



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

Important Diary Dates

- ➔ Club Photos **21 & 28 June**, times & details to be advised to Team Managers soon.
- ➔ Essendon Bombers visit **10 July**.
- ➔ Annual Club Social event (for adults), **July TBA**.

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Message from the Club President

by [Ashley Parker](#)

Hi Manly Bomber Families,
Another great season is underway and progressing well. We have 13 league competition teams and over 80 Auskick players.

Representative Carnivals

As we approach the half way point of the season, our representative players are in full flight seeking selection in the various North Shore and Sydney North representative teams. The representative carnival will take place over the Queen's Birthday weekend. Good luck to all our Bombers seeking representative glory!

Auskick Sponsor – OAMPS Insurance Brokers

We are delighted to announce that commercial insurance brokers and risk managers, OAMPS have come on board as our Auskick sponsor. OAMPS Director, Paul McMahon, is a long standing supporter of AFL across the North Shore and OAMPS is a highly respected name in the commercial insurance world. We are very proud that OAMPS have seen fit to align themselves with the Manly Bombers.

Don't forget that our sponsors support us because we support them. If you have any commercial insurance requirements, please contact Paul on 9424 1827 or paul.mcmahon@oamps.com.au.

A full listing of all Manly Bombers 2009 sponsors is attached to the end of this newsletter.

Weldon Oval Resurfacing

There is still no definitive start date to the remedial work on Weldon Oval, however, we understand that Warringah Council has settled on a preferred contractor. The Committee expects that a July move to Frank Grey is our most likely scenario.

Victorian Bushfires Friendship Match

You may recall from our [March Newsletter](#), that the Club contributed an amount of \$1,500 to assist junior football in Bendigo which suffered as a result of the Victorian bushfires in February. In working closely with the Essendon Football Club, our funds will go to the Long Gully Junior Football Club which is badly in need of financial support as it rebuilds its junior teams to re-enter the Bendigo league.

In recognition of our efforts, the Essendon Football Club has offered to host an interstate friendly match between the Manly Bombers and the Eaglehawk Football Club - a flagship junior club from the Bendigo district. Thanks to the quick actions of our Treasurer, Howard Durling, and a committed group of Under 13 and 12 families/players, the match against Eaglehawk was organised and will take place on Friday, 19 June at Windy Hill in Melbourne. We hope that this will become a regular event so that all players will be given the opportunity to play at Windy Hill at some stage of their time with the Bombers

Essendon have also arranged lunch for our tour group and tickets to the Friday night clash between Essendon and Melbourne at Etihad Stadium



Above: Essendon Coach Matthew Knights presents a cheque from the Manly Bombers to a couple of Eaglehawk juniors representing junior football in Bendigo. The cheque will help bushfire affected clubs in the Bendigo region.

I look forward to reporting back on this historic occasion for the Manly Bombers as we take a team into AFL heartland for the first time. The match will be sponsored by Mitsubishi Motors and we extend our thanks to Club veteran David Hallett for his part in securing Mitsubishi's participation in this event.

Canteen & Ground Management

A huge thank you to the Canteen Volunteers and Ground Managers that have ensured that we have been able to continue to put on games and raise vital funds from the canteen. We normally have the season draw much earlier than we did this year. The delay made it difficult for the Team Managers to find volunteers at very short notice. On behalf of the children and the Committee, my grateful appreciation to you all!



Succession

Next year, it will be necessary for various members of the Committee to step down in their current roles and for new Committee members to take over the running of the Club. Now in its ninth year, the Manly Bombers has become a highly respected junior sporting franchise on the Northern Beaches and it is important to have a committed core of people willing to adopt the Bombers as their chosen outlet for community service. The key to holding down Committee roles in a club of this size is having a solid support network around you. The support comes from a range of sources such as Club veterans, fellow Committee members and harnessing the vast resources among the parent group.

While individuals are welcome to nominate for Committee positions, this can be somewhat daunting for those "going it alone". We would therefore encourage interested parents to organise themselves into groups of say 3 or 4 and offer themselves as a "ticket". I have found that its not hard being the Club President, so long as you don't try to do everything yourself and are prepared to delegate. My fear was that I would be left to do everything myself but support came quickly after I nominated myself as President at the 2006 AGM. The situation that needs to be avoided is where Committee members leave the Club altogether without being given an opportunity to pass on their knowledge. This can leave incumbents in the dark on many important matters causing unnecessary stress and heartache.

Ideally, I would like to see groups start to emerge from our Under 9 and Under 10 group, including some new ideas on how best to structure the Club's management and the Club's future direction.

Please contact me if you have any new ideas or questions regarding the responsibilities of various Committee positions.

Ashley Parker

President – Manly Bombers J AFC

[**Contact:** 0414 236 365]

Essendon Bombers to visit - 10 July

Some of the players and coaching staff of the Essendon Bombers will be joining us at Reub Hudson on **Friday, 10 July**. More details to follow but the players are expected to include Essendon Vice Captain, David Hille.

Please mark this date in your diary as we would like to get as many families along as possible including those from our older age groups who don't normally train on a Friday. We are planning to run a full canteen and BBQ that evening.

Auskick Update

by [Kelvin Millsom](#), Auskick Coordinator

The season is well and truly underway with: -
Friday sessions at Weldon Oval, Stirgess Ave, North Curl Curl. Time: 4.30pm to 5.30pm.

Sunday sessions at Frank Grey Reserve, via Weldon Oval, Stirgess Ave, North Curl Curl. Time: 8.30am to 9.30am.

Please remember that our Auskick program is a family friendly flexible program which allows you to attend as many or as few sessions as you are able to. However we do ask that you arrive 15 minutes before the start time and warm up, as we like to start and finish on time. Also be sure to see Sali, the Auskick Team Manager, regarding session sign-in so we can keep our records up-to-date.

For our Home and Away fixture details visit our [web site](#) > Information > Fixtures.

We take registrations for Auskick throughout the season, so be sure to let your friends know they can join us any week for a trial to see if they like what we offer before they decide to sign up.

Auskick – April 2009 round up

On 5 April we ran our first Parent Helpers Training session which was attended by 14 parents, 12 of which were new to Auskick. We ran through a typical Auskick session, including setting up a field for play, a skills drill which included all available parents and kids and finished with a quick quarter of an Auskick football game where the parents got to experience some of the modified rules first hand. Auskick is a parent inclusive program and like the children, the new parents are picking up what to do very quickly. If you have any questions or concerns about Auskick at Manly, then please contact me [Kelvin Millsom](#).

Auskick – May 2009 round up

As mentioned by Ashley, in the Presidents message, I would like to welcome our 2009 Auskick Team Sponsor, OAMPS Insurance Brokers.

May has seen a lot of **firsts**.

Our first

- ◆ Auskick sessions including jumper presentation;
- ◆ game in the rain, which was a lot of fun. (It is not often we get to play in the rain these days);
- ◆ "Away Game" with the Forest Lions;
- ◆ weekend without Auskick, due to wet weather the grounds were closed; and
- ◆ for 18 of our longest members their first game on the SCG.



Auskick play at the SCG in half-time game

A fantastic day was had at the Sydney Swans match and we should be really proud of how our Manly Bombers players represented the Club and how well they played. They were just terrific! An extra special mention goes to Andrew and Michele who took on the responsibility of getting our players ready with uniforms, chaperoning them on and off the field, and coaching them through the match. That is no easy feat with the busy half-time schedule that occurs on AFL game day.

Auskick - Looking forward into June 2009

After the long weekend we will move into phase two of the season consolidating what we have learnt. We will form the Under 8's into a team and have some longer games against teams from Mosman and Willoughby, who are keen to play the "Mighty Manly Bombers".

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. And be sure to let the organisations know that you are from the Manly Bombers.

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

Club caps and Adult polo shirts

Just to let you know, the Club is selling Manly Bomber caps, and the Adult polo shirts as worn by the on-field coaches, managers and committee members. Anyone who wants to order any merchandise should email Michele Parker on amparker@bigpond.net.au

- ◆ Caps \$15;
 - ◆ Adult Polo Shirts \$40; plus
 - ◆ children's shorts, socks & training T Shirts
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Kevin Bloody Wilson at the Harbord Diggers: Wednesday 29 July 2009

Some of you may know that two of Kevin's grand children are members of our club. Kevin is playing at the Harbord Diggers on 29 July. In order to support Kevin (as part of the extended Bombers family) and our key sponsor the Diggers we are inviting parents to come along to this event. Full details to be circulated by Team Managers over the next week or so.

Friday Night Training

As you are aware, at the start of this season we had anticipated that Friday night training would be held exclusively on the Reub Hudson Ovals. This was arranged in the expectation that the resurfacing of Weldon Oval would be commencing some time during the Autumn. As it turns out, we are still waiting on a start date.

Because of this ongoing uncertainty we are continuing to use the Reub Hudson Ovals for training on Friday evenings. A considerable amount of effort went in to securing the use of these ovals and it is important that we are seen to be using them. If we were to move all training back to Weldon then it is possible that another club/sport could takeover Reub Hudson on a Friday leaving us with nowhere to train once the resurfacing of Weldon finally commences.

During this hiatus some of our coaches are taking advantage of the extra space that Weldon has to offer and are holding night training there. As some of our kids are using the bridge to walk between the Reub Hudson and Weldon Ovals to meet up with friends, siblings, carers or parents.

The bridge and pathway between the Ovals are very poorly lit. **In the interest of safety** can all parents and carers please ensure that all children are escorted by a responsible adult when using the footpath and bridge. The Club just does not have sufficient volunteers to take on this task.

Websites & wet weather numbers

Check out the [Manly Bombers](#) website for Club information and weekly match reports for the games played.

And the [AFL Greater Sydney AFL Juniors > Fixtures & Results](#) website regarding game fixtures and ladder progress for the league competition teams.

Check the Wet Weather Line after 3pm on a Friday (or regular training day), if it has been raining, to ensure the grounds are open for training and play on the weekend.

Warringah Council 9981 2099 and Pittwater Council 9970 1236



The Diggers' facilities include the Freshwater fitness centre, swimming pool, function rooms for weddings and special occasions. Let the kids have fun on the bouncy castles while you enjoy lunch or dinner at The Big Fish Bar and Grill !
The Diggers are also at Manly Bowling Club. www.harborddiggers.com.au



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