

Let there be light!



Late in 2024 the Wyong Leagues Group signed a new long-term lease for the Crown Land that Budgewoi Soccer Club and its playing fields sit on. This leasing commitment came about after several years of negotiation between the State Government and the Group. This was a tremendous result for both the licensed club, its members and for the hundreds of soccer players that use their facilities. It has also meant that the Group has been able to more effectively plan and invest in projects that will make a big difference to the Club. Since the lease was resolved, the group have been heavily focused on the future planning for the venue determining investment priorities and implementing major improvements.



Following on from last year which saw a \$300,000 upgrade to the drainage of the playing surfaces at the three soccer fields, there has been the installation of a new digital scoreboard on the main field and an upgrading the beer garden area with a large outdoor LED screen and additional heating. It also saw a massive upgrading to lighting on the training fields. Whilst these were extensive improvements, we will now see further work with the newly installed lighting system to the main Frank Millington Field at a cost of over \$350,000. This will be welcome news for those using the fields for games and training as the lighting system will significantly extend pitch availability for game scheduling and training.

Budgewoi Football stalwart, Grahame Nancarrow says “I have been a part of Budgewoi Football Club since it’s early days, and have witnessed, the evolution from almost nothing into what it has become today. It all started, with just a group of passionate volunteers, who cleared land, built facilities, ran raffles and held many other fund raisers. To think of how far we have come now is unbelievable. The improvements that we have seen over this past year or so in particular has been really gratifying for us. This addition of an incredible lighting system is something that I believe we have needed for decades, as it will take our club to a whole new level”.

Wyong Leagues Group President, Anthony Newell, says “Budgewoi Soccer Club has always been a very important part of our group. Budgewoi FC is an institution within the Central Coast sporting community, and this investment further demonstrates a clear commitment to a bright future for not only our Club’s players, officials and volunteers but also those from visiting teams and the football community on the Coast”.

The upgraded lighting system is now raring to go just in time for the upcoming season.