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May 30
Mid Year Ball
@ Kilsyth Club

July 17
'Four of the
Best' @ York
On Lilydale

FUNDRAISING—WHY SO MUCH?

I was recently asked—how much does it cost to run a local footy club these days? The person who asked me had been involved in local sport some years back but in a different era - back when social rooms, gymnasiums and even hot showers were very rare and good size change rooms a luxury; when accreditation for coaches and trainers was unheard of, let alone Working With Children checks; when training only required a few footballs; when it wasn't mandatory to present the opposition captain with two new balls for matches; when kids were just happy to have a jumper in club colours, let alone a range of other items seen at some clubs today; when only one field umpire was provided for senior matches, not a crew of 6-7 paid umpires per match; when loyalty to your club was paramount (Montrose is indeed fortunate here); when if you felt you needed it, you provided your own tape; when Councils saw it as their responsibility to support clubs who provided a service to their communities and paid all bills for a nominal rental fee; when lawyers didn't find an easy buck in suing for compensation for injuries on the sporting field; when liquor licensing and food handling regulations were unheard of; when GST was not an issue; and when expectations of local sporting clubs were less onerous on volunteers.

So.....**how much does it cost to run a local footy club these days?** In our case we budget for around \$350K per annum, although we know of clubs who have to find much, much more. However, unlike many of them, we are based in a small village in the foothills of the Dandenong Ranges and whilst are blessed with terrific support from sponsors in our local community, we do not tend to attract high profile sponsors, instead relying on other fundraising for our revenue streams.

Only three years ago we were really struggling financially. The Board took (not always popular) steps to increase our revenue base and tighten budgetary control. As a result we are now well in the black but with additional expenses likely with the set up of the new building and with the dual relocation of our club in 2009, as well as an expected five figure drop in sponsorship revenue due to economic conditions, we must maintain our efforts and need everyone within the club to support our fundraisers be they social events, raffles, senior match day functions, sponsorship leads, club memberships, supporting our canteen and bar and even the number of paying customers at senior games. We hope we can rely on everyone's full support to maximise our revenue in 2009.

Peter Donaldson; Chair, Board Of Management



THE 2009 WINE RAFFLE

Despite being successful in 2008 it was felt the Super Draw concept should only be a biennial event, being alternated with a more traditional series of raffle draws in 2009. One of the most popular is our wine raffle run by our junior section. Briefly explained **the wine raffle depends on each junior family donating one bottle of wine** of their choice which is put into a pool of bottles to make up the three major prizes. In our last such raffle the Condello family took out the major prize of 100 bottles of wine for a two dollar ticket. My guess is they are still working their way through them! So start scouring that cellar or watching for specials at places like Dan Murphy's if you like, but let's start getting those bottles in. Tickets will be distributed to all club members (senior and junior) shortly and are usually very easy to sell in your workplace and amongst friends. With sponsorship dollars proving far more difficult to secure in 2009, we need all of our fundraising efforts to be successful so please ensure you make the effort to sell at least one book when they are distributed shortly.

Each year our club aims to conduct three whole club functions. The first of these this year was the Season Launch which proved to be a wonderful night, thanks to the organisation of Kathy and Rob Ewart, with Derek Humphrey-Smith ("Humper" to his umpiring mates) giving us great insight into the trials and tribulations of being an AFL umpire. The second of these will be held on Saturday May 30th when we see the return of the Mid-Year Ball after a hiatus of one year. As one of the club's major functions we expect to see as many people there as possible with

representatives of all sections of the club and all teams from Under 9's to seniors. In the past it has been a highlight of the year with players and partners taking the opportunity to dress to the nines and kick up their heels (ok enough clichés). With a **live band and a three course meal, door & spot prizes, a couple of activities just for fun and opportunities to secure some terrific and varied items at great prices in our mini-auction**, an excellent night is assured in the Colchester Room at the Kilsyth Club—who have provided us with generous

assistance, particularly during the relocation period. At **\$50 per head** (purchase drinks at bar prices) you won't be disappointed. So hurry up and get your tables together. We are looking to have at least one table per junior team. The junior team with the most parent members will get a donation to put towards whatever they would like for their team. So come along and join us. Get your table together, get your best gear on and let's show each other our support and truly be one club - having a ball together.



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SENIORS

Round 2 Sat 25 April 2009 – Montrose V East Doncaster**SENIORS BOUNCE BACK WITH SOLID WIN 14.13. 97 to 8.12.60**

After a big loss to Rowville in the first game it was essential that the Seniors post a win at home, especially as club stalwart Matt Wright was playing his 200th game. After we lead by 3 goals at quarter time East Doncaster fought back with the aid of a very strong breeze to narrow the gap to 4 points at the main break. It was vital that we were able gain some ascendancy with the wind in our favour in the third term and this we did adding 4.7 to East Doncaster's 0.2. We then pushed the lead out further to eventually win by a comfortable 6 goals. Travis Cox was terrific all day, making sure every one of his disposals counted, he finished with 3 goals. Barney also kicked 3 whilst Dylan and Adam chipped in with 2 apiece. Best players were Cox, D Rickard, Weatherley, Benninga and S Rickard. We now head to Donvale determined to do well in our away matches.

Round 3 Sat 2 May 2009 – Donvale V East Montrose**SENIORS GO DOWN IN A DISAPPOINTING PERFORMANCE 12-6-78 to 15-12-102**

After a convincing win the previous week at home against Doncaster East the Seniors headed out to Donvale with the aim of securing an important away win. Unfortunately, Montrose was not able to repeat the disciplined, sustained 4 quarter effort displayed the previous week and trailed all day to eventually go down by 4 goals, kicking 12-6-78 to Donvale 15-12-102. A much improved team effort will be required in the upcoming home against Mulgrave to redeem a disappointing loss in this round. Best players – Weatherley, Goodman, Edwards, Annand & Ewart. Main Goalkickers Ewart & Weatherley, both with 3 goals.

RESERVES

Round 2 Sat 25 April 2009 – Montrose V East Doncaster**RESSIES RECORD FIRST WIN 12.10.82 to 9.11.65**

Leading at every break the Reserves played solid footy and posted a win to celebrate Wagga's 200th game. Looking resplendent in the bright green boots the man himself came away with 6 majors – and didn't he celebrate every one of them! Other goal kickers were Bobby with 2 and a number of singles. Best players included Wellington, Hayhurst, Powell and Matthews.

Round 3 Sat 2 May 2009 – Donvale V East Montrose**GREAT TEAM EFFORT BY RESSIES 17-18-120 to 7-14-56**

The Ressies built on their narrow win in the previous round with a great team effort to run out comfortable winners 17-18-120 to Donvale 7-14-56. Hendo lead the way all day in the ruck and was ably supported down back by Matt Lowe and Jamie Yeomans. Coach Scott Granville was delighted with the contributions of the entire team and particularly mentioned the efforts of new player Jarrod Rutley. Wagga shone again in those green boots with 6 majors and Sebby and Crouchy both chipped in with 4 apiece.



COLTS

Round 2 Sat 25 April 2009 – Montrose V East Doncaster**COLTS WIN BY ANOTHER BIG MARGIN 23.12 to 6.12**

The Colts were terrific again today with a great team effort although the individual highlight of the game would have to be Billy's 12 goals. He was ably supported by Gary with 6. It seems these two are going to continue on from last season and will make life very difficult for the opposing backmen. The forwards were aided by some great work in middle and half back by Mitch Mac and Michael Condello. Ryan Groenewald and Nick Whatnall also impressed with their first games in the 18's.

Round 3 Sat 2 May 2009 – Donvale V East Montrose**ANOTHER BIG WIN FOR THE COLTS**

The Colts continued on with their impressive start to the season with a very polished team effort to run away with a big 104 point win kicking 21-10-136 to Donvale 5-2-32. Matt Groenewald provided great drive from the middle and was well supported by Mitch McLaughlin, Kyle Larsen and Jason Lindgren. The forwards were given great delivery all day and responded accordingly with Billy kicking 9, Gary Sheppard 4 and Matt Groenewald 4. The Colts now sit on top of the ladder and are looking the team to beat this season.

Super Box Bookings.

Limited numbers of opportunities still exist for a day in the box. Inclusions: Entry to ground for all guests; exclusive use of private box with excellent viewing of the ground from 12:00noon to 5:30pm; 3 course lunch; Afternoon tea; Tea & coffee; Quality wines from Elmswood Estate; Drinks from the bar until 5:00pm; Waitress Service; Club Newsletter & Footy Record and Daily Newspaper. If you are interested contact Peter Donaldson either on 0417 145 113 or email: pdonaldson@netspace.net.au

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JUNIORS

AWARDS NIGHT—DUTY ROSTER

As you all know Awards Nights are held every second week at Kilsyth Community Hall. Each night one team is rostered on to cover the preparation and selling of Teas. Below is the roster for the rest of the season. Please note which night your team is on and check with the Committee as to what needs to be done on your Rostered night. Team Parents must arrive by 4:30pm to assist with setting up and to start cooking preparing for teas.



Round 6 - May 17 Under 14s

Round 8 - May 31 Under 13s

Round 10 - June 21 Under 10s

Round 12 - July 5 Under 11s

Round 14 - July 19 Under 16s

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MATCH REPORTS

Under 16's—Round 3

After travelling to Scoresby on such a cold, wet day we were all looking for the satisfaction of another win for the season. In wintry conditions the boys fought hard and once again showed what a long way they have come, playing together as a team to post a great win in a close game.

Round 4

It was always going to be a close game between our arch rivals Blackburn and this week proved to be no different. The boys were again keen to continue on their unbeaten season but with some injuries to our team it was a game that could have gone either way that saw Blackburn eventually come out on top. Again the boys played great team footy but unfortunately after leading most the day we eventually went down to Blackburn by just 11 points (much to the angst of the Coaches!!!!). Keep training hard on the track this week boys and you will be back on top again this week at home.

Under 14's—Round 3

On what would have to be the worst day for a while as far as playing footy the team headed down the road to South Croydon. The boys started where they had left off in previous weeks and came out firing. South Croydon appeared to be shell shocked and struggled to post a score. The our boys credit they continue to apply the pressure and came away with one of their most convincing wins yet.

Round 4

The game against East Burwood was thought to be our first really close game for the season so far and on a fantastic day for footy on a perfect ground East Burwood troubled the scores in the first 30seconds of the match with their first goal. Montrose they scored the next 7 goals to take a lead that allowed them to play some good footy and come away with a great win again.

Under 13's—Round 3

The start of two home games and the weather seemed to get the better of some players. Our boys stood firm and with much more accurate scoring than our opposition took home the four points.

Under 13's—Round 4

Again another home game but in much drier and warmer conditions the team was keen to post another win. Unfortunately this was not to be and the visitors eventually ran out winners by 21 points. Keep working buys.

Under 12's—Round 3

As with all other games on this day the ground was extremely wet, the players were cold and fingers were hurting but Montrose still managed to display some great skills and finish with a great win.

Round 4

Playing away from home our boys didn't seem to remember to bring their game with them in their footy bags. A big loss to Donvale was the result. Keep training hard boys and remember all the things you learn at training and you will be back on the winners list soon.

Under 11's—Round 3

At a very cold, windy & wintry Mt Waverley with, for the first time this year a full contingent of players, from the outset, we knew the conditions were going to be tough. The first quarter we were kicking into a strong swirling wind and to our credit we held them to a couple of goals, which we answered in style in the second quarter, meaning we had a close game on our hands at half time. Although we didn't take full advantage of the wind the guys were able to walk off with heads held high knowing they had learnt a valuable lesson in windy footy!

Under 11's—Round 4

A beautiful day for footy, the guys were really switched on right from the first bounce. With the backline all working together well, by half time walked off with heads held high and proud. During the 3rd quarter, the goals started to flow (was that Jarrod Roughhead snapping a goal out there.? Jarrod!) with constant pressure at every stoppage, and the "wall" working well. The final quarter was shortened due to an injury to Jarrod, and despite the lack of time, the ball didn't leave our forward line as we continued to pile on attacking pressure right to the end. A really committed team effort, well done to all! Welcome to our newest team mate Mat.

Under 10's—Round 4

After a great win last week we faced top side Mooroolbark. We attacked the goals right from the start but couldn't capitalise until Jack D scored our first goal. With perfect conditions and 100% effort from our boys all day it was a great game. Skills are improving with every match—well done.

Under 9's—Round 3

A tough game of footy with a strong wind to one end. The boys tried really hard. Good to see the boys improving each week.

Under 9's—Round 4

Great conditions, boys very enthusiastic & teams evenly matched. Our boys had a slow start but by 2nd quarter were into it and took control of the ball many times. Never stopped trying—great effort.

RESULTS—ROUNDS 1 & 2

Under 16 B Grade

Rd 3 Scoresby 6.5.41 lost to Montrose 7.7.49
 Rd 4 Blackburn 10.12.72 def Montrose 8.13.61

Under 14 B Grade

Rd 3 Sth Croydon 0.2.2 lost to Montrose 24.16.160
 Rd 4 East Burwood 6.4.40 lost to Montrose 19.14.128

Under 13 B Grade

Rd 3 Montrose 9.5.59 def South Croydon 4.12.36
 Rd 4 Montrose 8.11.59 lost to Ferntree Gully Eagles 12.8.80

Under 12 B Grade

Rd 3 Montrose 16.10.106 def South Croydon 3.0.18
 Rd 4 Donvale 10.13.73 def Montrose 0.1.1

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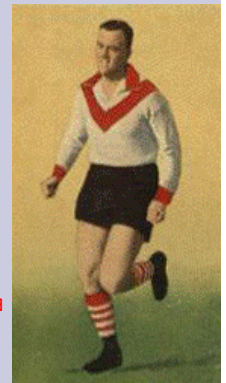


For Trivia Buffs:

So who was the player pictured last time as the player who played the most VFL/AFL games before perishing in wartime?

Powerful, fleet of foot, and possessing all the essential skills of the game, Len Thomas was without doubt one of the best all round VFL footballers of the 1930s. He actually began with South Melbourne in 1927, but it was during the 1930s that he arrived at a peak of excellence which was maintained throughout most of the decade. Winner of South's best and fairest award in 1931 and 1938, he was a significant contributor from the centre when the red and whites thrashed Richmond in the 1933 grand final. Thomas crossed to Hawthorn as captain-coach in 1939, but the Mayblooms had a poor season, and finished 10th. The 1940 season saw him at North Melbourne, once again as captain-coach, but after a disastrous year which produced just 4 wins and the wooden spoon,

Thomas retired from football and embarked on military service. Tragically, he was to meet his end while serving his country abroad. Len Thomas played a total of 208 VFL games, and represented the VFL in the interstate arena on half a dozen occasions. He came from a footballing background, with his father, 'Sonna' Thomas having enjoyed a noteworthy VFL career with South Melbourne and Richmond.



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