



Manly Bombers J.A.F.C. Newsletter February 2010

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Message from the Club President

by [Ashley Parker](#)

Welcome to all our returning and new Manly Bombers Families.

With a busy and significant 2010 season ahead, the Committee is actively engaged in the recruitment process and all other activities associated with ensuring the 2010 season is successful.

As mentioned in the [December 2009](#) newsletter, 2010 is our Tenth Anniversary year.

The Manly Bombers are delighted to welcome aboard one of Australia's leading insurance brokers, OAMPS, as its Tenth Anniversary Sponsor in 2010. OAMPS Insurance Brokers already sponsor the Manly Bombers Auskick program and have extended their commitment to the Club as our Tenth Anniversary Sponsor.



OAMPS offers household, small business and corporate insurance solutions. As a broker, OAMPS is in a strong position to offer the best insurance deal to protect your home or the business assets of your company.

As a sponsor of the Manly Bombers, OAMPS invite you to contact them when you are ready to renew your insurances.

Please call Paul McMahon or Martin Van Rhoon on (02) 9424 1839 for assistance.

The Manly Bombers continues to thrive thanks to the financial support of its sponsors. Please support our sponsors if you can. It is vitally important that we support those organisations that support us.



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Vacancies

The Committee is looking for parents to fill the following roles for the 2010 Season. The Club is desperately short of helpers and is in urgent need of assistance for :

- Canteen Manager
- Umpires Coordinator
- Sponsorship Manager
- Social Convenor
- Grants Officer

Each role is outlined below.

If you would like to pursue one of these roles, please contact the President, Ashley Parker on 0414 236 365 or email amparker@bigpond.net.au.

Canteen Manager (paid position)

The canteen is a vital source of income for the Club accounting for up to 30% of the Club's income in recent years. The core responsibilities of this role are as follows:

- Order fresh produce during the week and pick up on Sunday Mornings.
- Assist and direct rostered volunteers in the canteen set up each week, and attend the canteen from 7.45am until 9.00am on Sunday.
- Monitor stock levels and advise the President of purchases required.
- Estimated time commitment: 3 hours per week.

Importantly:

- ◆ The Canteen Manager is NOT RESPONSIBLE for the canteen roster (this is the responsibility of each Team Manager).
- ◆ The Canteen Manager is NOT RESPONSIBLE for purchasing stock and restocking (this will be delegated to volunteers).
- ◆ The Canteen Manager is NOT RESPONSIBLE for closing the canteen (this will be done by the final canteen shift of the day).
- ◆ The Canteen Manager is NOT RESPONSIBLE for developing the canteen as a revenue source (e.g. adding new stock lines).

An honorarium (payment) of \$1,000 will be paid to the Canteen Manager for the season.



Umpires Coordinator

Our Club is responsible for organising Umpires for all matches from Under 9 to Under 12 at Weldon Oval / Frank Grey Reserve. The Umpires Coordinator prepares an umpiring roster each week and will liaise with the Club President and the AFL on ad-hoc umpire matters as they arise.

Sponsorship Manager

Sponsors are a critical source of funding for the Club. The core responsibilities of this role are as follows:

- Be the primary liaison point between the Club and its Sponsors.
- Monitor the extent to which the Club is honouring its commitments to its Sponsors and report back to the Committee.
- Invite Sponsors to Club events such as the annual fundraising night.
- Look for opportunities to enhance the relationship between the Club and its Sponsors such as identifying new ways to promote Sponsors.
- Estimated time commitment: 1 hour per week (average).

Importantly:

- ◆ The Sponsorship Manager is NOT RESPONSIBLE for finding new Sponsors (this is the responsibility of the Committee).
- ◆ The Sponsorship Manager is NOT RESPONSIBLE for renewing sponsorship agreements at the end of the season (this is the responsibility of the Committee).

Social Convenor

Social events are not only a major part of the Manly Bombers fundraising throughout the year, they also provide an outlet for parents to mix and enjoy each others' company away from the sidelines. The Club is looking for someone to take on the role of arranging and coordinating the Club's major fund raising event each year.

It is envisaged that the Social Convenor will be able to recruit like minded and well organised people onto a committee to assist with the management of this event.

Grants Officer

From time to time, major corporations and government departments offer funding grants to community and sporting groups. Some grants are in the form of cash payments, while others are in the form of equipment. By way of example, the Manly Bombers have recently successfully applied and received grants from Telstra and National Australia Bank. The AFL makes Clubs aware of grants that are available but the Committee will also be made aware of grants that become available from other sources.

The core responsibilities of this role are as follows:

- Make applications to various organisations that offer grants as they arise.
- Ensure that the Club meets the criteria specified by the offeror.
- Follow up applications.
- Estimated time commitment: 1 hour per week (average)

Importantly:

- ◆ The Grants Officer is NOT RESPONSIBLE for applying for grants of a capital nature, such as the Clubroom Refurbishment project.
- ◆ The Grants Officer is NOT RESPONSIBLE for finding new sources of grants funding.

Training and Grounds

As Weldon Oval remains unavailable in 2010, the Committee has secured Reub Hudson and Old Reub Hudson fields on Friday nights for training this year for Auskick through to Under 14.

Match day games will be played on Frank Grey Reserve for Auskick to Under 14.

The first official training night for Under 9 to Under 14 will be Friday, 12 March.

The Under 16s will train and play on North Narrabeen Reserve (Pittwater's home ground). Under 16s will be advised of their first training night in due course.

A map of the area is located on page 6 of this newsletter.



Welcome to the Balgowlah Bombers Auskickers

Many of you will know that the AFL seeded a new Auskick Centre in Balgowlah in 2008. The Balgowlah Auskick Centre is based at Balgowlah Oval and has reached a point where it needs to align with an established club to continue its development as an expanding AFL skills centre. Representatives of both Balgowlah Auskick and the Manly Bombers have been in discussion for some time and have come to an agreement where the Balgowlah Auskick Centre will retain its autonomy as a separate centre, but will effectively become part of the Manly Bombers. The centre will adopt the "Bombers" as their mascot to better represent its links to the Manly Bombers.

We are pleased to welcome the Balgowlah Bombers to the fold and look forward to working with Balgowlah Bombers Convenor, Garry Farrar, and his team as part of an expanded Auskick offering to the community.

Discount Registration for 2009 returning players and your mates

Don't forget that if a returning 2009 player brings down a friend to the Manly Bombers this year, you'll get a \$65 discount off your membership and so will your mate if he or she is new to the Club. Its our Tenth Anniversary and we're looking to make 2010 our best season yet, so let's get recruiting!

The details of the offer are outlined in the [December newsletter](#) and the [website](#).

All registrations need to be in by 31 March 2010 if you want to claim the discount, the standard price will apply after this time.

Wolves Reserves Coach Wanted

The senior club is looking for a coach for their Reserve grade team in the Division Two Sydney AFL competition in 2010. The Wolves are looking for coaches with past experience who can continue the club's growth in recent years. With around 150 players and 300 members, the Wolves have established a positive presence in the local community and are willing to negotiate remuneration to cover anticipated expenses throughout the season.

Applications close 28 February 2010. For further information, please contact Club President, Peter Kay on 0411 750 531.

AGM Reconvening – Monday 22 February

Further to the email message sent on 8 February to 2009 Club members, attached to this newsletter is the agenda for the reconvening of the 2009 Annual General Meeting to accept the audited 2009 accounts of the Manly Bombers Junior Australian Football Club. All members are invited to attend.

If you wish to attend the meeting, please RSVP to the Club Secretary [Kim Layton](#).

Auskick Update

by Kelvin Millsom

Recruitment

February is traditionally recruitment month for winter sports and all the sporting codes are competing for your involvement. As a returning member of the Manly Bombers you will have experienced for yourself what we have to offer and you are the best promotion tool in our kit. At this time we ask that you spread the good word amongst your friends and associates and recruit players of all ages to join our great club.

This season, our Tenth Anniversary, and as mentioned above, we are offering a financial incentive to returning players and the new players they refer to our club.

Remember to tell your friends that at the Manly Bombers we don't just teach children the unique craft of Australian Rules Football, they also learn courage, self-confidence, discipline and team spirit.

Our Auskick program received the Greater Sydney Juniors award for best Auskick clinic on the North Shore 2004 and 2007, the best Auskick clinic in Sydney North 2008 and featured in the AFL season opening TV documentary "Essence of the Game" in 2009.

Our Auskick program is family inclusive which means we also recruit parents to be actively involved both on the field and behind the scenes as parent helpers, team managers, coaches and age group coordinators, for all age groups 5 to 8 years.

We offer a well balanced, well trained, well supported, safe and fun learning environment for both our players and their parents.

Our registration days were held at the Bendigo Bank in Freshwater on 6 and 13 February. If you missed these days then [email me](#) for further registration details.



Manly After School Program

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

Details:-

- Thursdays March 4, 11, 18 and 25;
- 4 weeks of 1 ½ hour sessions- 4 to 5.30 pm
- Frank Grey Reserve;
- 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.]

Also note that the Sydney Swans Club have a visit scheduled for Wednesday, 3 March, Balgowlah Oval, Pickworth Avenue, Balgowlah from 5 to 7pm.

Season 2010

We will start our home and away season in conjunction with the Junior teams, with round one commencing Sunday, 18 April.

For more information on season 2010 refer to the [December 2009 newsletter](#).

Parents

The Auskick program is run by volunteer parents who give of their time, so that all children can benefit from a well run and resourced program. It is a family inclusive program that requires parent helpers to be successful.

During our ten years we have learnt, developed and adjusted our systems to cope with the growth of our club. This has been especially evident in our Auskick program, where the development of our parent group has been paramount to the success of the program.

Each season we have an influx of new players and their parents who in the most part are new to community run activities. We also have an exodus of players to our junior football teams and along with them our most experienced parent helpers.

This requires ongoing training and development of our parent helpers from season to season. So we have in place a flexible and somewhat casual structure of developing the skills of interested parent helpers and supporting them in taking on the roles that best suit their skill levels which at times may stretch some comfort zones.

This season we are seeking to add a little more structure to our parent helper program to create a system that will be easier to administer for future Managers, Coordinators and parents alike.

For parents taking on a position as Manager, Coach or Coordinator, the club will provide an Auskick or Manly Bombers uniform / shirt and cap as well as in-house and AFL training.

Coaching Accreditation – 16 and 23 March

Auskick Coaches/ Coordinators will receive training and accreditation through the AFL accreditation course and our in house coaches training session on 27 March.

Parent Helper Training session –28 March

We will conduct a parent helper training session for new and returning parents.

During this 2 hour session we will run through a typical Auskick session and through the various roles of the parent helpers, both on and off the field.

Parents "O Level" Training – 25 April

The AFL staff will join us during the second Auskick session of the season and take the parents through a practical "O Level Coaching Session", while the more experienced parents look after the kids.

During this session you will learn the basic skills of AFL Auskick footy. This will enable you to practice skills with your child as well as being confident to assist with the skill drill component of our program.

Positions Vacant

This season we will appoint the following positions. If you are interested in taking on one of these roles or have any questions about what the role entails, please contact [Kelvin Millsom](#) – Auskick Coordinator.

I know of some interested parents, to fill some of the positions and some parents who may fill more than one position, however I have not confirmed their availability at this point in time so all interested parents will be considered.

Filled Positions

- Auskick Coordinator / coach - Kelvin Millsom.
- Auskick Manager – Sue Sellar.
- Kicking Coach – Grant Jacobs.

Required to be Filled Positions

- Assistant Auskick Coordinator – in training for season 2011.
 - Age Group Coordinator / assistant coach - Ages 5-6 yrs.
 - Age Group Coordinator / assistant coach - Age 7 yrs.
 - Age Group Coordinator / assistant coach - Age 8 yrs.
 - 2x Game coach – Under 8's.
 - 2x Team manager – under 8's.
 - 4x Auskick game Umpires.
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Under 9's

by Kelvin Millsom

This is an exciting time for our new and returning players of this age group as the progress from Auskick Rules to Junior Football. For this season's Under 9 teams the changes will be less dramatic than for those of previous seasons due in part to the introduction last season of an Under 8's match play program into our Auskick program. This included extending the game playing time to match that of the Under 9's game and the introduction of the parents to self management.

The biggest change players and parents will need to adapt to will be the "Tackling" rule, commonly known as "Hold and Release". This rule has caused some concerns in the past due to different interpretations by coaches and umpires. In 2010 we are expecting to see a clearly stated and official interpretation of this rule, which will enable the enforcement and application to be consistent.

We are expecting to field at least two Under 9's teams. I will be Coordinating with the assistance of the Clubs Coaching Staff, the Under 9's Coaches and their Team Managers, the formation of this season's Under 9's teams. Last seasons Under 8's team will be divided up and along with new recruits, we will endeavour to form new and balanced teams.

Keeping in line with Club policy teams will be initially limited to 16 players and preference will be given to players of the Under 9 age group (turn 9 on 2010).

Team selection is not a process of grading. It is about placing friends and school / class mates together while working towards achieving a balance of talent within the teams.

Team selection will take place during the three week pre-season training phase being 12, 19, 26 March. Venue, Reub Hudson, time to be advised..

For parents of players wishing to "Play Up" an age group, (a player of Auskick age, turning 8 in 2010), every effort will be made to accommodate your request. However we will not deny a legitimate Under 9's player a place on a team.

If this applies to you, please make contact with me prior to pre-season training so I can add your name to team selection. I would also run through the options that may be available to you and how we can work towards a positive result for all.

Team Management Positions

Under 9's Team Coordinator – Kelvin Millsom.
Under 9's Squad training coach – **Vacant**.

Team 1 - Manager - Jane Brunskill.
Team 1 - Coach – Jamie Blair.
Team 1 – Assistant Coach – Wayne Wright

Team 2 - Manager - **Vacant**.
Team 2 - Coach – Matthew Wilson.
Team 2 – Assistant Coach – **Vacant**.

Positions at this level of football are usually filled by parents of players in the relevant teams. In-house Coaching training will be conducted by the club on Saturday, 27 March and an AFL coaching accreditation course held on 16 and 23 March is also available to parents taking up a coaching position.

The Club will also provide a Manly Bombers uniform – shirt and cap to successful applicants.

If you wish to apply for one of these positions please contact [Kelvin Millsom](#).

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.

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 (please make sure they are clean and 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.

Location Map

Here is a map of the Location of the Reub Hudson, Old Reub Hudson Ovals and Frank Grey Reserve. Additional information regarding registration and the 2010 season is also contained on the [Manly Bombers website](#).



Calendar

Date	Details	Location	Time
3 March	Swans Visit	Balgowlah Oval, Pickworth Ave, Balgowlah	5 – 7 pm
4,11,18,25 March	Manly After School program & Auskick pre-season training (AFL run)	Frank Grey Reserve	4 – 5.30 pm
12 March	U/9s to U/14s Training commences	Reub Hudson Oval	From 4.30 pm exact times TBA
TBA March	U/16s Training	North Narrabeen Reserve	TBA
16, 23 March	Level 1 - Auskick / Junior / Youth Senior Coaching Accreditation (AFL run)	AFL Office, Moore Park	6 – 9.30 pm
27 March (Saturday)	Competition Coaches Information session (Auskick Coaches optional)	Weldon Clubrooms	2 – 4 pm
28 March (Sunday)	Auskick Parent Helper Training	Frank Grey Reserve	9 – 11am
29 March (Monday)	Manager Information session	Harbord Diggers Mounties, Evans Street, Freshwater	7.30 – 9 pm
18 April	Round 1 - Competition season start	Various - TBA	Various - TBA
18 April	Auskick season start -Sunday session	Frank Grey Reserve	8.30 – 9.30 am
23 April	Auskick season - Friday session	Old Reub Hudson Oval	4.30 - 5.30 pm
25 April	Auskick Parents "O Level" Training	Frank Grey Reserve	8.30 – 9.30 am



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NOTICE OF THE RECONVENING OF THE 2009 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

DATE: Monday 22 February 2010
TIME: 7.00pm
LOCATION: Harbord Diggers Mounties, Evans Street, Freshwater

Notice is hereby given of the reconvened 2009 AGM on the 22nd February 2010

AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. Present
3. Approval Of the Minutes of the reconvened 2008 AGM
4. Adoption of the 2009 audited Accounts
5. Any other business

Kimwell Layton
Secretary
Manly Bombers J.A.F.C
8th February 2010

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