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The Family Club

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Season 2008 is here!

Welcome to the March newsletter of the AJFC. For those boys, girls and families who are returning in 2008, welcome to another year.

For our new members to the AJFC, a big welcome. We provide a monthly newsletter about events and news at the club. This is distributed to the email address provided at registration. If you change your email address at any time please take a couple of minutes to advise the Club by emailing Jane Adamson at ajfcregistrar@iinet.net.au

We would like to particularly welcome all our new Auskick boys and girls. Auskick is as much a part of the club as the competition teams and this year we have had record numbers of registration. We will be looking forward to a great year with the Auskick group.

Junior football is about the players and parents having fun. We believe the AJFC is a friendly club that has the best interests of the players at heart. That is why we are known as the "Family Club".

AJFC is a part of the East Fremantle District which has a reputation as one of the best run junior football districts in the State.

Besides Auskick, this year the club will field teams in the 9s, 10s, 11s, 12s, 14s and 15s competitions.

Over a 16 week period, the 9s—15s teams will play "home and away" competition games. The 9s—12s teams play for participation and learning, with no finals while the 13s—17s teams play for premiership points. We are extremely proud that last year, our 14s team

won our first Grand Final flag since 2001.

The Club holds a number of social and official events. These are:

- **Registration Day.**
- **Sundowners** which are usually held at the club on a Friday evening. It is a good opportunity for families to get to know each other over a casual meal and drink.
- **Trophy day** is held in September.
- **Annual General Meeting** is held in October.

Your respective team managers will be contacting you in the near future with more detailed information on the season and I will also write to parents of new players with further club information.

Drew Gaynor—President

Planning for the season

Planning for the season is well underway. All clubs were required to have their competition teams submitted by 10 March and the East Fremantle District has commenced planning the fixtures for each team. We have secured the same ground marking contractor as previous years and he will be marking both the Gairloch and Strickland Ovals each fortnight for the competition teams.

New jumpers have been ordered for Auskick and the 15s team. These are on target for delivery prior to the commencement of the season.

With the increase in Auskick registrations this year, the AJFC Committee, Auskick coaches and the Auskick manager have met specially to plan for the Auskick season.

Whilst the AJFC Committee organises and directs the club from a strategic and operational level, each age group is responsible for its own game day organisation this includes canteen, BBQ and oval duties. A roster will be provided to you by each team manager over the coming weeks.



Introducing your Committee, Coaches and Managers for 2008

The AJFC has again been fortunate to have strong support from parents to administer the Club. We still need a Canteen Co-ordinator and Social Events Manager. Ideally, the Committee would like these positions to be filled by Auskick parents as Auskick makes up nearly one half of the player group. You will also notice that there are some coaching and manager positions still to be filled. The Committee is searching to parents to fill these roles.

Administration Committee

President	Drew Gaynor	Marketing	Mark Pollock
Vice President	Sean Feely	Risk and Insurance	Simon Thomas
Secretary	Paul Moss	Coaches Co-ordinator	Alan Hebiton
Treasurer	Peter King	Grounds and Clubrooms	Jo Dennis
Registrar	Jane Adamson	Auskick Representative	Stuart Edgar

Football Department

Auskick Co-ordinator 5/6s	John McGarrigal
Auskick Co-ordinator 7/8s	Dave DaSilva
Auskick Manager	Stuart Edgar
9s	
Coach	Position Vacant
Assistant Coach	Position Vacant
Team Manager	Jo Dickson
10s	
Coach	Steve Lawson
Assistant Coach	Steve Zurhaar
Team Manager	
11s	
Coach	Vin Whyte
Assistant Coach	Ashley Cranenburge
Team Manager	Jane Adamson
12s	
Coach	Quentin Granich
Assistant Coach	Glen O'Donnell
Team Manager	Neale Billington
14s	
Coach	Position Vacant
Assistant Coach	Position Vacant
Team Manager	Kerry Lowe
15s	
Coach	Ian McCarrey
Assistant Coach	Bill Holmes
Team Manager	Position Vacant

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Training lights

Training lights update

The Club had planned to put training lights in at Gairloch Oval by the start of the 2008 season. This issue has been ongoing for the last 18 months. In 2006, the Club completed fundraising for our third of the funds required for the purchase of the lights. We successfully secured a grant from the Department of Sport and Recreation for another third, with the City of Melville committing funds for the last third.

Although the Council committed funds, 2007 saw a series of planning delays from the Council. We were recently advised that Council have declared that, as the original quotations provided are over 12 months old, they have deemed the quotations obsolete and as a result new quotations have been sort. We believed that this will delay the project a further 3-4 months. Throughout this process, the Club diligently complied and provided all information required and this delay is inexcusable. As a result, the Committee have resolved to write to the Mayor alerting him of the situation as well as briefing local ward councilors to seek their intervention in moving the installation of the lights to a speedy conclusion. We will keep you informed as we progress.



Game and Training Day Times

Following are the game and training days/times for the 2008 season. The season commences for competition teams on the weekend of **26/27 April**. Auskick will commence on **3 May**. The 14s and 15s have commenced training and 9s-12s will be advised of start dates by Team Managers ASAP.

Game day

Auskick	Saturday Morning	10:30-12pm
9s	Sunday Morning	9am
10s	Sunday Morning	10:15am
11s	Sunday Morning	11:30am
12s	Saturday Morning	8:45am
14s	Saturday Morning	11:45am
15s	Sunday Afternoon	1pm

Training days and times

Gairloch Oval

9s	Tuesday	4-5pm (TBC)
10s	Thursday	4-5pm
11s	Wednesday	4.45-5.45pm
12s	Wednesday	4:30-5:45pm

Shirley Strickland Oval

14s	Tuesday and Thursday	Time to be confirmed
15s	Wednesday and Friday	5:30- 6:45pm

Registration Day a big success

Two years ago, the Committee decided the Club should make Registration Day a family fun day. We didn't just want members fronting up to register without an opportunity to meet others.

Last year, we started with entertainment for the players and provided a free sausage sizzle. Some of you will remember that the Registration Day in 2007 was 41 degrees and although it kept some families away, it was still a success. This year, we decided to continue along this theme marking the start of the season (well sort of) with an even bigger and better day. We were delighted that the day was a great success with the dunking machine being particularly popular.

Even though we had registration over three hours, you can never predict when everyone will turn up and the Club appreciated and thanks everyone for their patience during the busy times.

Another initiative in 2008 for Registration Day was the "Club Pack". This incorporated a Club cap, cool drink cooler (or stubby holder for dad), a bumper sticker and the 2007 yearbook.

We hope that all our existing members enjoy browsing through the year book with fun memories of last season. For our new members, we hope this provides you with first hand knowledge of the Club. The Club encourages parents to proudly display the bumper stickers on their vehicles and for players to wear their "Hawks"

caps, particularly around the Club and on game days.

The turnout for Auskick this year has been amazing. In 2007, the Club registered 45 players. This year we have already registered 100 Auskickers. This is terrific for the Club as it ensures that there are future teams for the Auskickers to move into later on from 9s and beyond.

Planning is well underway for our Auskickers and our aim is to ensure everyone at AJFC Auskick has a fun and enjoyable time.

John McGarrigal and Dave DaSilva have once again taken on the roles of co-ordinating the 5/6 and 7/8s respectively. Stuart Edgar has taken on the role of Auskick Manager.

First Sundowner

The first Sundowner for the club will be on **Friday 9th May**. The Committee is beginning to work out the details for the evening and further information will be provided in the April newsletter. In the mean time, pencil in the date.



New Hawks apparel for sale

The Club has updated our apparel to match the club colours and well as broaden our range of merchandise. This year we will be offering caps, polo shirts, rugby jumpers, spray jackets and umbrellas. The club has been advised to go for a more robust umbrella that can withstand the rigors of winter hence the price.

The prices for these items are all at cost. We encourage you to purchase one or more of these items and support your club. **We are taking orders** for apparel now so place your order through Jane Adamson.

Examples of the rugby jumper and spray jacket will be displayed in our next edition.

Apparel Prices

- Caps \$10
- Polo Shirts \$30
- Rugby Jumpers \$80
- Spray Jackets \$70
- Umbrellas \$65



Website update

Our new website is soon to go live and will be significantly different to that of our present site. The website will provide information about the Club, documents such as the Club constitution, fixtures and ground locations, coaches room, upcoming events and photo gallery. We will update you about the website in the April edition.

Mouth guards

As part of the Club's duty of care policy, all players from 9s-17s are required to wear mouth guards during games. Could all parents please note this rule and arrange for players to be fitted before the season starts. Mouth guards for training are at the discretion of the coaches.

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