



Images from our new rooms

AFL PLAYERS' ALUMNI MEMBERSHIP FORM

Please send completed forms to: Sports House, Level 2, 375 Albert Road, Albert Park, VIC 3206

Name: DOB:/...../.....
 Address:
 Suburb: State: Postcode:
 Phone: Mobile:
 Email:

VFL/AFL Playing History:

1. VFL/AFL Club(s):
 Games: Final Year:
 2. VFL/AFL Club(s):
 Games: Final Year:
 3. VFL/AFL Club(s):
 Games: Final Year:

Which AFL Club Past Player Association are you most connected with?

If you're not a member of an AFL Club Past Player Association, would you like to be sent their membership form? YES NO

Cost of Membership:

2011 retiring or delisted player	\$395
2011 retiring or delisted rookie	\$192.50
Retired player before 2011	\$50
Retired player before 2011 (pensioner)	\$25

This fee is payable only at the commencement of the Membership and entitles the applicant to membership and all applicable Alumni Membership benefits until the membership is terminated by the AFL Players' Association or the Player in accordance with the rules of the AFL Players' Association.

Payment Details:

Credit Card (Please tick)
 Type of card: VISA MASTERCARD

Credit Card Number:

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Cardholder's Name

Cardholder's Signature

OR

Pay by Cheque

Please make cheques payable to AFL Players' Association

Signed by the applicant:

Date:/...../.....

Applicant referred by:

Print Name:

Contact number:

Past Player Association:

Authorisation

I acknowledge and agree that the information will only be used in accordance with AFL Players' Association Privacy Policy. For further information on the AFL Players' Association Privacy Policy contact the Privacy Officer at the AFL Players' Association.



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Presidents Report

Having passed the half way mark of the footy season, all seems to be going well on the playing arena in regard to seeking another alternative year trophy. Likewise with the Past Players & Officials Club, great enjoyment is being derived from our new, state of the art clubrooms within the Players stand. It is opportune for me at this stage to thank a few people who have helped immensely, our task in transitioning from our old premises into our new permanent home. Firstly, the GFC board have been most considerate in promoting the importance of the Past Player involvement as an integral part of the greater club and even when budget cuts to the Players stand were necessitated, the Past Players rooms were not affected. The Geelong Cricket Club were also co-operative during our temporary year of residence in their rooms during 2012. Staff members Sarah Albon, Sharron Dickman, Simone Bellears and Nathan Tweddle were also most helpful in helping us settle in to our new purpose rooms.

Also I must recognise the great work of Brian Chirgwin in setting up the hospitality area together with Russ Renfrey and Mark Yeates who did some excellent marketing work in the off season. In fact the whole board are very active in trying to make the place as comfortable and welcoming as possible for our members.

That has been borne out in the fact that our membership has grown considerably, aided and abetted, I believe, by the staging of night games at Simonds Stadium and our new, improved facilities. We are getting visits from ex-players who have not been near the place since they cleaned out their locker.

Among our more recent visitors was Ian Nankervis, now a Queensland resident and our games record holder with 325 games and his brother Bruce with 253 games to his credit. A remarkable family feat.

It would be noted I'm sure, that no longer are members asked to buy raffle tickets at our home game, but we still do have to keep up some fund raising activities. To that end we are running a SILENT AUCTION of a framed fully autographed Cats jumper which will be won by the highest bidder at half time of the last home game. Bids can start immediately, so I encourage members to be active in this regard.

Finally, on behalf of the board of the Past Players & Officials Club we thank you for your support and look forward to seeing you at remaining games at Kardinia Park.

Brian Brushfield
 President

After the game, the 80 year history of the Geelong Past Player and Officials Club.

About the Author Susan Kruss.

Susan Kruss is a fourth-generation Australian. She was born in Wodonga and grew up in various parts of Victoria including Melbourne, Ballarat and Ararat. After studying history and philosophy at LaTrobe University in the 1970s, Susan lived in northern England for two years. She returned to Australia where she had three children (home births), completed a Graduate Certificate in Social Sciences at Monash University and a Graduate Diploma in Education.

Susan Kruss' first book of poetry, *The Meaning of Wood* (Five Islands Press, April 2003) was shortlisted for the Ann Elder Award. Her second book, *Calico Ceilings: The Women of Eureka* (Five Islands Press) was published in November 2004 and launched at the Eureka 150 Democracy Conference at the University of Ballarat.

Susan's other writing credits include four crime short stories published in anthologies by Artemis Press, 13 text guides for senior English recently acquired by Cambridge University Press, and numerous newspaper articles and book reviews. She began writing in 1991 and her poems have been published in *The Age* as well as literary magazines and anthologies in Australia, the United Kingdom and the United States.

Her professional work has included journalism, secondary teaching, editing, research, writing and instructional design.



ALUMNI.

The board of the Past Players strongly urge all eligible members to join ALUMNI. Our delegates to the combined Past Players and Officials Association Ray Card and Peter Falconer together with delegates of other clubs have worked hard to improve the lot of all players who have played at least one senior game of league football.

Alumni is a lifelong support network (formally known as AFLPA Past Player Association).

It costs a one off fee of \$50 (\$25 for pensioners).

"The AFL Players 'Alumni is designed to provide benefits to past players and recognise their contribution to our game. You qualify if you have played one VFL/AFL game during your career.

I don't know of any other network that provides such tangible benefits that the Alumni network does. I know as a player who has been out of the game for a long time that my membership fee has already come back ten fold. So if you're not a member get on board or, if you are, refer a teammate who isn't (a member) to join today." Frank Goode (North Melbourne Past Player Delegate).

ALUMNI JOINING FORM on back of newsletter.

Coming Events.

Opening Past Players rooms.

Book launch.

Past Players golf day at Barwon Heads Golf Links October 25.

Ambrose event 8-30 shotgun start.

Past Players breakup dinner Premiership room Simmonds Stadium November.

Combined Past Players Bowls day Altona Sunday November 17 2013.

ANNUAL Golf Day

Location: Barwon Heads Golf Club (Rated No 21 in Australia)

Date: Friday 25 th October 2013

Time: 8.30 shotgun start

Cost: \$110 per person, 440 per team entry

Dress: No demin, collared shirt

Details: 4 ball Ambrose. All inclusive: green fees and lunch. Drinks at bar prices.

Enquiries & RSVP: Brian Brushfield 0419 550 536 or Eric Nicholls 0402 813 424.



PAST PLAYERS BREAKUP.

To be held in November in the Captains Room Simmonds Stadium. Bookings for tables of eight.

Bowls Report

KEN MCKAIGE AFL BOWLS DAY.

Will again be held at Altona Bowls Club on Sunday November 17. See Wayne Hovey manager.




Tim McGrath Fund Raiser

Friday 22 November 2013

Flanagan Room
Simmonds Stadium

"Mates make the
best defence"

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Brownlow Medal

The History and Tradition Committee along with the Past Players are thrilled that the owner of the first ever Brownlow Medal has loaned it to us. The cabinet is ready. Charles Brownlow of whom the Brownlow Medal is named after passed away in 1924.

Fittingly, the first Brownlow Medal was won by the Geelong Footballer Edward Greeves Jrn. Better known by his nickname "Carji" Greeves he won the award with 7 votes over George Shorten (Essendon) and Bert Chadwick (Melbourne) 6 votes each. At this time a single vote was given to the player judged the best player on the ground. Greeves was awarded 7 votes from just 14 games played. Amazingly, he remains one of the youngest ever winners of the award, at just 21 years of age. His team, the Geelong Football Club received the most votes with 11 in total. However the club missed the finals in 1924. Unlike the modern televised extravaganza the Brownlow Medal was presented to Greeves at the headquarters of the VFL without much fanfare at all. The Geelong Football Club Best and Fairest award is named the "Carji" Greeves Medal out of respect of his achievement ironically he never won the Best and Fairest award at his own club. Greeves a star centre man wearing the number 20 Guernsey, played 137 games over a decade from 1923 was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 1996.

Defibrillator.

Recently the Past Players were successful in receiving a free defibrillator from the Community Care Chemist. Russell Renfrey accepted it on our behalf. It is fixed to a Column near the staff kitchenette. Several Board members have been instructed in its use, however if the need arises door security should be alerted to contact the St Johns Brigade and the defib placed near the patient.

Dementia.

Improving the memories of people with dementia does not have to involve arduous training, complicated approaches, or tough regimes. It simply requires a caring attitude, an understanding of the needs of people with dementia, and a belief that it is possible to improve both their quality of life and memory.

With this in mind the Past Players board voted to assist the "Cats in the Community program" by financing the cost of placing a book with photos that may stimulate the minds of patients in 20 nursing homes in the Geelong area. Carer's will be able to sit with patients and turn pages.

Fees.

Members are reminded that if you bring a guest into the rooms there is a fee. If seats are available the cost is \$35-00. Before the game and half time you will be required to buy a guest ticket which will cost \$20-00. Ring Eric on Thursdays and match days 0458 824 880

