



THE ACORN

SEASON 2019 ISSUE 15

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hi all,

Wow the last home and away game has come and gone for 2019!

This year has flown with many highlights during the year.

Congratulations to everyone involved on another successful year at the Dragons.

Those teams who didn't make the finals, it's back to the drawing board and work harder on your skills / fitness for next season.

Good luck to the teams playing in finals and make sure you give it 100% on the field because finals football is very different to the normal home and away games.

Don't say to yourself, I should have run or tried harder, make sure you come off the ground exhausted and know that you tried your best!

The trailer raffle is on this Saturday night in the clubrooms from 7pm with finger food and drinks at bar prices. All money goes directly to the new lights.

Please try your best to buy a ticket or four and return your tickets ASAP. We only have one chance of getting new lights otherwise we wait another ten years so please dig deep.

Good luck to all teams in the finals.

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

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Canteen Manager: Clancy Phillips

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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
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.



Lindsay and her co-timekeepers at the u12 girls game in Prahran today. 3 year old Luna lent her sunnies to her dad who was none other than Mr Gil McLachlan (and a very nice man he was too!)



U17s last game. Click [here](#).

DATES TO REMEMBER

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

24 AUGUST – Major Raffle
We must have all tickets returned,
sold or unsold before Saturday

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 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.



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

100
GAMES

Jason Smith U15

50
GAMES

Zac Booth U11

Having a milestone game?

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



**PLEASE
RETURN YOUR
TICKET STUBS
BEFORE
SATURDAY**

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.



THE ACORN

MATCH DAY SUMMARIES

SEASON 2019 ISSUE 15 ROUND 15 / SUNDAY 18 AUGUST



PRESENTATION DAY

Sunday 15 September
WA Scammell Reserve - 11.00am

Individual Awards - Club Awards
Canteen, entertainment and
all new Dragon's Gift



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COACHES' REPORTS

U11 MIXED DARREN GRENFELL

Opponent: Waverley Park Hawks **Away Game:** Columbia Park

Result: Oakleigh Dragons won by 46 points (9.7.61 vs 2.3.15) **Match Day Captains:** Zac and Sophie

Pre-Game: The nice weather returned and so did all of our players. A full list of 23 players was excited to play against the fourth placed Hawks. A special game for co-captain Zac who got to celebrate his 50th game – well done Zac!!! He was joined by Sophie with the captaincy duties.

The Match in a paragraph: The wind was dictating scoring in the first half, as both teams dominated when kicking down breeze. At the main break the Dragons had a few points advantage. With a massive flock of Dragon support around the Dragon huddle at half time, the players came out firing. The midfield took over and the forwards ran around and enjoyed the space of a large ground. 6 goals were put on the board to nothing for the quarter, as the Dragon's freight train overran a struggling Hawks team. The test was then put onto the defense in the last quarter, and the team was superb in keeping Waverley scoreless for the final 15 minutes, despite the strong breeze. In the end, a fitting result to the game and the season for the Dragons, who have shown amazing improvement each week.

Special mentions from the game:

- The tackling and pressure of the team – with special mentions to Tyson, Sam, and the three Oliver's – Thomson, Palmer and Haddon.
- The run and carry of the ball provided by Tom, Seb, Dean, Mitch, Alex, Oscar, Josh and Will.
- The goal kicking performance of Oliver T – including a couple of great ones from the pocket.
- The improvement of the team to continue to learn how to shepherd and look after each other when under pressure.
- The last quarters of Sophie and Jacob whom both tackled hard and kicked long in the forward line despite being outnumbered.
- The team defense to keep Waverley scoreless in the second half.
- Keeping intact our team moto of celebrating milestone games with a win. This one was for you Zac "50" Booth.

Round 15 Goal Scorers: Oliver T (3), Tom, Rayaana, Oliver P, Tyson, Alex, Josh

The End of the Regular Home & Away Season Concluding Note: A huge congratulations to the team for qualifying for their first ever finals campaign. 23 Dragon warriors who have provided 15 weeks of football that their coaches and parents are really proud of.

U16 BOYS JIMMY HUNT

On the weekend the under 16s travelled out to St Kilda City in a must win game to play finals. After having an alright first quarter into a strong breeze I was confident that the boys would level the game up going into half time and get the most out of the scoring end. Unfortunately we had a pretty flat second quarter and St Kilda outscored us. Going into half time the boys were given a reality check and asked whether they wanted to play finals or not.

To their credit they came out and had a great second half, dominating the play into the wind but unfortunately kicking too many points.

We ended up having more scoring shots but went down by 3 goals in the end.

Aiden stepped up and had a great second half, Jason was exceptional down back and Connor was a soldier all day.

I've had a great time coaching this group of boys this year. I wish I could have got them to play to their potential more often but this is footy.

Go Dragons



COACHES' REPORTS CONT...

U15 BOYS GONZALO VALENZUELA

Oakleigh 11.9-75 Def Ajax 9.5-59

Our boys executed an great game from the set go, they were hunting Ajax players down at every opportunity. This was our big test for next weeks final against Ajax and we came through with flying colours. Great win boys. Keep it going all the way to the finals.

U14 GIRLS SIMON GREELY

Jim + set up = star.

I couldn't have been prouder of this team on Sunday. They had been playing some great football but no-one expected them to win against the 3rd top team and then earn a finals spot. The girls were relentless again, with no easy possessions for the opposition. The Dragons got some scoreboard rewards for their efforts and excitedly look forward to a First Semi Final next weekend. Congratulations must go to a great group of girls who have been willing to learn and who have committed to a team focused, pressure style of football. Hopefully their great form continues on Sunday.

Oakleigh 4.2.26 def St.Kilda City 1.7.13

Goals - Elise 2, Mya 1, Lucia 1

Best players - Incredible team effort! Again!

U16 GIRLS GEORGE WINTLE

At the end of the home and away season the under 16 girls finished on top of the ladder only losing one game by one point. Well done team, well done parents and a massive well done to our sensational team manager Pauly!!! Without you none of this could ever be achievable but we have three more weeks to finish off the season as premiers so heads down and bums up and get to training Tuesday.

U13 MIXED GAB ROBINSON

Oakleigh Dragons 3.2.20 defeated by Dingley Dingoes 8.3.51

The Dragons needed to win today to lock in 3rd place and a preferable semi-final matchup to qualify for the Div 3 Grand Final. Unfortunately, we did not put together a good performance and were beaten by the Dingoes. The boys will qualify for finals in 4th spot with a matchup next week against the undefeated Waverley Hawks, a difficult yet not impossible proposition. Though the whole team is disappointed after today's results we are given another opportunity to prove ourselves next week, one we must take with both hands.

Stevie G had a fine game today, supported by Speccy, Tom, Pete, Eugene and Ethan.

Aiden held is end up at CHB as did Jacko as a link player along the wing.

U12 GIRLS EMILY HEVERIN & JACQUIE MORGAN

This week our girls played against Prahran at Como park. The girls played an awesome game with high intensity and enthusiasm. The girls continually displayed sportsmanship and respect even when the game started to get a bit rough. Even though they played the top team they came out with a bang and finished the season in the best way possible, making us coaches and the parents very to happy to see there improvement from the first game to last. Overall it was a great season! Thank you to our awesome team manager Dylan for always being organised and ready for games. Also our awesome parents for always being supportive and helpful throughout the season. Thank you so much for driving the girls to training and game day. Lastly thank you to our girls who always came to training and games with such a positive attitude and a smiley face.

See you all presentation day !!



COACHES' REPORTS CONT...

U10 MIXED **MARCUS SPENCER**

Lightning Premiership

The U10's season ended on Sunday with the Lightning Premiership. Three games against teams we had not played in the regular season had us wondering about how competitive we might be. There was also a strong breeze blowing down the ground to complicate things.

Our first game was against East Brighton Vampires. We kicked into the breeze in the first half and worked hard to hold off the opposition. It was hard work into the breeze but we kept them goalless. After halftime we took control and goals from Jack and Hunter gave us a strong win.

The second game was against Sth Melbourne Districts and this time we kicked with the breeze in the first half. Our midfield and forwards controlled the ball and Elliot Li was particularly effective in front of goal. We also kicked a goal into the breeze in the second half to seal our second win for the day.

The final game of the Lightning Premiership was against Cheltenham who were also undefeated. As has happened a couple of other times during the year, the size of the opposition team seemed to put our players on the back foot early. That meant a slow start and we did not make the most of kicking with the wind. In the second half we competed much harder, with Hunter, Campbell and Noah leading the way. In the end we came up short of and finished the day in second place, but all of the boys can be proud of their efforts.

So the season ended on a not so positive note, but there were plenty of positives to be taken from it. My thanks to all of the parents who helped out during the year, particularly Bec, Jade, Ross, George, Pat, Andrew and Cam who took on some of the more onerous roles.

U12 MIXED **TIM MORELAND**

Last game of the season today against Waverley Park Hawks and it took a very impressive second half of football for us to come out on top.

We know how we can play when we bring energy, pressure and compete for each other and it's fantastic to watch. That's what the boys displayed after half time to take out the win 52 to 31.

Mason stood tall in the forward line kicking 4 goals but his pressure and competitiveness were highlights.

Angus, Yanni, Theo, Daniel showed us speed when offering many clearances throughout the game. Our rucks in Nicho and Jake provided many options across the ground whilst Raff and Aiden continue to run hard off the wings.

I love the way Nick F is playing at the moment. His confidence is up and showing some great form. Antonios took defensive mark after mark and stopped the opposition kicking several goals.

Bailey M and Ethan cracked in hard all game whilst Isaac thumped many driving kicks forward including one I reckon went for 60m.

Quite a few rotations for Matt R, Matt F, Jimmy, Justin, Lachie, Henry, Rudra, Bailey S & Robbie but they continue to give it their best for the team. Keep it up guys.

The end of the home and away season bring us to the ever exciting finals. More information will come during the week but I ask everyone to try and get to training so we can polish up before next week.

The club has indicated we are required to play all available players which means we will have a very large interchange bench. It is extremely difficult to work the rotations each week and adding everyone to the list will be challenging. This will reduce some game time for some but we'll do our best on the day. I ask for everyone's patience with this!

Business end of the year now as we start thinking of our finals attack.

Go Dragons



COACHES' REPORTS CONT...

U13 MIXED CHRIS MORTON

This week we travelled north to play Ashwood / Waverley at their Ashwood home ground. There was a bit of interest leading into the game around where each player would line up as Finn, winner of the mid-week bowling competition, had taken the prized magnet board home with him to work out the starting positions. It did cause some debate but generally everyone was happy. Allen and Byron got the job of leading the side out as the captains. Thanks to Mitchell (U11s) for stepping in for the game.

Earlier in the day the sun had been shining and the jumpers were off. By the time it got to start of our game at 3pm, the change had come through and it had turned cold and wet! The boys all put in their best efforts and were very brave in the weather conditions, but our opponents were just too good and we ended up well behind at the final siren.

As it was our last game, I thought it would be a good time to reflect on the impression each of the boys left in our minds for the year they had. What better way than to do this than compare them to AFL players from the side they barrack for, so here goes:

Byron – Jack Gunston – tall that can play forward or back, can kick on both sides, always happy to do what the coach asks

James – Trent Cotchin – quick mover, likes to chip the ball around, defensively can always be relied upon

William – Cameron Guthrie – good at marking, likes to kick a goal, always putting the team first

Jake – Robbie Tarrant – solid defender, good at reading the play and taking intercept marks, good skills

Jackson – Steele Sidebottom – fast, likes to run and have a bounce, mostly midfield, but can likes to get forward and kick a goal

Billy – Travis Varcoe – good skills, dangerous around goals, but can play in defence if required

Finn – Mitch Duncan – good at reading the play, defensive midfielder that accumulates possessions and likes going for a run

Alex – Tom Hawkins – key forward that is always working hard to be an option, has a nice kick, good at using his body in contested situations

Sam – Darcy Parish – quick mover, good skills, likes to sneak forward to kick a goal

Aiden – Rowan Marshall – ruck / key position tall, who has a good tank on him, always has a positive thing to say, always tries his hardest

Dylan – Shaun Burgoyne – good floating off the halfback, but also likes the contested ball in stoppages and tackling, always accumulates possessions and reliable

Allen – Kade Simpson – dependable defender, good at reading the play, does well for his size

Oscar – Dylan Shiel – skilful, consistent, good at stoppages, runs hard, flashy boots

Jovan – Issac Smith – enjoys the freedom of the wing, good outside run, skilful kick

Yiannis – Harry McKay – good at using his body in a contest, loves kicking a goal

Angus – Darcy Moore – key position player up forward or back, good at marking, but also good with his hands when the ball is on the ground

Tom – Jake 'The Package' Stringer – good at bustling through packs, marking, likes to snap a goal, the coaches go to player when the pressure is on

Rhys – Jarryd Roughead – tall forward / ruck, always putting in his best, good character around the club, loves a joke.

Thank you to all the other players to who joined us throughout the season from the U11s, U12s (boys and girls) and U13s.

Also, a big thank you to all the parents who helped out during the year. Special mentions for our fantastic Team Manager family of Leon and Jodie, and my assistant coach Rob for all his support and time.

Go Dragons



COACHES' REPORTS CONT..

U17 BOYS NATHAN LITTLE

Oakleigh JFC 15.13.103 defeated Murrumbeena JFC 3.3.21

This week the U17s played out their last match of the season against traditional rivals Murrumbeena, recording a resounding win on the scoreboard.

For many of our team, this was their last game of junior footy and we wish them well as they move on to their senior careers. This year's U17s have developed a strong bond and this showed in the way they put 110% effort into their last match and celebrated their huge win as ONE!

From humble beginnings (a mere 6 player registrations in April) to having a whopping 42 individual players don the green and gold throughout the year, the team has demonstrated their commitment and loyalty to both the club and to one another.

A few special mentions and thank-yous!

Special mention to Jackson, Harry, Doddy, Seb, James L, Liam and Max for committing to the team early and never giving up on playing another year of junior footy at the Dragons;

Thanks also to their families who supported them and kept their dream alive;

Huge thanks must also go to Jack G, Matthew, Bill and Ryan who decided to play their second season of U17s with the Dragons bringing with them an unrivalled level of experience;

Well done to George, who supported the boys early and overcame a string of injuries to take the field mid-season;

Thanks also to those boys who returned to Dragonland after taking a break, to support their old team mates - Josh, Joe B, Finn and Spencer - each of them (quite literally) showing the rest of the competition what it means to put your body on the line for your team;

And let's not forget our newcomers, Tim, Ki, Joel and Jack P who each brought their own unique style of footy to Scammell - it seems like they've always been Dragons; We'd also like to thank those who could only help out every now and again due to other commitments - Josh C, Joe L, Chris H, Ethan S, Chris N, James G and Daniel (and to Max M who was an honorary Dragon for a day);

And who can forget the contribution the U16s have made - in no particular order - Antony, Ethan K, Tomas, Ned, Josh B, Tom, Aaron, Connor, Sid, Alex, Nathan, Matty, Lachie and Jason (thanks also to their parents and to Jimmy and Les for allowing them to play up and for getting them to the games on time);

Thanks to Adam Kingsley, Richmond midfield coach and Dragon dad, for giving up his family time to coach the team during the school holidays;

Thanks also to Logic4 for signing up as a major club sponsor for two years and for providing our warm up tops - helping to bring the boys together as a team right from the very start;

And last but not least, thanks to the core coaching and management team - Nathan, Marty, Ingrid, Greg, Marcus, Claudio and Ross; and to members of the committee who have been integral in helping us throughout the year - Pat, Kathy, Jackie, Jeff, George and Craig; and to every parent and family member who has come along and supported the team, especially those who have been able to help out on match day - Michael R, Michael P, Mick, Richard, Roman, Jim H, Karen, Craig, Sue, Simon, Sarah, Anna, Lisa, Russell, Laurie, Barb, Mikaela, Jim D, Christalia, Peter L and Vickie.

Disclaimer - we sincerely hope we haven't forgotten anyone!

Without each and every one of you, we would not have been able to put a team on the field! What a season - what a team!

Go Dragons!





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	TBA
8/9/19				Grand Finals		TBA



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