

Past Players 2014 Get Together



Darren Flanigan, Bill McMaster, John Mossop, Malcolm Reed.



Alistair Lord, Bob Gartland, Gordon Hynes.



Tim McGrath, Gail Thompson, Paula Allen, Kelly Wainewright.



Gary Goggin, Les Borrack, Fred Le Deux, Laurel Goggin.



Peter Johnston, Terry Bright, Geoff Miles, Darren Morgan, Mark Yeates.



Coral Menzies, Iva Renfrey. Danny Lannen, Russell Renfrey.



Elliot Goblett , (Jack Levi)



Wendy Maddock, Julie Ann Bews, Maureen Whitcombe.



Laurel Goggin, Andrew Bews, Malcolm Reed.

Brain Drain (Example: 12 = M in a Y Answer: 12 Months in a Year)

It's Christmas time so we have a little something different, so try this on for size - no football answers here!!

26 = L of the A	_____
7 = W of the W	_____
12 = S of the Z	_____
9 = P of the S S	_____
88 = K on a P	_____
12 = K of the R T	_____
18 = H on a G C	_____
90 = D in a R A	_____
64 = S on a C B	_____
200 = D for P G in M	_____
54 = C in a D (w t j)	_____
8 = S on a S S	_____
57 = H V	_____
29 = D in F in a L Y	_____
3 = B M - S h t r	_____
24 = H in a D	_____
6 = B to a O in C	_____
15 = M on a D M C	_____
13 = L in a B D	_____
1000 Y in a M	_____

**Your Score: (20) -You are a genius (10-19) - Sharp as a Tack (5-10) - You're slowing down
(1-5) - Time to give up the grog (0) - What can we Say?**



Season 2014

Geelong Past Players & Officials Newsletter

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*The president and committee would like to wish all members, patrons and supporters
A Merry Christmas & A Happy and Safe New Year.*



Presidents Report

As we approach the end of the 2014 year, our Past Players & Officials organization can feel pride in the accomplishments of another successful season. Our numbers continue to gradually increase,our club facilities are the envy of all other kindred clubs and more Past Players from different generations continue to visit us during the season. However, there are still more that we would like to see ,particularly from the 2000-10 era.

It's your club.....use it.

With one more game scheduled for the2015 season, together with a State political promise to fund a further, final development of the Simonds Stadium complex to the tune of \$70M ,there is excitement in the corridors of power at Kardinia Park.

Our club funded publication of a "Reminiscence Book"distributed to various Retirement homes in the Geelong area.It was done in co-operation with Alzheimer's Australia and has proved a great success in stimulating the thought processes of those afflicted with the disease. It features the heroics of past Geelong players strutting their stuff at Kardinia Park in years gone by.

A reminder also of our publication "After the Game"..... history of 80 years of the Past Players & Officials Club. If you've played for the club, then your name will be in the book. A great Christmas read and available at the Cats shop.

Other Activities:

- Our annual Golf day was held once again at Barwon Heads Golf Club in late October. It was a great day attended by 70 players who enjoyed an excellent golf course, excellent dinner and a brilliant address by pro golfer Jarrod Lyle. The Ambrose winners were all members of the 1963 Reserves Premiership team, namely John Eastgate, Bill Salter, Laurie DeGoldi and our current treasurer Eric Nicholls.
- Success also followed at the combined AFL Past Players Bowls Day where our team of Frank Pomeroy, Bill Dalziel, Peter Falconer and John Hyde held the Ken McKaige trophy up on high.
- Finally,we are surging into the 21st century with plans afoot to create our own dedicated Website commencing at the start of next season. Local IT expert and former Geelong player Marty Christiansen together with board member Mark Yeates are driving this project.

Watch this space.



Christmas greetings to all who support the Geelong Past Players & Officials Club

Brian Brushfield



The AFL Health and Wellbeing Services

This is an update of the distributions made to the Health and Wellbeing services offered by The AFL Player's Association to former players on behalf of the Alumni program and the AFL Club Past Player Associations.

Alumni Membership information and program update.

Hospital Excess Reimbursements: Assisted 688 Alumni members (across VFL/AFL) since 2008 - Total of \$310,000.

Geoff Pryor Hardship Grants

Assisted 93 Alumni members (across VFL/AFL) since 2008
Total of \$300,581

Players Trust - (Introduced 2014)

Assisted 2 Alumni members (across VFL/AFL) so far in 2014
Total of \$25,000

Bulk Billing of General Practitioners

Assisted nearly 100 Alumni members (across VFL/AFL) so far in 2014

Wellbeing Counselling and support

Assisted 56 Alumni members so far in 2014 – Total of \$26,500

Concussion Screening

Over 500 Alumni members (across VFL/AFL) have already completed the initial stage of the Concussion Screening process and they will now have access to full brain testing and scanning (pending results of first (and second) stage.)

The board of the Past Players encourage all players who have played one senior game to join Alumni a one of payment of \$50-00, \$25-00 for pensioners.



Golf Report.

This day continues to be an outstanding success. 70 members enjoyed a great day playing at Barwon Heads for trophies supplied by John Rafferty, Ron Hosking and Ben Stewart of which the Club is very grateful.

The winner of the longest drive was Steve Johnson and 63 reserve premiership players John Eastgate, Laurie De Goldie, Eric Nicholls and Bill Salter won the Ambrose event. Jarod Lyle was a very entertaining guest speaker. We wish Jarod a speedy return to the Golf circuit.



Bowls Report.

Geelong Past Players again entered two teams in the Combined Bowls Day played at Altona incorporating the Ken McKaig Shield. In 20 years Geelong have been successful in this competition 4 times. Frank Pomeroy has successfully skippered 3 sides while John Hyde and Bill Dalziel have played in two. This year a side including John Hyde, Bill Dalziel, Wayne Hovey and Frank Pomeroy were the winners along the way beating Melbourne, Footscray, Essendon and the Geelong No 2 team.



The 2nd side comprised Peter Falconer, Peter Menzies, Russell Middlemiss and David Abahemson won one game.

Vale

Geoff Umbers 7 Day games, 2 Goals.

Norman Sharp Selected 1952 premiership team, GFC best and fairest 1954, 88 Day games, 29 Goals.

Trevor Elsworthy loyal supporter and donor to the Past Players.

Annual General Meeting

The Annual meeting of the Geelong Past Players and Officials Club will be held on Monday February 3 in the club rooms. The meeting will commence at 7-30 pm when all Board positions will be declared vacant.

Web-Site.

Websites are one of the single most powerful tools a sporting club or community based organisation can have in its marketing arsenal to promote itself and provide information to members. We are indeed fortunate and very thankful to have the expertise of former player Martin Christensen a local IT expert who along with board member Mark Yeates have identified a designer. We are told that putting up a website is not a difficult thing to do; putting up a website that ranks on Google is a very different story. So as our President said in his report watch this space.

Window Decals- Past Players and Officials Rooms.

The 13 external windows of the rooms are to have images of former players replacing the white film that exists now. From inside the rooms you will be able to see out but you will not be able to see in.

Nathan Tweddle.

Since moving into the new club rooms the Past Players have been extremely fortunate to have been helped by a dynamic duo, Deakin Cats Community Centre Manager Nathan Tweddle and his assistant Kelly Wainewright. Shortly Nathan will take up a new position in the football section as Facilities and Training Co-ordinator. We thank Nathan and wish him well with his new appointment and look forward to continue to work with Kelly.

Minor changes To Room Exhibition for 2015.

1925 Premiership 90th Anniversary, 90th Anniversary of Ford as GFC sponsor, Geelong Cheer Squad, 100th Anniversary of Cliff Rankin's playing debut (1915), 75th Anniversary of Reg Hickey's last league match at Corio Oval, 50th Anniversary of debut of Club youngest player Ken Newland (1955) Life Members, Anzac 100th Anniversary 1915, Brownlow Medallists, Matthew Scarlett display, on his elevation to Legend. ANZAC 100th Anniversary 1915.



Sharron Dickman, Maria D' Antino.



Martin Christensen, Pam Le Deux.



Gail Thompson, Paula Allen, Kelly Wainewright.

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