



Manly Bombers J.A.F.C. Newsletter December 2008

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Message from the Club President

by [Ashley Parker](#)

Hi Manly Bomber Families,

Much has been happening at the Manly Bombers since the end of the 2008 season and your Committee is keen to keep you informed of developments and update you on the progress of important projects that will affect us next season.

I announced at Presentation Day that Weldon Oval will be resurfaced over the winter of 2009. Work has not yet commenced and the Warringah Council is yet to provide a start date, however, we are confident that the work will take place as planned.

With Weldon Oval out of action, we need to secure alternate training and match venues for home games next season. If any parents can suggest venues which were under-utilised last winter (eg. grounds which were not used on Monday or Friday nights), can you please let me know. The following table outlines the Committee's progress to date on securing training and match day venues for 2009.

Team	Training venue	Match day venue
U / 15	Nth Narrabeen Reserve	Nth Narrabeen Reserve
U / 14	Nth Narrabeen Reserve	Nth Narrabeen Reserve
Auskick to U / 13	Yet to be determined	Frank Grey, Reserve, Harbord

2009 will require much patience as we hold our Club together during this unsettling period. Please provide your committee members, coaches and team managers with all the support they need as they lead the Club through this difficult time.

They say there is "no rest for the wicked" and our Under 15s coach, Haydon Bray, has been quick off the mark to get the 2009 season underway with his Advanced Training Group which trained for the first time on 18 November. See Haydon's report in this newsletter for the full story.

We have had a few issues regarding the timing of the Club's financial year end (30 September) and our Annual General Meeting (AGM).

As a result we will be reconvening the 2008 AGM on Monday, **9 February 2009**, to ratify the 2008 accounts and to change to the Club's constitution to make the situation more manageable. Howard Durling explains the issues later in this newsletter.

As elected at the AGM, I would like to thank our new Committee members for offering their time and commitment to the Club next year. Jo Smith will be taking over from Howard Durling as Treasurer, Kim Layton will take over from Trent Burton as Club Secretary while Lindsay Greinke and Scott Ordner will join as General Committee members for 2009. We have also appointed a Grants Officer to explore funding opportunities and I would like to thank Todd Buck for taking on this role.

The full Committee line up for 2009 is as follows:

President	Ashley Parker contact: 0414 236 365 amparker@bigpond.net.au
Secretary	Kim Layton
Treasurer	Jo Smith
Vice-President – Football Operations	David Fitzgerald
Vice President - Auskick	Kelvin Millsom
Registrar	Fiona Cantwell
General committee members	Howard Durling John Curtis Lindsay Greinke Scott Ordner

Don't forget to check out the 2008 Season Review as presented at Presentation Day – a great reminder of all the great things the members did in 2008. It is on the [website](#) under Information > Newsletters.

Have a merry and safe Christmas and I look forward to providing you with more exciting news from the Manly Bombers in 2009!





Auskick Update

by Kelvin Millsom, Auskick Coordinator

Off-season for the Auskick Coordinator means being a Committee member and doing the behind the scenes things required to make next season run smoothly.

I have been attending meetings with the Committee, the Council and the AFL; a luncheon with the Mayor; and walking over and measuring a number of playing fields with respect to finding a suitable training ground for next season while Weldon Oval is being resurfaced.

I have attended the Manly Surf Lifesaving Carnival, to promote the Manly Bombers at the AFL Auskick Tent, which was a rewarding experience. I spoke to many interested players / parents and I enjoyed seeing our Bombers families participating in the Nippers programme. To all those who made the effort to come over to the tent and say Hi! I truly appreciated seeing you all.

I have been in contact with the documentary film crew for an update and all is going well. They are very pleased with our contribution and expect the documentary to go to air in March 2009. I will keep you posted on that one.

As we go into Christmas and the new year, footy will take a back seat, then it will be full on with recruitment. Of the 100 Auskickers in 2008, 50 of those will advance to U9's in 2009 and so in order to replace them and keep growing the Club we need to recruit at least another 50 Auskickers to the Manly Bombers.

So do your bit and spread the word, remember there is an early bird discount if you register and pay before **31 January 2009**. Proforma registration details will be sent out in mid-January.

Seasons Greetings to each and every one of you.

First Aid initiatives underway

by Lindsay Greinke

I am currently working on First Aid services for home games in the 2009 season.

To date enquiries and dialogue is occurring with St Johns First Aid, Manly Warringah Division. And other suggestions regarding contacts and solutions are being pursued such as the physiotherapist for the Wolves and for a number of parents from each team to complete a St Johns First Aid course.

I will continue to make enquiries regarding the above. If any Club members can assist please contact me through Ashley Parker.

Sponsors for 2009

by Howard Durling

We have started our search for sponsors for season 2009 ! If there are any local businesses that you are aware of who might benefit from an association with the Bombers, then please let us know. Packages start from \$750 which entitles the sponsor to a team for the season plus profile in our newsletters and at social events.

Also, just a reminder that David Connor Designs have been a major supporter of the Club this year. With Christmas rapidly approaching this is a good opportunity for the Dad's in the Club to show their appreciation for this support by visiting David's shop and buying a gift for that special person in their lives. It has been suggested to me (by someone very close) that the opportunity to buy new jewellery and at the same time help the kids' football Club is truly compelling. I am sure that there will be many other Mum's that subscribe to this view !

David's contact details are as follows:

David Connor Designs
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When you visit David (or any of our sponsors), please remember to mention the Manly Bombers.

Under 13 and 14 State Zone Trials - The Narrandera Experience

by David Fitzgerald

After lots of visits and training at Macquarie University, the "Starz Squad" was born and off to Narrandera they went. Leaving home at 4.30am to meet the coach and team mates at Homebush for an enjoyable eight hour coach ride. Home for the next four nights was Yanco Agricultural College.

The program was intense. Training plus three games of football in three days and educational sessions. The boys slept well and the wonderful supervising coach – Haydon Bray – slept even better after organising the next day's events and falling into bed after midnight.

Congratulations to the four Manly Bomber boys who were selected: **Doug Hadden; Mark Brinker; Gerard Martin; and James Fitzgerald.**

The scouts were watching closely – there are truly some new 'starz' in the making.



Announcing the Manly Bombers Advanced Training Group

by Haydon Bray

As some of you around the Club may be aware, the AFL has highlighted Sydney as one of its' key talent identification regions, setting an objective that 10% of players selected in the 2010 AFL draft come from the greater Sydney region. From 2010, the Sydney focus becomes more of a priority as the second Sydney based team starts to form its foundations to compete in the AFL competition by 2012.

To maximise these opportunities, the AFL has been running a scholarship program since 2007, whereby they support each of the AFL clubs to recruit talented young Sydney players on 3 - year scholarships from the ages of 15 – 18 years. For more details on the scholarship programs, please visit these sites [Scholarship program](#) and [Frequently asked questions](#)

During the past few months, I have been working with some of the AFL clubs to construct a program that will deliver advanced skills training for many of our players within the Manly Bombers.

Starting Tuesday 18 November and running through the whole 2009 season, we will be commencing an Advanced Training Program for the Manly Bombers that will have six AFL clubs deeply involved; Sydney Swans, West Coast Eagles, St Kilda, Brisbane Lions, Adelaide Crows and Collingwood. Approximately 35 players have been invited to attend the Advanced Training Group with the majority coming from the 2009 under 15's and 14's teams. However a number of talented 2009 Under 13's and Under 12's have also been invited to be part of this once in a lifetime experience.

Each club will be supporting me with elite coaches on a weekly rotation basis, together with training aids, equipment and other resources. The clubs are all very excited to be involved as they can start to develop the talent and assist in shaping the skills of some of our more talented players to be considered for scholarship selection in the future.

This is a first for Sydney and is a major boost for AFL on the Northern Beaches. We all have extremely high hopes that this program will yield a number of players to be drafted into the scholarship program from next year together with raising the overall standard of AFL football in our region.

It really is an exciting development for our Club and one that should show some clear benefits for our junior players in the immediate term.

Stay tuned for further development.

Financial matters - Reconvening the 2008 AGM

by Howard Durling – 2008 Club Treasurer

As mentioned in the President's Report, the Club has been dealing with the NSW Office of Fair Trading on some technical matters.

The main issue we face is the timing of the AGM with respect to the financial year end which is 30 September. Technically, the AGM needs to be held after the financial year end so that the members can approve the full year accounts. Given that the season concludes late August, we have traditionally held the AGM in September to coincide with Presentation Day and have provided members with the 11 month unaudited accounts to the end of August. The NSW Office of Fair Trading considers this to be unsatisfactory. As a result, we will be reconvening the AGM in the new year to ratify audited full year accounts.

The current dealings with the Office of Fair Trading have revealed certain anomalies in the Club's constitution. Specifically, the Constitution requires the AGM to be held "no later than the end of November each year". This is within two months of the end of the Club's financial year. The Committee believes that, given the size of the Club, this is an extremely restrictive timetable given the work required to prepare the end of year accounts. By contrast, the NSW Office of Fair Trading allows all voluntary and not for profit associations, such as the Manly Bombers, a six month window to conduct their AGM from the end of their financial year. To this end, the Committee will recommend to the members that the Constitution be amended to extend the current two month window to six months to match the legislative standards.

Furthermore, the sheer size and diversity of our revenues have prompted the Committee to appoint an independent honorary auditor, Balgowlah Financial Centre, to audit the Club's accounts. The Committee believes that this is a prudent measure and demonstrates our commitment to good governance of the Club. The extension from two months to six months will give the Committee extra time to have the accounts audited for presentation to members.

At this stage, it is our intention in future years to continue to provide interim 11 month accounts to members and hold Committee elections at the AGM in September on Presentation Day, however, rather than close the meeting, we will simply adjourn the meeting to a nominated date when final full year audited accounts will be available.

See the attached NOTICE OF THE RECONVENING OF THE 2008 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING to vote and effect a change to the Club's constitution, **Monday, 9 February 2009.**



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NOTICE OF THE RECONVENING OF THE 2008 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE MANLY BOMBERS JUNIOR AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL CLUB

DATE: MONDAY 9th FEBRUARY 2009

TIME: 7.30pm

LOCATION: HARBORD DIGGERS MOUNTIES, Evans Street, Harbord

AGENDA

1. Approve the 2008 Accounts
2. Amendment of Section 14 (a) of the Club's Constitution.

Amend,

“The Annual General Meeting will be held not later than the end of November of each year, two weeks notice of which will be given to each member of the Club.”

to read,

“The Annual General Meeting will be held within six months of the end of the financial year, two weeks notice of which will be given to each member of the Club.”

RSVP: The Club Secretary, Kim Layton, klayton@optusnet.com.au (please address subject matter as “Manly Bombers AGM”)

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