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INTRODUCTION

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TAC CUP & AFL VICTORIA DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

GEELONG FALCONS :

With the expansion of the Victorian Football League to the Australian Football League, a junior structure known as the Victorian State Football League was established in 1992. Commencing with 6 Metropolitan based teams, including the Geelong *Falcons*. It was expanded to a 12 team competition incorporating 7 Metropolitan based teams and 5 regional based teams (Ballarat *Rebels*, Bendigo *Pioneers*, Geelong *Falcons*, Gippsland *Power* and Murray *Bushrangers*), before the addition of 2 Interstate based teams (NSW/ACT *Rams* and Tasmanian *Tassie Mariners*) in 1996 which took the competition to a 14 team structure. Since 2000 both the Northern Territory and Queensland have participated in the competition for 2 rounds with the TAC Cup expanding to a mini AFL structure and National competition. Since 2003 the NSW Rams and Tassie Mariners have reverted to a part-time development State involvement.

Note: As of 1997, the word 'state' was deleted from the title and, following a further name change in recent years, is now referred to as the "AFL Victoria - TAC Cup".

The Geelong Falcons, as a foundation team, was also the foundation Premiers with victory in 1992 under the coaching of Terry Bright (who went on to coach with both the Geelong and Fremantle Dockers Clubs) and Paul Armstrong who was the original Falcons Regional Manager and also progressed administration in AFL ranks, initially at Geelong, then with the Western Bulldogs and Richmond.

As a successful U18 development program, AFL Victoria also requires a comprehensive support staff structure to ensure that it provides for all facets of football administration and development in this modern era. With Michael Turner (formerly Geelong FC) as Region Manager and Alan Thompson (formerly Fitzroy FC) & John Edsall as Development Managers, the Falcons are served by a very experienced and dedicated support staff including coaches (head coach Garry Hocking, formerly Geelong FC, and a range of specialist coaches including skills coaches, fitness coach, ruck coach, rehabilitation coach, weights coach, U15 & U16 squad coaches), medical personnel (doctor, physiotherapist, podiatrist, nutritionist), training staff (head trainer, support trainers, masseurs) and managers (team manager, property manager & player welfare manager).

On match day additional support staff such as statisticians, video/DVD operators, interchange steward, time keeper, team runners (x2) and other general match day duty staff are required (approx. 30 in all). Recruiting personnel are also engaged to seek new recruits and liaise with the catchment area clubs. In all around 55 people are required to support the team and its annual program.

As a pathway to the AFL draft, the Geelong Falcons is the senior level of the program which begins with zoned U15 squads (Hampden & Geelong U15's) and U16 squads (again in Hampden & Geelong) and programs through local interleague carnivals and clinics with a strong preseason program to capture the list of 50 players identified for a season's program at the Falcons at TAC CUP level.

In addition to the elite level of development and competition, an extensive junior development program is provided for throughout the Falcons zone. AFL Auskick (over 4000 registrations), AFL Player Appearances (Primary & Secondary schools, Auskick Centres and Junior Clubs), AFL Auskick Rules & Grid Games, Primary School Lightning Premierships, Secondary School Competitions (MCC Herald-Sun Senior & SmokeFree Junior), Coaches Associations (approx. 500 members), Coach Education (Level One, Orientation and Awareness Coaching Courses), and Junior Club Development / Fostership Programs,, Recreational Football and Womens / girls football are organised and promoted to include as many participants as possible in the foundation plan of the football development program across the zoned area - from Lara to Port Fairy; the Hamilton Highway to the Coast.

Football development in the Geelong Falcons zone is very comprehensive and coordinated and the zone is quite proud of its achievements over the past 17 years.

"It is no coincidence that the most successful teams in the competition since its inception - in relation to games and premierships won - Northern Knights, Geelong Falcons, Murray Bushrangers and Calder Cannons, have also had the most drafted to the AFL, with 70+ players, at an average in excess of 4 per year, drafted from the Falcons to the end of 2008" David Code (Manager Football Operations AFL Vic).

REGION MANAGER'S REPORT 2008 - Michael Turner

The AFL Victoria TAC Cup competition has been in existence since 1992 and has developed a reputation as the best junior sporting structure in Australia. The twelve Victorian programs are well resourced by AFL Victoria with each region given a similar budget to conduct the talented player pathway and development programs (eg Auskick).

The TAC Cup has 12 teams / regions which play in the state competition with the developing states of NSW/ACT, Qld, Tasmania and the Northern Territory playing a series of games to prepare their squads for the AFL U/18 National Championships. This competition is a mini AFL competition with the best junior footballers in Australia able to play in a central and well-structured program.



Season 2008 saw the final eight comprise four metropolitan teams and four country teams – the Geelong Falcons finished third.. The Murray Bushrangers won the Premiership, with the Dandenong Stingrays runners up. The Geelong Falcons were to be knocked out of the finals by Oakleigh Chargers. Our team objectives each year are to make the final four and play in the finals; get players drafted to the AFL or develop on to VFL clubs, and to help all our squad players reach their full potential as young men. In season 2008 we were able to achieve these objectives again.

In regards to the AFL Draft, we have had an average of nearly 5 players drafted each year making the Falcons one of the top clubs in Australia providing players to the AFL. Season 2008 saw Ayce Cordy, Luke Rounds, Jordan Jones and Ben Bucovaz all drafted, making the Falcons one of the leading clubs in the AFL draft and again enhancing our reputation as the AFL leading player development program.

As for the players reaching their full potential, I believe we work very hard to help our players achieve realistic goals. Players can only play to the mental & physical ability they have. Some are capable of making the AFL, others VFL and most, hopefully go back to their local clubs better for the experience.

Well done to all our squad players in 2008 and the support we get from the parents. We all have to be realistic about our son's capabilities or we risk the advantage of the Geelong Falcons program becoming a negative, and that is not acceptable to myself, Garry Hocking or any other staff member.

The Geelong Falcons have a rich history in the TAC Cup:

- Premiers 1992, 2000
- Grand Finalists 1994, 1998
- Finals 1993/1995/1996/1999/2001/2003/2004/2005/2006/2007/2008 (missing finals only twice)
- 70+ drafted in 16 years (average nearly 5 per year)
- 2008 Draft – 4 players drafted
- The TAC Cup provides a very high percentage of players drafted to the AFL each year.

Congratulations to Garry Hocking and Football Manager Cameron Loftus who were asked upon their appointments to reinvigorate the football programs and strive for best practice. Garry and the Match Committee (Paul Hood, Paul Henriksen, Brett McTaggart and Adam Sheridan) have had an open and supportive approach to players and parents, with strong communication skills and honest assessments. We at the Falcons are always HONEST – so you know where we stand even though some do not always agree – we communicate and all staff are honest.

Thank you to all our support staff who obviously are too many to mention but all play important roles on and off the field. We have a staff of 60 who all work for the Falcons because they have the desire to help our players reach their full potential.

Congratulations too, to Jack and Evelyn Winter, who were presented with the “Noel Edgerton Award” in 2008 for outstanding service to the club over these past 12 years. All our staff represent every value this club has – Honesty, Friendship, Loyalty, Selflessness and for giving their time for the development of our players – your sons.



Achievements 2008:

- Finals – 3rd on ladder.
- Ten players – Jordon Jones ,Tom Simpkin ,Allen Christensen ,Luke Rounds, Ben Cunnington, Luke Thompson, Lucas Boyd, Ben Bucovaz and Sam Hughes played for Vic. Country in the AFL National U18 Championships.[Ayce Cordy was injured]
- Tom Simpkin was named in the TAC Cup Team of the Year 2008.
- Players represented the State at U16 & U15 Level
- The Geelong U16 Team won the AFL Victoria U16 Championship in Bendigo for the 5th year straight.
- Geelong U15 were runners up Div 1 at the V/Line Championships, with Hampden U15 champions in Div2 and Geelong's Development team finishing 2nd in Div 3.
- The development of our players as young men
- Making friends with players, parents and staff that will hopefully last forever

Thank you for the support we receive from the VCFL Area South West and Area Manager Brett Anderson, and all our Leagues and Clubs. We see ourselves as a link between the player and family, their school and local club in the transition from underage football – senior football – AFL / VFL / VCFL. We are a partnership helping each other along a career pathway – credit for success must be shared with all concerned.

Thank you to our full time employees: John Edsall – AFL Victoria's Geelong Development Manager & Alan Thompson – AFL Victoria's Hampden Development Manager. Both John and Alan are very professional in supporting the Geelong Falcons Talented player programs and also delivering their AFL Victoria Development duties to their specific regions. Alan and John ensure that everything runs smoothly in their areas of responsibility, which of course enhances the Falcons outcomes, and our reputation for quality program delivery.

Acknowledgement must also be given to the staff who conduct our U16 and U15 development squads. The Geelong Falcons are only as strong as the players recruited to, and developed throughout, this junior structure. Ashley Connoley, Michael Boyd and staff (U16), Mark Gellie and Dave Farrell (U15 Geelong) and Peter Banks (U15 Hampden), head their development squads and we thank them and their staff for the dedicated service they give year after year

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Also all our Gold Sponsors who have supported us for many years. Without the continued and new support of our sponsors the Geelong Falcons program could not provide the resources and staff that we do as each sponsor is an integral part of our support network.

Special thanks to Rex Gorell Ford / Ford Credit, our Major Sponsor over the past 5 years now. Rex Gorell Ford provides a vehicle to the Geelong Falcons, which provides significant savings in our budget to allow us to provide improved and new resources to our staff and players throughout the region.

Thank you to the media for their promotion of the club throughout 2008. The Herald Sun, Geelong Advertiser, Colac Herald, Warrnambool Standard, Western District Newspapers, K-Rock, 3YB, 3CS and RHEMA FM.

Thank you also to the staff at AFL Victoria for their leadership and encouragement – Peter Schwab (CEO), John Hook (Football Operations Manager) and Mick Daniher (AFLVic Development Manager).

We thank our players and parents leaving us in 2008 - your support has been appreciated. We wish the players all the best in their careers on and off the field and we hope your Geelong Falcons experience will be seen as a positive one for your future.

Congratulations to the players who were drafted, and good luck in your AFL careers.

Michael Turner

Region Manager, Geelong Falcons: 1995-2008.



COACH'S REPORT – 2008.

It is with great pleasure that I compile this report on what was another enjoyable year coaching the Geelong Falcons. I was again delighted with the support I received from all members of the Geelong Falcons football community. The season came and went very quickly with preseason focusing on Leadership, Fitness and Decision Making. Placing players in game related scenarios at training helped them deal with these situations much better once game day rolled in. I was extremely proud of the way all players on the Falcons list conducted themselves over the course of the year, both on and off the field, and I have no doubt that this application was a strong factor in why the Falcons again reached another finals series in 2008.



We had a great start to the TAC season and opened our account with a solid win over North Ballarat, Murray proved again to be very strong in 2008 and flexed their muscles against the Falcons in round three winning by 53 points. To the player's credit the team was able to win many more games throughout the season - it was our attack on the ball and our strong team & tactical play that really set up an opportunity to play finals again. The Falcons played more consistent football between rounds nine to nineteen and managed only two losses during this block of games, but due to some narrow losses earlier in the season the Falcons only secured third position on the ladder come finals.

The final series was different to past whereby only the winning teams progressed and the double chance was eroded for the teams who finished inside the four. The match against Oakleigh was played in very windy conditions, both teams attacked the ball hard and moved it quickly to their forwards but unfortunately we could not capitalize on a number of our inside 50 entries. Our boys showed true Falcon's character and continued to get back into the match through the efforts of Luke Rounds and Luke Delaney and looked likely to run over the top of Oakleigh late in the game only to again fall short by a narrow margin. Unfortunately such a long season with training, travelling, school football, State commitments and perhaps lack of finals experience we could not advance to a grand final playoff.

I was certainly satisfied with the season as a whole as I believe it's always a fine line as a coach in the TAC when you look at achieving the balance needed with regard to winning at all costs and developing players. Giving almost 50 players the opportunity to represent the Geelong Falcons in season 2008 and finishing with 1 final could only be a valuable experience for any player and I trust they will have learnt an enormous amount from it.

The match committee continued to work very well and cohesively right across the year, considering at times the coaching box can become a volatile working environment. I would personally like to thank and congratulate Cameron Loftus, Paul Hood, Brett McTaggart, Paul Henrikson, Adam Sheridan, Steve Griffen and both runners in Dale Hunt and Jamie Hepner. I would also like to thank Di Khan who did a wonderful job with regard to the player's fitness levels throughout the season; right from the start of pre-season in November 2007 Di continued to push and manage the players physically throughout the season

The medical staff was also instrumental in this process, their professionalism and dedication to detail being exemplary and I believe this had a great effect on the players as it really showed them that football at the highest level is not just about turning up on the day and playing but being committed to prepare yourself properly at the conclusion of every training session and match so a special thanks must go to Shane Dawson (Head Trainer), Steve Baker (Club Doctor), Justin Edwards & Mark Zampatti (Physiotherapists), Podiatrist Paul Graham, Richard Embleton (Player Welfare), and of course our trainers Tim Malberg, Corine Briers, Sue Theodore and Sharon Dunoon.

There are many more people in the Falcon's program who deserve praise for their efforts throughout the year and I would like to acknowledge and thank all of our Sponsors, Cameron Loftus (Football Manager) who did a wonderful job in ensuring the right policy was implemented across the year; also to Alan Thompson, John Edsall, John Paslawski, Peter Hester, Bill Scott, Brian Virtue, Steve Oram, Paul Graham, John & Evelyn Winter, Clive West, Ashley Connoley and Staff, Peter Banks and Staff, Squad Coaches Paul Henriksen, John McVilly, Jeremy Mitchem, Brian Cordy (Geelong College), Tony Paatsch (St. Joseph's College) and Paul La Cava (Geelong Grammar) :- many thanks for a job well done and you should all be proud of the way you contributed long hours to help make the Geelong Falcon's a successful and respected Football Club in the TAC competition.

With regard to the 2008 draft, congratulations go to Ayce Cordy, Jordan Jones, Luke Rounds and Ben Bucavaz - you have given everyone at the Falcons enormous pleasure in the way which you all played and presented yourselves across the year and we look forward to following your careers closely.

Finally, a big thank you to Michael Turner for his support and enthusiasm. Michael makes the program a most enjoyable experience, his dedication and knowledge of the competition is simply outstanding and of real benefit to the Match Committee.

Good luck to Adam Sheridan who is leaving the program to spend more time with his growing family.

Once again I thank all Geelong Falcons Staff, players, parents, volunteers, and sponsors and also wish all exiting players the very best in their future careers, wherever that may lead.

Cheers,
Garry Hocking



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FOOTBALL MANAGER'S REPORT

The Geelong Falcons Football Club is an organization that has continued to grow in stature each year. As a local player, coach and lover of football in general, I have looked on from afar as many of the boys have progressed to play AFL football, many others headed off to the VFL with Werribee, and the majority returning to their local clubs, becoming leaders among their peers. The one or two years within the program certainly have a strong and lasting influence on them.

The role as Football Manager has been an exciting challenge and a great chance to continue to strive to add value to a program that produces outstanding footballers with great character. It is also why I can confidently say that each player is provided the opportunity to improve their skill, fitness, leadership skills and understanding of what it takes to reach a high level of achievement. Every staff member and volunteer involved in the club is passionate and committed to the program. "Providing each player the opportunity to reach his potential" is the goal and, while of course not every player will play AFL football, it is assured that they will gain an insight into what it takes to play at the elite level.



It is a challenging environment for the boys. From the initial list of 100+, the players are clearly made aware that attitude, skill, decision-making, coachability, fitness and leadership are key elements that they will be judged on. The thoroughly-planned training program and expert coaching, led by Garry Hocking, is an experience that each boy should take with them for the remainder of their football careers. The disappointment for some upon being informed that they will not progress further in the program, is a bitter one that provides a further challenge for each individual. At this point the attitude of the individual can make or break their footballing future.

Practice games are the final chance for many to impress and make the final squad of 50. Also important to note is the 'open door' policy that is explained explicitly.

Throughout the year, the players were exposed to a number of programs and opportunities that sometimes go unnoticed. Firstly, the players are looked after by a very committed staff that includes administrators, coaches, fitness experts, medical professionals, trainers, masseurs, rehabilitation staff, runners and a large number of volunteers who put in enormous time and commitment to ensure that the program continues to 'raise the bar' in its pursuit of excellence. This year other programs/opportunities that the Falcons players were provided included; Goal-setting program and Leadership program (Cameron Loftus), Drug Awareness program (Purana Taskforce), Look After Your Mate (TAC Driving Program), Fitness testing (Victoria University PE department), Weekly coaching from footage provided by Champion Data (AFL and TAC only), personalized coaching using personal edits (Garry Hocking, Paul Hood, Brett McTaggart, Paul Henriksen and Adam Sheridan), team building sessions and many others.

As all those involved will be clearly aware; the players and families of Falcons players are asked for a large commitment. Those from the Hampden area are asked for an even bigger travel and time commitment. Is it worth it? For each boy who has the opportunity and privilege of representing our region in this elite competition the answer is simple. They have taken on all the challenges and have not succumbed to the inevitable difficulties and hurdles that come, to finally make the team and be given the responsibility of trying to carry out the coach's message and to implement the team plan. They get the chance to run out on Skilled Stadium and showcase their talents as individuals, but more importantly as a member of 'the team'.

2008 saw the Falcons finish 3rd at the end of the home and away season and narrowly beaten by a strong Oakleigh side in this years "knock out" finals. The boys had the opportunity to get a feel for finals football and this will be used to drive the team further in the coming year. Garry Hocking and the Match Committee have coached a style of play that was exciting and the team played 'team orientated' football for the majority of the time with a strong emphasis on being accountable to one another within the team structure.

The staff at the Geelong Falcons are committed to 'best practice' and supporters can be assured that each year the program takes steps forward. Led brilliantly by Michael Turner and Garry Hocking, staff are encouraged to critique their own practice, personal development is encouraged and supported, processes are constantly reviewed and new & innovative programs are being sought. We are proud to say that our Leadership and Welfare programs, along with our Transition program, are reaching the level which we are confident will be the best in the TAC competition.

I would like to congratulate all boys on their efforts in 2008. You have shown that you can persevere and commit yourself totally in the pursuit of excellence. Led excellently by Chris Lynch, Patrick Dangerfield, Luke Delaney, Sam Hughes, Hugh Hunter, Zac Ledin, Jordan Jones, Tim Hunt and Luke Rounds the side took big strides in their football development. To Ayce Cordy, Luke Rounds, Jordan Jones & Ben Bucovaz, congratulations on being drafted. The challenge for you now begins again.

I would also like to congratulate the staff at the Falcons on your outstanding professionalism and total commitment. An amazing group of passionate and determined people not only guide the players physically, but support them from a welfare point of view as challenges arise personally, at school and from a football sense. New staff such as Paul Hood, Adam Sheridan, Darren Grapsas and Dale Hunt have been welcomed with open arms and made to feel a part of the place very quickly.

I congratulate Mick and Garry as they are a pleasure to work with. My best wishes to Adam Sheridan who is moving on (family commitments) as he was a huge addition to the club this year.

There has already been a great deal of planning for further improvements in 2009. It is an exciting time to be involved in the TAC and particularly the Geelong Falcons. Good fortune to all.

Cameron Loftus
Football Manager



HAMPDEN REGION DEVELOPMENT REPORT

Alan Thompson - Geelong Falcons Hampden Region Development Manager

In conjunction with AFL Victoria Development and the Geelong Falcons Football Club the following development and promotion programs were conducted in the Hampden Region in 2008.

nab AFL Auskick

The National Australia Bank provided sponsorship and support of AFL Auskick in the Hampden Region with a large number of children involved in Auskick continuing to enjoy this well structured program. With 37 clinics and a combined registration of 1630 children and their parents this provides a great base for the future of football in the region. A number of the nab AFL Auskick centres participated in half time Auskick Rules and Grid games at AFL grounds and local football where many children were able to demonstrate their football skills and enjoy performing in front of an appreciative crowd.



Primary School Footy Programs

For this interschool program the Region is divided into three sections; Colac, Central and Warrnambool.

Colac Zone

The Colac PS interschool program involved year 5 and 6 students in a round robin winter sports competition on a Friday afternoon during term 3. The following schools are involved on a fortnightly game program; Elliminyt, Sacred Heart, East, West and South West Colac, St Mary's and St Brendan's combining for the sixth team.

Central Zone

The Corangamite Inter-School Football/Netball Competition involving seven Primary schools continued this year. The games (modified rules) were played on Friday afternoons with each school playing up to four rounds (two 'home' and two 'away'). Participating schools were Camperdown College, Cobden, Mortlake P-12, Simpson, St Patrick's (Camperdown), St Thomas (Terang) and Terang College (including Noorat PS). The major objective of the program was to provide an opportunity for primary age children to compete against their peers from other schools in the central zone.

Warrnambool Zone

Commencing in May, eight primary schools in the Warrnambool area played a seven-round interschool competition on Wednesday nights after school. The games were played on local school ovals and were preceded by a skills clinic combining both schools prior to the modified rules game. St Josephs, St Johns Dennington, Warrnambool, East Warrnambool, West Warrnambool, St Pius, Our Lady Help of Christians, Kings College and Woodford PS participate in this competition. St Josephs PS (Warrnambool) participated in the Victoria Primary School State Football Championships again this year involving 1600 schools. St Josephs needed 14 straight wins to progress through the regional, western and country divisions before qualifying for the state final. The State final was played at Victoria Park in Melbourne where St Josephs defeated Bairnsdale West PS by 17 points to win the 2008 Bega Cup. This is St Josephs PS second win in three years. Congratulations to the school's very talented young footballers and coach Mark Gercovich.

nab AUSKICK AFL Player Primary Schools Clinics

The Geelong Football Club was again the AFL Foster Club for the Hampden Region for season 2008. Superclinics were conducted in Birregurra, Lorne, Winchelsea and Timboon. School visits were arranged in Colac, Cobden, Warrnambool, Koroit, Port Fairy, Camperdown, Cobden and Terang (40 schools). Senior list players from the Cats were involved and it was particularly pleasing to see – Matthew Scarlett, Steven Johnson, Paul Chapman, Cameron Mooney, Cameron Ling, Corey Enright, Andrew Mackie, Darren Milburn and Joel Selwood along with many local players providing children from years 3 to 6 with worthwhile football skills and fun activities at the nab AFL Auskick Player Clinics. There were well over 5000 children from regional primary schools who participated in the clinics held during this program.

Fun 4 Kids Festival – Warrnambool

Football was one of the popular activities, particularly with boys, at the Fun 4 Kids Festival held in Warrnambool over the week June 28th - July 6th. Included in the football area were handball competitions, kicking using portable goal posts and plenty of footballs. Assisting to run the activities over the Festival was Peter Allan, Hampden FNL League Development Officer along with local clubs and Geelong Falcons squad players who provided the manpower to make the Auskick footy promotional activity well worth a visit. The Fun 4 Kids Festival is in its ninth year in Warrnambool and has proved to be a great attraction during the second term school holidays. The festival continues to grow each year.

Nab 150 Roadshow Tour – Australian Football Experience (Port Fairy & Warrnambool)

2008 marks 150 years since the first recorded game of Australian Football. The nab 150 Roadshow Tour visited all capital cities and many key regional towns. In this region it visited Port Fairy and Warrnambool where it entertained school children & adults. The interactive activities involved - The Big Footy, The Big Kick and handball target featuring Nathan Buckley, Michael Voss and Luke Darcy. AFL Ambassador Chris Grant (Bulldogs) also attended to sign autographs. Thanks to the local volunteers Ken Radley, Wayne Hinkley, Shaun Murrhly and Peter Allan for giving up their time to ensure the Nab 150 RoadShow was a success.

Colac Youth Council Sports Activities Expo

The Colac Youth Council Sports Activities Expo is held at the Central Reserve in Colac during November. All Primary schools in the Colac area are invited to attend the activities involving clinics for all children 5 –12 years. Colac & District FNL League Development Officer Peter Mulheron and Colac Auskick coordinators Paul Robson and Sam McDonald assist coordinating the activities throughout the week.

AFL Auskick Rules /Grid Games

Twenty Hampden Region nab AFL Auskick centres were given the opportunity to be involved in Auskick Rules or Grid Games at half time of AFL games this year. Games were played at the MCG, Telstra Dome and Skilled Stadium. This provided many young children the chance to demonstrate their footy skills at an AFL venue.

Hampden Region Coaches Association

The HRCA has been very active again this year. Membership is at 140 with seventy five coaches attending our Level One Youth/Senior coaching course at Glenormiston on Sunday 16th March. Presenters included Simon Fletcher (Organising the Training Session), Geoff Withers (Fitness for Football/Recovery & Rehabilitation), Paul Henriksen (Coaching Youth Players) and David Parkin (Team Play & Tactics, Basic Skills of Football & Training Drills).

The Association provides its members with three very informative locally produced magazines with football news, coaching tips, training ideas, fitness information, rule explanations and medical information along with membership to the Australian Football Coaches Association (Vic) and its coaching update mailouts, as well as other membership benefits.

The Coaching Resource Library established in 1998 now has an extensive range of equipment including ruck bags, tackle bags, coach's mats, videos and books to lend and support local coaching at senior/junior levels.

The final function for 2008 was the 16th Annual "Coach of the Year" awards held in conjunction with the Hampden Football Netball League "Maskell Medal" count and presentation function on Sunday 14th September at the City Memorial Bowls Club in Warrnambool. Over 400 people from Hampden FNL clubs and other interested football personnel attended the day, and gave their support to the nominees in each of the four categories.

The four winners were: Senior – Matthew Irving (Terang Mortlake FNC), Youth – Gerard Sully (Emmanuel Hawks JFC), Junior – Paul Robson (Forrest FNC & Active After School Program) and Auskick – Cheryl Oates (Cobden Auskick) who then become the Region's nominees for the Victorian "Coach of the Year" awards dinner conducted in Melbourne on 7th November. Congratulations to Cheryl Oates who was selected as one of the three finalists in the Female section.

Australia Football International Cup 2008

Sixteen countries from around the world gathered in Warrnambool to play games in the International Cup over 3 days. The countries; Japan, South Africa, U.S.A, Great Britain, India, China, Denmark, Canada, Ireland, Nauru, Papua New Guinea, Sweden, Finland, Samoa, New Zealand and the Peace Team involving players from Israel & Palestine. While in Warrnambool they attended local district Primary Schools and football clubs to talk about their countries cultures and learn some footy skills from the eager students and players.

South West Region Junior Round Robin - Hamilton

The South West Region Junior Round Robin for U14 & U16 teams was conducted in Hamilton on Sunday 25th May. The games were played between Hampden JFL (2 teams), Hamilton JFL, Portland JFL, Mininera JFL, Mt.Gambier JFL, Casterton/Coleraine JFL and the Warrnambool & District FNL

The Championship winners for 2008 were Hampden JFL at both U14 & U16 levels.

V-Line Ballarat & District Junior Carnival

Colac & District FNL entered U14 and U16 teams in the Ballarat & District Junior Carnival this year. The games were played at the Marty Busch Reserve in Sebastopol on Sunday 15th June.

Four Leagues were involved and teams were entered from Central Highlands FL, Lexton Plains FNL, Mininera DFL & Colac & District FNL. Each League during the day were involved in a Life Skills Session presented by Mark Chaffy & Andrew Kellaway (former Richmond FC player). Colac & District FNL won the U14 & U16 divisions. Congratulations to the winning coaches Des Ryan (U14) and Murray Williamson (U16) for their success on the day.

Hampden Region State Representatives

There was once again strong representation at Under 16 and Under 15 National Championship levels again this year. Gus Pomorin (Emmanuel Hawks), Daniel Semmens (Cobden), Billie Smedts (Nth Warrnambool) and Luke Mahony (Camperdown) were the South West representatives at the Under 16 National Championships played in Brisbane during July. In the Under 15 Australian Secondary Schools National Football Championships played in Melbourne during July, Tom Watson (Cobden) was the South West representative in the Victorian team.



GEELONG REGION DEVELOPMENT REPORT - John Edsall

The role as Geelong Region Development Manager incorporates a range of responsibilities, in the main coordination of AFL Victoria's Development programs.

AFL Player Appearances

The AFL maintained its policy this year requiring every player on Geelong's list to make an equal contribution to game development through their attendance at Auskick Centres, Primary & Secondary Schools and Junior Football Clubs.

The commitment of the Geelong players to this cause was again first class and the feed back from those groups serviced was very positive. We also maintained the other 3 excellent opportunities for the region's youth to access their AFL heroes - GFC players visited junior clubs to help conduct training, while



an Auskick Superclinic was held at Kardinia Park in August with most GFC players and over 1500 Auskickers in attendance - GFC players also visited every Auskick centre which requested a player visit at the end of the season.

We are also contacted regularly to service individual requests from various schools and other organizations - individual clinics, AFL Recreational Football, Sport Days and Girl's Footy are among the types of requests which are made and serviced.

Junior Club Development and the 'fostership' concept

AFL Victoria has, in conjunction with the Victorian Country Football League and the Regional Board, continued to promote the development and growth of football throughout the region.

Local clubs are provided with the option of becoming involved in many of the AFL Victoria Programs (such as the AFL Player Clinics and the AFL Auskick Program) to assist them in their endeavors to help foster the game in their local schools and community. Local clubs and leagues are supported in every possible way through our resources and expertise. Many local clubs are very active in this regard, offering a range of services to local schools with the assistance of AFL Victoria.

Jason McCartney Seminar

Students from Christian College and Oberon High School had the opportunity to attend a session titled "Your Destiny is a Matter of Choice" conducted by ex-AFL player and Bali-bomb survivor Jason McCartney at Christian College, Highton. Feedback from staff and students was excellent.



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Runnerrunner
Boxing Coach
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Team Manager
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Head Trainer
Trainers (supervisors)
Time Keeper
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Statistics
Welfare Officer
Club Chaplain
U16 Program

U15 Program

Squad Coaches

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Clerical Secretary
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 Brett McTaggart
 Paul Henriksen
 Cameron Loftus
 Craig Hocking
 Di Khan
 Jamie Hepner
 Dale Hunt
 Darryl Eagle
 Steve Griffin
 Peter Hester
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 Steve Baker
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 Shane Dawson
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 Clive West
 Brian Virtue / Bill Scott
 Champion Data
 Richard Embelton
 Steve Oram



Assistant Coaches: Paul Hood,
 Brett McTaggart , Paul Henriksen
 & Adam Sheridan

Geelong

Ashley Connoley, Mick McManus, Ron Imanse, Shaun Rock, Brett McTaggart, Andrew Allthorpe, Dave Farrell

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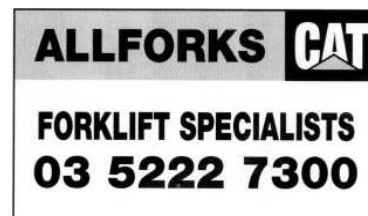
John McVilly, Paul McVilly, Alan Thompson, Michael Boyd, Paul Henriksen, Jeremy Mitchem

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Hampden

Paul Henriksen - Camperdown
 Jeremy Mitchem - Warrnambool
 Darrell Nash
 Ashley Connoley, Alan Thompson, Paul Henriksen
 Karen Turner
 Clive West



GEELONG FALCONS 2008 - JUMPER LIST

JUMPER No.	CHRISTIAN NAME	SURNAME	DOB	HT	WT	CLUB
1	Dean	MUIR	04.02.90	182	67	Inverleigh
2	James	ROCK	02.07.91	174	63	Ocean Grove
3	Brandon	HOWARTH	22.03.91	196	68	Leopold
4	Hugh	HUNTER	04.05.90	166	66	Geelong Amateur
5	Allen	CHRISTENSEN	19.05.91	175	69	Lara
6	Daniel	JULL	28.03.90	177	69	Drysdale
7	Sam	HUGHES	24.06.90	177	66	Leopold
8	Martin	SARGEANT	30.06.90	181	68	Terang/Mortlake
9	Jordan	GRANT	19.10.89	178	74	Newtown Chilwell
10	Timothy	HUNT	03.06.90	179	63	Warrnambool
11	Chris	LYNCH	17.03.89	182	71	Bell Park
12	Luke	ROUNDS	10.02.91	181	70	Terang/Mortlake
13	Liam	HOY	12.12.91	179	72	Warrnambool
14	Dean	Gavin	05.07.91	174	70	Koroit
15	Gabby	DENTON	23.04.90	177	69	Torquay
16	Daniel	MALONEY	25.08.90	188	77	Ocean Grove
17	Ben	BUCOVAZ	02.11.90	188	88	Geelong Amateur
18	Tom	McMANUS	22.06.90	188	73	Ocean Grove
19	Joel	EDWARDS	14.01.91	179	70	South Barwon
20	Anthony	BIEMANS	29.03.90	182	81	South Barwon
21	James	HUSSEY	12.04.91	183	79	South Warrnambool
22	Callum	BARTLETT	19.06.91	179	75	North Geelong
23	Mitch	FISHER	22.04.91	180	76	Modewarre
24	Joseph	DARE	17.10.91	187	74	Colac
25	Michael	JENNINGS	23.10.90	183	78	St Josephs
26	Ben	MOLONEY	07.02.91	181	80	Kolora/Noorat
27	Joshua	GRABOWSKI	14.03.91	175	72	Bell Park
28	Jordan	JONES	29.06.90	190	90	Ocean Grove
29	Tom	SIMPKIN	07.08.90	190	81	Colac
30	Ben	CUNNINGTON	30.06.91	184	78	Cobden
31	Luke	CONSEDINE	08.03.90	182	75	Colac
32	Nicholas	SUTCLIFFE	12.09.89	190	76	Geelong Amateur
33	Liam	SHEPPARD	03.02.91	188	78	South Rovers
34	Kane	LEERSEN	19.06.90	186	84	Colac
35	Patrick	DANGERFIELD	05.04.90	190	88	Adelaide Crows
36	Jasper	McMILLAN-PITTARD	01.04.91	185	69	Torquay
37	Jackson	BRIGHT	18.04.91	186	73	Bell Park
38	Zachary	LEDIN	02.05.90	181	74	North Warrnambool
39	Lucas	BOYD	09.05.90	194	92	Warrnambool
40	Lewis	HOLLMER	27.09.90	195	96	Lorne
41	Luke	DELANEY	24.06.89	194	94	Grovedale
42	Luke	THOMPSON	08.02.91	192	85	Timboon
43	William	VEALE	05.10.90	189	81	Colac
44	Oliver	ROBERTSON	09.05.90	194	86	Geelong Grammar
45	Thomas	MACKENZIE	10.09.91	194	84	Anglesea
46	Jordie	McKENZIE	21.06.90	186	73	Terang/Mortlake
47	Jordan	DILLON	04.04.90	199	95	South Warrnambool
48	Benjamin	DOBSON	13.02.90	191	89	Koroit
49	Ayce	CORDY	06.08.90	202	77	Ocean Grove/Geelong College
50	Zac	PICKETT	10.10.90	192	107	South Warrnambool

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MATCH SUMMARY - 2008

Rnd	Date	Played	Venue	Scores	W/L
1	Mar 30	North Ballarat Rebels	QEO, Bendigo	19.13.127 – 13.10.88	W
2	April 06	Dandenong Stingrays	Shepley Oval	15.7.107 – 21.10.136	L
3	April 12	Murray Bushrangers	QEO, Bendigo	6.16.52 – 16.9.105	L
4	April 20	Calder Cannons	Skilled Stadium	21.9.135 – 10.11.71	W
5	May 03	Eastern Ranges	Skilled Stadium	14.9.93 – 15.10.100	L
6	May 17	Northern Knights	Skilled Stadium	11.8.74 – 5.15.45	W
7	May 25	Sandringham Dragons	Skilled Stadium	23.13.151 – 7.10.52	W
8	May 31	Queensland	Skilled Stadium	13.9.87 – 14.10.94	L
9	June 14	Western Jets	Bartercard Oval	21.14.140 – 8.9.57	W
10	June 28	Oakleigh Chargers	Skilled Stadium	15.15.105 – 11.3.69	W
11	July 06	Dandenong Stingrays	Skilled Stadium	14.14.98 – 14.9.93	W
12	July 13	Calder Cannons	ABD Group Stadium	16.14.110 – 7.7.49	W
13	July 20	Northern Knights	Skilled Stadium	10.13.73 – 9.7.61	W
14	July 26	Gippsland Power	Skilled Stadium	18.11.119 – 18.13.121	L
15	Aug 09	Bendigo Pioneers	Skilled Stadium	18.8.116 – 9.11.65	W
16	Aug 16	Eastern Ranges	Box Hill City Oval	8.9.57 – 10.9.69	L
17	Aug 24	North Ballarat Rebels	Skilled Stadium	9.13.67 – 8.20.68	L
18	Aug 31	Western Jets	Burbank Oval	14.16.100 – 10.6.66	W
19	Sept 7	Sandringham Dragons	Princes Park	12.10.82 – 10.11.71	W
EF	Sept 13	Oakleigh Chargers	Princes Park	7.8.50 – 10.11.71	L

AFL VICTORIA - TAC Cup – 2008 Ladder

	CLUB	W	L	D	FOR	AGAINST	%	POINTS
1.	Murray Bushrangers	17	2	0	2057	1245	165.22	68
2.	Dandenong Stingrays	13	6	0	1845	1551	118.96	52
3.	Geelong Falcons	12	7	0	1893	1480	127.91	48
4.	North Ballarat Rebels	12	7	0	1621	1417	114.40	48
5.	Gippsland Power	11	8	0	1754	1437	122.06	44
6.	Oakleigh Chargers	11	8	0	1735	1485	116.84	44
7.	Western Jets	11	8	0	1562	1641	95.19	44
8.	Eastern Ranges	11	8	0	1523	1639	92.92	44
9.	Sandringham Dragons	6	13	0	1488	1884	78.98	24
10.	Bendigo Pioneers	5	14	0	1483	1932	76.76	20
11.	Calder Cannons	5	14	0	1368	1786	76.60	20
12.	Northern Knights	3	16	0	1399	1707	81.96	12



GEELONG FALCONS GOAL KICKERS

NAME	TOTAL	TAC Cup
	2008	TOTAL
Pat Dangerfield	32	38
Ben Bucovaz	20	22
Sam Hughes	18	37
Luke Thompson	17	17
Gabby Denton	17	17
Dean Gavin	15	15
Lucas Boyd	15	16
James Rock	12	12
Allen Christensen	11	11
Hugh Hunter	10	19
Luke Delaney	10	10
Tom Mackenzie	9	9
Ben Cunnington	9	9
Jordan Jones	8	9
James Hussey	8	8
Callum Bartlett	8	8
Chris Lynch	6	24
Daniel Jull	6	10
Luke Rounds	6	6
Ben Dobson	5	6
Jackson Bright	5	5
Joshua Grabowski	5	5
Zac Ledin	4	18
Daniel Maloney	4	4
Lewis Hollmer	4	4
Timothy Hunt	4	16
Tom Simpkin	4	4
Jasper McMillan-Pittard	3	3
Kane Leersen	3	3
Zachary Pickett	2	2
Jordie McKenzie	2	2
Jordan Grant	1	7
Nic Sutcliffe	1	2
Ayce Cordy	-	4
Daniel Moloney	-	1
Dean Muir	-	1

2008 FALCONS MORRISH MEDAL	
Player	Votes
Allen Christensen, Ben Cunnington, Hugh Hunter	9
Sam Hughes, Chris Lynch	7
Callum Bartlett	6
Ben Bucovaz, Patrick Dangerfield, Luke Delaney, Gabby Denton, Tom Simpkin	3
Timothy Hunt, Luke Thompson	2
Lucas Boyd, Dean Gavin, Jordan Jones, Zac Ledin	1

TAC COACHES AWARD - 2008		
Name	Club	Total
Ben Cunnington	Geelong Falcons	18
Chris Lynch	Geelong Falcons	16
Mitch Fisher Hugh Hunter Tom Mackenzie Tom Simpkin	Geelong Falcons	10
Ben Bucovaz Dean Gavin	Geelong Falcons	9
Zac Ledin	Geelong Falcons	8
Lucas Boyd Luke Delaney Gabby Denton	Geelong Falcons	7
Callum Bartlett	Geelong Falcons	5
Patrick Dangerfield	Geelong Falcons	4



GEELONG FALCONS HONOUR ROLL

Games played 1992-2008

	pre 06	06	07	08	Total
Glenn Hanegraaf	51				51
Cameron Ling	46				46
Adam Wilkinson	40				40
Chris Lynch			19	20	39
Aaron Nawrocki	39				39
Andrew Siegert	38				38
Chris Baumgartner	38				38
Andrew Scott		19	19		38
Sam Stavenuiter		18	19		37
James Bartel	37				37
Paul Sullivan	37				37
Ged Brody	37				37
Tim Sheringham	36				36
John Meesen	36				36
Paul Hood	36				36
David Clarke	35				35
Ben Jansen	35				35
Sam Wormald	35				35
Chris Heffernan	34				34
Sam Hughes			16	16	32
Tim Hunt			10	18	28
Zac Ledin			14	11	25
Hugh Hunter			13	12	25
Luke Delaney		2	6	17	25
Jordan Jones			10	14	24
Pat Dangerfield			9	13	22
Daniel Jull			5	17	22
Ben Bucovaz			7	12	19
Tom Simpkin			4	14	18
Gabby Denton				17	17
Callum Bartlett				17	17
Lucas Boyd			2	14	16
Mitch Fisher				16	16
James Hussey				16	16
Luke Rounds				16	16
Jordan Grant		11	1	3	15
Nick Sutcliffe		1	2	12	15
Allen Christensen				15	15
Ben Cunnington				15	15
Joshua Grabowski				15	15
Luke Thompson				14	14
Tom Mackenzie				13	13
Dean Muir			6	5	11
Dean Gavin				11	11
Jordie McKenzie				10	10
Daniel Maloney			4	4	8
Tom McManus			2	6	8
Ben Dobson			1	7	8
Lewis Hollmer				8	8
James Rock				8	8
Zachary Pickett				7	7
Oliver Robertson				5	5
Kane Leersen				5	5
Jasper McMillan-Pittard				4	4
Will Veale				4	4
Ayce Cordy			3	-	3
Jackson Bright				3	3
Benjamin Moloney				3	3
Michael Jennings				2	2
Jordan Dillon				2	2
Brandon Howarth				1	1
Martin Sargeant				1	1
Liam Hoy				1	1
Luke Consedine				1	1
Anthony Biemans				1	1



2008 Best & Fairest Chris Lynch, recipient of The Norris Harding Medal, pictured with coach Garry Hocking

B&F VOTES - 2008

1	Chris Lynch	326
2	Ben Cunnington	256
3	Luke Delaney	239
4	Patrick Dangerfield	233
5	Ben Bucovaz	210
6	Tom Mackenzie	192
7	Hugh Hunter	173
=8	Luke Rounds	167
	Gabby Denton	
10	Zac Ledin	154
11	Dean Gavin	152
12	Callum Bartlett	150
13	Mitch Fisher	134
14	Allen Christensen	132
=15	Tom Simpkin	131
	Lucas Boyd	
17	Jordie McKenzie	130
18	Timothy Hunt	121
19	Sam Hughes	104
20	Nicholas Sutcliffe	93
21	Daniel Jull	92
22	James Hussey	86
23	Jordan Jones	82
24	Lewie Hollmer	80
25	Tom McManus	70
26	James Rock	64
27	Oliver Robertson	39
28	Zac Pickett	38
29	Luke Thompson	37
30	Dean Muir	20
31	Joshua Grabowski	16
32	Kane Leersen	11
33	Jasper	7
	McMillan-Pittard	

CLUB TROPHY WINNERS to 2008

NOEL EDGERTON AWARD (Outstanding Service to the Club)

1992	Kieran Murrhly	1993	Leigh Pettigrove
1994	Nigel Browning	1995	Rick Embelton - Head Trainer
1996	Dr. Steven Baker (Club Doctor)	1997	Norris Harding
1998	Pat Meade	1999	Peter Burke
2000	Lloyd Anstee	2001	Ray Pigott
2002	Peter Banks / Tim Malberg	2003	Colin Werrett
2004	Frank Pike / Bill Dalziel	2005	Damien Christensen / Leigh McLusky
2006	Clive West	2007	Tim Malberg

2008 Evelyn & Jack Winter

BEST & FAIREST (Norris Harding Medal)

1992	Vince Cappadona	1993	Wade Chapman
1994	Tony Brown	1995	Paul Hood - 265 Votes
1996	Jacob Rhodes - 268 Votes	1997	James Dalton - 207 Votes
1998	Marc Dragicevic - 259 Votes	1999	Mike Beardsley - 214 Votes
2000	James Bartel - 199 Votes	2001	Dominic Gleeson - 275 Votes
2002	James Allan - 263 Votes	2003	Nathan Foley - 167 Votes
2004	Tim Sheringham - 196 Votes	2005	Marcus Crook - 205 Votes
2006	Daniel O'Keefe - 419 Votes	2007	Jack Steven - 358 Votes

2008 Chris Lynch - 326 votes

RUNNER - UP

1992	Glenn Gorman/Daniel Fletcher	1993	Glenn Gorman
1994	Shaun Baxter	1995	Joe McLaren - 197 Votes
1996	Steven Clarke - 235 Votes	1997	James Rahilly - 198 Votes
1998	Ged Brody - 164 Votes	1999	Tim Clark - 202 Votes
2000	Matthew Irving - 174 Votes	2001	James Bartel - 234 Votes
2002	Josh Rudd - 198 Votes	2003	Sam Dwyer - 163 Votes
2004	Jordan Lewis - 191 Votes	2005	Jacob McGuane - 203 votes
2006	Michael Rockefeller - 254 Votes	2007	Andrew Scott

2008 Ben Cunnington - 256 Votes

3RD BEST & FAIREST

1993	Andrew Sharp	1994	Peter Bird/Gavin Colville
1995	Peter Featherston - 188 Votes	1996	Chris Heffernan - 221 Votes
1997	Sam Talarico - 197 Votes	1998	Adam Harris - 163 Votes
1999	Jonathan Brown - 199 Votes	2000	Amon Buchanan - 158 Votes
2001	Paul Sullivan - 156 Votes	2002	Tim Boyle - 166 Votes
2003	Will Richardson - 135 Votes	2004	Sam Dwyer - 163 Votes
2005	Jackson Sheringham - 176 votes	2006	Flinn Chisholm - 245 Votes
2007	Jaxson Barham	2008 Luke Delaney - 239 Votes	
		2006	Travis Boak - 222 Votes

4TH BEST & FAIREST

LEADING GOALKICKER

1992	Adam Richardson (35)	1993	David Tanis (27)
1994	Scott Lucas (55)	1995	Korey Fulton (24)
1996	Ben Broad (54)	1997	Cameron Ling (34)
1998	Cameron Ling (46)	1999	Cameron Ling (34)
2000	Matthew Irving (46)	2001	Travis Moloney (37)
2002	Jake Carmody (30)	2003	Blair Tournier (22)
2004	Blair Tournier (32)	2005	Jonathan Simpkin (25)
2006	Daniel O'Keefe (32)	2007	Guy O'Keefe (21)

2008 Patrick Dangerfield (35)

BEST IN FINALS

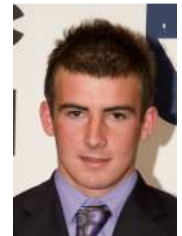
1992	Matthew Primus/Daniel Fletcher	1993	Matthew Primus
1994	Peter Bird	1995	Dan Madden
1996	Jacob Rhodes	1998	Steve Baker / Jay Solomon
1999	Brendan Coffey	2000	Amon Buchanan
2001	Nick Maxwell / Matt Maguire	2003	Jarrold Kayler-Thomson
2004	John Meesen	2005	Sam Wormald
2006	Andrew Scott / Thomas Couch	2007	Adam Donohue

2008 Luke Rounds

MOST IMPROVED PLAYER

1992	Michael O'Leary	1993	Ben Glynn
1994	Jeremy Dyer	1995	Joe McLaren
1996	Brent Grgic	1997	Liam Buchanan
1998	Adam Wiseman	1999	Leigh Harding
2000	Andrew Siegart	2001	Joel Reynolds
2002	Pat Travers	2003	John Meesen / Jordan Lewis
2004	Josh Eddy	2005	Nicholas Couch
2006	Simon Hogan	2007	Chris Lynch

2008 Gabby Denton / Tom Mackenzie



Ben Cunnington



Luke Delaney



Patrick Dangerfield



Luke Rounds



Gabby Denton



Tom Mackenzie

TRAINER'S AWARD

1992	Tim Sherman	1993	Tim Hedley
1994	Shane Wembridge	1995	Ben McIntosh
1996	Damien Villarossa	1997	Tim Carson
1998	Chris McLaren	1999	Ged Brody
2000	Bernard Lynch	2001	Gary Ablett
2002	Nathan Foley	2003	Luke Buckland
2004	Xavier Moloney	2005	Josh Eddy
2007	Zac Ledin	2008	Patrick Dangerfield



Corrine Briers with Patrick Dangerfield

SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

1992	Luke Rayner, James McLure
1993	Wade Chapman, Glenn Gorman, Glenn Hanegraaf
1994	Tony Brown, Chris Hemley
1995	Paul Hood: Morrish Medal, Ben Setchell: Larke Medal
1996	Lee Roberts, Chris Heffernan, Ben Setchell - V.S.F.L. 1996 Team of the Year
1997	Matthew Scarlett - U18 All Australian; Cameron Ling - U16 All Australian
1998	Marc Dragicevic - U18 All Australian; Cameron Ling, David Haynes - Australian U17 reps
1999	Jonathan Brown - U18 All Aust./TAC Cup Team of Year, Cameron Ling - TAC Cup Team of Year
2000	James Bartel - U18 All Aust./TAC Cup Team of Year, Andrew Siegert - TAC Cup Team of Year
2001	James Bartel - U18 All Aust./TAC Cup Team of Year, Tom Davidson - All Aust. Luke Molan - TAC Cup Team of Year, Luke Hodge / Josh Rudd - AFL AIS
	Rick Embelton, Lloyd Anstee, Ray Pigott - 10 years service
2002	James Allan - U18 All Aust/TAC Cup Team of Year Josh Rudd - TAC Cup Team of Year
2003	Nathan Foley - TAC Cup Team of Year Pat Travers - TAC Cup Team of Year
2004	Jordan Lewis - All Australian / TAC Cup Team of Year John Meesen - TAC Cup Team of Year Tim Sheringham - TAC Cup Team of Year
2005	Danny Stanley, Clinton Bartram, Travis Boak - AIS Academy Shaun Higgins, Jacob McGuane - TAC Cup Team of Year
2006	Lachlan Henderson, Patrick Dangerfield - AIS Academy Daniel O'Keefe, Ryan Williams - TAC Cup Team of Year
2007	Chris Kangars, Jaxson Barham - TAC Cup Team of Year
2007/2008	Ayce Cordy - AIS Academy
2008	Tom Simpkin



Ayce Cordy



Tom Simpkin



Hugh Hunter

MOST COURAGEOUS PLAYER - Shaun Baxter Award

1996	James Dalton	1997	Steven Clarke
1998	Tim Malseed	1999	Bill Nicholls
2000	Matt Jovanovic	2002	Tim Callan
2003	Casey Tully	2004	Jacob McGuane
2005	Jonathan Simpkin	2006	Timothy Brown
2007	Kane Smith	2008	Hugh Hunter



Daniel Jull



Allen Christensen

MOST CONSISTENT PLAYER

1996	Mark Whelan	1997	Rory Priddle
1998	Adam Wilkinson	1999	David Haynes
2000	Cameron Tate	2002	Thomas Mullane-Grant
2003	Tim Sheringham	2004	Hayden Foss
2005	Ryan Williams / Jake Johnson	2006	Peter Hardy
2007	Jeremy Mugavin	2008	Daniel Jull / Allen Christensen

COACH'S AWARD

2007	Sam Stavenuiter	2008	Ben Bucovaz
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REGIONAL MANAGER'S AWARD

2000	Tim Muhlebach	2002	Simon Potter
2003	James Allan	2004	Matthew Pitt
2005	Jye Walker	2006	Tim Horan
2007	Simon Jenkins, Liam Jackson, Ben Kirk		
2008	Dean Muir		



Ben Bucovaz

LIFE MEMBERS

2002	Lloyd Anstee, Richard Embelton & Dr Steve Baker
2006	Tim Malberg, Clive West, Paul McVilly, Peter Banks, Evelyn Winter, Colin Werrett
2008	Ashley Connoley, Ron Imanse, John McVilly



Dean Muir with Michael Turner



FINALS WRAP UP

AFL VICTORIA TAC Cup ELIMINATION FINAL

SATURDAY 13th September - Princes Park

Oakleigh Chargers 6.20.56 d Geelong Falcons 7.8.50

Goals: Delaney 2, Bucovaz, Hughes, Cunnington, Rounds, Mackenzie

Best: Rounds, Lynch, Delaney, Mackenzie, Cunnington, Jull



On-field action 2008

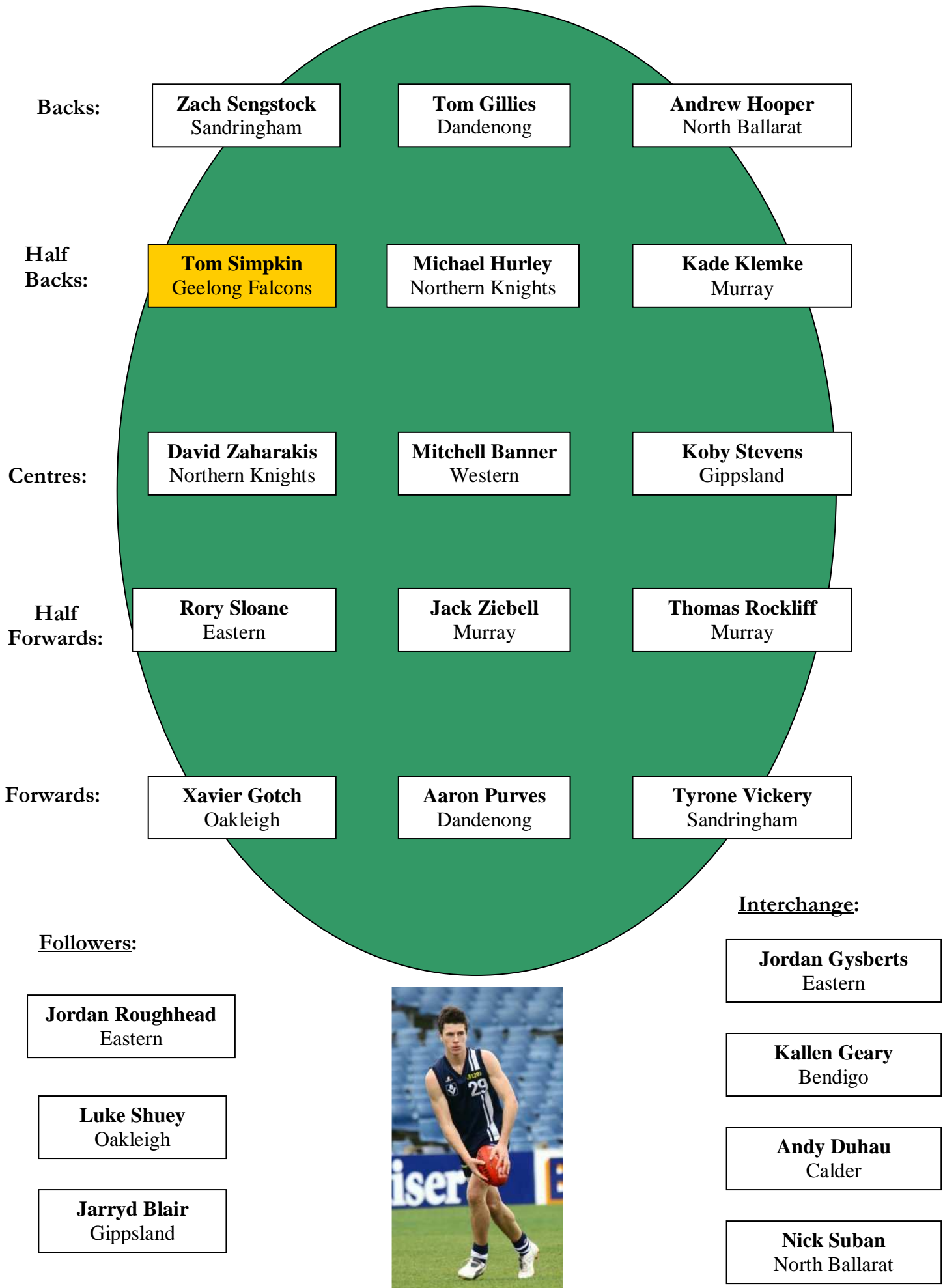


SEASON SUMMARY 2008

No.	PLAYER	KICKS	HANBALLS	MARKS	TACKLES	HIT OUTS	GOALS	BEHINDS	FRES FOR	FRES AGAINST	GAMES
1	Dean Muir	41	32	15	16	-	-	-	7	3	5
2	James Rock	53	52	22	11	-	12	2	4	10	8
3	Brandon Howarth	2	3	3	2	-	-	1	-	-	1
4	Hugh Hunter	94	87	36	52	-	10	9	15	9	12
5	Allen Christensen	183	148	52	43	-	11	7	28	21	15
6	Daniel Jull	129	157	68	49	1	6	9	24	17	17
7	Sam Hughes	206	70	76	23	-	18	20	15	11	16
8	Martin Sargeant	1	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
9	Jordan Grant	15	22	8	10	-	1	-	-	7	3
10	Tim Hunt	161	142	55	30	1	4	6	12	9	18
11	Chris Lynch	226	184	94	40	1	6	7	11	14	20
12	Luke Rounds	185	84	50	50	-	6	5	12	16	16
13	Liam Hoy	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
14	Dean Gavin	112	79	55	17	-	15	2	3	7	11
15	Gabby Denton	126	113	60	52	2	17	7	12	16	19
16	Daniel Maloney	28	8	13	7	-	4	3	1	-	4
17	Ben Bucovaz	99	70	45	46	4	20	7	10	18	12
18	Tom McManus	30	30	12	7	-	-	-	-	1	6
20	Anthony Biemans	3	2	-	2	-	-	-	-	4	1
21	Martin Sargeant	1	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
22	James Hussey	182	77	77	60	1	8	9	18	15	16
23	Callum Bartlett	132	113	71	35	1	8	5	15	22	17
24	Mitch Fisher	153	73	49	19	-	-	3	10	8	16
25	Michael Jennings	13	8	1	5	-	-	-	-	-	2
26	Benjamin Moloney	23	13	10	6	-	-	-	1	3	3
27	Josh Grabowski	74	77	23	43	-	5	8	6	23	15
28	Jordan Jones	121	70	53	26	16	8	9	3	19	14
29	Tom Simpkin	129	78	57	28	3	4	2	5	15	14
30	Ben Cunningham	152	133	64	63	3	9	2	15	26	15
31	Luke Consedine	1	2	-	4	-	-	-	1	1	1
32	Nick Sutcliffe	106	64	42	12	1	1	1	11	14	12
33	Kane Leersen	29	39	6	13	-	3	3	1	4	5
34	Pat Dangerfield	193	117	73	32	8	32	18	25	16	13
35	Jasper Mcmillan-Pittard	27	4	7	1	1	3	-	2	2	4
36	Jackson Bright	18	14	13	4	1	5	2	1	-	3
37	Zac Ledin	106	122	50	15	-	4	4	5	6	11
38	Lucas Boyd	98	73	88	28	54	15	9	18	19	14
39	Lewis Holmer	40	33	24	20	30	4	2	10	10	8
40	Luke Consedine	1	2	-	4	-	-	-	1	1	1
41	Luke Delaney	134	92	90	30	122	10	3	16	21	17
42	Luke Thompson	106	69	51	29	22	17	4	8	20	14
43	William Veale	11	9	3	6	-	-	-	3	1	4
44	Oliver Robertson	13	25	12	9	45	-	-	2	3	5
45	Thomas Mackenzie	99	56	60	38	110	9	7	16	14	13
46	Jordie Mckenzie	66	99	33	36	3	2	4	8	2	10
47	Jordan Dillon	4	2	3	2	8	-	-	1	-	2
48	Benjamin Dobson	37	32	23	6	5	5	5	3	6	7
50	Zachary Pickett	23	26	11	10	85	2	3	6	10	7



2008 TAC CUP TEAM OF THE YEAR



1992-2008 SEASONS STATISTICS

CLUB RECORDS

Highest score for:	29.9.183 V Ballarat Rebels (1st Semi-Final - 1995)
Highest score against:	24.16.160 by Calder Cannons (Round 9 - 2003)
Lowest Winning score:	4.17.41 V Ballarat Rebels (Round 17 - 1998)
Highest Losing score:	18.12.120 V Sandringham Dragons (Round 7 - 2004)
Most Goals (Home & Away):	Scott Lucas - 12 (V Southern Round 17 - 1994)
Most Goals (Finals):	Amon Buchanan - 10 (v Sandringham Dragons S/F MCG - 2000)
Highest Winning Margin:	163 points V Ballarat Rebels (Semi-Final - 1995)
Highest Losing Margin:	100 points V Western Jets (Round 8 - 1993)
Lowest Winning Margin:	1 point V Murray Bushrangers (Round 1 - 2003) 1 point V Northern Knights (Round 8 - 2003) 1 point V Sandringham (Round 11 - 2003) 1 point V Queensland (Round 6 - 2006)
Lowest Losing Margin:	1 point V Ballarat Rebels (Round 4 - 1997, Round 17 - 2002) 1 point V Gippsland Power (Round 7 - 2003) 1 point V Eastern Ranges (Round 5 - 2005) 1 point v North Ballarat Rebels (Round 17 - 2008)
Most Scoring shots:	55 V Ballarat Rebels (Semi-Final - 1995)
Least Scoring shots:	11 V Prahran Dragons (Round 14 - 1995)
Most Goals in a quarter:	13 V Northern Territory (Round 5 - 2000)
Most games:	Glen Hanegraaf 51

GEELONG FALCONS V OTHER TAC CUP CLUBS (1992 - 2008)

Against	Won	Lost	Tied	Total
North Ballarat Rebels	15	11	-	26
Bendigo Pioneers	21	7	-	28
Sandringham Dragons	21	7	-	28
Eastern Ranges	15	17	-	32
Gippsland Power	11	12	-	23
Murray Bushrangers	14	17	-	31
Northern Knights	15	13	-	28
Dandenong Stingrays	15	14	1	30
Western Jets	19	10	-	29
Oakleigh Chargers	14	9	-	23
Calder Cannons	12	10	-	22
Tassie Mariners	9	5	-	14
NSW/ACT Rams	11	2	-	13
Northern Territory	4	-	-	4
Queensland	2	-	-	2
TOTAL	198	134	1	333

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A.F.L. DRAFT

Congratulations to Ayce Cordy, Luke Rounds, Jordan Jones & Ben Bucovaz drafted in 2008. We also acknowledge Jordie McKenzie, Luke Delaney and Tom Simpkin who were all placed on Rookie lists.

- 1992:** Kieran Murrhiy (Ess), Daniel Fletcher (Geelong), Tim Sherman (Bris), Vince Cappadona (Ess), Luke Rayner (Carl), Matthew Capuano (Nth Melb), James McLure (Coll), Scott Allen (Foots), Matthew Aston (Syd)
- 1993:** Wade Chapman (Syd), Glenn Gorman (Syd)
- 1994:** Scott Lucas (Ess), Tony Brown (St.K.), Chris Hemley (St.K.), Jeremy Dyer (W.C.E.), Shaun Baxter (Foots), Peter Bird (Fitz), Nathan Saunders (Haw), Scott Taylor (Foots)
- 1995:** Simon Fletcher (father/son-Geelong), Joe McLaren (St.K.), Nigel Credlin (Fitz), Ryan Grinter (St.K.), Matthew Primus (Fitz - 1993 Falcons list)
- 1996:** Chris Heffernan (No 2 - Ess), Bowen Lockwood (No 7 - Port Power), Brent Grgic (No 11 - Melb), Jacob Rhodes (No 44 - Foots)
- 1997:** James Rahilly (No 38 - Geelong), Matthew Scarlett (No 45 - father/son - Geelong)
- 1998:** David Clarke (No 21 - father/son - Geelong), Steve Baker (No 27 - St Kilda), Jay Solomon (No 46 - Western B'dogs), David Loats (No 51 - Hawthorn), Marc Dragicevic (No 55 - Richmond), Tim Van Der Klooster (No 62 - Nth Melbourne)
- 1999:** David Haynes (No 16 - WCE), Jonathan Brown (No 30 - father/son - Brisbane Lions), Tim Clarke (No 33 - Hawthorn), Cameron Ling (No 38 - Geelong), Bill Nicholls (No 69 - Hawthorn)
- 2000:** Sam Hunt (No 32 - Ess), Amon Buchanan (No 52 - Syd)
- 2001:** Luke Hodge (No 1-Haw), James Bartel (No 8-Gee), Luke Molan (No 9-Mel), Matt Maguire (No 21-StK), Tom Davidson (No 27-Coll), Joel Reynolds (No 31-Ess), Gary Ablett (No 40-father/son-Gee), Leigh Harding (Kangaroos - 1999 Falcons list), Andrew Siegert (Fre - 2000 Falcons list)
- 2002:** Tim Callan (No 36-father/son-Gee), Tim Boyle (No 51-Haw), Lochlan Veale (No 65-Haw), Brent Moloney (Gee)
- 2003:** Mark Blake (No 38-father/son-Gee)
- 2004:** Jordan Lewis (No 7 - Hawthorn), John Meesen (No 8 - Adelaide)
- 2005:** Shaun Higgins (No 11 - Western Bulldogs), Danny Stanley (No 21 - Collingwood), Clinton Bartram (No 60 - Melbourne)
- 2006:** Travis Boak (No 5 - Port Adelaide), Danny O'Keefe (No 15 - Sydney), Will Schofield (No 50 - West Coast), Simon Hogan (No 57 - Geelong), Ryan Williams (No 83 - Port Adelaide)
- 2007:** Lachlan Henderson (No 8 - Brisbane Lions), Patrick Dangerfield (No 10 - Adelaide), Jack Steven (No 42 - St Kilda), Adam Donohue (No 60 - father/son Geelong), Jaxson Barham (No 61 - father/son Collingwood), Guy O'Keefe (No 63 - Western Bulldogs)
- 2008:** **Ayce Cordy (No 14 - father/son Western Bulldogs), Luke Rounds (No 46 - Collingwood), Jordan Jones (No 52 - WestCoast Eagles), Ben Bucovaz (No 56 - Fremantle)**



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Vic Country U18 TEAM - AFL U18 Championships (started 1996)

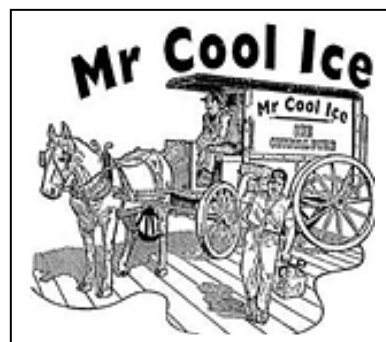
- 1992:** Kieran Murrphy, Tim Edwards, Leigh McCorkell, Adrian Saltalamacchia, Adam Richardson
1993: Chris Kestles, Matthew Primus, Tim Hedley, Paul King, David Tanis, Glenn Gorman
1994: Ed Richardson, Scott Taylor, Scott Eddy, Peter Bird, Nigel Browning, Gavin Colville
1995: Travis Robertson, Peter Featherston, Paul Hood, Joe McLaren, Jared Gorman
1996: Ben Setchell (C), Scott Faulkner, Leigh Roberts, Rory Priddle, Steven Clarke, Bowen Lockwood, Chris Heffernan, Glen Hanegraaf, Dan Madden
1997: James Dalton (VC), Matthew Scarlett, Tim Van Der Klooster, Rory Priddle
1998: Marc Dragicevic, Cameron Ling(VC), Tim Van Der Klooster, David Haynes, Bill Nicholls, David Clarke
1999: Jonathan Brown, Tim Clark, Leigh Harding, David Haynes, Cameron Ling, Andrew Siegert
2000: Andrew Siegert (VC), James Bartel, Sam Chapman
2001: James Bartel(C), Luke Molan, Travis Moloney, Gary Ablett, Luke Vogels, Brent Moloney, Josh Rudd
Tom Davidson (representing Tasmania)
2002: James Allan, Josh Rudd, Tim Callan, Jesse Smedts, Tom Lyons
2003: Nathan Foley, Pat Travers, Luke Buckland, Will Richardson, Mark Blake
2004: John Meesen, Jordan Lewis, Tim Sheringham, Sam Dwyer, Xavier Moloney, Hayden Foss
2005: Josh Eddy, Danny Stanley, Shaun Higgins, Jonathan Simpkin, Sam Wormald
2006: Travis Boak, Daniel O'Keefe, Jackson Sheringham, Ryan Williams, Lachlan Henderson
2007: Chris Kangars, Guy O'Keefe, Edward Curnow, Patrick Dangerfield, Jack Steven
2008: **Allen Christensen, Sam Hughes, Luke Rounds, Ben Bucovaz, Jordan Jones
Tom Simpkin, Ben Cunnington, Lucas Boyd, Luke Thompson**

V.C.F.L. U17 COMMONWEALTH BANK (TEAL) CUP

- 1992:** Luke Rayner (C), Matthew Aston, Nigel Browning, Tim Sherman, Mark Orchard, Matthew Primus, Matthew Capuano, Glen Gorman, Andrew Mensch, Clinton Wright, Scott Allen
1993: Glen Gorman (VC), Glen Hanegraaf, Nigel Browning, Gavin Colville, Lachlan Doyle, Wade Chapman, Edward Richardson
1994: Tony Brown (C), Chris Hemley, Paul Hood, Ricky O'Toole, Glen Hanegraaf, Simon Fletcher, Scott Lucas
1995: Ben Broad, Ben Setchell, Scott Faulkner, Dan Madden, Chris Heffernan, Nigel Credlin
1996: National Championships changed to U18 - (see above) & U16 - (see below)

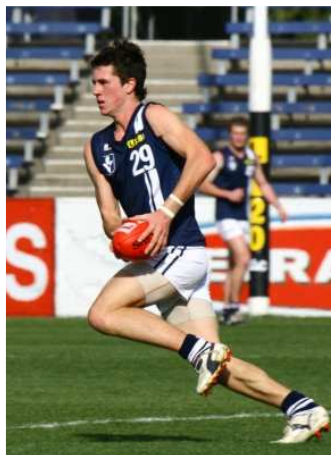
ALL AUSTRALIAN U17's / U18's

- 1992:** Luke Rayner
1993: Wade Chapman
1994: Tony Brown, Chris Hemley
1995: Ben Setchell - Larke Medallist U17 Commonwealth Bank Cup
1997: Matthew Scarlett
1998: Marc Dragicevic
1999: Jonathan Brown
2000: James Bartel
2001: James Bartel, Tom Davidson
2002: James Allan
2004: Jordan Lewis



TAC CUP TEAM OF THE YEAR

- 1992:** Glen Gorman, Tim Sherman, Luke Rayner, Matthew Primus, Vince Cappadona
1993: Wade Chapman
1994: Tony Brown, Chris Hemley
1995: Paul Hood, Peter Featherston
1996: Chris Heffernan, Leigh Roberts, Ben Setchell
1997: Matthew Scarlett
1998: Marc Dragicevic
1999: Jonathan Brown, Cameron Ling
2000: James Bartel, Andrew Siegert
2001: James Bartel, Luke Molan
2002: James Allan, Josh Rudd
2003: Nathan Foley, Pat Travers
2004: Jordan Lewis, John Meesen, Tim Sheringham
2005: Jacob McGuane, Shaun Higgins
2006: Daniel O'Keefe, Ryan Williams
2007: Chris Kangars, Jaxson Barham
2008: **Tom Simpkin**



SENIOR SELECTION - A.F.L. RESERVES

- 1992:** Adrian Saltalamacchia (Carl), Michael O'Leary (Rich), Tim Edwards (Rich), Kieran Murrhiy (Geel/Coll), Peter Jacks (Geel), Matthew Primus (Geel), James McLure (Coll), Cameron Burke (Geel)
- 1993:** Andrew Sharp (Rich), David Tanis (Geel), Tim Hedley (Geel), Ben Glynn (Geel/Rich), Shaun Haverfield (Geel), Chris Kestles (Coll), Paul King (Coll/Geel)
- 1994:** Scott Taylor (Geel/Syd), Scott Eddy (Geel/St.K.), Peter Bird (Syd/St.K.), Jeremy Dyer (Coll/Fitz), Travis Agg (Geel/Fitz), Nigel Browning (Geel/Coll), Gavin Colville (Geel/Rich), Ed Richardson (Geel/Rich), Nathan Saunders (Ess/Geel)
- 1995:** Kaine Marsh (Geel), Paul Hood (Geel), Ricky O'Toole (Geel), Peter Featherston (Fitz), Joe McLaren (Nth Melb), Chris Morgan (Geel), Travis Robertson (Fitz)
- 1996:** Scott Faulkner (Melb), Ben Setchell (Foots/Geel), Glen Hanegraaf (Carl/Foots), Jared Brien (Rich), Drew Steven (Carl), Dan Madden (Carl/Melb), Damien Villarosa (Ess), Leigh Roberts (Melb), Ben Broad (Geel), Quinton Gleeson (Melb)
- 1997:** Chris Baumgartner (Geel), Rory Priddle (Geel), James Dalton (Carl), Ben Jansen (Geel), Andrew Merriman (Coll), Kyle Nestor (Carl), Sam Talarico (Geel), Steven Clarke (Geel), Kane Montgomery (Geel), Matthew Scarlett (Geel), James Rahilly (Geel/Carl), Adam Pitts (Geel)
- 1998:** David Clarke (Geel), Adam Wiseman (Carl), Tim Van Der Klooster (Carl), Tim Cartledge (Carl), Steve Baker (Geel), Chris McLaren (Geel), Jay Solomon (Geel), Alister Rogers (Geel), Luke Theodore (St K)
- 1999:** David Haynes (Carl), Leigh Harding (Ess), Tim Clark (Syd/Ess), Cameron Ling (Ess/Haw) Ged Brody (Carl), Nick Bye (Syd), Aaron Clark (Ess), Patrick Heffernan (Syd), Brad Manczak (Melb) Aaron Rau (Geel), Michael Beardsley (Melb), Cory Bauer (Syd)
- 2000-** No longer applicable

A.F.L. U16 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS – Vic.Country Representatives - Geelong Falcons

- 1996:** Melbourne - (VCFL) Adam Wilkinson, Bill Nicholls, Andrew Spengler, Shane Manning
- 1997:** Darwin - (VCFL) Bill Nicholls, Cameron Ling, David Haynes, Lee Purton, Brad Manczak, Martin Sanders, Marc Dragicevic, Ged Brody
- 1998:** Melbourne - (VCFL) Michael Bright, Simon O'Keefe, Andrew Siegert, Ricky Smedts
- 1999:** Melbourne - (VCFL) Dominic Gleeson, Simon Rau, Aaron Nawrocki, Jeremy O'Donnell, Mark Andjelkovic, Luke Molan, Sam Hunt
- 2000:** Luke Hodge, Josh Rudd, Nick Barling, Simon Potter, Brett Moloney, Matthew Kilfoyle, Thomas Mullane-Grant, Matt Maguire
- 2001:** Nathan Braddock, James Allan, Patrick Travers, Jared Kayler-Thompson, Nathan Foley, Sean Bourke
- 2002:** Jordan Lewis, Jordan Woolfe, Tim Sheringham, Renwick Watts, John Meesen
- 2003:** Josh Eddy, Andrew McPherson, Brad Blain, Ben Johnson
- 2004:** Clint Bartram, Travis Boak, Danny Stanley, Timothy Brown, Jacob Neal, Jackson Sheringham
- 2005:** Will Schofield, Jordan Grant, Justin Baxter
- 2006:** Braydee Watts, Lucas Boyd, Jordan Jones, Patrick Dangerfield, Jordie McKenzie, Jack Steven, Ben Bucovaz, Michael Montieth
- 2007:** Luke Thompson, Luke Rounds, Ben Cunnington, Dane Tutton, Dean Gavin, Callum Bartlett
- 2008:**

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- 1997:** Cameron Ling
- 2000:** Luke Hodge, Josh Rudd
- 2004:** Clint Bartram, Travis Boak, Danny Stanley
- 2006:** Patrick Dangerfield, Lachlan Henderson
- 2007:** Ayce Cordy



Jonathan Brown with Falcons U16 State reps.

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GEELONG FALCONS AFL VICTORIA - REPRESENTATIVE FOOTBALL 2008

In 1996 the AFL/VFL revamped representative junior football in Australia to be more closely aligned to the requirements of the AFL draft which, as of 1999, is for 18 yo players and 17 yo players born before April 30th, taken from the whole of Australia. (As of 1999 there are no restrictions on how many 17 yo players are drafted in this category.)

Hence, State representative teams were changed from U17 Teal Cup to the AFL U18 and U16 National Championships.

A.F.L. - U18 National Championships - 2008

Each State in Australia has a representative team in these elite National Championships. Victoria, "the home of football", provides two teams - the Victorian Metropolitan team and the Victorian Country team that this year again competed in a revamped structure which saw Vic Country play 5 matches. The team was coached by Robert Hyde and Geelong Falcons had staff member Rick Embelton assisting as a trainer.

The Geelong Falcons had 10 representative players in the Vic Country team : Allen Christensen, Sam Hughes, Luke Rounds, Ben Bucovaz, Jordan Jones, Tom Simpkin, Ben Cunnington, Lucas Boyd, Luke Thompson and Ayce Cordy who unfortunately had to withdraw due to injury.

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Results: -

Game 1:	Vic Metro	12.4.76	def	Vic Country	11.7.73
Game 2:	N.S.W./ACT	11.6.72	def	Vic Country	10.7.67
Game 3:	Vic Country	11.4.70	def	W.A	6.7.43
Game 4:	S.A.	14.14.98	def	Vic Country	9.10.64
Game 5:	Vic Country	22.6.138	def	Tasmania	6.4.40

We would like to congratulate all players on their performances – although only winning 2 games, the experience and development of the players was critical, with a number featuring amongst the better players over the course of the matches played in various states.



2008 AFL Victoria U16 Country Carnival - Bendigo

The 2008 Geelong Falcons U16 development program began in late January with squads training in the Geelong and Hampden regions. This year selectors were looking for 25 players to represent the club at the U16 Country Carnival in Bendigo during the month of April. Final squad selection took place in March after try out matches played in Geelong and Warrnambool.

The selected team trained at Highton Reserve on Wednesdays before playing practice leading up to the carnival in Bendigo.

U16 players and staff left Highton Reserve on the Friday morning for a two-night stay in Bendigo, where Geelong Falcons staff members oversee a well-planned three day program that presents a great opportunity to assess the player's ability to prepare for competition in unfamiliar surroundings. It also provides a valuable team-bonding environment with the bulk of these players invited in for the Geelong Falcons U18 training squads early November.

1st Game

Geelong Falcons 16.6.102 Def Dandenong Stingrays 10.11.71

Goals: F.Russell, J.Davis 3, B.Macleod 2, A.Place, R.Pickett, D.Peel, L.Burnett, B.Smedts, L.Dahlhaus, D.Semmens, B.Darrington 1

Best: D.Semmens, R.Langham, G.Pomorin, P.Flanagan, F.Russell, M.King

2nd Game

Geelong Falcons 15.9.109 Def Murray Bushrangers 8.9.57

Goals: D.Semmens 3, B.Smedts, A.Place 2, R.Pickett, J.Davis, D.Peel, R.Cahir, R.Langham, G.Pomorin, R.Logue, J.Pitt

Best: R.Langham, D.Semmens, B.Smedts, J.Pitt, G.Pomorin, L.Mahoney, D.Peel, L.Burnett

We went to Bendigo confident of performing very well and came away from the carnival with 2 wins from the 2 games played. Both games were of a very high standard with the players showing great skill and composure particularly in the opening game when challenged early by Dandenong.

It was particularly pleasing to have 11 players make the initial Vic Country state squad with 8 making the final squad of 25.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the players on their behaviour, preparation and dedication during the carnival. They are a credit to their families, clubs and communities and have represented the Geelong Falcons Football Club in a most professional manner. I would also like to acknowledge the terrific support for the players by the Geelong Falcons U16 staff that attended the carnival. Their commitment and professionalism is the reason why the Geelong Falcons club is so effective in the development of junior football in Australia

Ashley Connoley

U16 Program & Recruiting Coordinator



Geelong Falcons reps at the U16 AFL Championships pictured with coach Leon Harris

A.F.L. - U16 National Championships, Brisbane, July 2008

Following an exhaustive selection process the final Vic Country squad for the 2008 AFL National U16 Championships was selected. 7 players were selected from the Geelong Falcons. Fraser Russell, Richard Langham, Luke Mahony, Daniel Semmens, Gus Pomorin and Brent Macleod all took part, with David Peel and Piers Flanagan ruled out through injury. Ashley Connoley, Tim Malberg, Paul Henriksen and Steve Baker were also involved as officials.

Vic. Country competed in Division One again this year under the guidance of coach Leon Harris, and after a victory over SA in game 1, lost to both WA and eventual winners Vic Metro. There were once again some very promising performances from the Falcons representatives which augers well for their future and that of the Falcons.

Results:

<u>Game 1</u>	Vic. Country 13.11.89	def	S.A. 11.5.71
<i>Best Players:</i>	incl. Richard Langham		
<i>Goal Kickers:</i>	incl. Gus Pomorin		
<u>Game 2</u>	W.A. 20.14.134	def	Vic.Country 11.9.75
<i>Best Players:</i>	incl. Richard Langham, Brent Macleod		
<i>Goal Kickers:</i>	incl. Fraser Russell 4, Daniel Semmens		
<u>Game 3</u>	Vic Metro 15.21.111	def	Vic.Country 5.6.36
<i>Best Players:</i>	incl. Brent Macleod		
<i>Goal Kickers:</i>	incl. Gus Pomorin 2, Fraser Russell		



GEELONG V / Line U15 WorkSafe VCFL CHAMPIONSHIPS REPORT 2008

A squad of approximately 80 U14 & U15 boys, identified through our vast recruiting network based on performances from the previous season, commenced training at the Highton complex in March.

With the Carnival scheduled for later in the season this year, the program commenced a little later. From March through to June, training sessions, intra-squad matches and trial games against Ballarat resulted in 2 final squads of 25, with a number of bottom-age (U14) boys selected in the team to compete in Division 3, while the Division 1 team was comprised of all “top-age” (U15) boys. With the games scheduled mid-season, many changes were forced through player unavailability but eventually the teams were finalised, the 50 players representing 21 regional clubs and 13 schools.

The squads again commuted each day by V/Line train and coach from Geelong, participating in the Country Division 1 & 3 sections, playing 3 matches each on consecutive days.

RESULTS:

Division 1

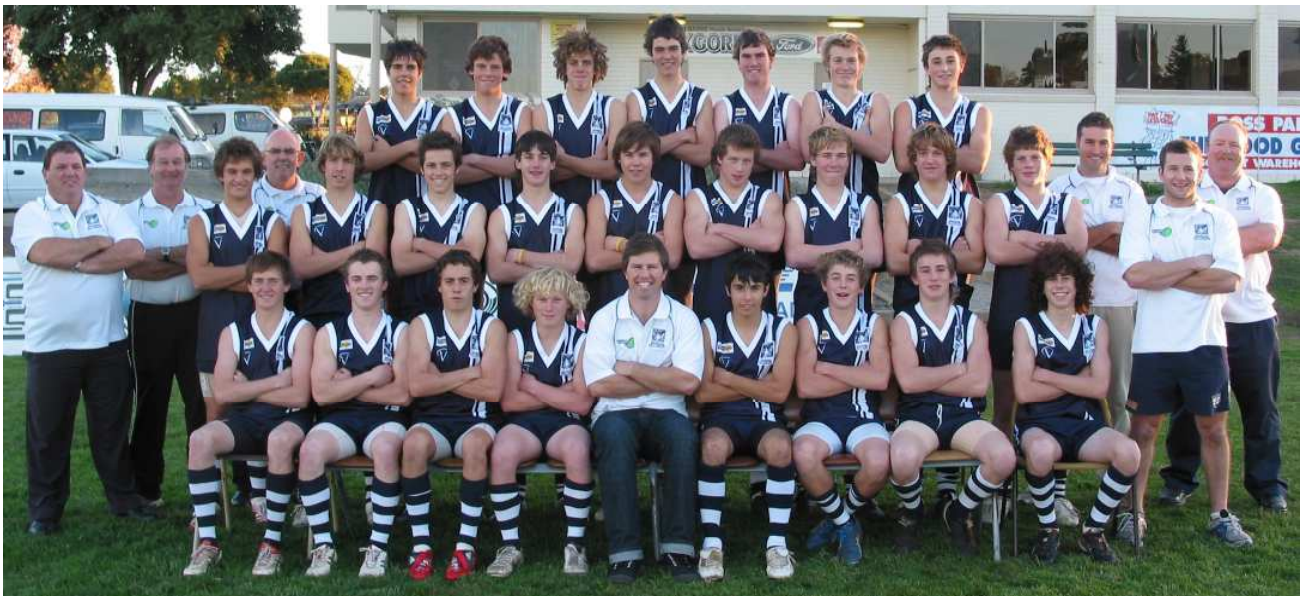
<u>Game 1</u>	Geelong	16.12.108	def	Ovens & Murray	3.3.21
<u>Game 2</u>	Geelong	10.8.68	def	Latrobe	4.3.27
<u>Game 3 (G.Final)</u>	Geelong	7.6.48	lost to	Ballarat	8.9.57

Geelong have now been State Champions 3 of the last 5 year and runners up on the other 2 occasions – a great effort at such a high level.

Players to stand out over the carnival were: Tristan Battaglia (Richie Almond Medallist – B&F): Taylor Adams (R/up B&F): Callen Wade – Coach’s Award: Tyler Stack – Encouragement Award; Tom Stewart – Manager’s Award, but it really was a great TEAM effort.

The team management believes there is a strong foundation amongst these and the other team members from which to build upon in the Falcon’s program.

Special mention to Tristan Battaglia and Taylor Adams who were selected in the “Team of the Carnival” and our congratulations to those boys who went on to be selected in the State Secondary Schools team (Taylor Adams, Tristan Battaglia, Lachlan Edwards, Brad Howling, Jay Lever, Devon Smith & Darcy Williamson) which participated in the U15 Australian Secondary School National Football Championships in Melbourne.



Acknowledgments: Mark Gellie – coach - who has an excellent rapport with the boys and was able to impart and, importantly, educate these young players; Rod Grant and Brent Rutherford - assistant coaches who provide a wealth of football know-how to the team; Shane Dawson – our ever reliable trainer who works tirelessly to give the players the best in attention and Russell Lucas – Team Manager.

Division 3

<u>Game 1</u>	Geelong	4.3.27	lt	ACT	10.6.66
<u>Game 2</u>	Geelong	8.9.57	def	Riverina	5.7.37
<u>Game 3</u>	Geelong	6.13.49	def	South West	2.2.14

A loss and 2 wins – an excellent effort, with nearly half the players eligible to play again next year.

Players to stand out over the carnival were: Todd Rodgers (Bill Dalziel Medallist – B&F): Shane Dillon (R/up B&F): Sam Scott – Coach’s Award: Jordan Carruthers – Encouragement Award; Jai Sheahan – Manager’s Award, but it too was a great team effort.

The boys who are eligible to play again next year should form the nucleus of another very strong team in Division 1 in 2009.

Special mention to Todd Rodgers who was also selected in the “Team of the Carnival”.



Acknowledgments: David Farrell – coach - who relished the opportunity to coach the team and did a superb job; Barry Orvis and Mark Dreher - assistant coaches – who provide terrific support to the coach and the boys; Shane Dawson & Barry Kearney – our trainers who all work hard to give the boys the very best of medical care and attention.

John Edsall

Coordinator - Geelong Falcons U15 program.



HAMPDEN V/Line U15 WorkSafe VCFL FOOTBALL REPORT 2008

Practise matches were played at Cobden in June and following a training program, a final squad of 25 was picked to play in the Carnival. The boys were accommodated at Y.H.A. Hostel in Nth Melbourne & were accompanied by officials; Peter Banks–Coach; John McVilly & Paul Henriksen–Runners/ Selectors; Alan Thompson–Selector / Development Officer; Jack Jenkins & Pat Roberts–Trainers; and Paul McVilly- Team Manager.

Results were:

GAME 1:	Hampden	7.10.52	defeated	Wimmera	4.5.29
GAME 2:	Hampden	9.14.70	defeated	Central Murray	8.5.53
GAME 3:	Hampden	11.10.76	defeated	Mornington Peninsula	2.4.16

The week proved successful: winning all three games, gaining the VCFL Division Two title plus the development of some of the players was most encouraging. Those to perform well were:

Ryan Monaghan – Forward- competitor with good work ethic, clean overhead, presents on a lead.

Tom Steven – Onball/Back Pocket- Athletic with poise, clever skills by hand & foot, team orientated player.

Sam Gordon – Ruck- Leggy & athletic, clean overhead, well balanced keeps feet, possesses all the attributes to succeed.

Wilber Pomorin– Mid Field - Used his knowledge & stamina, in & under, getting hard ball, Vice captain who leads by example on and off the field. / Best & fairest winner.

Dylan Cahill– Half Back - Honest competitor, keeps feet & makes good decisions under pressure, clever hands.

Tom Watson – Half Back - Runs lines & keeps eye on ball, reads game extra well & is a penetrating kick, hard & honest competitor. Captain, who also led by example.

Jackson Merrett – Mid-field – Agile, with clever hands, clean overhead, mobile for his size, very creative.

Meyrick Buchanan – On baller – Clever, footy smart, in & under, quick hands, can crumb at pace, fearless competitor for his size.

Congratulations to Tom Watson for being selected to play for Victorian Country in the under 15 Australian Secondary Schools National Football Championships.

Special thanks to our valued sponsors: WorkSafe, Hampden Regional Junior Board, A.N.Z, Lindsay Cottey Tyre Service, Middendorp Electric Co. Pty. Ltd and Coles Coaches for their support.

Overall it was a pleasing effort for the week with a number of boys looking to further their careers with the Falcons in the near future. Many thanks to all the officials, parents & supporters who supported myself & carried out their jobs in a professional manner, as well as all working together in the interests of developing junior footballers to fulfil their potential.

***Peter Banks** - Coach Hampden U15 - 1986 -2008*



SECONDARY SCHOOL FOOTBALL

WestCoast Region, Geelong (Coordinator - Darrell Nash)

Despite some concerns on ground conditions we were able to run a very successful program of matches catering for vast numbers of players from all schools and age groups. **Oberon** met substantial challenges from the other schools and 'only' took out the yr 7 & yr 8 titles with the yr 7's continuing on to take out the state title.

As seen in the Geelong Advertiser September 13th, 2008:

OBERON High has won the Victorian State Secondary School Association's year 7 football competition, defeating Frankston in the final at Collingwood's old home ground, Victoria Park.

Oberon won 11 games en route to the final by an average of almost 60 points per game. It proved too strong in the final, easily overcoming Frankston, 10.14 (74) to

4.8 (32). Best players for **Oberon** were David Sanzaro,

Heath Walsh, Jimmy Allen, Jedd Michell and Rydell Berryman. **Oberon's** campaign started in May with a round-robin in Geelong. The team progressed to the Western Zone Country Championship in Ballarat before the Victorian state semi-final in Essendon on September 4. After winning that final, it played in the state final this week. The team was coached by year 9 student Sam Peter, Nathan Deans, Tristan Battaglia, Liam Fallon, Ben Voukon and teacher Peter Dickinson.



The Seniors saw **Western Heights** cause a boil over by beating **Oberon** (minus Pat Dangerfield) with **Corio Bay & Bellarine** the beaten semi finalists. **Western Heights Barton** added one last flag to their collection (before consolidating on one campus) with a win over **Bellarine** in the intermediates after defeating **Geelong** and **Norlane** to make the final. **Oberon** won the year 8 by defeating **Geelong** while the year 7's overcame **Western Heights Minerva** on their way to the state finals. In the independent schools division **Christian College** powered over **St Ignatius** and **Kardinia** before challenging the powerful Emmanuel College in the Herald Sun – Country Shield, only failing by 17 points. Best players included Kane Pickering, James Carrigg, Lachie Hill and James Ritchie, In the Intermediates **St J Gold** coached by Johno Holt took out the title defeating **St Ignatius** whose 1:12 cost them the title.

The Yr 8's were taken out by **Christian College**, with best players William Little, Pierson Bennett, David Allitt, Ashley Caldwell, who defeated **St J Red** in the final with **Kardinia** and **St Ignatius** the beaten semi finalists. The year 7's was also taken out by **Christian College** with 4 wins followed by **St Josephs Red** team, **Black** team, **St Ignatius** and **Kardinia**. Their best included Reid Adams, Tom Atkins and Hugo Rouffignac.

Once again thankyou to John Edsall / Michael Turner for their support of local school football, the GFUL umpires who assisted, Eastern Colts for the use of their facilities, the coaches who gave up their time and the players who took the opportunity to compete.

Hampden Region (Coordinator, Alan Thompson)

Secondary School Competition

The AFL Victoria Development Secondary School senior and intermediate competitions were conducted during term two this year.

MCC Herald Sun Country Shield – Senior

The senior competition Country Shield was conducted on a knock out basis between Brauer College, Emmanuel College, Mercy Regional College & Warrnambool College. The losing schools (Warrnambool College & Mercy Regional College) then competed in the Country Cup. The winning schools (Emmanuel College & Brauer College) played off with Emmanuel College advancing on to play Christian College (Geelong) then Clarendon College (Ballarat). Emmanuel College were defeated by Clarendon College by 2 points in the semi final.



MCC Herald Sun Country Cup - Senior (Year 10 -12)

In the year 10 -12 MCC Herald Sun Country Cup a knockout competition was contested by 10 teams; Trinity College, Cobden Technical, Mercy Regional College, Colac College, Timboon College, Colac High, Terang College, Camperdown College, Mortlake College, Warrnambool College. The 2008 Champions were again Mercy Regional College (Camperdown) who defeated Warrnambool College in the final by 20 points. The Paul Couch best on the ground medal was awarded to Ben Moloney from Mercy Regional College. AFL Victoria Development provided a medallion for each team's best player throughout the series.

Hampden Cup - Intermediate (Year 7 - 9)

The intermediate competition years 7 - 9 was again well supported with seventeen schools competing for the Hampden Cup. The competition was divided into 4 sections (Colac, Camperdown, Mortlake and Warrnambool) allowing schools of similar size to play each other and also to cut down on travelling time. Trinity College, Colac High, Colac College, Otway Cluster in section one; Camperdown College, Cobden Technical, Mercy Regional College, Timboon College, Terang College in section two; Mortlake College, Derrinallum College, Lake Bolac College, Hawkesdale College in section three and Warrnambool College, Emmanuel College, Brauer College and Kings College in section four. The section winners were Emmanuel College, Mercy Regional College, Hawkesdale College and Trinity College.

The 2008 Hampden Cup Zone Final was played between Trinity College & Emmanuel College at Noorat. The winning team was Trinity College (Colac). The Paul Couch best on the ground medal was awarded to Meyrick Buchanan from Trinity College.

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Sports Education in Physical Education Program (SEPEP)

Throughout semester two Noel Mugavin, head coach at the Emmanuel College Football Academy, Adam Dowie, Warrnambool College Football Academy and Jeremy Mitchem, Brauer College, participated in a SEPEP unit focusing on a modified version of a football game. It consisted of three teams of ten players, who all participated in an 8 a-side format of Aussie Rules. The non-playing team for the session were the duty team and had to supply the umpires (boundaries, centrals and goals) and publicity officer and a timekeeper. The umpires and opposition teams had to allocate votes to players for a best and fairest award. The competition culminated in the top two teams playing off in the grand final. This program was extremely beneficial in allowing students to see, experience and understand people other than players who are involved in football.



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COACH EDUCATION - Level 1 Courses 2008 – Geelong Region

This year's coach education program again consisted of 3 Level One Coaches Courses – the first 2 for Senior & Youth coaches conducted concurrently over 2 evenings and a Sunday morning at Buckley's Entertainment Centre. 29 Senior coaches and 51 Youth coaches successfully completed the course. The third course was a whole day Junior/Auskick course also held at Buckley's, with 58 coaches successfully gaining accreditation.

Feedback from all 3 courses was again very positive and this was due in no small part to the quality and enthusiasm of the presenters and the excellent venue.

Presenters included Ron Watt, Dave Farrell (organising the training session), Darrell Fenton (role of the coach/planning), Brendan McCartney (team play & tactics/role of the coach), Josh Hayter (coaching & safety issues), Justin Healy (fitness for football/growth and development) and Steve Keating (umpiring).

GEELONG AND DISTRICT COACHES ASSOCIATION

With the continued support of the local leagues, clubs and the VCFL South West Region, membership of the association was almost 350 again this year.



Due to the ongoing support of a wide range of sponsors, we were able to again produce 3 editions of our local magazine that provides quality articles and drills etc to assist coaches. All members received this magazine as well as electronic newsletters produced by the Australian Football Coaches Association.

Our 14th Annual Dinner held during October at Buckley's, our most valued major sponsor, was another resounding success with over 200 in attendance and our guest speaker, Drew Morphett maintained the high standards set by speakers in previous years.

With the support of our major sponsor, Promote-It Trophy & Clothing Company, we this year acknowledged winners in each of five categories in the local Coach of the Year Awards. Daniel Fletcher & Marc Woolnoughs (St Marys FC) - Senior, Darren Troy (Newtown & Chilwell FC) - Youth, Paul Chrimes (Newtown & Chilwell FC) - Junior and Len Banks (Bell Park) - Auskick, were very worthy winners from another group of outstanding nominations in each category. The fifth category saw us able to recognize a female coach for only the second time – Julie McNamara (Matthew Flinders Girls SC). Julie went on to be shortlisted for the State Award in this category.

The Geelong Advertiser Football Personality of the Year Award was again a feature of the Dinner with 4 outstanding nominees. St Marys FC's Ray Digby was a popular choice for this award.

Again there was the presentation of 2 awards for work in the media, courtesy of Gest Productions, and this too enhanced the profile of our dinner.

There was also acknowledgement made to Gavin Wybar – he took out the Leon Schram Memorial Award for Outstanding Service to Junior Football Development; and to Ian McTaggart who was recognised for his contribution to football administration.

The Association purchased a number of resources over the year and the continuing response from members is most encouraging. The Executive of the GDCA has a commitment to continue to improve the service to local coaches. We are very keen to offer further benefits to members in the future and will continually expand the Resource Centre to provide a range of equipment, videos, books etc. that will be available upon application at no cost to members. **JOHN EDSALL – COORDINATOR, G&DCA**



2008 nab AFL Auskick Annual Report

What an enormous season it has been with our numbers increasing again - a great effort all round. Clinics have continued to enjoy a fantastic year again with participation in the ½ time games at Skilled Stadium and in Melbourne for the Grade 3 and above children, and a young boy from Bannockburn Auskick representing the Geelong region at the AFL Grand Final, winning the competition conducted by the AFL for registering on-line.

Our District Managers continue to be well accepted in their clusters and I thank them for their tireless work both in the clinics and at Skilled Stadium. Next season will see them continue to enhance their relationships with their coordinators and the clinics.

Again we are very fortunate to have the support of the Geelong Football Club and further appreciation of the fact that we still can get our seating for Auskick, especially with seating in such great demand. Our annual Superclinic conducted on the main oval at Skilled was another successful day. Great to see the 2007 Brownlow Medallist there, typical of his nature and preparedness to give of his time for the children.

The clinics that took part in the player visits had a great day with the players signing autographs and doing some drills with the kids. The feedback from the GFC is very positive about our coaches and coordinators level of cooperation.

We have had a huge turnover in Coordinators this year, allowing those people to go on to Little League in their club Junior structure following their children. We always have good responses from the clubs saying that the experience that our people bring to the club is invaluable.

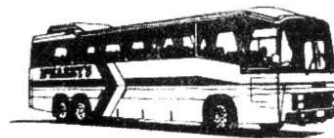
I would like to thank John Edsall and Michael Turner for the assistance given throughout the year and I congratulate all of our coordinators, coaches and parents for a great effort in allowing the Auskickers a chance to learn the skills of our great game in a safe and friendly environment.

John Paslawski

Regional Auskick Manager
Geelong Falcons



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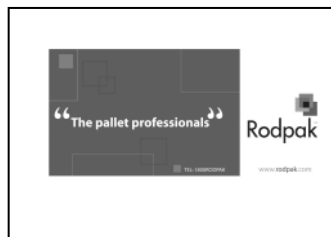
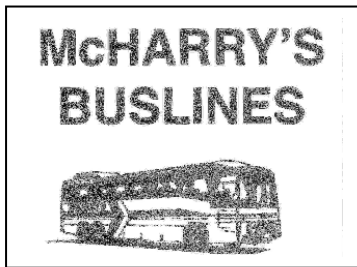
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GEELONG FALCONS FOOTBALL CLUB A.F.L. VICTORIA: TAC CUP TEAM PHOTO 2008



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Centre Row: Michael Turner, Shane Dawson, Justin Edwards, Corrine Briers, James Rock, Jordan Grant, Joel Edwards, Callum Bartlett, Ben Cunningham, Mitch Fisher, James Hussey, Gabby Denton, Allen Christensen, Josh Grabowski, Di Khan, Dale Hunt, Evelyn Winter, Peter Heister, Bill Scott, Brian Virtue

Seated: Jordan Jones, Adam Sheridan (AC), Zac Ledin, Paul Henriksen (AC), Pat Dangerfield, Chris Lynch (Captain), Garry Hooking (Coach), Sam Hughes, Paul Hood (AC), Luke Rounds, Brett McTaggart (AC), Tim Hunt, Cameron Loftus (Football Manager), Hugh Hunter

Absent:



Jordan Dillon



Dean Muir



Tom McManus



Michael Jennings



Martin Sargeant



Luke Delaney



Luke Considine



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