



*Soaring above the rest*

## Head Coach Profile: Manny Koutroulis

Manny Koutroulis has been involved with Boroondara Eagles Football Club for the past 9 years. He is delighted to be re-appointed Head Coach of our club in 2017:

*'I have chosen to work at Boroondara because I appreciate the good community feel that exists at the club... the committee share my vision going forward, and have supported the concept of bringing in capable coaches that can help raise the skill level of all players'.*

Manny is also Head Coach at Carey Baptist Grammar School, where he has coached the Boys First's team for the past 14 years.

Koutroulis' personal soccer career started at Northcote City Juniors, before a playing deal took him to the UK to join Stockport County Football Club. He returned to Australia to play in the State League for Fitzroy City and Diamond Valley, before retiring at 26 to concentrate on his other soccer passion: coaching!

This coaching career has spanned clubs at both State League 1 and State League 2 levels at Westgate FC, Fitzroy City Soccer Club, Thomastown Soccer Club and Diamond Valley United. Through contacts at the Australian Institute of Sport, Victorian Premier League and Melbourne Heart, Manny has spent much time on personal coach development. Keen to ensure that all BEFC coaches receive their own coach development at Boroondara, he was quick to implement regular 'coach the coach' sessions and Coach training workshops.

### **What is your favourite Soccer team?**

*Panathinaikos in Greece. (I had no choice!) and Manchester United in England (since the days when they were stuck on 7 titles).*

### **Who is your favourite soccer player and why?**

*Lionel Messi - he is a highly skilful player that can beat any opponent that marks him with his clever tight ball control.*

### **Do you support Victory or Melbourne City?**

*Both City and Victory and the A league...we need all three to go well to support the growth of the game*