

Auskick News

Its back on the Calendar!



Auskick Superheroes for a Day Saturday June 12th

This Saturday, after a previous weather cancellation, our Auskick Superkids finally become Superheroes for a day. Auskickers will dress as their favourite Superhero and donate a gold coin which will go to the Kids Cancer Project, in memory of Declan James Kane. Parents and coaches welcome to join in the dress up festivities!!

Superkids Superheroes Round was initially started by Simon and Kim Kane who tragically lost their son, Declan to Neuroblastoma in 2017. Declan's legacy lives on through this great initiative – for which his passion of Superheroes was a great driving force.

Simon and Kim Kane, in collaboration with the Kids Cancer Project have propagated the Superkids Superheroes Round through Auskick Centres state-wide.

We ask our Auskickers to bring along a gold coin donation to go towards the kids cancer project. Parents can also go online to donate: https://superkidssuperheroes.raisely.com/ or https://www.thekidscancerproject.org.au/make-a-donation, to make an online donation. 100% of donations through the Superkids Superheroes page goes to the Kids Cancer Project.

AMPJFC Milestones Round 4

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



Leo Renton Year7

Stirling Delahunt Year 9



Guy Vinciguerra Year 10

Year 9 Round 4

Team In Focus



Year 9 Round 4 AMPJFC 9.15.70 d East Freo 5.4.34

Round 4 Applecross Hawks Vs East Fremantle Power. We have built a very strong, healthy and respectful rivalry against East Fremantle over the last 3 season and again this game didn't disappoint. It was our 1st home game of the season and it was great to be back on Shirley Strickland Oval and after a very slow start, the undermanned East Freo side jumped us and were winning most of the play. We had a few players out with injuries which gave other players opportunities to play in different positions and to have a greater impact on the game.

After trailing by just over 4 goals at half time we walked over to one of the big trees on the hill, sat down and had a good old chat about how we were playing and when I asked the boys they said they're just having a bit of an off day. So we kept everything positive made a few positional changes and I could see the look in their eyes that they were determined to put in a better performance in the second half. To their credit they worked really hard for each other across the ground and we started to win more of the ball which lifted their confidence and we came in at 3/4 time a goal up. The last quarter was very enjoyable to watch as a lot of the players who have been working really hard on areas of their game really stood up and brought us home with a 36 point win. It was most satisfying to see the players work from a half time deficit to a 2nd half victory by working through a little bit of adversity. Also congratulation to Stirling Delahunt who played his 75th Milestone game.

Awesome Day Awesome Result.. Go Hawks<mark>...!</mark>

Coach Glen Jakovich





AMPJFC Milestones Round 5

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Hudson MuleYear 7

Ben Waters Year 10





Tyler Firth Year 10



ARL Indigenous Round



In celebration of the AFLs Indigenous (Sir Doug Nicholls) rounds, AMPJFC wishes to acknowledge the contribution all of our indigenous players across our teams. In 2021 AMPJFC is again honoured to partner with Clontarf Aboriginal College to provide opportunities for its students to play in our Youth teams. This partnership provides an opportunity for our members and players to embrace diversity, cultural differences and promotes acceptance, understanding, tolerance and respect.

This year we have 24 students who play across all of our Youth teams in Years 7-12, including our Year 7/8

Girls team. These students come from all regions of WA, some from very remote communities.

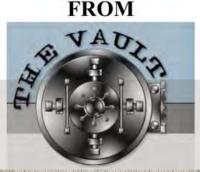




Look who flew into the Hawk's nest last Monday night!! Gairloch was a sea of blue and gold as the Years 3-6 eagerly awaited to see who would arrive for their specially organised training session with WCE. There were squeals of delight when Jake Waterman and the big JK rocked up to Gairloch oval.... from the children, parents and coaches alike. The Years 3-6 players were taken through their paces by the Eagles stars with a variety of training drills and there was plenty of time given to sign autographs, Q&A and lots of photo opportunities. The AMPJFC Hawks will remember this night for a very long time.....!







Stories from the Club's 70th year history The origin of Auskick at the AMPJFC

In the late 1980s the concept of pre-competition activity continued to develop. This was called 'Freeball' and in 1990, the Football Development Trust moved to standardise the structure across all of the junior football districts. A major sponsor came on board in Peters Ice Cream which provided footballs and "Fun Freeball Birth Certificates" indicating when a player commenced Freeball.



Fun Freeball Birth Certificates

In 1994 Freeball became the 'Peewees' and the club quickly embraced the concept. President and Peewee parent Trevor Dunn ensured it was part of the club. The pre-competition team concept turned into Auskick in the early 2000s.

In 2007 a key priority of the club was to rejuvenate Auskick as it is the nursery for future teams. A massive effort went into recruitment at surrounding schools, including appointment of new coaches and the purchase of new equipment and jumpers for the players.

John McGarrigal, as Auskick coordinator, completely restructured the program which was the blueprint to how Auskick is run to this day. An emphasis was on fun, skills development and parent participation and those traits remain. It was also moved from 8am on a Sunday to 10.30 on a Saturday morning. As a result, Auskick had a huge jump in the number of registrations from 45 in 2006 to 113 in 2007.

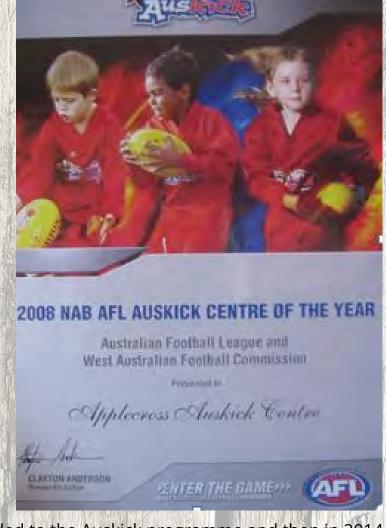
Auskick Coordinator John McGarrigal



The club was recognised for this work by being awarded firstly, the East Fremantle District Best Auskick Centre and then taking out the Best Auskick Centre in Western Australia prize

in 2008.

2008 Auskick Centre of the Year



Also in 2008, pre-primary was added to the Auskick programme and then in 2014 the year 3 Auskick became the Hybrid 'Super 8' competition having a mix of Auskick days and game days. This was formalised in 2014 with Year 3 joining the modified rules competition.