



Social and Community Development Plan

Introduction

Melrose Park is a small grassroots not-for-profit youth football club operating from the grounds of Meadowbank Park, West Ryde.

Melrose Park is committed to creating an atmosphere that is reflective of the spirit in which the global game of football is played. The clubs Community Social Development Plan (CSDP) supports this commitment by ensuring social inclusion is integrated into all activities.

The aim of the Community Social Development Plan (CSDP) is to:

- positively contribute to the social dynamic of the Ryde and Ermington community and surrounding area
- Increase local participation in football, regardless of socio-economic background
- Contribute to community capacity building of local football clubs and other community development programs

This will be achieved by:

- Implementing the actions contained in the CSDP
- Working in partnership with the Ryde and Parramatta Council Community Development Officers and local not-for-profit groups

Community Social Development Action Plan 2018-22

Strategy	Action	Measures
Contribute to community capacity building of local not-for-profit Community Development Programs.	Develop local partnerships with not-for-profit groups	The Clubs representatives meet regularly with local not-for profit groups.
		A partnership plan is developed in consultation with not-for-profit groups.
	Sports Clubs and not-for profit groups within the district to have access programs and facilities	Local sports clubs and not-for-profit groups utilise the facilities.

Develop strong community bonds to assist in the provision of appropriate facilities to meet the social needs of the local community.	Consult community groups in the development of the clubs Inclusion Policy for families seeking financial support	Inclusion Policy developed and operational within the clubs activities and programs.
	Develop specific youth programs in partnership with council Community Development Officer, YMCA and Police Youth Liaison Officer	Sports programs are developed and operational for youth at risk.
	Host Harmony Day activities in partnership with Council	Harmony Day Street Football tournament
	A pathways program for gifted players regardless of their socioeconomic background	Gifted players who are underprivileged have support through the 'Inclusion Policy' to participate in pathway programs.
Promote community spirit and humanitarian initiatives by forming associations with various charitable organisations programs	Participate in Football for Social Development programs such as 'Football United'	'Football for Social Development' campaign developed and operational.
		Encourage sponsorship at the local level for social development programs.
	Form partnership with local refugee family services	Work with local refugee family services to ensure their client families have access to all the facilities and programs offered at the club.
	Host programs and initiatives that promote health and wellbeing through participation for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth • Preschool • Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people 	Opportunities are created and promoted to target groups.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The underprivileged • Refugees • Various charitable organisation 	
Exceed the communities expectation of green energy facility and lead the implementation of carbon reduction strategies	Work with Council and relevant services to identify strategies that can assist the club to limit its carbon footprint.	A carbon footprint reduction plan is developed and operational.
	Promote carbon reduction measures to our players, their families and the broader community	The clubs carbon reduction plan is promoted to all associated with the club.