

# Chucky's Corner



## Bardon Football Clinic 20<sup>th</sup> Year

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The visit of Brisbane Roar boss Mike Mulvey to Bowman Park in April is one that won't be forgotten!

Many of the Bardon Club are Brisbane Roar fans and they were delighted when Mike took time to answer questions, sign autographs and have photos taken with them.

Having been a long time friend of Mike's all of this came as no surprise to me that he would give up his time for the Bardon people. Of course, Mike's main reason to attend our club was to officially open the new playing surface on the main field.

New Playing  
Fields Open

# Mini World Cup Display



In June the club had a Grassroots Coaching Course at Bowman Park. With a good turn out, feedback indicated much was gained by all involved. Mark Boyd from Football Queensland conducted the course.

The Bardon Football Club held its 20<sup>th</sup> annual clinic this year. It was great to see Tom Connolly, long serving Club Secretary, rewarded for his 20 years of hard work and service with a silver tankard. The clinic, as always was a resounding success with coaches coming from a range of international backgrounds including France, Nigeria, Scotland and Italy.

Speaking of international the Mini World Cup was in its 19<sup>th</sup> Year. Winners: Under 5/6 - Holland, Under 7/8 - USA, Under 10/11 - Australia, Open Age - Ghana.

The annual George's River visit was enjoyable for all with the U12s also having a great time in Sydney the week prior. This event has a great history with the Bardon Football Club and all involved are to be congratulated.

The saying "you are never too young" is well highlighted at Bardon. The new Squirts (U5s) have been going for a few months now and they are very much enjoying the experience. Rob Wheeler is to be congratulated on this initiative.



Nigerian coach Henry Faleye signs autographs after a clinic session



Doing it the Italian way with coach Jack Scarvera at a clinic session.

Anyone who holds the mindset that football is just for males should take a visit to Bardon. Over the years many girls have played at Bardon in both mixed and female teams. Now, even more quality players are coming through. One player that has impressed me of late is Olivia Stanley of Bardon Belfast U11s. I think if Olivia keeps at it she has a bright future ahead.

And finally it's good to see an all girls team at Under 6 level (Bardon Koalas). If this little team stays together it can only be good for girls football and it's a bonus having two passionate coaches in Michelle Nicholls and Nicole Scarcella.

"A word of thanks too, for the positive feedback from parents about the Mini World Cup and the Clinic."

**Let Football be the winner  
Chucky**