



# THE ACORN

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hi all,

A big thanks to all people involved in the Oakleigh Dragons Trivia Night last Friday. It was a great success with everyone enjoying the night and letting their hair down. Richard May was brilliant again as M.C. and night was well organized by our committee. Thanks again.

Thanks to the U9s groups who provided the grub at the club last Sunday night, there was plenty of lovely food and for a minute there we thought there would have left overs but everyone ate well and then polished off the desert. Well done to all.

As mentioned many times now we need all the Trailer raffle tickets sold and then returned asap.

The draw is less than three weeks away and people still want tickets which is brilliant. Please return the tickets sold or unsold asap (hopefully sold).

Good luck this week and Go Dragons!

Pat Heverin

# GO DRAGONS

### 2019 COMMITTEE

President: Pat Heverin

Vice President: David Cash

Secretary: Kathy McGeoch

Treasurer: Jackie Phillips

Sponsorship Co-ordinator: George Wintle

Child Safety Officer: Lisa O'Driscoll

Registrar: Jackie Phillips

Bar Manager: Jim Hall

Coaching Co-ordinators: Jeff Fortune & David Cash

Canteen Manager: Clancy Phillips

General: Sharon Westin-Shaw

### 2019 MAJOR SPONSORS





# CAN YOU HELP?

## 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
<p><b>SECRETARY (EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE)</b> 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.</p>	Kathy McGeoch
<p><b>TREASURER (EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE)</b> Maintain the Financial Accounts of the Club, including banking, presenting timely and accurate reports and budgets to the Committee.</p>	Jackie Phillips
<p><b>REGISTRAR</b> 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.</p>	Jackie Phillips
<p><b>CHILD SAFETY OFFICER</b> 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.</p>	Lisa O'Driscoll
<p><b>TEAM MANAGER / VOLUNTEER SUPPORT</b> 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.</p>	Kathy McGeoch

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

<p><b>SOCIAL CO-ORDINATOR</b> 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.</p>
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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](mailto:secretaryOYCFC@gmail.com) or Pat on 0402 905 198.



## TRAILER RAFFLE

Just a reminder that all trailer raffle tickets must be returned by your last game of the season! Tickets can either be returned to your Team Manager, or payments can be made and tickets returned to the canteen at Scammell. Please remember that **ALL** tickets must be returned, sold or unsold.

There's more details on the website, including bank payment details.

Remember, this is the only serious fundraiser the Club has undertaken for a really long time! Your support will be greatly appreciated by both your kids, and all those that will benefit in future seasons. With our new club rooms and new lights, we'll be the envy of plenty of clubs in the area. Help make the Dragons the club to be at!

**REMEMBER – TICKETS CAN BE RETURNED TO YOUR TEAM MANAGER OR TO THE SCAMMELL CANTEEN**

## ANNUAL AWARDS

Nominations for our Annual Awards are now open. To make a nomination, download the Nomination Form [here](#).

Nominations must be received by 20 August.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

**21 August – B&F Vote Count Night**  
(8pm, Coaches & Team Managers only)

**24 AUGUST – Major Raffle**

**15 SEPTEMBER – Presentation Day**

## PRESENTATION DAY

**Sunday 15 September**  
from 11.00am

Be sure to be there for the inaugural running of

## THE DRAGONS' GIFT

a handicap race for all ages



ONE ENTRY PER TEAM | MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW.

## GAME DAY JUMPERS

As we approach the end of the season, please ensure you are prepared to return your game day jumper. Jumpers **MUST** be returned to your Team Manager at the end of your last game. Make sure you bring along a change of top to go home in. Make sure your Team Manager checks off the return of your jumper. Failure to have the return of your jumper recorded will result in you receiving a \$50 fee, which closely reflects the cost incurred by the Club for each jumper not returned.

Please don't just throw your jumper at your Team Manager and walk off. Ensure they have time to record its return, and be patient. As Team Managers have a lot on their plate at the end of games, it would be greatly appreciated if someone else from the team would offer to help them with this one task, as a way to say thank you for all their amazing work during the season.



## 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](mailto:s_westin@hotmail.com)

# CONGRATULATIONS

# 100 GAMES

Maison Grosso U15  
Michael Amedeo U15

# 50 GAMES

Ben Galante U11  
Ethan Kingsley U11  
Austin Grenfell U11  
Justin Chea U12

Having a milestone game?

Send details and pics to Sharon at [s\\_westin@hotmail.com](mailto:s_westin@hotmail.com)



**PLEASE  
RETURN YOUR  
TICKET STUBS  
AND MONEY  
AS SOON AS  
POSSIBLE**

## 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

### U11 MIXED DARREN GRENFELL

**Opponent:** Cheltenham JFC    **Home Game:** W. A. Scammell Reserve

**Result:** Oakleigh Dragons won by 17 points (6.8.44 vs 4.3.27)    **Match Day Captain:** Austin

Pre-Game: There was a lot of pre-game hype this week with a top of the table clash against an undefeated Cheltenham.

We also had reason to celebrate, as three players were to run out for their 50th matches – Ben, Ethan and Austin. Big congratulations to these three loyal players – having played football together for 6 years through Auskick and the Dragons.

The Match in a sentence: A champion team will always beat a team of champions.

Special mentions from the game:

- The pressure and relentless tackling put on by many, but most noticeably Oliver T, Ben, Tyson, Rayaana, Oliver H and Drew.
- The continued improvement shown by Oscar, Patrick, Josh, Sam, Austin, Peter and Dean.
- The outside run and determination of Seb, Tom, Alex and Mitch.
- A defensive masterclass from Ethan who never gave up on any contest, and the goal line saving and rebound run provided by Will.
- Despite trailing at every break, the Dragons were able to lift as a team and run over the previously top of the table, undefeated team.
- The support from Jacob and Oliver P – despite injury and illness they both sat and cheered with the players on the bench.
- A special mention to Zac for his commitment to the team and encouragement offered at each break.

Round 13 Goal Scorers: Mitch, Josh, Oliver T, Rayaana, Dean, Tyson

Most Pleasing aspect of the game: All of it. The pre-game recognition of 3 players in their 50th matches, the 4 quarter efforts throughout the game, and the celebrations afterwards.

### U10 MIXED MARCUS SPENCER

We played against: East Brighton Vampires    At: Away

We played against East Brighton Vampires at the unusual time of 3.05pm. We arrived expecting to face a team with 16 players, but actually confronted a team bolstered by players from the Vampires other U10 sides.

The ground we played on was very small and a couple of the opposition players were very big. After a few weeks of winning easily, this was a completely different proposition. Our players attacked the challenge with gusto. While the final margin was a loss of a few goals, it was actually one of our best efforts for the year. We never gave up, tackled and competed hard, and with a bit more luck in front of goal, we would have been right in the finish.

Everyone played their part in the game, but Campbell, Hunter and Elliott were particularly good. Patrick and Henry worked hard in defence to counter the opposition talls and Griffin, Noah, Jack and Josh all gave their best.

This was a great game to prepare us for the challenges which we find in the Lightning Premiership in two weeks. In coaching speak, "a loss we needed to have", but in reality a great learning experience for the players and the coach alike.

### U15 BOYS GONZALO VALENZUELA

**Oakleigh def East Malvern**

The game started well as our boys really took the game on at every chance. Great games for Michael and Maison on their 100th game.

Well done boys and keep it up.



## COACHES' REPORTS CONT...

### U14 GIRLS SIMON GREELY

After playing so well for the last 2 weeks the girls were asked to go again against the 2nd placed team, who had beaten the top team recently. They delivered a great performance of pressure and tackling to rattle the Vampires. We held them to two goals for the first three quarters with our relentless efforts across the ground. It was obvious the Vampires were flustered and frustrated as there were no easy kicks for them.

The final score doesn't reflect the closeness of the game, as a few bad bounces lead to easy goals and their best player kicked 3 goals in 'junk time'. The girls should be very proud of their efforts and we look forward to two more matches of hard, tough, fair football from this great bunch of girls.

Oakleigh 0.1.1

East Brighton 6.10.46

Best Players – Whole team – again!

Point scorer – Alannah (hit the post – so close!)

### U17 BOYS NATHAN LITTLE

Dingley JFC 4.2.26 v Oakleigh JFC 14.09.93

This week, the U17s travelled to Dingley for a 10am match meaning the team had to drag themselves out of bed a little earlier than usual - not an easy task for 16 and 17 year olds! Luckily they all love their footy and turned up with their game faces on.

The boys pulled out all the stops to come away with their second convincing win in as many weeks, beating a gallant Dingley by just over 11 goals. The win elevated us into the top four and the next 2 weeks will be important games for us leading in to the finals

Thanks to the three U16s boys who made the trek to Dingley - once again the two teams have worked together showing true club spirit!

Go Dragons!

### U16 GIRLS GEORGE WINTLE

This week the U16 Girls played at Centenary Park against St Peters. The girls all played a well fought out 4 quarter game. They played with enthusiasm made everyone proud. The end score was 54-22. GO DRAGONS !!!





## COACHES' REPORTS CONT...

### U12 MIXED **TIM MORELAND**

What a terrific last quarter for the boys today! We were 13 points down at three quarter time and in trouble. We needed a real lift in the last quarter as we were not playing our best footy throughout the middle of the game and at times East Brighton made us look mediocre. East Brighton cut through us far too easily and we found ourselves second to the ball on numerous occasions. The lads just looked a little flat today! At three quarter time we asked for some energy and we got it in spades taking the game by an eventual 10 points. What a great come back and we were so proud of the boys. It just proves how well we can play when we're on!

Justin celebrated his 50 games at home by being our Captain for the day. Well done Justin!

Bailey M had a really good 4 quarter game with plenty of marks & 3 goals but equally important stepped up by tackling, pressuring and bringing team mates into the game.

Yanni, Theo & Angus are really important on ballers and all 3 dominated the last quarter.

We shifted Mason to CHF early in the game and we loved his forward contests today. He was a big part of the reason we dominated the last quarter.

Our talls in Nicho, Jake & Isaac battled all day and seem to be improving each week. All 3 had great last quarters.

I sound like a broken record but Antonios and Nick are really showing how solid they are down back. Both are playing some great footy. Keep it up lads.

Spencer and Raff are smart wingers for us and held the lines strong in the last quarter. We needed a lift and they gave it for us.

Our forwards moved around nicely and Stevie, Matt R, Matt F, Zach & Jimmy competed hard all day.

I'm enjoying Ethan's run off half back and his decision making is improving each week.

Henry and Justin both had last quarter highlights with their attack on the ball and Caleb, Bailey S & Rudra keep having a crack for us when in the contest.

So proud of the boys with their never give up attitude today. Fantastic last quarter. We are sitting a game clear on top of the ladder but this brings added pressure as all of the other teams are wanting to knock us off. We just need to keep working hard and looking to improve each game in the lead up to finals.

Go Dragons

### U13 MIXED **GAB ROBINSON**

**PMSM 3.7.25 defeated Oakleigh Dragons 2.2.14**

In a top of the table 2v3 clash the Dragons put in one of their best four quarter performances of the year, however, were ultimately unsuccessful.

With the Dragons in front at 3 quarter by a couple of points, the first goal of the last quarter was always going to be crucial. Unfortunately, it went PMSM's way and, in a low scoring game, it swung the momentum and delivered PMSM a well-deserved win. The Dragons played a brand of footy we can be very proud of, contesting hard all day with physical determination, effort and numbers at every contest.

Our backline and midfield dominated. Our forward line was a little down today. With one or two grabs and conversions the game would have been ours. Excellent contributions from Oscar and Dylan who played up today. The two of you make a big difference to our team balance.

Well done Stevie, Bailey, Ethan, Pete and Speccy. You all played your roles very well.

Bring on next week against the unbeaten Hawks. Let's crack in and see how we go. Well done today boys on a fine performance.





## COACHES' REPORTS CONT...

### U9 MIXED BLUE NICK SOURRIS

Round 13 was the final game for our under 9's.

We were away against Beaumaris.

The first quarter did not start well. The opposition dominated general play with their taller and bigger bodies. Our boys did rally and matched the opposition for the remainder of the game.

Overall I was very pleased with the boys efforts and sportsmanship.

Some special mentions this week. Hayden undoubtedly took the mark of the day playing in defence. Curtis, Liam, Tom and Cooper all showed great leadership playing in the midfield. Jaron, Charlie and Oliver tried hard all day, playing in the forward line. James, Sasha and Heath were reliable as ever, holding up the backline.

That's all folks. Season over for another year. It has been a fantastic journey for me and my players. I think we have grown together as a team and looking forward to working with the boys again next year.

### U13 MIXED CHRIS MORTON

This week we hosted Port / South Melbourne (PMSM) at Scammell. James got the honour of wearing the flashy TAC socks being the captain for the day. Thanks to Ethan and Stevie (U12s), Mitchell (U11) and Eva (U12 Girls) for joining us for the game.

We didn't come out with the win today but there were many pleasing aspects of the way the team played. We had plenty of the ball, held numerous marks and had several good passages of play where linking handballs lead to quick movement down the field. When we didn't have the ball the defensive pressure and tackling was fantastic. The area that needs some focus at training is the delivery of the ball from our kicking.

PMSM gradually increased their lead during the game and at the end we were 7 goals down.

Special mentions:

- Tom had another great game but what stood out this week was the contested marks he took.
- Oscar and Dylan, both ever reliable, a huge number of tackles, always looking dangerous when attacking, fantastic games.
- James, Allen, and Angus using handball to effectively run the ball out of the defence.
- Aiden and Byron's marking and defensive pressure when playing in the back line.
- Yiannis's chase and tackling that resulted in holding the ball decisions going our way.
- Will's continued rise in confidence with being an option to kick to in the forward line.
- The contributions of Ethan, Stevie, Mitchell and Eva even though they were playing up an age group or 2.
- Finn taking several marks and once again having a great game in the defensive midfield role.
- Sam's and Jovan's clean skills and hard work up and down the wings.
- As mentioned, there were several good passages of play but the last one was a great way to end on a positive note. It started with Jackson running through the middle taking a couple of bounces, kicking long to Alex on a lead who took a good mark. He then delivered nicely to Jake who marked. His kick for goal didn't quite make it but Stevie gathered from the oppositions rushed kick to centre the ball, where Rhys jumped in front of the pack to mark. He then lined it up and confidently put it through.



## COACHES' REPORTS CONT...

### U9 MIXED MARK D'ROZARIO

Round 13 was vs Mordialloc at Scammel. It was an early morning and a game that saw only one goal kicked for the game and that was by the opposition. Andrew worked hard in the forward line to provide an option. Harland was great in the middle rebounding strongly in the first half but hampered by ankle soreness in the second half. Fionn was terrific in defence. Eamon tackled men twice his size, Ewan and Paul showed good form breaking through packs and getting to many contests. We were in the game the whole time but did not damage the scoreboard. The kids tried hard and never gave up. Our tackle pressure was terrific and things that we will need to work is not peeling off to early in the forward line and make sure there are enough numbers following the ball and keeping the ball in the forward line.

Only one Sunday to go now for the u9's. We look forward to the lightning carnival and the fun it brings. Its been a great year and I'm sure we will finish strong.

Go Dragons!

### U12 GIRLS EMILY HEVERIN & JACQUIE MORGAN

This week our under 12 girls played against Chelthanm Panthers at 9.40am at home. We had played this team, the very first game of the season and lost by a massive margin. We played an awesome game, finally stepping up skill wise and played hard. It was great to see the girls going straight in for the ball and using techniques that we have practiced at training. the girls displayed great sportsmanship and withheld great respect throughout the whole game. The game was extremely exciting as the girls were up all day, but in the last few minutes the opposition kicked a goal and begun to lead for the first time the whole game. In the last 30 seconds our girls worked hard as a team and got the ball down the field and kicked an awesome team goal. That was well deserved. It was great for our girls to finally have another win. Winning 16-12.



## SMOKE-FREE

By law, smoking is banned within 10 metres (about two car lengths) of any public outdoor sporting venue during an organised under-18s event.

The ban includes training or practice sessions to prepare for an organised under-age sporting event, and breaks or intervals during the course of the event, training or practice session.

Source: [www2.health.vic.gov.au](http://www2.health.vic.gov.au)



### SET UP / PACK UP DUTIES

Duty	Date	Team	Time	Venue
Set-up	4/8/19	U10 Green	11.00am	Princes Hwy
Pack-up	4/8/19	U12 Girls		Princes Hwy
Set-up	4/8/19	U14 Girls	9.00am	WA Scammell
Pack-up	4/8/19	U17 Boys		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