

BARNSTONEWORTH UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB

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Hi all.

Following the extension of the COVID-19 restrictions from the Victorian Government, along with the cancellation by Football Victoria and Vic Soccer of their respective State League competitions, it is with a heavy heart that on behalf of the BUFC Committee I write to formally advise you, that season 2021 has now come to a close.

We are certainly frustrated, to say the least, at another disappointing end to our season as a result of the pandemic. That said, we cannot thank our wonderful players, managers, coaches, supporters, fans, and sponsors, for their commitment (*under difficult circumstances*), for season 2021. I also want to thank the Barnstoneworth United Junior Football Club on the support they have shown during this time, and congratulations to the players who made the step up in their football this year from BUJFC to the seniors.

Before the season was postponed, all teams were travelling well in their respective leagues and some fantastic football was being played down at JT Gray Reserve. A special mention to the stalwarts' of our club, the over 45's, who had an unsalable lead prior to the last lockdown. I am sure this will inspire the old boys to go around one more time next year.

While we don't yet know what restrictions, if any, may impact season 2022, Barnstoneworth will be there in any capacity we can to support our boys and girls. Before we get to that though, we are working hard on a few ways we can make sure you all get your football fix between now and the kick off of next season (and of course, stay connected to our wonderful Club). I will keep you updated on this as our plans progress.

Finally, it's important that we support our wonderful community in such difficult times. So next time you think about shopping (food, clothes or cars), dining out or entertainment (once allowed), make sure you support one of our local small businesses, our sponsors, (or the businesses of our Barnstoneworth family).

Stay safe.

Shaun Risse. President.

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