



THE ACORN

SEASON 2019 ISSUE 16

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hi all,

Great effort by all teams who played in finals over the weekend. It was awesome to see so many Oakleigh Dragons supporters come out and watch our players in finals so please do the same this weekend. Check the fixtures [here](#). Good luck to those teams still in the finals hunt.

Last Saturday night saw a brilliant crowd arrive for the trailer raffle draw. It was estimated that we had over 250 people between the Oakleigh' Amateur FC and the Oakleigh Dragons FC which was excellent to see. The night went off well with Irene Lamb (Dean's mother) taking the major prize. A very big thank you to everyone who bought a ticket and it looks like we beat our target of \$25,000 between the two clubs. Thanks again to everyone involved and the people who bought tickets.

Presentation day is not far away. It will be held on the 15th of September so lock this date in. Presentation day is a highlight of the year so make sure you all get there.

We have started having post season coaching interviews/chats with some of our coaches and will get around to all 2019 coaches. Coaching applications are out on the Dragons's web site so if anyone is interested please contact the club ASAP. Our aim is to lock in as many coaches prior to presentation day as possible.

Lastly, a reminder we need help on the committee next season so please consider putting your hand up, as this great club does not run without volunteers. You can see the roles available on the next page.

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

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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.

A STANDING OVATION IN THANKS TO JACK DAVIS,
DONATING ANOTHER \$10,000 TOWARDS THE LIGHTS FOR SCAMMELL



Thank you to all who came to the raffle.
We couldn't have reached our target without you.

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.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE TRAILER RAFFLE WINNERS

7th Tina Mase
6th Clancy Phillips
5th Chris Moore
4th Steve Hunt
3rd David Park
2nd Jim Hall

**1ST IRENE LAMB
(TIARNA LAMB U16G)**



Jim enjoying his new toy

2020 COACHES

If you are keen to coach next season, please download a form [here](#), or to fill out online, click [here](#).

GAME DAY JUMPERS

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.



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



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MATCH DAY SUMMARIES

SEASON 2019 ISSUE 16 ROUND 16 / SUNDAY 25 AUGUST



PRESENTATION DAY

Sunday 15 September
WA Scammell Reserve - 11.00am

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



COACHES' REPORTS

U11 MIXED DARREN GRENFELL

Opponent: East Malvern JFC **Away Game:** King George Reserve

Result: Oakleigh Dragons lost by 12 points (5.3.33 vs 7.3.45) **Match Day Captain:** Oliver T

The Final Match Summary: In their first season of full ground play, scoreboards, ladders and finals, the Under 11 Dragon team entered their first ever finals match with great optimism. East Malvern had run us close earlier in the season, and today's match ended up another tough battle.

A slow start had the Dragons on the back foot for most of the day. Down by two goals at quarter time the Dragons were in danger of an early finals exit. But as they have done all season, the team showed great resolve and character, winning the second quarter and hitting the lead by a couple of points at the main break. This was done through improved running, manning up and fierce tackling. An arm wrestle ensued in the third quarter, with both teams defending really well. A one goal lead at the last break had the Dragons faithful nervous, yet confident of victory. Unfortunately the last quarter did not go to plan. East Malvern's positioning was too good. They were getting loose players all over the ground, and some precise passing saw them kick three goals to none to run out victors.

Whilst the players were very disappointed to have narrowly finished the season one win short of a Grand Final, I hope that they soon come to remember a season full of successes. A lot of fun times, a lot of lessons learnt, all within a team full of champion kids.

A few special mentions from the game:

- Despite niggling injuries, the huge 4 quarter efforts by Oliver T and Tyson. Both kids battled hard and gave their all, almost dragging the team over the finish line.
- A dominant and tough match by Rayaam running off the half back line. He took many intercept marks and ran through a few packs of players to inspire his teammates.
- Typical lion hearted matches from Mitch, Ethan, Alex and Ben.
- A powerful second quarter by Oliver P to kick start the Dragon's comeback. He took a few strong marks and provided a major problem for the East Malvern defense.
- The ever reliable Will sweeping around the last line of defense, taking goal saving marks and keeping the team in the game.

Goal Scorers: Oliver T, Tom, Mitch, Josh, Zac

The End of the Season: A 13 wins and 3 loss season is something to be very proud of. There were many laughs and a lot of great football played over the past 7 months. Thank you to all of my 23 Dragon warriors for an enjoyable 2019 season.





COACHES' REPORTS CONT...

U14 GIRLS SIMON GREELY

1st Semi Final vs St. Kilda City

Jim + Raffle ticket = Kayak

I am at a bit of a loss to describe this team's effort on Sunday. They were in a 1st Semi Final after sneaking in on percentage. They were nervous and excited about their first ever football final but kept it real before the game, staying calm and focused. Their self-belief had been steadily increasing over the last 6 weeks, playing our brand of football with relentless pressure and a team-first focus. No-one could have predicted what was to come next.....

The girls jumped out of the blocks with the first goal inside 90 seconds. They hounded the Saints at every opportunity and finished the quarter 2 goals up. The second quarter was similar with consistent efforts all over the ground. The backline was working incredibly well, the midfielders were running everywhere and the forwards locked the ball in our forward line at every opportunity. 2 more goals meant we were 4 goals up at half time.

The match turned into an arm wrestle as the Saints kicked a late goal in the third quarter to close the gap and give them a sniff of a comeback. The girls responded to the speech at 3-quarter time and did something they had never done before. They exploded for 6 goals straight in the last quarter with an incredible burst of run, pressure, teamwork and determination. It was a sight to behold!

Needless to say, I was extremely proud of the team and let them know after the match. We have a Preliminary Final this week against a team that will be desperate to avenge their 2nd Semi loss. Hopefully our girls will bring their A-game again and who knows what will happen.

Silly me told the girls last Tuesday I would buy them fish and chips if we kicked 8 goals in a final, win lose or draw, not really expecting them to be able to achieve that in a finals match. After training on Friday I will honour that so I will see the girls on the track on Tuesday if possible, and definitely on Friday.

Oakleigh 10.3.63 def St. Kilda City 2.3.15

Best players – No passengers, everyone involved, incredible team effort.

Goals – Mya 4, Lucia 2, Alice 1, Choetso 1, Adele 1 and Alannah 1

U12 MIXED TIM MORELAND

We've made our way to a Grand Final after a hard fought and team like win against Beaumaris.

Well done to everyone, we are one big family at the U/12's. It takes all of us to get this far and we all should be extremely proud of the boys.

One to go... so we regroup and get to training this Wed to fine tune into next week.

The opposition really came at us but we repelled any of their attacks and kept the ball in our forward line for most of the day. Yanni, Theo & Angus were great on ball again and our Rucks Nicho and Jake consistently competed in the air. Aiden and Raff controlled the wings and were magnificent in setting up the wall.

Our pressure in the forward line was immense with Bailey, Stevie, Mason leading the charge. We saw some jolting tackles from Caleb & Rudra today. Fantastic guys.

Our backs are awesome. Antonios, Isaac, Nick, Ethan & Daniel are hard to pass and we drive so much from their attack on the ball. Brilliant lads.

I was also really proud of the guys who rotated off the bench. We all know how hard this is to manage but all of the lads were upbeat and encouraging their team mates. A real team effort guys and everyone is so important to the team.

Look forward to the week and getting ready for our Grand Final assault next Sunday.

GO DRAGONS



COACHES' REPORTS CONT...

U16 GIRLS GEORGE WINTLE

Lucky for the U16 girls they get a second chance.

U13 MIXED GAB ROBINSON

Waverley Hawks 5.9.39 def Oakleigh Dragons 3.3.21

What a game!!

In arguably their best performance of the year, the mighty Dragons played out of their skin, battling it out against the undefeated Hawks.

Outstanding work rate and hard, contested, physical football saw the Dragons take a 16 point lead into half time.

Tackles, smothers, bumps and gut running were on display.

As was the courage to take the game on, switch play and be creative.

Unfortunately the Hawks capitalised on a run of goals, ultimately giving them victory and their chance to win a Grand Final.

Though players and their families were disappointed the overall feeling was one of resounding pride in how the boys competed.

It was a wonderful end to the season to see every single boy give 100% and perform to a high standard.

Bailey surely epitomised the Spirit of our team leading by example with his attack on the ball and his genuine belief that the team could rise above the Hawks.

Max, Stevie, Pete and Tommy were also very good throughout the day.

On a personal note I would like to thank all the players and their parents for a wonderful 3 years in my position as coach.

I have seen the boys grow up so much and loved seeing their personalities mature and develop.

I look forward to watching the boys continue on with their football and will closely follow all of their games.

Football clubs are special places where the boys have the opportunity to develop lifelong friendships.

We are very lucky to have such a special group of boys who, though only 12 and 13, have played together for 6 or 7 years – more than half their life.

I hope they stay together and continue to support each other as they grow into men.

Well done to a great bunch of boys and parents.

U15 BOYS GONZALO VALENZUELA

Ajax 9.12-66 Def Oakleigh 8.4-52

It was a close match for the 4 quarters, our boys tried hard all day but could not get a proper forward 50 entry in the second half.

Therefore, when Ajax went forward they look dangerous every time. As we have the second chance, we will re group and do our best to play the way we need to play against a competitive Beaumaris this week at Boss James. Mentions are Xavier Soldati who had his best game of the year. We will go again boys.



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



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