



# FALCON NEWS



*A Football Victoria endorsed 'Silver Quality Club'*

**Greythorn Football Club Newsletter**

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## 2008 SEASON UNDERWAY



### **THE PRES SAYS:**

Here we go again!! It only seems like a few weeks ago that Bill Thiel's Invincibles were carrying away the Premiership Flag, yet we are already well advanced in our planning for Season 2008 with Round 1 scheduled for April 13th .

Thanks to the terrific planning of our local council, the City of Booroondarra, it looks as if our grounds will be well prepared for the season ahead. It was not too long ago that other Councils were mocking Booroondarra for siting large water tanks at sporting fields. Thanks to our Council, Greythorn Park & Gordon Barnard have both been re-sewn with drought-proof grass that should ensure a good playing surface well into the future.

You will no doubt notice the work going on at Greythorn Park. Again, thanks to the City Of Booroondarra, we are well advanced with the refurbishment of the Greythorn Park pavilion. Apart from being re-roofed and refitted, the council is moving the canteen to the front of the building so that even if you are doing your duty in the canteen, you can still watch your child playing for the Mighty Falcons. Other improvements will include much needed new public toilets and a new umpire's changing room with external access providing a safer location for our valuable umpires. We will also have a glassed front on the western side and greater coverage from the elements too. All in all it will provide a much more welcoming environment for our players and families.

### **Parent Survey**

Many thanks to those of you who contributed to our first ever on-line survey. Thanks also to Richard Martin for setting up the facility. With nearly 40 respondents, we now have some valuable feedback on how our parents view issues such as the

capping of player numbers, player rostering, game time and our club song. The first 3 of these issues created much angst last season at our club, as they do at most other clubs. Your Committee is in place to ensure the Club runs in a smooth and fair manner as well as to represent our member families and their opinions. For this reason, we have used the data received to formulate new workable policies based on the feedback received.

### **Age Group Policy**

While on the topic of policies, I would like to remind you that it is club policy that players play in the age group specific to their age. While we understand players may wish to “play up” an age group to be with friends, the Club feels that this is outweighed by the issues of safety and fairness to all teams and their coaches. This is especially the case when player numbers are an issue. This policy was successfully implemented last year with the Tackers and will continue on through the club this year. Players currently playing in a higher age group will be permitted to continue, but we would ask them and their parents to discuss with coaches what might be best for both their football development and sensible player numbers.

### **The Season Ahead**

It looks as if we will have a full 16 rounds this season. Fixtures will be posted on our website as soon as the YJFL make them available, so make sure you check out our website regularly [www.greythornfalcons.com.au](http://www.greythornfalcons.com.au).

As usual, we will be fielding teams at all age levels, including the continuation of 2007’s big hit, the KGU. After a rocky start, KGU was a great success in 2007 and hopefully the players under Howard Mitchell’s guidance will go even further this year.

A reminder that after Round 4, all team gradings are reassessed and teams that are obviously playing too high or low will be regraded to ensure more even competitions.

### **Parent Responsibilities**

It is an appropriate time to remind all parents of their responsibilities with regard to Greythorn Football Club and to junior football in general. In registering your child as a player at Greythorn, you have agreed to abide by our Parent’s Code of Conduct. (available on the website) In essence you are agreeing to support players from both teams, and the umpire, in an appropriate manner. This includes refraining from using inappropriate

language towards players, parents and umpires.

Each year we read in the papers about “ugly parents”. These parents invariably have forgotten what junior sport is all about – a family environment, where young people can grow in positive surroundings. That does not include “hoonish”behaviour. Carrying on like a pork chop not only embarrasses yourself, but also your child and your club.

So please, applaud both teams, support the umpires and put your hand up to volunteer. In the words used by the AFL’s Kids First Program – “we’re not playing for sheep stations”.

### **Southern Cross**

We will again be supporting the Southern Cross Youth Initiative with \$5 from each registration going to this worthy program.

The Southern Cross Youth Initiative (SCYI) is designed to provide a one-year residential high school for teens 13 to 17 years old who have had problematic substance abuse behavior.

The special school at the Southern Cross - Gippsland Campus (SSC-G) aims to restore the dignity, self-confidence, self-respect and educational and vocational participation of its students as drug-independent members of society. The program engages with students through a number of phases over a 24-month period. The first year is residential, and the second year is a live-out program that supports and monitors the student.

Our Club applauds the work that Southern Cross are doing and will support them wherever we are able.

## **GREYTHORN FOOTBALL CLUB SUPPORTS THE SOUTHERN CROSS YOUTH INITIATIVE**



Southern Cross Youth Initiative Cabin



Southern Cross  
Aerial Photograph

### **Footy Boots – clear out the wardrobe for DAG Shield Day**

Last season we launched our inaugural Footy Boot Drive. In total, we collected 64 pairs of footy boots that went to the housing commission flats in the City of Yarra to families who could not afford their own footy boots.

This year we will be collecting boots as part of Camberwell Grammar's involvement with the Clontarf Foundation which exists to improve the life skills and self esteem of young aboriginal men in Darwin, Alice Springs and the Tiwi Islands.

We will be collecting boots (in reasonable condition please, ie washed) on April 6<sup>th</sup>, DAG Shield Day, but they can also be passed onto your Team Manager for forwarding to Luellen Urwin up until Round 4.

### **New Club Song**

One of the questions posed in our on-line survey asked "do you think we need a new club song?" This was in response to the recent trend for our older age teams developing their own songs due to not wanting to sing "we're the mighty Falcons.." The majority of respondents felt that we should change the club song.

Our new club song is to the tune of the Essendon song.

**See the Falcons fly up, up!  
To win the premiership flag.  
We proudly wear the red, white & blue,  
United we stand, in all that we do!  
See the Falcons fly up, up,  
The other teams we don't fear.  
We will try our best,  
At the Falcon's nest,  
See the Falcons fly up!**

Thanks to all who contributed to the survey.

### **DAG Shield On Again**

Some of you will recall what a great day we had in 2006 when we ran the 1<sup>st</sup> ever DAG Shield day with Doncaster. Well it's on again this year thanks to the good condition of Greythorn Park.

Due to Doncaster not fielding U13 this season, Beverley Hills have kindly agreed to supply a team in this age group.

A reminder that the shield goes to the club with the highest aggregate score over the day, so make sure you play your game out to the end to ensure we **HOLD ONTO THE SHIELD.**

To fit in 8 games is a huge undertaking, so please ensure you are ready to go at the scheduled time for your team – speak to your Team Manager.

We will be running a sausage sizzle and drinks stall along with selling club apparel so **PARENTS** please make yourselves available to help out – don't hide, or hope you won't be tracked down – we will find you.

Take the chance to update your gear by purchasing the latest club apparel – a cap, beanie, polo shirt or fleecy top.

### **Partnerships**

Fletchers are continuing their generous partnership with the Falcons this year, for which we are very grateful. Without their support of our club, we would not be able to provide the wonderful facilities and equipment we all enjoy.

Due to natural attrition (ie kids no longer at our club), we need to enlist some more Bronze Partners so we can continue on our pathway to success.

If you have your own business, or work for a local business, or even just work, please make contact with Rainer Vogel to see how your company can benefit from a mere \$275 investment.

You notice we don't call it a donation, because becoming a Bronze Partner of the Falcons is a wise business decision.

Increase your profile within the local community, and profit from the partnership.

Call Rainer Vogel on 9857 5664 a/h.

## Thank You

To all those who have volunteered to coach, team manage, train or just be there to help out (without needing to be asked), THANK YOU on behalf of the players and Committee.

Wishing you all an enjoyable and successful 2008 Season.

**Justin Urwin**  
**The President**

## *Breaking news....*

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 2008 at the Eastern Golf Club from 7pm to 9pm.



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 excel and we are seeing some extraordinary results being achieved each week, both at auction and private sale.

The start of 2008 has seen a real shortage of quality property and with the interest rates remaining steady with no change in the foreseeable future, 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.

News of note is that Fletchers have expanded further, opening our sixth office, this one in Northcote, which means our reach captures even more buyers for our properties.

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

### **YARRA JUNIOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE UMPIRES ASSOCIATION**

The Yarra Junior Football League is a great football competition to start your umpiring career

The Association has an excellent umpiring training program and a high standard of football.

### **FOOTBALL UMPIRING IS A GREAT WAY TO...**

**Earn good money and Get fit  
YOU CAN CONTINUE TO PLAY FOOTBALL WITH  
YOUR CLUB AS WELL AS UMPIRE**

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\$60 - \$70[Boundary-2 Games])**

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Yarra Junior Football League in 2008

**Geoff Deveson (Umpires Advisor): 98427207  
0421097703**

## **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 2008 SEASON**

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.**

- **President**  
Justin Urwin 9898 9830
- **Secretary**  
Leigh Cronin 9890 9433
- **Treasurer**  
Sean Senior 9830 1463
- **Registrar**  
Jon Hrbek. 9857 9558
- **League Director**  
Phil Simon 9898 8163

## Committee

**Equipment & Properties**  
Tim Cameron 9898 1330

**Marketing & Partnerships**  
Rainer Vogel 9857 5664

**Newsletters, Trophies**  
Peter Kessler 9836 8364

**Risk Management, Safety, Auskick**  
Neale Peters 9857 9174

**Ground Committee, Minutes Secretary**  
Nicole Higgins 9857 5388

**Fund Raising, Social**  
Vanessa Houston 9857 7691

**Coaches & Team Managers Liaison**  
Bill Damm 9857 5051

## FALCONS CLOTHING

Last season we introduced a number of initiatives regarding clothing items.



### ON OFFER THIS YEAR:

- **Tee Shirts – \$15.00** We have limited quantities of shirts in all sizes
- **Fleecy Tops - \$40.00** Falcons fleecy tops are in a bright royal blue to match the predominant colour of our guernseys. New stock is being ordered and will include children's sizes.
- **Jackets -** Currently out of stock.
- **Polo tops - \$30.00** Quality Polo tops in red (adult sizes only).
- **Beanies - \$15.00** Kids sizes only.
- **Caps - \$15.00** One size fits all.

Purchase of these items will be possible from the GFC Canteen during home games but outside game breaks ie. during off peak times.

## GREYTHORN PLAYERS YJFL Awards

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

### Dan Houston



- YJFL – Best & Fairest
- Under 10 – Section Green
- YJFL – Best on Ground in Grand Final

### Sam Cust

- YJFL – Third Best & Fairest
- Under 15 – Section 2
- Winner – Inaugural AFL Premiership Players Club, Encouragement Award



**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.**

GREYTHORN FALCON'S FOOTBALL CLUB  
ANNUAL DINNER DANCE

FRIDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2008

AT MANNINGHAM FUNCTION CENTRE ON DONCASTER HILL

MARK THIS DATE IN YOUR DIARY NOW!

70s and 80s theme





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

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Peter Dinkov



Above image: Screen shot of My Sportzstats Diary.

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