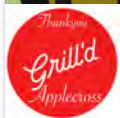




# AMPJFC HAWKS



## Applecross Mount Pleasant Junior Football



### Save the Date

**AMPJFC MAJOR FUNDRAISING EVENT!!!**

**Friday July 26**

**More to come!!**



### Auskick News~Super Heroes for a Day

Auskickers, along with their families and coaching team had a Super fun day out at Gairloch on May 18. They looked Super cute in their Super Hero costumes and met the challenges of playing footy as a Super Hero. With their gold coin donations, Auskickers raised \$173.60 for the Kids' Cancer Project! Well done to all of the organisers and families for getting into the spirit of the day!





## Coach In Focus



### Year 6 Brown Greg Martin

Greg Martin is an active member of the AMPJFC, he's just one of those parents at the Club that just likes to help out. As well as coaching last year, Greg served on the AMPJFC Committee, taking on the enormous role of Canteen Manager. Work commitments have curtailed this role, but Greg remains dedicated to his role as one of our junior coaches for his son's team.

#### 1. How long have you been coaching footy for at AMPJFC and other clubs?

3yrs

#### 2. Did you play footy yourself as a youngster. If so who for and what age till.

Yes, I lived for football as a young boy and through my adolescence. I was fortunate enough to play in three district grand finals, under 12's for Mary's Mount, under 13's for the Kalamunda football club and under 16's for Mazenod College. I was also fortunate enough to play alongside champions like Phil Narkle and Gary Sidebottom at Swan Districts. My aspirations to play VFL came to an abrupt halt when Gary Sidebottom broke 3 vertebrae in my neck in a training accident. I finished off my football playing days for the Toodyay football club living a dream by playing with Stephen Michael who was captain/coach and Jack Kay.

#### 3. Who was your best coach when you played? Why?

My under 13's coach Wayne Jolley for the Kalamunda Football Club, who took the team to the grand final which we won by 15 points. No Bias but he gave me BOG that day. WHY? – Playing for our school teams in primary school and then moving to a district team meant the team had never played together. Wayne with his assistant, Mr Taylor brought the team together by insisting on inclusiveness and we were only as good as our weakest player.

The training was well organized and structured. The most professional that I would experience as a footballer. We truly trained as we played. With game day simulations and strategy, a focus.

#### 4. What children and teams do you have at AMPJFC?

Zac Martin, Yr 6 Brown

Thomas Martin, Yr 9

#### 4. What age groups have you coached?

16's, 5's and now the 6's

#### 5. What got you into coaching?

Mazenod College and my children

#### 6. What do you enjoy about coaching?

Seeing the boys trying/doing their best. Their respect and gratitude.

#### 7. What are some stand out moments as a coach?

Watching the team develop last year with the help of Dom Macri, Nick Jarvis and Chris Middleton.

Taking the team to the movies etc and seeing them bond as a team.

Our last game of football, last year was also a highlight.

Watching the boys play real football, running past for the handball, tackling, running 30m to help a team mate, leading, taking great marks kicking some brilliant goals and most of all playing for each other as a team. We ended up winning the game by 4 goals to a team that beat us by 50 points in the first game of the year. Our last game was our best game of the year. But it was not that we won, it was how the boys played for each other that blew all the parents away. Afterwards we all went down to Clancy's and had a great lunch and celebrated the boy's fine year.

#### 8. What is your focus for the team this year?

To create an environment so the boys want to play for each other and never give up.

Developing the boys' football skills so they can play in all positions as the two teams will join together next year.

#### 9. What is your catch phrase that you always say to your players eg words of wisdom, inspirational message etc

Our motto is: We get to the ball first. We want the ball more than the player next to us. Help each other at all times. We are a great team not a group of individuals.

#### 10. What AFL Team do you barrack for?

**The only team worth going for. The mighty Dockers**

*Assistant Coach Dom says: "Greg is a coach whose number one priority is providing a fun, engaging and caring environment to help the boys improve their footy skills and instil good team values not only on the field but also in the boys everyday life."*

*Gina says: "Great coach. Encouraging, fun and fair."*

*Mel says: "Good on you coach Greg!! Luke thinks you're great!!"*

*Another parent says: "He's awesome, our boys absolutely love him!"*



## Kick Like A Girl

Inspired by AFLWs Tayla Harris we select one of our AMPJFC girls to feature in our "Kick Like A Girl" Weekly Post promoting girls in Footy. Congratulations to the following:



## Meet The Committee



## Vice President Peter Firth

### Current Position on Committee:

Vice President and Grounds Person

My current role as vice president is to support the current president Sheldon Brady ensuring that the systems and processes, constitution and governance that have been embedded into the running of club are maintained during the changing of the club committee. There are so many different aspects to running the club from a district and local perspective it helps to have the experience to provide that continuity for the first 12 months.

### Why did you decide to join the committee?

I joined the committee 7 years ago as grounds person, responsible for getting ovals marked and building maintenance, I felt that it was that as a parent while I did not have time to coach I wanted to get involved and help out where very possible.

### What children do you have at AMPJFC?

Tyler started his football in Year 2 Auskick with AMPJFC and is currently playing in the Year 8s with Rod Dowling. Oliver played Auskick PP through to year 5 until soccer got the better of him, though there is still hope of a return in the future, if Collingwood win the flag this year, it may bring him back to our great game!

### How long have you been at the Club?

We have been at the club since 2012

### How long have you served on the Committee?

I joined the committee the first year we came to the club seven years

### Other roles at the Club and length of time served?

Grounds and building Maintenance 2012- 2013

Club President 2015 -2018

Club Vice President 2019

### What AFL Club do you follow?

This year's premiers "Collingwood". Carn the Pies!!

## Coach In Focus:



### Year 5 Kelvin Grace

*Kelvin is another member of the Club who enjoys making positive contributions to the Club environment. He has been part of our Coaching team since his son's second year of Auskick. His passion for the game, imparting knowledge and developing the skills in his players is what makes Kelvin a great Coach.*

#### **1. How long have you been coaching footy for at AMPJFC and other clubs?**

I have been coaching my son since second year Auskick, so this is my 5th year!

#### **2. Did you play footy yourself as a youngster? If so who for and what age till?**

I started my footy career when I was the age my son is now in country Victoria. Those days I got half a quarter if I was lucky in Under 12½'s, unfortunately I had no other options as that's when footy started! These days kids are so lucky to be introduced at such an early age and be able to enjoy footy without the rough and tumble early on. I played until I was 29 at various clubs around Victoria (school, country, uni and amateur leagues) and then moved to WA where I hung up the boots.

#### **3. Who was your best coach when you played? Why?**

My U15's coach was my best coach, he was a great player for our club and he spoke to us clearly and concisely and hardly ever raised his voice. The first 3 games we kicked about 70 goals! We won the grand final that year and I didn't have a fixed role until the coach – through development of my skills and game style put me in full back and taught me how to play that position (never had before). This was key to my footy development and it makes sense as coaches that we play the kids in different

4. What children and teams do you have at AMPJFC? My son Addison, who's in year 5 and has been at the club since he was old enough to play! My daughter Harper is not playing yet but her kicking is coming along!!

5. What age groups have you coached?

Auskick, Year 3, Year 4 and now Year 5. I'm also coaching basketball (daughter's team) on Saturday.

#### **6. What got you into coaching?**

The first year my son did Auskick I was standing around and I realised among the parents watching their kids, I was one with a lot of playing experience and I thought I could add a lot to my son's and the other kids footy development. So I put my hand up for the following year and have been coaching ever since.

#### **7. What do you enjoy about coaching?**

Just seeing the kids enjoying themselves and playing a team sport as a team is what I enjoy best. It makes me feel part of my son's development and I feel I am helping him and the other kids achieve skill development, discipline, teamwork, but at the same time having fun doing it!

#### **8. What are some stand out moments as a coach?**

There are many moments to mention, whether it's the sneaky goals, players running flat out to intercept, a great and fair tackle or a string of handballs that gets us into the clear makes it easy to turn up each week. The real stand out moments is when you ask one or more of the kids to do something they may need to do to develop as a skill or something for the team and they do it! You see the satisfaction on their faces and it makes you smile.

#### **9. What is your focus for the team this year?**

I have some fantastic assistant coaches in Ash and Paul this year and a highly capable Team Manager Sanchia who are helping to get the most out the team in regards to skill development, fitness, team play and having heaps of fun. The competition is becoming a little serious so it's important to reflect on these goals every now and then with the team around me making it easy.

#### **10. What is your catch phrase that you always say to your players? E.g. words of wisdom, inspirational message etc.**

"Have Fun, Play as a Team, Talk & Encourage each other!"

#### **11. What AFL Team do you barrack for?**

My son and I are die hard Geelong fans...C'on the Cats!!

What Ash says: "Kelvin is a passionate and dedicated coach who wants only the best for the boys."

What Paul says: "Kelvin is a dedicated coach who is passionate about the development of every member of the team"

Team In Focus Year 5



## AMPJFC Milestones

A very important part of our footy club is recognising the effort and celebrating the achievements of our players and dedication to their Club and team. Congratulations to following: Luke Macri Year 6 Brown on his 50 Game Milestone, Sam Moreno Year 10 and Patrick Dwyer also of Year 10 for their 100 Game Milestone. Congratulations to Caleb Gorman on reaching his 125 Game Milestone. The Club is Super Proud of each of your achievements.

**50**



**100**



**125**



## Celebrating our Indigenous Players

The weekend the 24-26th May in AFL was the Sir Doug Nicholls tribute round recognising and celebrating our indigenous players and culture. On Sunday the Year 10 celebrated their 2 Aboriginal players, Kostya and Zyheim. They were made co captain of the game against Palmyra and the coaches spoke to the boys pre-game about the importance of respect of all cultures.

At the end of the game, as a show of solidarity and inclusiveness both teams and umpires stood in a circle arm in arm, united, to show respect to the Indigenous culture and as a stand against racism. Kostya and Zyheim played outstanding games scoring half the team's goals, and lifting the team to victory, avenging last year's Grand Final loss to Palmyra.



Video can be viewed:

<https://www.facebook.com/david.mccoy.3958/videos/10156431077812404/UzpfSTg4ODQ4Mjg3NDU0MzAzMjoyMzi0MDU3NjA3NjUyMjEx/>



## Meet the Committee:

### Secretary Jess Davey



## Auskick v Mums Sundowner



## One of our Season Highlights, the Friday night Mums v Auskick



### Why did you decide to join the committee?

I decided to join the committee last year with a girlfriend, Kristi Bates, who was also joining the committee as the Auskick Co-ordinator for 2018. I believe it's important to get involved and be a part of the community.

### Kids at AMPJFC and Year levels

I have Jack Davey (8yrs) who is in Yr 3 Gold with Coach Chris Bates and Farah Davey (5yrs) who is in Auskick Pre Primary with Coach Andrew Stephens.

### How long have you been at the Club?

This is our 4<sup>th</sup> year, Jack started Auskick Pre-Primary in 2016.

### How long have you served on the Committee?

This is my second year in the Secretary role with the AMPJFC. I really enjoy working with the entire committee and in particular with Sheldon and Petra, both of whom are extremely organised and dedicated.

### Other roles at the Club and length of time served?

No other roles at this stage...give me time 🤪

### What AFL Club do you follow?

I live in a very divided household. My Dad, Trev, barracks for the Dockers. My husband, Luke, and mother in law, Toni, are one eyed Eagles supporters (so one eyed, I think between them they are sharing that one eye). Farah barracks for the Tigers (her fave animal). And Jack generally has no idea what day it is, never mind who is playing.

I like to support the WAFL and follow The Sharks. I often take kids along to these games and enjoy how laid back it is. There's always plenty of space for them to run around, the Colts come out at half time and kick the footy on the oval with them. It's a great atmosphere for them!



On Friday night, we had our Auskick Sundowner and the annual Mums vs Kids Game!

This year, in-line with the Auskick 2.0 game format and the fact that we had lots of keen to play, we split into 4 separate games which was a successful strategy for match ups and making sure the 40-odd mums and Auskickers had plenty of touches of the footy!



I'm a bit unsure of the actual game results as both the kids and mums' teams claimed victory! Overall, there were plenty of tackle-hugs, fun on & off-field banter and lots of laughs!!!

Thanks to the incredible committee and volunteers who chipped in to run the sundowner, the coaches who umpired the games, Coach Todd for his inspirational pre-game Rev-up speech and all who came down to Gairloch to support the event!

Danielle  
Auskick Coordinator 2019



## Shirley Strickland Proposed Redevelopment



Our new digs!! This proposal has been in the pipeline for over a decade, it's been talked about, discussed and debated at length....the unveiling of our new (shared) Club rooms!!!! We are getting closer folks to the big move to unite our Club under the one roof. The projected construction start date: November 2019

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