



AMPJFC HAWKS



Auskick 2021



The Siren sounded and they were off!



Auskick Kicks off 2021!

MANIC! ELECTIC! JOYOUS!
Just 3 words to describe the start of Auskick 2021! There was a real buzz around Gairloch on Saturday 1st May when a record 130 Auskickers PP-Year 2 @ Gairloch descended onto the ground with smiling, excited faces. Laughter and screams of delight infiltrated the whole oval as the boys and girls ran through the banner and their coaches put them through their paces with a variety of activities on offer, keeping parents, coaches and players busy!! Congratulations to all involved and have an amazing season with the AMPJFC. Thank you to Auskick Coordinator Danielle Priestly, assisted by Kylah Morrison, for such a well organised start to the Auskick 2021 season.





Year 7/8 Girls Team 2021



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**INAUGURAL AMPJFC GIRLS TEAM
YEARS 7/8 GIRLS**

ROUND 1
MAY 1, 2021

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**Go
Hawks!!**

Forever etched in AMPJFC history!!

The Year 7/8 AMPJFC Girls team made history on Saturday the 1st May when they ran out onto Gairloch oval for the start of season 2021. This was the first time the AMPJFC has successfully been able to field a team in the girls competition.

The girls marked the occasion by running through the Hawk's banner alongside some of our Auskick girl mascots to the cheers and support of the home crowd. Despite their nerves the Hawkettes worked themselves into the game quickly, taking control of the match early, running out comfortable winners over South Coogee.

Congratulations to the girls and for all those who have worked hard in the background to get a foot in the door of the girls competition. Thank you to the Coaches, Jon Stagg and Chris Bates and Manager Elaine O'Sullivan who have been a driving force behind the team, your work has been rewarded! Our Club would also like to acknowledge Enda O'Sullivan and Wood Engineering consultancy as sponsor of the girls' team.

Year 7/8 Girls Round 1

Team In Focus



AMPJFC 12.8.80 def South Coogee 5.8.38

There were a lot of firsts last Saturday at Gairloch Oval. For an overwhelming majority of the girls, it was their first game of football and their first kick, mark and tackle. And for the Club, it was the first time in its history that an all-female team had represented the Hawks.

There were plenty of nerves and some butterflies and I know many of the girls felt the same! The players showed great skill, commitment and teamwork and played a terrific brand of team football. It was a really terrific performance considering the girls are at the very beginning of their football journey.

Many of the girls are multi-sport athletes and play netball, basketball, volleyball or swim on top of playing footy. At the moment, there are 22 players in the team, including four Clontarf girls, whom we welcomed into the group at the training session before the game.

We train on Friday nights and the girls are a real pleasure to coach. Every girl is eager to learn and improve their skills and game play. The girls will continue to work hard at training and in games and with continued application, will improve each week.

We came up against a South Coogee side that also had a majority of the girls playing their first game. The match was played in terrific spirit, with both sides showing an ability to move the ball quickly and freely in open play.

There were many highlights including great team play using handball to open up the game and some skillful individual efforts. It was very pleasing to see the girls attack the contest and make the ball their focus.

There are many people involved in getting the Year 7/8 girls' team up and running. For now, I would like to thank all of the parents for supporting your girls into relatively unknown territory of AFL football. I'm sure all those who were there on Saturday would agree that the smiles on the girls' faces and the fun they had playing the game is worth all of that support.

Coach Jon Stagg



AMPJFC Milestones Round 2

Throughout the season AMPJFC proudly recognises the dedication of players who have achieved Game Milestones. Congratulations to the following players:



Luke McCoy Year 9



Isaac Barber Year 9



Alex Neve Year 10



Geoffrey Mourish Year 10



Luke Chapman Year 12

Gihan Cooray

Year 3 Gold

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

This is my 4th year, 1st as Junior Footy Coach after 3 years of Auskick

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

Played a lot with friends but I didn't play for a club as I mainly played basketball.

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

High school basketball coach who stressed the importance of learning the fundamentals and doing them well.

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

Two sons, Ryder in year 3 who I coach and Jordy in year 1 Auskick where I help as assistant coach.

5. What age groups have you coached?

PP to Year 3

6. What got you into coaching?

Always had a passion for learning, teaching and coaching and seeing improvement and development in all facets of life. Also just wanted to help and be involved in my 2 sons sporting development and the pride on their faces when you are coaching is priceless.

7. What do you enjoy about coaching?

The skill development and improvement that you witness week in week out. This not only brings a smile to my face, I can see how proud a kid is when they do a great kick, handball or mark that helps their team.

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

Just had our first game of Junior footy and witnessing the skills first hand in their first real game of footy was a special moment. Seeing them play as a team while witnessing some high flying marks, amazing snap goals but also doing the basics we train was very rewarding.

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

To further develop my team's fundamental skills (kicking, handballing and marking) while also teaching them more in game skills such as leading to the ball, spacing and keeping to your 'lines' on the field.

10. What is your catch phrase that you always say to your players? eg words of wisdom, inspirational message:

Lets just have some fun, play as team and hit our targets!

10. What AFL Team do you barrack for?

West Coast Eagles – been to their last 4 grand finals and hoping for another visit this year.

Thanks, Gihan

Coach In Focus





AMPJFC v Rostrata Rhinos

After 3 Years of Auskick, the Year 3 Gold team finally made their long awaited Junior Footy debut. It was a short journey to Karoonda Oval in Booragoon to play the Rostrata Rhinos. The wet weather in the previous days had disappeared but being a early 8.30am kick off, the conditions were very dewy and slippery. All the boys were very eager and arrived by 8am, and the quick 20 minute warm up, ensured they got used to the slippery conditions. Ryder who happened to be standing next to the Coach/Dad was asked by the umpires to be Captain and he won the toss and elected to kick to the end his teammates had been warming up. Rhys got things going with the first goal. Some sleek handpassing, precise kicking that resulted in some high flying marks and fierce tackling laid the foundation for the Hawks to kick 8 goals (including some snap goals) in the first half.

The parents on the sideline cheered every single possession and goal and it almost felt like we were playing at Gairloch Oval. Assistance coaches Jay and Rich ran the substitutions like they were seasoned professionals while Team Manager Lauren kept calm while carrying out her match day duties to perfection. At half time, the forwards were thrown down back while the backs were given an opportunity to play up forward. The 2nd half was similar to the 1st including a play of 4 straight kicks and marks resulting in a Goal, similar to the famous stretch of play by West Coast in the dying minutes of the 2018 AFL grand final.

The Year 3s should be very proud of their first Junior Footy game, they executed the skills they have practiced in training and really played well as a Team. We look forward to big Away Friday Night game under lights this week against East Freo.

Coach Gi



Celebrating Our Footy Mums





Happy Mother's Day



FROM



Stories from the Club's 70th year history

The Gairloch Oval Clubhouses

When the sub-juniors moved to Gairloch Oval in 1965 from Applecross Primary School, facilities for the players and spectators were basic, with free standing male and female toilet blocks at the Macrae Road end and a mobile canteen set up on game day on the wing on the Gairloch Street end.



In 1968, the club pursued the building of change rooms. The preferred location was on the north west corner of the oval as all temporary game day facilities were always located on this part of the field. However, this met with some resistance from residents and it was finally agreed to locate the change rooms at the south eastern corner of the ground. The free-standing toilets located at the southern end of the ground were removed once the new building was constructed.



The club contributed over 50 per cent of the cost and the new change rooms which were constructed in 1971 and opened in 1972, providing teams with better facilities. The new building also included an equipment room, toilets and a canteen.

The 1990s saw player registrations grow from 106 in 1991 to nearly 200 in 1997. There was a clear need to provide better facilities. The committee resolved to embark on a building program and in 1998 agreed to the design of an extension to the change rooms. The clubhouse ushered in a new era in providing a purpose- built canteen and function area displaying the club history and memorabilia.



The change rooms in the old building were also reconfigured to provide better use of space and also more secure storage facilities. Many families and corporations contributed to the fundraising and are acknowledged in the clubhouse. The clubhouse was officially opened on 1 August 1999.



At the end of the 2021 season the club leaves Gairloch for Strickland to new facilities that previous teams and parents could never dream of. Many memories will be cherished of the oval and the clubhouses over the 62 years the club has been at Gairloch.