



# Redlands United Football Club Inc



## **A MESSAGE FROM NIALL MCCARTHY, JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT OFFICER**

I hope you have all enjoyed your Christmas break, the New Year is upon us!  
I wish you all the best in 2009 both on and off field!

This is firstly an introduction in explaining my role at RUFC in 2009.

My name is Niall McCarthy. Some of you may have met me last season, or more recently through NUTMEGS FOOTBALL ACADEMY (NFA). To those who haven't, I look forward to speaking with you all in 2009. I have been involved with RUFC on a playing and coaching capacity for the second half of 2008. In the last 6 months I have been mostly involved with senior mens football (playing before I got injured and coaching the Div 1 mens reserves).

This coming season I will be focusing a majority of my time to the youth / junior section of RUFC. My position at the club is Junior Development Officer, the position itself is new for our club.

The commitments that I will fulfill in this role include;

- Assisting all junior coaches (5-16 yrs) with their development on technical and skill coaching;
- Offering coaching sessions to all teams with a pre planned topic (coach will advise what needs improvement);
- 'Coaching the Coaches sessions' are monthly sessions provided for improving technical/ skill development of RUFC junior coaches. This will be related to the age specific coaches ( different topics for coaches of SSG);
- Match assessments - Home games will be assessed, reviewed and information will be offered to the coach/assistant and managers;
- Liaising with the 'coach mentors' or the appropriate position weekly.

I will be working closely with Neil Meldrum (DOC), in 2009 to deliver quality and consistent coaching for all junior coaches and players. With my appointment, this allows Neil time to focus on the administration and management of the coaching at the junior club.

Our club is one of the largest junior football clubs in Queensland, we had near 1000 junior players registered in 2008. There was over 30 competitive teams, most of which did very well and will continue to do so in 2009. I am extremely enthusiastic about 2009, we will achieve many great things together.

If you have any questions or queries please contact me on 0410 806 489 or [jdo@redlandsunited.com.au](mailto:jdo@redlandsunited.com.au)

**SEE YOU ALL IN THE NEW YEAR!**