



NORTHBRIDGE FC



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Northbridge Football Club, incorporating the North Shore Mariners, are taking a lead position as a NSW premier soccer club to support and commit to sustainable environmental practices and to provide leadership and education for youth around sustainable habits that can be adopted at a club level, in our local communities and at home.

Northbridge Football Club players and members are called to be Sustainable Sports Champions by:

1. Embracing ecologically friendly waste management decisions at their home oval, Northbridge Oval, Sailors Bay Road, training ovals and other competitor's home grounds. These decisions to be supported by recycling bins at Northbridge Oval with relevant signage.
2. Encourage use of reusable drink bottles by players and families with goal of working towards zero elimination of plastic bottles being purchased at club canteen. In addition encourage spectators and family members to bring reusable drinking cups to training sessions and games.
3. Northbridge Oval Canteen to be stocked with items sourced from sustainable environmentally friendly suppliers. Audit to be undertaken of existing supplies and a plan formulated to identify future purchases. Provide the club's purchasing officer with recommended environmentally friendly suppliers for these future purchases.
4. Recycling for Goodness weekends to be promoted and facilitated by the Club to encourage donations of good quality second hand soccer gear including boots. Recycled gear and boots to be directed to regional NSW farming communities and/or indigenous communities in Australia. Goodwill to be enhanced with a small tree (sourced from local council) to be given by the Club to those who drop off the donated gear (one tree per family).
5. Participating in Bush and Beach clean ups in the local community with emphasis on removing rubbish from well known sites.
6. Taking an active role in mentoring youth boys and girls in leadership on the field and in the community;; playing as a team, supporting each other and the importance of wellbeing - exercise and good eating habits; Continue to offer holiday mentoring programs such as Girls Only Skills Clinics and Elite Camps.
7. Initiating the Youth Sustainability Leadership program by inviting and supporting representatives to play a role in supporting and communicating the sustainability programs to their team.
8. Attending educational sustainable events hosted by the Club. Events to engage well known inspirational speakers to motivate players and families to embrace best sustainable practices and encourage support of solutions to environmental problems.
9. Encourage innovation and ideas from players, members and executives by facilitating sustainable environmental ideas via the club's website, Sustainable Sports Program tab.

Note: This is a living document with updates to occur on a regular basis or when required as proposed actions and priorities evolve over time.

“The path to sustainability is a journey not a destination.”