



# Manly Bombers J.A.F.C.

## Newsletter August 2008

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### Message from the Club President

by Ashley Parker

It has been another momentous season at the Manly Bombers. Our Auskickers did the Club proud at their Gala Day in June. Weldon Oval and its precincts have never seen anything quite like it with games spread over the netball courts, Weldon itself and the full length of Frank Gray Reserve. Over 500 players and their parents enjoyed a fabulous day. Well done to Kelvin, Sali and their troupe of Auskick volunteers who put on a memorable day for everyone!

### Teams through to the finals

It has also proven to be a great year on the field for our competition teams. The Club will be represented in the finals series by teams from our Under 10s, Under 11s, Under 12s, Under 13s and Under 14s. We will be hosting finals matches in the first week of the finals so, if you're at a loose end on Sunday, 17 August, come down to Weldon Oval and support our teams.

### Trivia night a success

Off the field, the Club held its major fundraising event in late July. Over 140 parents, sponsors and supporters filled the Harbord Diggers function room for a night of Music Trivia. Fun and frivolity was the order of the night with our friends from Pittwater taking the title of Music Trivia Champions. Over \$5,000 of much needed funds was raised for the Club. My sincere thanks to all those people who supported the event and to our sponsors and parents who donated prizes.

### Ongoing Fundraising needs your help

On the subject of fundraising, the three co-tenants of Weldon Oval, the Manly Bombers, the Manly Warringah Wolves AFL Club and the Warringah Cricket Club have joined forces to form "Club Weldon" which will project manage and raise funds to build the new clubhouse at Weldon Oval. Keep an eye out for your opportunity to contribute to this worthy cause.

### Upcoming Presentation days

The Under 9s through to Under 14s team Presentation Day and the Club Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday, 14 September, at the Harbord Diggers from 10am to 12 noon. The Auskickers will have their presentation day on Sunday, 24 August, at Weldon Oval from 8.30am. Please mark these dates in your diaries.

### Positions vacant

We have a number of positions vacant on the Committee for next year. The Manly Bombers cannot continue to grow and prosper without a strong and capable management group. If you can lend your expertise and a few hours a week to the Club, we would appreciate your contribution to ensuring that the Manly Bombers continues to provide a reputable and quality service to the community. Please contact me on 0414 236 365 if you are able to assist.

Thanks to everyone who has helped make the 2008 season another record breaking year for the Manly Bombers and good luck to our teams in the finals!

*Ashley Parker*

### Websites and match reports

Check out the [Manly Bombers website](#) for links to AFL related websites and the individual team match reports.

### Calendar of events

League team finals commence	17 August, Weldon Oval
Auskick presentation morning	24 August, from 8.30 am, Weldon Oval
League presentation morning and Club AGM	14 September, 10am to 12 noon, Harbord Diggers



## Auskick roundup

by Kelvin Millsom, Auskick Coordinator

As the 2008 Auskick season draws to an end, let us take a moment to reflect on some of the events that made this years Auskick a success.

The season kicked off on 1 February with the Manly Bombers banner going up on the Ethel Street bridge at Seaforth, signaling to the community that the AFL football season was about to begin.

In February we went to Pittwater to "meet the Swans", then we set up in front of the Bendigo Bank in Harbord, for our two registration days and also began our 4 week 'Manly After School programme'. This programme attracted some 90 children aged 5 to 12 years, some of which were new to the sport, while others were our players doing preseason training.

Round 1 commenced on 30 March, by round 3 we had the players and parents settled into a weekly routine of drills and a match game at every session. The parents had completed their 'O Level' coaching training and the players knew how to change their bibs. We were running both Wednesday and Sunday sessions and about to embark on our first "Away Game" for the season. We went to Forest and Pittwater on two occasions this season.

Before long our numbers had grown to 100 Auskickers, (now 106), a milestone for our club. Our parents were finding their feet and stepping forward to take on roles as umpires and onfield coaches as well as regularly running the drill sessions with little need for guidance. The confidence levels of both parent and player were increasing.

We were approached to take part in the making of a documentary as part of the AFL's 150th celebrations. This has been an experience for all involved and has seen a film crew visit us at Weldon on a couple of occasions. The final shot for the documentary will be the Manly Bombers Auskickers running onto the SCG to take part in a half-time game. This will be filmed when our players run onto the SCG on 30 August, when the Sydney Swans play the Brisbane Lions. I have been told the documentary will be aired in March 2009, when I have the date I will organise and book the big screen at the Harbord Diggers for the night.

We also hosted a very successful Gala Day, for 8 clubs with 33 teams who played 2 games of footy and a session of drills each. We also hosted the film crew and we received a photo spread in the centre of the Manly Daily.

Tim Schmidt (#36) for the Swans came to visit us at Weldon Oval and talked to the Auskick players taking part in a half-time game during a Wolves match and we also took 18 players to Moore Park to meet and talk with Kieren Jack (#15) for the Swans. Both of these guys gave freely of their time and were approachable, friendly gentlemen.

### Upcoming events

We have one more half-time game at a Wolves match on 16 August an opportunity for 24 of our Auskickers and then the half-time games at the SCG on 30 August, an opportunity for 25 of our Auskickers. These matches will conclude our season for 2008 and I can not think of a more fitting way to end the season for an Auskicker, than to be playing in front of a crowd that has come to see a game of football.

The Auskick presentation morning will be at Weldon Oval, 8.30 - 10am, Sunday, 24 August.

I look forward to seeing all of the Auskickers and their parents for an end of season celebration.

*Kelvin Millsom*

### Sponsors

The club has a number of sponsors that provide valuable financial and non-financial support to the club.

In recognition of their support for the club, it would be great if these organisations were considered and supported in your daily home and business dealings.

A full listing of the major sponsors is attached to this newsletter.

Information about sponsorship opportunities should be directed to Ashley Parker (0414 236 365) or Horward Durling.



## Being involved is rewarding - Spotlight on the Under 9s

In this newsletter we have sought feedback from the coaches and managers of the Under 9 teams regarding their on-field experiences and rewards this year.

### Under 9 Blacks

Watching the great group of boys in the Under 9 Blacks develop their footy skills this year has been both a privilege and a pleasure. The team have done exceptionally well, with a 10-3 win/loss ratio so far - and two of these losses came when we loaned the other team 2 or 3 players to ensure a fair/even match. On this point, we have been so impressed with how well all players have performed when having a run with an opposition team - great sportsmanship for such young players!

This is a super team, with many having their first year of AFL and a few boys who played up last year; being great role models. This year we also had seven underage boys in the team and they have contributed as much as the older boys. Time will tell how many will go into the Under 10s next year or will be the role models of Under 9s next year.

It is a real buzz to watch the boys develop football skills and camaraderie within the team. From the non-team environment of Auskick to the team environment of Under 9s it is really a pleasure to see them develop trust and friendship in and for each other.

There is a lot of work and commitment to be a coach / manager but it is made that much easier by all the support that the other parents and the club give you week in week out. I look forward to continuing to be a part of these players sporting development in coming seasons.

### Under 9 Reds

It is a shame for the Under 9 Reds that the footy season is ending soon. The boys were just hitting their stride! They have in recent weeks come together brilliantly and really worked hard as a team producing some great play and coming away with a few wins. (Season stats 6 wins / 9 losses.) Win or lose the most important thing is they have loved their football.

To watch the boys develop over the season has been extremely rewarding. The improvement in their skills and their game both as individuals and as a team has been outstanding. Their energy, enthusiasm and their enjoyment of the sport has been inspiring and their commitment and sportsmanship impressive always giving 100% (even when playing for the opposition.)

We have had a fantastically supportive parent group behind us who have willingly assisted at training and on game day and their contribution must be noted. We are very proud of the boys and what they have achieved and look forward to hopefully seeing them back in action together again in 2009.

## SWAFL Youth Girls Gala Day

Advertised on the [AFL Greater Sydney Juniors AFL](#) and [SWAFL websites](#)

Just to let you know that there will be an AFL event specifically for girls aged 10 to 16 years old. The girls BIG GALA DAY will be held on Saturday, 6 September, from 9am - 12:30pm at HJ Mahoney Oval Marrickville, Sydney (corner of Wharf Road and Illawarra Road). All girls from 10-16 years are welcome, all gear will be supplied on the day. This is to assist Sydney Women's AFL start a junior girl's competition.

More details are available on the links from the [AFL Greater Sydney Juniors website](#) and the [SWAFL website](#) - ([www.swafl.org](http://www.swafl.org)).



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Great meat, great food and great service ! Come and try our new delicatessen which we have opened next door. We have been supplying sausages and bacon at cost prices to the Manly Bombers for six seasons. This season we have extended our support to sponsoring the BBQ.  
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