CASE STUDY

Frankston Pines Soccer Club All Abilities Team

WHAT DID WE DO

Frankston Pines Soccer Club have a very supportive committee who saw a need to provide an All Abilities soccer program in the Frankston area.

In response, the club established a weekly Saturday training program run by local volunteers. The trainings are open for come and try sessions every week and are welcoming to new players throughout the season.

The club have an All Abilities Coordinator that sits in all committee meetings, with a standing agenda item focusing on 'All-Abilities'. The club also compete against other teams within the All Abilities League ran by Football Victoria and have an annual match with the Victorian Police team.

WHAT DID WE SEE

The facilities and program developed are a great opportunity for people living with disabilities. We created a team that acts not just as a recreational sporting activity but as a space to socialise and be a part of the community. In doing so, we have become one of the largest All Ability clubs in the Southeast, with currently three teams- seniors, juniors and social.

Lastly, with our new clubroom developments we have made considerations to cater for walking frames and wheelchair accessibility, increasing not only participation in the sport but spectatorship.

Challenges

FOOTBALL FOR

Finding committed volunteers who understand the needs of people living with a disability.

Benefits

We have become one of the biggest All Abilities clubs in the Southeast, where people living with a disability can train, mingle, be active in sports and be part of the community.

"Coming from a background of having a disability myself, there was nothing in terms of inclusion programs in any sport growing up, so to now be a part of something that helps the community is truly special"

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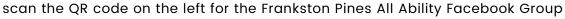
All Abilities Team Manger and Coach

WHAT NOW

We continue to promote our programs through social media, but other ongoing work that we foresee as beneficial to the team is the opportunity to upskill our coaches and committee members on managing All Ability teams.



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