

Hawthorn Football Club

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MEMBERSHIP TARGET: 350

CURRENT: 229

Dear Members,

Welcome to our first edition of our newsletter for 2018.

We wish the team all the very best of luck as they move into the season proper and hope it is another successful year ahead. A lot of work has been done during the off-season. We have been working with the club to assist in raising our profile to not only our current paid up members but also those who have never been, or have fallen behind for whatever reason. We currently have 225 paid up members which is slightly up on the same time last year. Our aim is to provide more frequent communications via our website, Facebook page, other social media and our newsletter. We also aim to build on our current welfare fund to enable us to assist our people where possible.

I once again urge you all you to pay your **\$40.00 subscription** to help us achieve the goals we set and to encourage your teammates to pay the membership fee to join as well. This can be done by membership application on our website or at our online store at hawthornpastplayers.com.au. Those not able to access a computer please call Dave Wanless with payment details.

To the extent that we wish to build our membership base we will be sending out on all our media platforms over the next couple of months the players who are eligible for membership but for whom we do not have any contact details. If you are able to assist with a contact number, email or address we would be grateful for your assistance. It is the view of the committee that we should be able to elevate the profile of our organisation to being one of the best, if not the best, past playing bodies in the competition. A body that enables players and officials to maintain a level of communication with their peers long after they have left the club. We need your help to ensure we get there. **JOIN NOW.**

You will have read in the papers that the AFLPA have secured a fantastic deal for past players in the field of welfare. The AFLPA Injury and Hardship fund represents one of the most significant benefits for past players in the history of the competition. We have worked closely with the AFLPA over many years to the benefit of many of our players and have a terrific relationship with them. All those who have played one senior game are eligible for AFLPA assistance. Over the next few weeks we will be sending out more information in regards to this fund and what it covers, however we urge everyone who is not a member of the AFLPA to join for a one off fee of \$50.00, \$25 for concession. It is so much easier for us to assist you when you are a paid up member of both groups. More information on this welfare program is to come shortly. Watch this space.

On a more sombre note it is with great sadness that we start the year without our long time Treasurer Bobby Calwell. Bob passed away with a lung related illness back on the 16 of March. He worked with us as Treasurer for over 25 years, counting the beans and ensuring all our finances were in tip top shape, and a further 30 years as a committee member and worker. We never had any concerns about his work and he approached every task in a professional and efficient manner. Beyond that he was a great friend to us all, with a terrific sense of humour and a continuous voice of reason particularly when difficult subjects were tabled and opinions were divided. A great Hawthorn man and an even better bloke. To Val and the family we offer our sincerest condolences. RIP Bob.

Go Hawks

Yours Sincerely,

John Kennedy Jnr

2017 GENERATIONS LUNCHEON

Another great event enjoyed by all who attended. Congratulations to Bob Keddie and Greg Madigan for their services to both the club and our Association. Both very worthy recipients of a framed playing guernsey.



Greg Madigan receiving his jumper from speaker Andy Gowers



James Bennett, Anne and Shane Murphy



Guest speaker and mad Hawk supporter James Tomkins



Huddo, presenting Bob Keddie his well-deserved jumper



Ian and Sue Bremner, Bruce and Julia Stephenson



Scotty, Pete Russo and James Tomkins



Past Players Nick Burke, Scotty Maginness, Andy Gowers, their guests Matt Clunies-Ross, Tony Japp and of course Richard "Dickie" Loveridge.

GOLF DAY NOV 2017

Terrific day held at Kingswood Golf Club. As always a very competitive event with Team (Andy) Collins just falling short this year on an attempted back to back win but finishing with a respectable second. No one remembers who comes second in anything Collo! Congratulations to Mick Johnston, Kris Barlow, Troy Wilson and Craig Taylor on their win this year.

A huge thankyou to our major sponsors for the day in former player Mick Johnson from All Weather Blinds and Darren Bodey from Bendigo Bank. Also Bryan Horskins for his continuous generous support of our Association. (Oberon Lodge and Golf package).

Paul Chodziesner From Ricoh Australia and past player Alan Goad – Affinity Golf



Brad Sewell , Paul Chodzeisner, Simon Taylor and Michael Osbourne



Bryan Horskins, Michael Blood, Terry Gay and Don Scott



Winners are Grinners - Kris Barlow, Mick Johnson, Troy Wilson and Craig Taylor



Greg Madigan, Rodney Rocket Eade, Ian Dunne



Robbie Peers, Shane Murphy and Nick Burne

HAWK WHISPER

Who was it, that when crawling under fence to round up a few stray cattle last year, put his knee on a wasp nest and ended up being stung 30-40 times. They tell me his right leg looked like the cover of a cigarette packet.
Very sore Secretary!

JOHN HENDRIE ON HOLIDAYS

Nice Work Bomber

Hi Guys,

Had a visit to the Barcelona FC in Spain.. "Had a chat with their CEO, and asked if they needed an "experienced, creative forward"... he said that with Messi, Neymar, Suarez, and a few others they are probably ok for now!... but thanks for dropping by Bomber!

These guys get over £260,000 a week (Messi 365)... after massive sign on fees, plus double this in endorsements. The clubs merchandise "Mall" is like a small shopping centre, and the marquee players have a whole large department designated to their individual branded merchandise. More unbelievable was the fact that there are queues 100m long to get in, and long queues at the register waiting to pay.

Safe home now and all good.
Trust that you are all well.

Cheers



OUR FEARLESS LEADER

We all know that he was a fierce competitor on the field but perhaps he has met his match aboard this beast Still... not bad for 70 years young.

Remember one wise old man used to say Don "anything above the shoulders doesn't matter!"

Keep up the good work Scotty.



WHO IS THIS PAST PLAYER?

CLUE - Wore No 3. Recent hall of Famer. Very chauvinistic!



UPCOMING EVENTS

78/88/08 REUNIONS

Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th of June

Organised by the Hawthorn Football Club

To book your seat visit the HFC Corporate Hospitality website at:

<http://hfccorporatehospitality.com.au/meetings/event-detail?ID=3325>

PUB NIGHT

Thursday 27th of September (Thursday prior to the 2018 Grand Final)

GOLF DAY

Friday 23rd of November

AFLPA MEMBERSHIP

The one off \$50 membership fee (\$25 for concession card holders) for all players who have played one senior game has valuable benefits. These include:

- > Access to AFL Medical Officers Association members who will bulk bill for consultations
- > Discount offers for car and health insurance
- > Reimbursement of health insurance fund excess payments
- > Free Drake Training Courses
- > Health and Welfare financial support through the Geoff Pryor Hardship Fund

If you would like more information on the Geoff Pryor Hardship Fund contact HFC PP&O Secretary, David Wanless (M) **0499 191 377** or email **dwanless@wanjoangus.com.au**

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