



THE ACORN

SEASON 2019 ISSUE 11

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hi all,

There was some great football played by the Dragons over the weekend. I watched U10s, U14s girls, U16s girls and U16 boys and found these teams to play brilliant football and it's a credit to all involved.

The football was played at a very high skill level but more importantly, the players/kids played good, honest Oakleigh Dragon football. Let your football do the talking. Well done!

The kids were very good but I did notice some parents/supporters still need to take it easy on the sidelines and remember **"it's all about the kids"**.

Team photos are this Sunday morning so please get there on time. A roster for the whole club has been set up and we need everyone to be on time to make the day run smooth please. Get the hair cuts and polish the boots early so you don't miss your team photo. Team photo's may not seem too important to some now but 10/20 years down the track its great to reflect on the memories.

The Oakleigh Dragons Trivia night is fast approaching on the 2nd of August 2019 and we would like a table from each team. If you have not organized your table please start talking to other parents and make the effort to attend. This is a cheap, fun night and a good chance to meet new parents within the Oakleigh Dragon community.

Our major raffle is under way with all tickets given to the Team Managers. Please try and sell the book of 4 tickets as soon as possible. Return the money in an envelope with the tickets or pay via bank transfer but leave a reference (e.g. Trailer raffle/ name). 100% of the money raised will go towards new lights for our kids. Your help selling these tickets is needed.

Next grub at the club is on the 4th of August 2019, hosted by the U9s.

See you all Sunday. Go Dragons!

Pat Heverin

GO DRAGONS

2019 COMMITTEE

President: Pat Heverin

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Canteen Manager: Clancy Phillips

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED

You may have heard at recent Grub nights that the club is looking for new committee members to assist with the tasks required to operate the club and get our kids on the field. This is an ongoing request and you may well be sick of us by the end of the season. In saying that, there is great reward in volunteering. Studies show, volunteering connects you to your community, is good for your mind and body, can advance your career and brings fun and fulfillment to your life.

The Dragon's Committee will have a number of roles being vacated at the end of the season and to ensure a smooth transition, it would be ideal to have those roles pre-filled before the end of this season. Those roles are:

POSITION	CURRENTLY PERFORMED BY
SECRETARY (EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE) Deal with club mail, takes minutes of meetings, attends League meetings as required. Maintain policies. Liaise with League, distribute mail/correspondence as required within club and externally, main contact point for Club. Oversee running of the Club along with President and Vice President.	Kathy McGeoch
TREASURER (EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE) Maintain the Financial Accounts of the Club, including banking, presenting timely and accurate reports and budgets to the Committee.	Jackie Phillips
REGISTRAR Accept registrations and forward requirements onto League. Keep an updated Club registration database. Arrange and co-ordinate registration day with the help of volunteers. Contact person for new members.	Jackie Phillips
CHILD SAFETY OFFICER Ensure SMJFL Child Safety Guidelines are adhered to and provide access to training from the SMJFL including online training modules. Ensure adherence to existing policies.	Lisa O'Driscoll
TEAM MANAGER / VOLUNTEER SUPPORT Assist Team Managers to ensure they have everything they need to assist coaches, parents and players to ensure the smooth operation of all match day requirements. Ensure Team Managers are aware of By-Law updates and League requirements when overseeing match day operations.	Kathy McGeoch

The following roles have been vacant for some years and urgently need to be filled:

SOCIAL CO-ORDINATOR Arrange and co-ordinate a variety of social events for Club members together with volunteers. Can be a Non-Committee Role, attendance at Committee meetings required on an ad hoc basis.
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If you are able to fill one of these roles or would like more information about how you can help, please contact Kathy at secretaryOYCFC@gmail.com or Pat on 0402 905 198.



DATES TO REMEMBER

**28 JULY – Team Photos @ Scammell.
Time TBC.**

2 AUGUST – Trivia Night

24 AUGUST – MAJOR RAFFLE

CANTEEN CORNER

What a great weekend we had at the canteen. We got plenty of feedback about how good the coffee is and lots of people have started bringing their own cups. Brian Alderson made a delicious curry. I put the sign out that lunch would be available and people as early as 9:00 were making enquiries. We had two families that played away, but returned to Scammell to have lunch and watched the game being played. One Grandmother came and ordered a curry for herself and a sausage roll for her husband with the comment, 'he's a man of simple tastes'.

Our Best on Ground vouchers are going well. We're giving these to the Team Managers and asking the umpire to choose. The Canteen Voucher can be won by a child on either side, so we're keen to see Dragons players winning and enjoying a Dragons Hot Dog.

Lunch will be on again this Sunday – so come and see the board to see what's on the menu.



ROBERT CONNOR DAWES ROUND SUNDAY 28 JULY

Please make sure you bring a gold coin donation this Sunday to Scammell to donate while Team Photos are on. For other ways you can support, click [here](#).



Just a reminder, it is against the law to smoke within 10 metres of an outdoor sporting venue for under 18's.

DO YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO SHARE?

If you have any photos you'd like in the next Acorn, please email them with a description to Sharon at s_westin@hotmail.com



CONGRATULATIONS

**50
GAMES**

Joshua Weymouth U10
Luca Assetta U15

Having a milestone game?

Send details and pics to Sharon at s_westin@hotmail.com





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MATCH DAY SUMMARIES

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ROUND 11 / SUNDAY 21 JULY

OAKLEIGH DRAGONS **BACK TO THE 80S** **TRIVIA NIGHT**

Friday 2 August
Scammell Reserve Clubrooms
7pm until late



REVERSE RAFFLE • FUN GAMES • DRINKS @ BAR PRICES

TALK TO YOUR TEAM MANAGER ABOUT YOUR TEAM TABLE

THIS EVENT IS FOR PARENTS ONLY

BOOK NOW @ <https://bit.ly/2KSU2AX>

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MAJOR RAFFLE

You may have seen our magnificent trailer at the club, full of amazing goodies, ready to be raffled. This will be our main fundraiser for the season, with all proceeds going towards new lights for the ground at Scammell. We will be allocating 50 tickets per team so let's do our best to sell out!

SATURDAY 24 AUGUST
@ SCAMMELL

TICKETS \$25 EACH

SNEAK PEAK



Trailer Raffle Contents

- 4x4 trailer
- Kitchen Aid food Processor
- Kitchen Aid
- Makita Drill
- Hilti Drill
- Ryobi 2000W Power Washer
- Sidcrome Toolbox (Basic tools inside)
- Sidchrome Socket Set
- AeroPro 2.5 HP 40litre Air Compressor with 4 piece spray Gun kit & 2 hoses
- Kyak and paddle
- Bristle Dart Board
- Easymix Wheel Barrow
- Spear & Jackson Shovel
- 4 x Columbia Jackets
- BackPack including mini Backpack
- Echo Chainsaw
- Senco 4 litre Air Compressor
- MasterCraft 26cc Petrol Blower
- Pope Garden hose and Reel
- Poweraid Cooler Bags
- Cyclone Wet/ Dry Vacuum
- Cyclone Angle Grinder
- Medalist Garden Tool Set
- Beef Eater Gas grill
- Trek Mountain bike
- Davey submersible D40 A pump
- Caroma Caravelle Toilet Suite with close coupled cistern
- 5 x Caroma Tapware and bathroom fittings eg towel rack

Special thanks to George Wintle for his efforts in getting these items donated.



COACHES' REPORTS

U16 BOYS JIMMY HUNT

This week the under 16s hosted top of the table Bentleigh at Scammell Reserve.

We knew we were going to be up against a tough opponent all day and the boys were ready to play. With the breeze favouring the golf course end we were going into it in the first quarter but played some good smart footy to be leading by 3 points at quarter time. In the second quarter the boys really lifted up a great, with a couple of great defensive efforts the boys started to really get around each other and played 15 great minutes of Footy, taking the lead out to four goals. We then took the foot off for 5 minutes and let Bentleigh kick 3 quick goals to only go in up by 8 points at half time. It was another see sawing game in the third quarter which suited us well playing defensively into the wind, which saw Bentleigh leading by 3 points at the 3 quarter time break. The scene was set for a big last quarter. Both teams had plenty of chances but unfortunately we fell 8 points short at the final siren. Some rushed kicks under pressure and a couple of shots at goal that could have gone either way was the difference in the end.

Connor marked everything and kicked 4 goals.

Aiden kicked a couple and looked dangerous around the ground all day and Angus was tough on the midfield.

U11 MIXED DARREN GRENFELL

Opponent: Beaumaris Blacktails **Home Game:** Donald McDonald Reserve

Result: Oakleigh Dragons won by 18 points (7.7.49 vs 5.1.31) **Match Day Captain:** Ben Galante

Pre-Game: For the first time this season we had all 23 players suiting up to play. Ben was named captain for the day as it was "his 50th match". However we will celebrate that milestone properly in a couple of weeks' time when we next play at Scammell Reserve.

The Match in a paragraph: What a great game to watch. Beaumaris provided stiff opposition all day. On a large ground the Dragons slowly built a solid lead in the first three quarters, before a last quarter comeback from the Blacktails reduced the margin to 3 goals. After a tough month of matches, the team was given the chance to experiment with players in different positions. It was interesting to see how well most players took on that challenge. The team ran with the ball well on the weekend, and put on a match that all parents from both sides enjoyed watching. The spirit of all players was fantastic.

Special mentions from the game:

- Strong, hard tackling put on by many, with notable efforts by Oliver T, Dean, Sophie, Ethan and Drew.
- The new forward pairing of Tyson and Tom working well together.
- The return of sticky fingers Rayaana – he was back to his best marking on the weekend, and the defensive sweeping and marking of Austin.
- First goals of the season kicked by Oscar and Patrick.
- Sam playing full back – picking up the loose ball and running through 3 opponents before kicking the ball long out of defense.
- That banana goal from the pocket in the last quarter kicked by Oliver Palmer.
- Sophie in the last quarter pushing up the ground, winning possession of the ball and then taking a run and bounce.

Round 11 Goal Scorers: Oliver Palmer (2), Tom (2), Oliver T, Patrick, Oscar

Most Pleasing aspect of the game: Many players were tried in new positions and accepted the challenge with great performances.

Player that caught the coach's eye: Drew. Has shown real improvement the past three weeks, and his game was on the weekend was his best. Took a few marks, got involved more, and laid the biggest (yet fairest) tackle of the day.



COACHES' REPORTS CONT...

U9 MIXED MARK D'ROZARIO

Round 11 was vs East Sandringham in Highett. It was a large ground and the boys started slow. We struggled to get the dimensions of the ground. The other team tackled hard and put pressure on our boys early and we struggled to enter the forward line. The other team kicked 4 goals in the first quarter and a half to none and it looked like it was going to be a long day. That's where it stopped, from that point on we were terrific. We kicked 3 goals to one to three quarter time and needed 2 goals to get back in front. In last quarter we had five shots at goal. Unfortunately, they were points not goals. I thought we played the better footy once we understood the dimensions of the ground.

The midfield played terrific football in the second half. Josh, Eamon, Ally and Oli played fantastic games. Josh has showed a renewed confidence and is willing to have more than one effort to get the ball, Eamon backed himself and ran hard with the ball. Oli's fitness is amazing, and Ally has come out of his shell and showed more confidence. Fionn and Darcy M played beautifully together. Their consistent high standards and high skill brings kids up around them. They are fantastic players and played well again.

The forwards were led by Darcy R and Harland. They kicked the 3 goals between them. They worked well together and got to every contest to scrum through the goals, 2 of them into a tough wind. They were well helped by Aiden bashing through packs, Jethro and Cameron and Max making handy leads and Jonathan tackling hard to keep the ball in the forward line. There were times if the communication was better we could have hit more targets and kicked more goals. Something for us to work on at training.

In the back line, Andrew and Troy tackled hard and rebounded well. They have been playing well week in week out and it was another great game by the boys. They work hard both ways and have been extremely reliable to lead their area. Archie and Robbie played their best games. Archie proved to be a good link man running hard to get free when we had the ball and tackled hard when we didn't have the ball. Robbie saved many balls on the last line of defence and rebounded outward finding targets and linking well with team mates. Marco and Ewan got to good areas and tackled hard.

Many of the boys are playing their first year of footy and have showed a lot of talent. Once they play for two or three years they will only get better. I can see improvement with clean pick-ups and quick ball movement and if these boys stay together they will see a lot of success.

Go Dragons!

U14 GIRLS SIMON GREELY

I could not have been prouder of the girls after their efforts against Murrumbeena on Sunday. Playing the top team on a fast deck on a beautiful day you might have been expecting a messy score line, considering the opposition had 40 scoring shots last week.

For the first 29 minutes and 33 seconds we kept them score-less. Our pressure, chasing, tackling, effort and ball movement were all phenomenal. We even had a lot of forays forward, but just missed goals on a couple of occasions. Murrumbeena kicked a goal 27 seconds before the half time siren, and you could tell they were relieved. Our girls were physically drained but were up for the challenge of the second half.

We were so close to kicking more goals in the third quarter but the opposition slotted 4 in a hurry to extend their lead. Our girls never gave up and were relentless until the final siren, kicking a great goal of our own to get the score board reward we so richly deserved. Their coach expressed how impressed she was with our pressure and tackling for 4 quarters and asked our secret – obviously I didn't tell her!!

We have a Pie Night this Friday at 6.30pm after training so get on the track to continue the improvement and development.

Oakleigh 1.0.6

Murrumbeena 7.7.49

Best Players – A wonderful team effort – no passengers

Goal – Giselle



COACHES' REPORTS CONT...

U12 MIXED **TIM MORELAND**

In the off season we recruited Isaac, Nicho & Angus to the Dragons and today was the first opportunity to play against their old team – Ashwood.

All 3 played terrific games with Angus dominating on ball, Nicho competing in the ruck against a bigger opponent and Isaac consistently rebounding the ball. Well done lads!! We managed to forge out a scrappy win 39-17.

I reckon we have a lot of improvement in us after today, in particular being clean with the footy off the ground. There were plenty of times we got first to the ball but managed to turn it over through a bit of fumbling.

Our endeavour and tackling improved as the game went on but we will focus on getting ground balls at training this week.

Daniel continues to break lines whilst Yanni was everywhere...again. Great game lads.

Bailey M continues his consistent year with several overhead marks and his attack on the footy.

I thought Ethan played his best game for us and his run off half back is important.

I wouldn't like playing on Antonios. He continues to read the play and stop the opposition kicking goals. Well done again.

Caleb also played his best game for the club. He laid several tackles and really supported his team mates today.

Mason and Aiden ran all day and their ability to stand up and assist their team mates is to be commended.

Stevie, Jimmy, Mitch and the two Matt's provided forward options all day and looked dangerous whilst Spencer and Nick were rock solid. Love the confidence in their game at the min.

Raffa showed us what he can do in the tackling department with a couple of crunching tackles. Good stuff Raf.

Justin, Bailey S, Rudra, Robbie & Lachie rotated off the bench and were looking for improvement each week which they're showing us. Keep at it lads.

We're travelling ok at the moment but we still think we have a lot of improvement in us which is pleasing. Let's all try and get to training Wed and practice some of our ground balls.

A huge thank you again to all the help each week. Steph and Lindsay your assistance to the team is greatly appreciated. Thanks to Rob for filling in for Bruce as runner. James and Shannon for your help amongst all the parents which make our team enjoyable to apart of.

GO DRAGONS





COACHES' REPORTS CONT...

U15 BOYS GONZALO VALENZUELA

Oakleigh 13.19-97 Def Ormond 3.2-20

This week we played Ormond. We started slowly, but once our boys gathered and started running in numbers and sharing the ball by hand instead of bombing the ball into the 50, we started to score more frequently and came out winners by 77 points. Well done to all the boys, a good win.

U16 GIRLS GEORGE WINTLE

On the weekend the under 16 girls played East Sandringham away and once again the team is very enthusiastic and all the parents and volunteers admire them for their up lifting character. Well done team keep up the good work.

U9 MIXED BLUE NICK SOURRIS

The Under 9's mixed blue were away this week, playing East Malvern.

It was an early and cold start and it took the boys 2 quarters to get started.

Our team was no match against the bigger and stronger boys from East Malvern.

After a few stern words at half time from the coaches, the boys were ready to roll for the second half. Our boys out scored the opposition, 27 to 13.

I have a few special mentions. Liam who booted 3 goals and Curtis who provided great support. Sasha, Cooper and Tom all starred in the midfield and little Alex who never gives up trying. Our back line was held together by James, Jaron and Oliver, who once again stopped plenty of goals.

I would also like to say a special Happy Birthday to Charlie Foster and Tom Quinn, who celebrated birthdays last week.





COACHES' REPORTS CONT...

U13 MIXED CHRIS MORTON

A sunny but breezy Sunday afternoon saw ladder leaders St Pauls / McKinnon host Oakleigh at McKinnon Reserve. 50 gamer Aiden lead the team out as our captain for the day. A big thanks to Mitchell and Oliver (U11s) for joining us for their second game for the day.

With some great rucking from Rhys in the first term, generally straight down Tom's throat, we were was on top early. Unfortunately, it didn't stay that way and with the wind to their advantage McKinnon put on 4 goals towards the end of the term. In the second quarter, we stopped our opponents run keeping them to 2 points. Alex and Byron were working hard presenting up forward. With early signs of more to come, James started to take the game on with a couple of inspiring dashes out of the backline, including bounces, 1-2-1 handball linking and delivering accurately to his team mates. The backline was under immense pressure in the third quarter. McKinnon had the wind and were constantly sending the ball into their forward line. Angus, Jake and Allen all battled hard, while Dylan was solid as a rock on the last line of defence. Sam had a great run late in the quarter, but just got caught as he steadied to kick for goal. Despite McKinnon being on top, we managed to contain them to two goals for the term. Something clicked during the three-quarter time break. Was it the coaches inspiring speech? Was it the magnets being shifted around the board? Whatever it was, the boys had their best quarter of the season. We only scored two goals, one to Oscar and one to Jackson, but overall dominated, playing an attractive style of football. Yiannis stood up and took a few marks, Jovan was finding room on the wing and cleanly delivering the ball. Finn was cleverly reading the play and staying out the back to gather the loose ball. Will jumped in for a good mark. James continued his dashing form to complete his best game for the season.

We didn't win but it was a very positive finish and gives the coaches and supporters a lot to look forward to in the weeks to come.

U17 BOYS NATHAN LITTLE

Caulfield Bears 6.14.50 v Oakleigh JFC 6.2.38

Oakleigh travelled to Koornang Park for the second time this year to face the Caulfield Bears.

A couple of injuries meant we only had one on the bench and after a hard fought tussle, we unfortunately ran out of legs. Having said that, the last two weeks have showed that the team is in the mix, beating the top side St Kilda City last week and giving the side in 3rd position a solid scare this week. Bring on the next four rounds!

Go Dragons!

U10 MIXED MARCUS SPENCER

We played against: Ormond At: Scammell Reserve

Clearly our best game of the year. Whatever cobwebs were around over the school holiday period were not evident this week, despite the 8.30am start time. The boys helped Josh Weymouth celebrate his 50th game in style.

We led from start to finish. Pleasingly it was an all of team effort, with some of our lesser credentialed players having their best games for the year. Some of the handball and possession chains were so good that it had parents on the sidelines commenting on how much the team had improved.

It was hard to leave players off the best players list, which is a good indication of how even the effort was. Having our 50 game player kick the last goal of the game was icing on the cake and the boys sang the song with particular gusto.



SET UP / PACK UP DUTIES

Duty	Date	Team	Time	Venue
Set-up	28/7/19	U9 Yellow	9.00am	Princes Hwy
Pack-up	28/7/19	U10 Green		Princes Hwy
Set-up	28/7/19	U13 Div 6	8.45am	WA Scammell
Pack-up	28/7/19	U17		WA Scammell

GRUB AT THE CLUB SCHEDULE

(Subject to change during the season depending on game times, your Team Manager will keep you posted).

Date	U8 & U9	U10	U11-U13	U14+	Holidays	Grub at the Club
28/4/19	Round 1	Round 1	Round 1	Round 1		Anzac Round U13
5/5/19	Round 2	Round 2	Round 2	Round 2		U11 & U12G
12/5/19	Round 3	Round 3	Round 3	Round 3	Mothers' Day	
19/5/19	Round 4	Round 4	Round 4	Round 4		
26/5/19	Round 5	Round 5	Round 5	Round 5		U10 & U17
2/6/19	Round 6	Round 6	Round 6	Round 6		
9/6/19	No Games	Queen's Birthday				
16/6/19	Round 7	Round 7	Round 7	Round 7		
23/6/19	Round 8	Round 8	Round 8	Round 8		U12
30/6/19	Round 9	Round 9	Round 9	Round 9	School Holidays	
7/7/19	No Games	School Holidays				
14/7/19	Round 10	Round 10	Round 10	Round 10	School Holidays	U16 & U16G
21/7/19	Round 11	Round 11	Round 11	Round 11		
28/7/19	Round 12	Round 12	Round 12	Round 12		
4/8/19	Round 13	Round 13	Round 13	Round 13		U9
11/8/19	Lightning Carnivals	Round 14	Round 14	Round 14		
18/8/19		Lightning Carnivals	Round 15	Round 15		U15 & U14G
25/8/19			Semi Finals	Semi Finals		
1/9/19			Grand Finals	Prelim Finals	Fathers' Day	Committee
8/9/19				Grand Finals		TBA