



ROSS FAULKNER COACH OF THE MONTH

May 2014 – Peter Gardner (Point Cook Football Club)

The Ross Faulkner AFCA Western Region “Coach of the Month” for **May 2014** is **Peter Gardner** from the **Point Cook Football Club**. This award recognises some of the great work being done by coaches in the western region community and reinforces the importance of good coaching in local football, schools and Auskick.

Peter has come through the "Auskick" coaching program and is a readymade junior coach. The kids and parents all like Peter. He has a gentle, persuasive way of coaching which the kids thrive on. Peter has also surrounded himself with lots of helpers which certainly brings a great feel to training and game day.

Peter has been very innovative with technique correction. He takes a "tablet" on to the field and records and replays vision to his Under 10 players, to help correct any issues they may have with kicking, handball and marking etc the improvement has been outstanding and the players love it!

Peter has also incorporated at young 9 year old in to his coaching set up, as the boy is unable to play footy this season, as he needs to wear glasses to play. Rather than not play at all, Peter has taken him on as a 'junior' assistant coach, and given him game day roles including handing out oranges and snakes at quarter time, taking the kids on the bench for a run to warm up before going on the field etc

Peter receives a Coaching resource pack courtesy of AFCA Western Region for being the monthly winner. Peter's nominating club Point Cook FC will also receives a \$100 voucher to use for Ross Faulkner Sporting Goods. For all sporting needs and resources please visit www.rossfaulkner.com

Any person connected to local football in the Western Region can nominate a coach to be the Ross Faulkner “Coach of the Month”. Nominations can be completed online via link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/GF8RDTL>

