



DOWNTOWNER GIPPSLAND UMPIRES ASSOCIATION INC.

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All Gippsland Umpires Association members as addressed,

Welcome to season 2017. Please find below some important information relating to the season ahead.

Match appointments - Schedules

All in-season match appointments will again be conducted through Schedules (www.schedules.com.au)

New umpires – to log in, use the same email address used to register through the Sports TG page. Your password will be your date of birth (you will be prompted to change password when first logging in).

It is imperative that availability is completed in Schedules. Please enter in any unavailability at least 10 days in advance. Should you become unavailable inside 10 days, please change in Schedules but also contact selection coordinator Davyd Reid on 0409 251 525 or email davyd.reid@gmail.com.

Please also ensure your attributes section is up to date with bank details (to allow the GUA to issue your match payments) and Working With Children Check number of applicable.

Uniform

The GUA will be sporting a new look with new on-field uniform and training tops.

All uniform is to be ordered online through the GUA website this year, with the online shop to come online soon.

A deposit of \$40 is required for your first set of uniform, which will be returned to you upon completion of a number of appointments to be determined by the Committee of Management.



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Other items of uniform can then be bought separately.

Members who have concerns regarding this process can contact a member of the Committee of Management.

Training schedule

Monday, March 27 – Final pre-season session

Thursday, March 30 – Training with lecture and meal to follow

Tuesday-Thursday training will commence from Tuesday, April 4.

Feel free to bring along a friend or family member to give umpiring a go.

Members unable to make it to training should contact their respective discipline coach

Development coach

The GUA is pleased to announce the appointment of Rob Young as development coach for season 2017.

Rob's appointment completes the 2017 coaching panel.

Head Coach/Field Umpire coach – Paul Vaughan

Assistant Field Umpire coach – Josh Nooy

Boundary Umpire coach – Davyd Reid



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Goal Umpire coach – Allan Magor

Fitness coordinator – Gerry Boland

Representative football

The GUA congratulates its members who have been selected for various appointments in the coming weeks, including under 16 state country championships, TAC Cup and TAC Cup girls.

Parking at Bellbird Park

Members are reminded of the importance of locking their cars while unattended within the Bellbird Park precinct.

Should you have any concerns, please see a member of the Committee of Management.

Accreditation

The GUA will soon send off its National Umpire Accreditation Scheme order through to AFL Victoria.

Should you have any queries relating to your accreditation status, please contact Secretary/Administrator Davyd Reid on 0409 251 525 or email davyd.reid@gmail.com.



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Victorian Community Sports awards

The GUA congratulate president Chris Behrendorff on his nomination for community official of the year in the Victorian Community Sports awards.

Unfortunately Chris was not successful in obtaining the overall prize, but all at GUA appreciate his hard work behind the scenes.

A new baby has arrived!

While we're on congratulations, the GUA congratulate Secretary/Boundary Umpire coach Davyd Reid and Alicia on the early but safe arrival of Hamish Drew recently.

AFL Victoria Umpiring Development Manager

Rod Threlfall has resigned as Umpiring Development Manager at AFL Victoria.

Members will be advised of his replacement as soon as the AFL make an appointment.

EDFL – new assistant secretary

The EDFL have appointed John Allsop to assist Ken Moore in administering the league.



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Minor raffle

GUA members should be in possession of tickets to sell for the GUA's minor raffle for 2017.

Tickets cost \$2 each.

Prizes – 1st prize – Playstation 4 with 1 game (1tb console) rrp \$549

2nd prize – Nutri bullet blender rrp \$299

3rd prize – Nespresso coffee machine rrp \$299

4th prize – Accommodation voucher rrp \$200

All sold tickets to be returned to Jamie Warden please.

Key dates for the diary

Wednesday, March 22 – Meet the coaches welcome barbecue (following training at Bellbird Park)

Saturday, March 25 – West Gippsland Football Netball Competition season launch game (night game at Cora Lynn)

Thursday, March 30 – Changeover to Thursday training. Training followed by lecture and meal each Thursday, unless otherwise specified.



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Tuesday, April 4 – Changeover to Tuesday training. Tuesday sessions to be held at Bellbird Park unless otherwise specified.

Thursday, April 6 – First year umpire orientation program. Parents, spouses and families welcome.

Thursday, May 18 – First Year Umpires Dinner, cost \$15 per head. More details to be provided closer to the date.

Saturday, July 22 – Trivia night held in conjunction with GUA community sponsor Hair of the Dog Rescue Group. More details to be provided closer to the date.

Thursday, September 15 – Life Member's dinner and grand final appointment announcements. More details to be provided closer to the date.

Saturday, October 7 (TBC) – Presentation night at Warragul Downtowner. More details to be provided closer to the date.

GUA key personnel – Committee of Management

President – Chris Behrendorff

Vice-president – Peter Heywood (Property and maintenance)

Secretary – Davyd Reid (Administration)

Treasurer – Geoff Legge (Finance)

Ordinary members – Rod Gillett (Football operations)



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Jamie Warden (Retention and major functions)

Bruce Pratt (Umpire support)

Terry Stroud (Sponsorship)

Sponsors

The GUA thank its valued sponsors for their support.

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