



# FALCON NEWS

Greythorn Football Club Newsletter

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## 2009 SEASON APPROACHES...



### **THE PRES SAYS:**

Welcome to *almost* the start of the 2009 football season!

Once again, it seems to have come around remarkably quickly and in the wake of an extremely successful 2008 season for the Greythorn Football Club. A season which saw:-

- 6 of our 8 teams make the finals
- 3 teams play in Grand Finals
- Our U'11 team winning the premiership – with Jack Silvagni

named best on ground. Both for the second year in succession!

- Players from each age group making the relevant top 10 in the YJFL Best & Fairest voting – including Matt Dyson being named Colt Player of the Year in Section 3 and Jack Silvagni runner up in U'11 Brown Section.
- One of our coaches (Bill Thiel) being named Oakleigh Chargers Region – Coach of the Year - Junior Section

It would also be remiss of me not to recognise the efforts and contribution of the committee who have organised and administered the club exceptionally well under the guidance of Justin Urwin. At the end of the season Justin completed his 3-year term as President of the Greythorn Football Club. Under his guidance the club has not only been successful on field but continued to develop and improve the way it is run operationally and has a very robust financial position. It is with great

pleasure and honour that I know I will try to maintain the momentum and standards Justin has set for the committee and our club.

There have been a number of other changes to the committee since last season and I would like to thank Phil Simon, Rainer Vogel, Sean Senior, Tim Cameron & Vanessa Houston for their part in driving the clubs successes.

The new committee (please see later article for roles & contact details) have been working hard over the summer in preparation for the 2009 season to ensure an equally successful year this year. In particular, we have been focussing on activities to expand the number of teams we field in a controlled manner – with focus on introducing up to 2 extra teams this year. This, in conjunction with our involvement in the new facility development at Gordon Barnard reserve, will allow our club to grow sustainably whilst maintaining the wonderful atmosphere we pride ourselves on and enable greater opportunity to build and broaden the social aspects of the club.

In relation to the social/fund raising calendar – an immense amount of thought and preparation has gone into developing some exciting and new activities this year. Please keep your eyes on our website [www.greythornfalcons.com.au](http://www.greythornfalcons.com.au) for more details. Your involvement in any or all of them is paramount in the ongoing success of our club.

The season proper is scheduled to commence on **Sun 19<sup>th</sup> April** – however is still subject to council approval given the late, hot dry weather we have been experiencing. Notwithstanding that both Leigh Park and Gordon Barnard reserve appear to have held up well thanks to the foresight and maintenance of our Council.

Prior to the season commencing our coaches will be setting appropriate training schedules for our boys and will be communicating those soon after registration day. For the 3<sup>rd</sup> consecutive year in pre-season we will be playing off the DAG Shield against Doncaster Football club. The date and timings are being finalised at present. This is a terrific opportunity for the coaches to assess their

teams, the boys to experience match day conditions and through sales of club merchandise and a sausage sizzle a wonderful fund-raising opportunity for the club. Your support and help would be much appreciated on this day.

Finally, a huge thank you to our generous supporters and volunteers that are already on board for 2009. In particular, to Fletcher's who have extended their partnership with the Greythorn Football Club through to the end of the 2010 season. Club's like ours run on the generosity of supporters and volunteers – so if you would like to join the ranks please contact either myself or the appropriate committee member.

Good luck to everyone for a very enjoyable and successful 2009 season.

**Go Falcons !**

James Houston  
**The President**

### *Breaking news....*

AFL football legend Peter Daicos was treated in hospital this week after being bitten by a snake.

The former Collingwood legend was at his Balwyn home when he was bitten on the left foot multiple times by the potentially deadly red-bellied black snake.

It is understood that a spokesman at Melbourne's St Vincent's Hospital confirmed Daicos was brought in on Wednesday night and was released on Thursday afternoon.

Peter Daicos finished his AFL career in 1993, after playing 250 games and kicking 549 goals for the Magpies. Peter's son Josh was runner-up Best & Fairest for the U'10's last year.

Clearly that amazing career and the ongoing commitment to fitness that came with it paid off for Peter!

Do you know you get paid for umpiring in the Yarra Junior Football League? Under 11 Field Umpires earn \$40. Boundary Umpires can earn \$60 - \$70 for umpiring two games. If you are interested in umpiring contact the League's Umpire Advisor, Geoff Deveson on 0421 097 703.

A club meeting for Team Managers and Coaches is scheduled for Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2009 at the Eastern Golf Club from 7pm to 9pm.

A Coaches Meeting for all clubs is scheduled for 30 March 2009 at the Veneto Club.

In 2009 the YJFL has directed that clubs are allowed an *official* Assistant Coach on the ground (in the coaches box).

## **THE SEASON AHEAD**

Our 2009 season will commence (still a large assumption on fair remaining weather conditions) on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April. This year, there will be 15 games in the regular season. No matches will be played on the Queens Birthday weekend (Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June) and during the Interleague on the 5<sup>th</sup> July.

Greythorn will be fielding teams in all age groups from Tackers (Under 9s) to Colts (U16s/U17s) with ambitions to have two teams in the Under 12's and Colts respectively .

New Tacker Coaches Meeting will be held on the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2009 at the Manningham Club.

**How the Grading's typically work** in the YARRA JUNIOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE:

**UNDER 10** Assessment is made following Entry of Teams and receipt of Club submission as to proposed Section/s Club provides information regarding the performance of Tacker's in 2008, eg ratio of wins & losses Where Clubs have two or more Tacker Teams in 2008 one U10 Team

will be entered into either the U10 Gold or Brown Section

**UNDER 11 – 15** Proposed Gradings are determined based on finishing position in 2008. Additionally, grading's take into account who played off in the Grand Final enabling entry into a higher Section and teams who finished in the bottom two ladder positions into a lower Section.

**COLTS** Assessment is made with consideration of Under 15 results and receipt of the Club's submission as to a proposed Section.

Where two teams are indicated in the one Section Club submissions are invited as to changes between the playing lists of the two teams.

Consequently this year, our teams will commence the season in the following grades:

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| • <b>Tackers</b>   | <b>To be advised</b> |
| • <b>Under 10s</b> | <b>Green</b>         |
| • <b>Under 11s</b> | <b>Green</b>         |
| • <b>Under 12s</b> | <b>Gold</b>          |
| • <b>Under 13s</b> | <b>Brown</b>         |
| • <b>Under 14s</b> | <b>Green</b>         |
| • <b>Under 15s</b> | <b>Section 2</b>     |
| • <b>Colts</b>     | <b>Section 4</b>     |

All grades are subject to review at the completion of the first four rounds.



Dear Members

Here's hoping for another fantastic year on the footy field, as well as the local real estate field.

The property market in the Balwyn, North Balwyn, Mont Albert North and neighbouring areas continues to remain strong and we are seeing some extraordinary results being achieved, both at auction and private sale.

The start of 2009 has seen a real shortage of quality property and with the interest rates crashing, we see no reason why this will not be another strong year in the local market.

There has been a real surge of buyers recently looking for new home sites or new homes in and around the Balwyn area.

I would love to help you with any real estate matter, so call me at any time on mobile **0417 014 413**

Go the Falcons!!  
Daiman Kane CEA (REIV)  
Senior Property Consultant  
Licensed Estate Agent  
Fletchers  
Balwyn North Office

### **TEAM MANAGERS, RUNNERS, TRAINERS AND UMPIRES**

Those of us who would like to be more involved in the running of our teams but who are not ready or able to take on a coaching role may like to consider becoming a Team Manager, Trainer or Boundary Umpire. Others may like to assist in the training of their team as an Assistant Coach or simply helping the Team Coach occasionally on training nights.

Being associated more closely with the running of the teams is something that can be very rewarding and anyone interested

in taking on one of these roles will not be disappointed. Should you wish to offer your services please contact your relevant team coach or a member of the Committee.

### **PRESIDENT AND COMMITTEE 2009 SEASON**



- Back Row:** John Baston  
Neale Peters  
Gerard Whelan  
John Verbi
- Front Row:** Jon Hrbek  
Leigh Cronin  
James Houston  
Frank Donolli  
Paul Tate
- Not Present:** Peter Kessler  
Nicole Higgins  
Bill Damm  
Anne Corboy

The following is a summary of our current committee members and office bearers together with their contact details. **These people are there to help and assist and are only too pleased to hear from anyone who has any concerns or enquiries. They will always do their best to assist.**

## Committee

- **President**  
James Houston 9857 7691
- **Secretary**  
Leigh Cronin 0409 420 021
- **Treasurer**  
Paul Tate 9857 4952
- **Registrar**  
Jon Hrbek 9857 9558
- **Club League Director**  
Neale Peters 9857 9174

## Equipment & Properties

Gerard Whelan 9850 4664

## Marketing, Partnerships & Newsletter

Peter Kessler 9836 8364

## Trophies

Frank Donnoli 9857 6354

## Risk Management, Safety, Auskick

John Verbi 9857 9519

## Ground Committee

Nicole Higgins 9857 5388

## Fund Raising, Social

Anne Corboy 9857 4957

## Coaches & Team Managers Liaison

Bill Damm 9857 5051

## Minutes Secretary

John Baston 9857 5473

## GREYTHORN PLAYERS YJFL Awards

Two of our players were recognised in last year's YJFL best and fairest awards.



### Matt Dyson

YJFL – Equal Best & Fairest

Colts (KGU) – Section 3



### Jack Silvagni

YJFL – Runner Up Best & Fairest

Under 11's – Brown Section

The Greythorn Football Club congratulates these players on their outstanding seasons and looks forward to them displaying their remarkable talents for many years to come.

## CODE OF CONDUCT

In line with the requirements of our Football Victoria 'Quality Club' endorsement and the advice of our League, we have introduced a club 'Code of Conduct'.

This code has been displayed on our website for several months.

Basically, the Code of Conduct lays down guidelines for acceptable behavior for everyone associated with our club including coaches, players, officials and parents

Whilst we are very much of the view that everyone at our club follows these standards anyway, it nevertheless puts down in writing what is expected of each and everyone of us.

When registering players, it will be a requirement that family members and players are aware of the code and agree to be bound by it.

For latest news visit the new Greythorn Football Club website on:  
[www.greythornfalcons.com.au](http://www.greythornfalcons.com.au)



# GREYTHORN FOOTBALL CLUB WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE FOLLOWING COMPANIES FOR THEIR SUPPORT IN 2008

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TONY'S GOURMET DELIGHTS

