club. Nominees for Life Membership must meet the requirements as detailed in our Life Membership Guidelines which are available for viewing on our website.

#### Current Life Members:

## **Bill Clarke** (dec.) **Robbie Van Gaalen** **Jane Hoffmann****Ross Cardillo** **Annie Cardillo Joe Calleja**

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### **OUR COMMITTEE**

## The Chinchilla Football Club Committee is composed entirely of volunteers who manage various portfolios essential to the successful operation of the club.

#### **Executive Committee Positions & Members**

## **President: Peter Swales**

## **Vice President: Jonty Calleja**

## **Treasurer: Jane Hoffmann**

## **Secretary: Ren Hardy**

## **Registrar: Chicka Gray**

**General Committee Positions & Members**

* Club Coaching Coordinator: Ren Hardy
* Senior Technical Director: Ross Cardillo
* Junior Competitive Technical Director: Brad Gothmann
* Assistant Treasurer & Grants Officer: Brooke Cranefield

## Uniform Coordinator: Brooke Cranefield

* Sponsorship Liaison: Morgan Schmidt

## Digital Media Officer: Nikola Stevenson

## Grounds Coordinator: VACANT

## Canteen Providore: VACANT

## Junior Canteen Coordinator: VACANT

## Senior Canteen Coordinator: VACANT

## Senior Team Representatives: Nikola Stevenson & Coby Calleja

#### **Joining the Committee**

## **Executive Committee Members** are nominated for and elected to their position during the Annual General Meeting. Once elected they will retain their position until the next AGM.

**General Committee Positions** are also nominated for and elected to their position during the AGM. Often there are positions which are not filled on the night. Vacant General Committee Positions can be filled at any time throughout the year by suitable candidates. If you are interested in one of the above vacant positions please contact the committee by email.

**Annual General Meetings**

## The Annual General Meeting is held annually, typically in November. All Chinchilla FC senior players, volunteers, parents and supporters are encouraged to attend.

**Monthly Meetings**

## The committee meets on the third Wednesday of every month at 6:00 PM at either the Club House at the Recreation Grounds or Chinchilla Bowls Club. Players, parents and supporters are encouraged to attend.

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## **REGISTRATION**

We are excited to have you join us for another fantastic year of football. To ensure a smooth start to the season, all players must complete their registration on two platforms:

* **SQUADI** – Covers fees for Football Queensland, Football Darling Downs, and Football Chinchilla.
* **PLAYFOOTBALL** – Finalises Football Australia fees.

Both registrations must be completed before the season begins for a player to be eligible to participate.

### **How to Register**

Registrations for the **2025 season** are now open. To access **SQUADI**, players can either download the app or visit [**www.chinchillafc.com**](http://www.chinchillafc.com/) for a direct link to the website.

More information about the registration process can be found at the back of this handbook.

### **Registration Fees & Payment**

* Fees are **payable at the time of registration** and must be made online using a debit or credit card.
* **Cash payments are not accepted.**
* Families using **Fair Play Vouchers** must follow the prompts during registration and email a copy of their voucher to [**committee@chinchillafc.com**](mailto:committee@chinchillafc.com).

## **VOLUNTEERING & FUNDRAISING**

Chinchilla FC is a **volunteer-run club**, and we rely on the support of every family to keep the club running smoothly. If you or your child have registered to play this season, it is **expected** that you will contribute some of your time. By lending a hand, you are not only supporting your child’s football journey but also strengthening our club and community! Here are some of the ways you can Volunteer;

| * Joining the committee * Helping in the canteen * Working the bar at a fundraiser | * Coaching or managing a team * Set-up/Pack-down fields at home games * Acting as a Game Leader or Clubbie |
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#### **Fundraising Events**

Fundraising is essential to keeping **registration fees low** and ensuring we have quality equipment, such as balls, bibs, and goals. Each year, the club participates in two major fundraising events—the **Chinchilla Show Bar** and the **Chinchilla Rodeo Bar**. Every second year, we also man the **Melon Festival Rodeo Bar**.

#### **Booking your volunteer shifts**

The club uses an online booking system called **Setmore** to organise volunteers for our canteen as well as our fundraising events. You can access our Setmore booking page from our website, social media and email posts related to events or here: <https://chinchillafc.setmore.com/>

Without volunteers, the club **cannot function**. *Please note that* ***failure to contribute*** *may impact your or your child’s participation in* ***Presentation Day*** *at the end of the season.*

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## **DIVISIONS & AGE GROUPS**

Chinchilla FC caters to a wide range of age groups determined by **calendar year of birth**. Our junior divisions are mixed-gender, while senior teams are divided into Men’s and Women’s teams.

### **MiniRoos Kick-Off or “Squirts” (Ages 4 & 5)**

* **Training:** Thursdays from 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM
* **Focus:** Fun-based introduction to football.
* **Registration Fee:** $90 + transaction fees
* **Registration Process:** Different from other divisions; emailcommittee@chinchillafc.com

### **Junior MiniRoos (Ages 5–11)**

* **Training:** Thursdays, typically from 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM (depending on coach availability).
* **Games:** Saturdays, alternating between **Chinchilla and Dalby**.
* **Registration Fee:** $150 + transaction fees
* **MiniRoos Come & Try Day:** March 11, 2025
* **Registration Closes:** April 4, 2025, or once all spots are filled.

**MiniRoos Age Groups & Game Formats:**

* **Under 7s:** 4v4 format for players turning 6 or 7 this calendar year.
* **Under 9s:** 7v7 format for players turning 8 or 9 this calendar year.
* **Under 11s:** 9v9 format for players turning 10 or 11 this calendar year.

*MiniRoos registrations are capped due to the competition format. We* ***strongly recommend*** *registering early to secure a spot.*

### **Competitive Juniors (Ages 12–15)**

* **Training:** Twice a week, times set by coaches.
* **Games:** Saturdays, competing in the **Darling Downs competition**.
* **Registration Fee:** $150 + transaction fees
* **Preseason & Grading Start:** Late January through February

**Competitive Age Groups & Game Formats:**

* **Under 13s:** 9v9 format for players turning 12 or 13 this calendar year.
* **Under 15s:** 11v11 format for players turning 14 or 15 this calendar year.

### **Seniors (Ages 15+ for Women, 16+ for Men)**

* **Training:** Tuesdays & Thursdays 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM
* **Games:** Saturday afternoon/evenings or Sundays
* **Registration Fee:** $350 + transaction fees
* **Preseason Start:** Early January
  + **Women’s Team – Honeybears** (FQPL3 Division)
  + **Men’s Teams – Bears & Grizzlies** (Darling Downs Community Div. 1 & 2)

## **GRADING**

### **MiniRoos (U7–U11)**

The objections of grading for MiniRoos is to form balanced teams for the upcoming season of games. Players are rated at the end of each season and during preseason using the 1-2-3 scale.

### **Competitive Juniors (U13 & U15)**

The objective of grading for Competitive Ages is to form teams suitable for the different divisions of competition within the Darling Downs framework. Players are rated during preseason using the 1-2-3 scale.

**Grading Scale:**

* 1: Advanced ball skills & strong game understanding
* 2: Intermediate ball skills & medium understanding
* 3: Beginner-level skills & minimal understanding

## **DISPENSATION & BORROWING**

**Dispensation:** may be granted to players who would benefit from competing in a different age group due to skill level or other valid consideration. This process involves consultation between the player, their family, their coach, and our Coaching Coordinator. Once the Club determines that dispensation is appropriate, we submit a request to **Football Queensland**. Players and families will be advised once a decision has been made.

**Borrowing Players:** depending on the rules of competition, players may be able to be borrowed across teams, divisions or age groups. A coach will only attempt to borrow a player after checking that they are eligible. In some cases a dispensation may also be required.

## **THE DRAWS**

Our competition draws are created by Football Queensland and take into consideration special date requests. These draws are released via **SQUADI** at the commencement of the season and may be subject to change. Once made available, they can be viewed on the **SQUADI app** or by clicking on the appropriate link on our website at [www.chinchillafc.com](http://www.chinchillafc.com).

## **WET WEATHER & CANCELLATIONS**

Football is an all-weather sport, but occasionally, training or matches may be canceled due to extreme weather conditions or unsafe field conditions.

* **Notifications:** Wet weather changes will be posted on our club’s social media pages, emailed to registered members, and may also be communicated via email or text by coaches or team managers. They may also appear in SQUADI.
* **Checking for Updates:** If the weather is uncertain, please check our social media pages and your inbox before heading to training or a match.

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### **COACHES AND MANAGERS**

Once teams are created for the season, it becomes the responsibility of the players/parents to select or nominate a Coach and Manager for the team. Once appointed, they must advise the Club by email as soon as possible. Team contact details will then be emailed to the selected candidates, along with any other required information.

During the season, the Club hosts monthly Coach and Manager meetings and communicates additional information via email.

The role of coaching or managing a football team can be highly rewarding.

#### **Coaches**

The role of our **Coaches** is to provide a safe and enjoyable environment for our players to develop their football skills. You don’t need any prior coaching or football experience to be successful—we provide access to coaching resources on our website, and our Coaching Coordinator is available to assist you if you need extra support.

*Coaches wishing to seek qualification can view upcoming courses via our website. In some cases the coach may be eligible for reimbursement of enrollment costs.*

#### **Managers**

The role of our **Managers** is to facilitate communication between the Club, Coach, Players, and Families. Depending on your team and division, responsibilities may include confirming game or training details, submitting team sheets, issuing game day jerseys, and preparing the Player of the Week certificate.

### **Player of the Week Awards**

Each week, at the end of the match, MiniRoos Coaches will award a **Player of the Week** to recognise a player who has demonstrated improvement in skills, gameplay, sportsmanship, teamwork, or other commendable behavior.

These awards, proudly sponsored by **Chinchilla Tyre and Battery**, include a **$5 voucher for the club canteen**, giving players a well-earned treat for their efforts.

## **UNIFORMS**

### **Game Day Jerseys**

### Are provided by the Club and must not be taken home by players. Coaches and/or team managers are responsible for ensuring jerseys are collected after each game. Parents may be assigned to a jersey washing roster to keep kits fresh and ready for the next match.

### **Match Day Attire**

For matches players are required to wear their team jersey (provided on the day), club shorts and socks (purchased from the uniform shop), along with shin guards and boots (purchased privately).

We also recommend players purchase a Club polo to wear when representing the club off the field.

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### **The Uniform Shop**

### Located within the Club House at the Recreation Grounds. Here you can purchase match day attire items, as well as additional club merchandise such as **training shirts, hats, hoodies, and bags.**

### **Hours:** 4PM to 5PM Thursdays school term training and during Home Games.

## **REFEREES & ASSISTANT REFEREES**

Referees and Assistant Referees (ARs) play a vital role in ensuring our matches are conducted fairly and in accordance with the rules of the game. Links to become qualified as a referee are on our website.

### **Responsibilities**

* **Referees** oversee the match, enforce the laws of the game, and ensure player safety. They may be eligible to be paid for performing their duties.
* **Assistant Referees (ARs)** assist the referee in monitoring offside calls, throw-ins, and other game decisions. They may be eligible to be paid for performing their duties.
* **Clubbies** are unqualified volunteers who may be called upon to assist a referee when an AR has not been allocated.
* **Game Leaders** are volunteers that official MiniRoos matches. They are not required to be qualified and are tasked with keeping the game moving fluently while allowing players to learn and have fun.

### **Referee Assignments**

* **Junior MiniRoos games** – Game Leaders are provided by the hosting club.
* **Competitive Age & Senior games** – Referees and ARs are appointed by **Football Queensland Darling Downs (FQDD)**, or a Clubbie may be required to fill in.

Ensuring our games have qualified referees is essential to maintaining a professional and enjoyable playing environment. We encourage parents and senior players to consider taking up refereeing roles to support the club and the sport.