



FALCON NEWS

Greythorn Football Club Newsletter

June 2009

Editor: Peter Kessler

Falcons capitalise on Grading Rounds



THE PRES SAYS:

Well the 2009 season is well and truly underway !

Firstly, a special welcome to all the new players and parents that have joined the Falcons this season. Great to have you with us this season and many more I hope !

We are thrilled to be able to field 9 teams this year - an increase of 1 on last year - with the inclusion of a second Tackers team. Also, particularly pleasing is our ability to field a Colt's team of our own this season on the back of the enthusiasm of the players in that team and some arduous recruiting work.

I think this is a testament to the great spirit around the club, the way all parties conduct themselves to

encourage a healthy and fun environment and the professional manner with which this club is run.

Our ability to progress players all the way through the age groups and then provide an avenue into U'19 and senior football through our partnership with Old Camberwell Grammarians Football Club should be the envy of most clubs.

I would also like to make special mention of our sponsor's this season - in particular to our Platinum sponsor Fletcher's who continue to provide amazing support to our Club. To last years sponsors who have signed up again for another season and to those that are providing support for the first time - great to have you on board this season - thank you.

Please provide special consideration of these businesses when you are making purchasing decisions and of course please mention you are associated with the Falcons if you do use their services.

Also, if you are interested in becoming a sponsor of the club or have suggestions about sponsorship please see (or contact) Peter Kessler.

Our pre-season started very strongly with our annual day of practice matches against Doncaster, competing for the DaG Shield. All our sides acquitted themselves well and it was warming to see the level of support on the

sidelines. These matches are a wonderful way for the players to test where they're at before starting the season proper, coaching staff to trial their match day activities and for two clubs to continue to forge a good relationship. It would be remiss of me not to mention that we came away victorious on the day having won all bar one of our matches and retain the Shield for the 4th year in a row!

The season now in it's 7th week - our sides have already been tested against some strong opposition. However, this will only help us become stronger as we learn how to improve our skills and overall game play so that we can be more competitive in future weeks. We should also note that we have a number of teams playing in higher grades this season which is an achievement in itself.

Anyone who has seen our grounds (Greythorn Park and Gordon Barnard Reserve) will recognise that the surfaces are in fantastic condition. We also have coaches boxes installed at Greythorn Park for the first time. A big thank you to the Boroondara Council and specifically Kirsty Reidy and Clare Graham for their efforts and support.

Finally, a reminder that we are continuing to look for ways to raise funds to run our Club. Our annual fundraising event is a Casino Night to be held at Greythorn Primary School on Sat 25th July I encourage you to keep this evening free as I am sure it will be an eventful evening. If you are in any doubt take a look at photo's from last years event on our website www.greythornfalcons.com.au. Anne Corboy is coordinating the night and fundraising generally- so please contact her directly for ideas or contributions.

Good luck to all players and coaches as the season continues to unfold - and to the parents - enjoy.

That's all from me..

Go Falcons !

James Houston
The President

Breaking news....

A big thank-you to Anne Corboy (and the U12's and U14's parents) for organising the Falcons inaugural family BBQ night last Sunday. From all accounts in was a huge success and we look forward to the next ones currently scheduled for 28th June, 19th July and the 16th August.

Thanks also to Roundabout Quality Meats, 391a Belmore Road, who generously donated a meat tray for the raffle on the night and will support each event in 2009.

Any parents (but particularly club officials) who would like to join a Level 2 **First Aid training course** on the 15th and 18th June 2009 please contact Bill Damm ASAP on 0409 867 239. The club pays for up to 12 members to undergo training as it is a requirement to have at least two qualified First Aider's at each game. This is a good opportunity to improve your knowledge and help your club.

Some **331 teams** entered the YJFL competition in April 2009, an increase of 10% from last season. With most of these in the lower age group, particularly Tackers, Junior AFL is clearly alive and well in the state of Victoria.

Boroondara City Council recently held a Sustainable Sports Surfaces seminar at its Camberwell Municipal offices and a follow-up report on what the participants debated will be presented in our next edition.

Greythorn Football Club has a fine history of providing elite players for the YJFL Representative Teams. This year again, Tom Cutler has honoured the Club with selection in the YJFL Division 1 U14 Team. With our U14's starting the season in Green Division, for Tom to make the Division 1 Team is a fantastic achievement.

This is in addition to Tom also playing representative basketball. Tom will play a number of games in June and will no doubt impress those attending with his fantastic athleticism. Well done Tom & good luck.



Good luck also to the U14 boys who will be involved in the Oakleigh Chargers Football Camp in the July school holidays. This will be a great experience for the boys and we are sure they will benefit greatly.

The Falcons have resubmitted its application for Silver accreditation from the Yarra Junior

Football League and anticipate to be granted this significant status in June 2009.

THE SEASON AHEAD

Our 2009 season commenced on Sunday 19th April. This year, there will be 15 games in the regular season. No matches will be played on the Queens Birthday weekend (Sunday 7th June) and during the Interleague on the 5th July.

Greythorn has fielded 9 teams:

- Tackers 1 no grade
- Tackers 2 no grade
- Under 10s Brown
- Under 11s Green
- Under 12s Gold
- Under 13s Brown
- Under 14s Brown
- Under 15s Section 3
- Colts Section 4

Season timetable is as follows:

5th April	DAG Shield
19th April	Season Commencement - Round 1
26th April	Round 2
3rd May	Round 3
10th May	Round 4
17th May	Round 5 & Tackers' Day
24th May	Round 6
31st May	Round 7
7th June	Queen's Birthday Weekend - No Matches
14th June	Round 8
21st June	Round 9
28th June	Round 10
5th July	School Holidays - No Matches
12th July	Round 11
19th July	Round 12
26th July	Round 13
2nd August	Round 14
9th August	Round 15
16th August	Semi Finals
23rd August	Preliminary Finals
30th August	Grand Finals



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(Yarra Board):
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David Boyd

(Yarra Admin):
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SHORT HISTORY OF GREYTHORN



A layout of Greythorn in 1954 with Greythorn Park on the far right and Greythorn Rd on the far left.

The name Whitethorn was associated with the Towt family in the 1860s and for a while was the name of the main road through the area. It was changed after a short time to avoid confusion with Whitehorse and became *Grey* (Greythorn) instead.

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: Peter Kessler
Nicole Higgins
John Baston
Neale Peters
Gerard Whelan
John Verbi
Bill Damm
Anne Corboy

Front Row: Jon Hrbek
Leigh Cronin
James Houston
Frank Donolli
Paul Tate

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

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Frank Donolli 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

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

**GREYTHORN FOOTBALL CLUB WOULD LIKE TO
THANK THE FOLLOWING COMPANIES FOR THEIR SUPPORT IN 2009:**



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