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August Sundowner



Auskick parents hosted the last Sundowner for the season on 21 August. On a cold but fine night, a good crowd of patrons turned out for a bit of socialising. The cuisine was Italian and Chef Toni Hunter did not let the crowd down with her fine selection of spaghetti bolognese, lasagne, pasta cabonara and vegetarian schnitzel. What a smorgasbord! Thanks Toni. Thanks also to Auskick Managers Stuart and Gavin for their organisation along with the Auskick parents on roster duties as well as the regular committee members who always assist. This was the last Sundowner for the 2009 season. On a sobering note, it appears we had another incident involving annoyance

of a neighbour by some players during the evening. Members are reminded that the privilege of having Sundowners can be taken away by the Council if there are complaints. During Sundowners we are all representing the Club and as part of the community, should ensure that this does not occur as per the guidelines sent with every Sundowner notice.

Trophy Day September 13th

Trophy Day will be held on Sunday 13 September commencing with a free sausage sizzle and cool drink for the players at 12pm followed by formal proceedings. We like to keep the event meaningful yet moving along so proceedings will occur between **12:30 and 1:15pm**. We will fire up the BBQ again for those players who did not get to the sausage sizzle before the event. Burgers will also be on sale as well as beverages for those who wish to stay a bit longer and reminisce about the season. Look out for further details from your team managers.



Presidents' Chat

As the season draws to a close, it is tempting to relax, reflect and unwind in the knowledge that next season is several months away, with a long hot summer in-between. As a club and committee, however, this time is when the work really starts to gear up again. Trophy Day and the Annual General Meeting (AGM) are the stepping stones to season 2010 and it's kick-off at Registration Day in late February. December and January is when the planning for the next season is done, so the cycle is continuous. I would like to take this opportunity to pay tribute to and thank all of our 2009 volunteers, especially our coaches, assistant coaches, team managers and committee members who are the glue that holds the fabric of this club together. For those of you who are parents of children who have not yet put your hand up for a volunteer position at the club, I would urge you to consider doing so for season 2010. We are all parents and we have a duty to share these responsibilities between us as the club cannot function without this support. All volunteer positions at the club become vacant at the AGM in October and all expressions of interest will be warmly welcomed. If you would like to contribute to the running of the club, or would like to enquire about the roles of the various positions, contact me on 0415 201 590 or Drew Gaynor on 0407 447 347. **Paul Moss - President**



50 Game Milestones



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Lost Something?

The lost and found box at the Club is overflowing. If you have lost an item have a look. After Trophy Day, its all going to charity.

Something for the Newsletter?

The September edition will be the last for 2009. Contact the Editor, Drew Gaynor on 0407 447 347 or

helengaynor@bigpond.com if you have something.

Want to know Club business?

Any member is most welcome to see Committee meeting minutes. A copy of the minutes will be supplied to you on request. We do not post them on the website as we do not have a secure section. Email Club Secretary Neale Billington on nealeb@iinet.net.au



Harry Thompson (above) started his association with the mighty Applecross Hawks in Auskick and has now notched up this 50th game. Up to the 12's, there were only two other Mt Pleasant Primary School boys in the team, but this year Harry has been surrounded with a lot of his old school mates from Mt Pleasant Primary. He enjoys catching up and playing with his team mates each season and has recently pointed out that he has an unblemished record as a goal kicker. He has kicked four straight / nil points in his career to date and there is a rumor that the 13's Gold always win when he has his kicking boots on. Keep that record going!

Tom Warr (above) started at Applecross in the Auskick program in 2005 and has been playing footy every year since then. Tom is an emerging Centre Half Back using his strength to good effect going straight through the packs. A long penetrating kick, Tom has repelled many an opposition attack from defence.

James Moss (above) started his football career in South-West Victoria and made his first appearance for the Hawks in 2004 after moving west with his family. In 2005, he switched codes and represented Melville City Soccer Club at the highest levels for a couple of seasons before switching back to AFL. James has completed 3 full seasons from 11s to 13s and is now consolidating his position as a nippy half back/ruck rover/small forward, depending upon his moods and what he can get away with on game day with the coaches! In 2009, he had a couple of niggling injuries, but always picked up a few possessions. His kicking accuracy is much improved and he will be an asset to the Club in coming seasons.



Cody Johnson (left) started in soccer, before giving rugby a go. He excelled in both but his mates from school were playing footy so he decided to try out with Booragoon in the 9s. Cody joined the AJFC this year in the 13s. He has great evasive skills avoiding many an attempted tackle along with having a terrific right and left kick.



Mark Halden (left) started his football career as an Auskick Bomber at the Attadale JFC in 2002. After a two season break, Mark joined the Hawks 9's. 2009 has seen Mark develop as a hard tackler with a solid hip and shoulder and a strong overhead mark. The last game of this season was his 50th game and a bonus to celebrate it as a home game at Gairloch.

Club Jacket Hand In

When we approached sponsors about sponsoring Club jackets, we estimated that the jackets would fit each player for about 2 years and by that time they would be well worn and faded. We have been surprised at the quality and resilience of the jackets with most looking like they could go another year or two. With a view of not wasting them and not going to sponsors to unnecessarily sponsor more new ones than what we need, we are asking parents of players in the **Competition teams (9s-16s)** to hand in the jackets if the payer has outgrown it, if the jackets are still in good order (ie-not torn or have stains on them) and you think they will go another year or so. The Club plans to seek sponsorship for new jackets for next year but it is expected with the hand in, we will need less and it's good to recycle. Hand in will be at **Trophy Day, 13 September**. We would like all players to wear their jackets on Trophy Day with hand in occurring after presentations. However, it would be great if the jacket could be washed prior to the day. See Drew Gaynor on the day who will register your returned jacket. He will set up a desk at the clubhouse after presentations.





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Proprietor of the Good Grocer, Ardross Street Applecross and IGA Canning Bridge, Greg Brindle has been a supporter of the AJFC for many years. IGA Canning Bridge offers convinnance shopping till late each evening. Recently refurbished, the Good Grocer, provides shoppers with a modern shopping experience and a wide range of products and fresh produce.



Ace Realty offers a personalised service backed up with over 30 years experience selling reality. Headed by long time supporter of the Club, Frank Sanchez, Ace Realty has a friendly and experienced team that can give you first rate service when buying or selling property in the area.



The Coffee Club offers a welcoming relaxed meeting place enriching contemporary lifestyle with good food, great service and excellent coffee.

The answer to "Where will I meet you?"

Our focus is our customers, both internal and external. Everything we do revolves around ensuring that our customers have positive and productive contact with us. We will take responsibility for our actions and actively promote a positive and satisfying environment. We constantly re-evaluate our services and actively listen to and act upon information for continuous improvement. We strive to be a leader in the industries of retail hospitality and franchising and actively recognise, encourage, nurture and promote innovative practice in all that we do and are involved with. The AJFC is sponsored by **Coffee Club Garden City**. Proprietor Karen Lewis invites you to take a moment to have a cuppa at the Coffee Club when next at Garden City.

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