




Manly Bombers J.A.F.C. Newsletter December 2009

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Message from the Club President

by [Ashley Parker](#)

Seasons Greetings Manly Bomber Families. 

After a successful and rewarding 2009 playing season and not to mention a few field accommodation challenges along the way we have now entered the planning phase of the 2010 season.

2010 is a significant year for the Club as it is our Tenth season and we hope to have a number of events to mark this milestone.

This newsletter sets out the preliminary information for 2010 and the Tenth anniversary celebrations.

2010 Committee

The 2010 Committee, as elected at the 2009 AGM is as follows:

President	Ashley Parker contact: 0414 236 365 amparker@bigpond.net.au
Secretary	Kim Layton
Treasurer	Lisa Wilson
Vice-President – Football Operations	David Fitzgerald
Vice President - Auskick	Kelvin Millsom
Registrar	Fiona Cantwell
General committee members	Howard Durling Paul Tarlinton Lindsay Greinke Paul Murphy Scott Ordner
Grants Officer	Todd Buck

Committee Succession

With a number of Executive Committee members stepping down at the end of the 2010 season, it is crucial that there are parents ready to step in to take over the running of the Club in 2011. Running the club is not an onerous task so long as there are sufficient people to spread the load.

If you believe that the Bombers is an institution worth preserving, then now is the time to find like minded people and form a syndicate for the 2011 election of office bearers.

If you have any questions regarding the responsibilities of the Committee, please call me on 0414 236 365.

Have a merry and safe Christmas and I look forward to seeing you in 2010!

Tenth Anniversary Celebrations

Free Training Jumper

To mark the Club's tenth season and the occasion, we will be organising a series of events and special offers to players.

To kick things off, all players from Under 9 through to Under 16 will receive a free Tenth anniversary training jumper. The jumper, created by specialist AFL design group Whiteline Designs, has been specifically designed to commemorate this landmark season in the Club's history and features some of the iconic symbols of the area. Its proudly Bombers and proudly Manly!





Register for half price

We are looking to make 2010 our biggest year yet and we have a special offer to families who refer players to the Club. It works like this.

If you refer a 'new' player to the Club (that is, any player who didn't play with the Club in 2009)

- You will receive \$65 off the **standard** single or family rate for being the referring player or family, and
- The new player will receive \$65 off the **standard** single or family rate.

So, both you and your mate will get to play for \$65 each in 2010 and, if you are receiving the family rate, you'll only pay \$135.

There are some conditions:

- the discount will only apply once no matter how many players you refer through;
- members of the same family can not refer each other;
- 'new' families or players cannot refer each other. 'New' means did not play in 2009;
- the discount is applied to the standard registration price **NOT the early bird rate**;
- \$65 is the maximum discount that will apply with this referral registration offer;
- a record will be kept of all referrals and if a player is already referred or registered/ registration papers received then the discount will not apply. That is a "first come first served" approach will apply.

If you would like to take up the referral offer then please **wait until registration** days on Saturday 6 and 13 February at the Bendigo Community Bank, Freshwater and bring along your registration form and the referral person or the person's registration form and payment etc so we can match names and paperwork.

Read on for full details of the 2010 Registration fees.

Boot Swap – recycle your old Boots

Due to past enquiry by club members we will be facilitating a football boot swap in 2010.

Bring along your old football boots (tie the boots together using the laces) and place them in the box provided on registration days. At that time you are welcome to try on boots already in the box as donated by others.

If you would like to take a pair of boots as your own then a \$5 fee payable to the Manly Bombers is required.

2010 Registration Details

As per previous years, the Club will be mailing out registration forms to 2009 players in January so families can take advantage of early bird rates.

Registration days are as follows:

Dates: Saturday 6 February and
Saturday 13 February

Time: 10 am to 2 pm

Venue: Bendigo Community Bank, Freshwater.

The fees that will apply for the 2010 season are as follows:

Standard Single	\$ 130
Standard Family	\$ 200
Early Bird Single (register before 31 January)	\$ 115
Early Bird Family (register before 31 January)	\$ 180
Referral Rate Discount #	\$65 off the Standard single or family rate for the referring player or family. AND \$65 off the Standard single or family rate for the new player or family.
# discount can only apply once per player or family, family members cannot refer each other, discount applies to Standard rates only <u>not</u> Early Bird rates.	

Remember to read this information in the context of the 'Register for half price' section to work out what maybe best for you.

Grounds Update

In July of this 2009 year, rectification work commenced on Weldon Oval with the intention of having the field ready for use for next winter (2010).

Brand new lights are already in place, however, a methane leak has stopped all work on the Oval itself while contractors work out how to deal with the problem. Unfortunately, this delay will push back the completion date and will mean that the Club will need to find alternative venues to play its home games next year.

The Committee is currently in discussions with a number of sporting associations to determine a home for the Manly Bombers next season.

Auskick Update

by Kelvin Millsom

Manly After School programme

We will kick off our 2010 season in March with four weeks of the combined "AFL Manly after School programme" and pre-season training for both new and returning players.

Details:-

- Thursdays March 4, 11, 18 and 25;
- Sydney Swans Club visit scheduled for 3 March (venue to be advised);
- 4 weeks of 1 ½ hour sessions;
- Cost is \$40 per participant;
- Participants receive a NAB Auskick Backpack;
- Participants going on to register with the Bombers for the 2010 season will then receive a refund of \$40 from the Club (later in the season) being the cost of the Backpack. [Note: this way the child only receives one Backpack.]

Season 2010

We will continue to run our successful three club (being Manly, Forest and Pittwater) home and away programme and will expand on last seasons successful introduction of the Under 8's inter club Auskick programme with an extension in the number of clubs involved and the number of home and away games played.

As part of our Tenth year anniversary celebrations, we will host an Auskick Gala day in the later part of the season and will also look at extending the Auskick season by a couple of weeks.

Parents

The Auskick programme is run by volunteer parents who give of their time, so that their children can benefit from a well run and resourced programme. It is a family inclusive programme that requires parent helpers to be successful. Not all parents want to be the coach or team manager, they just want their child to have fun playing football and that's enough for them. But for those others who want to get involved, we will be running a parent helpers training day the last weekend in March, to assist new and returning parents with what to expect of the Auskick program and how they can participate, both on and off the field.

We are also looking for parents who are interested in coaching and skill development of the various Auskick age groups, in particular an Under 8's coach or two.

The club will assist interested parents with gaining AFL Coaching accreditation through an AFL training course which I will be re-taking myself pre-season.

If you are interested, please contact [Kelvin Millsom](mailto:Kelvin.Millsom).

Recruitment

Be sure to take advantage of the referral rate discount on your membership fee by recruiting and referring a friend to join the Manly Bombers in 2010.

Manly Players Shine in Albury

The Under 13 and Under 14 State Championships were held in Albury over the October school holidays. Seven representative teams from all over the state, including three from metropolitan Sydney, descended on the Albury Sports Ground to battle it out in front of AFL and Australian Institute of Sport scouts. This year, Manly had no fewer than 10 players represented at the carnival playing for the Sydney North "Starz" team. We extend our hearty congratulations on their selection and their efforts.

Under 13

Joe Durling
Dean Meadows
Jack Parker
Jarvis Zochling

Under 14

Mark Brinker
Nick Duncan
James Fitzgerald
Callum Johnston
Gerard Martin
Jake Monk



Manly's Jake Monk (left) and Mark Brinker (right) are set to clear the ball for the Sydney North Starz at October's U/14 State Championship in Albury.

Advanced Training Group Update

by Haydon Bray

The Advanced Training Group (or ATG) kicked off its summer programme on 18 November 2009. This is the second year that we have run the programme which is designed to give our more skilled youth age players the opportunity to hone their skills over the off season in readiness for representative selections (which start as early as February for some age groups). The ATG also gives players an opportunity to impress AFL scouts. This summer, scouts from St Kilda, Sydney, West Coast, North Melbourne and Essendon will take various training sessions with our players.

The ATG will be split into three separate groups this summer with the second group set to start in mid January. Having three distinctive groups will facilitate a greater level of individual attention and better match coaching tuition to individual needs.

Website details

Further details of the Manly Bombers AFL 2010 season will be posted on the [Manly Bombers website](#).

Other useful references are the [Auskick](#) and [AFL Sydney North](#) websites.



No peace for the talented! Director of Coaching, Haydon Bray, leads some of his Advanced Training Group to another grueling drill in the late November heat.