

# BOMBERS ANNUAL 2007

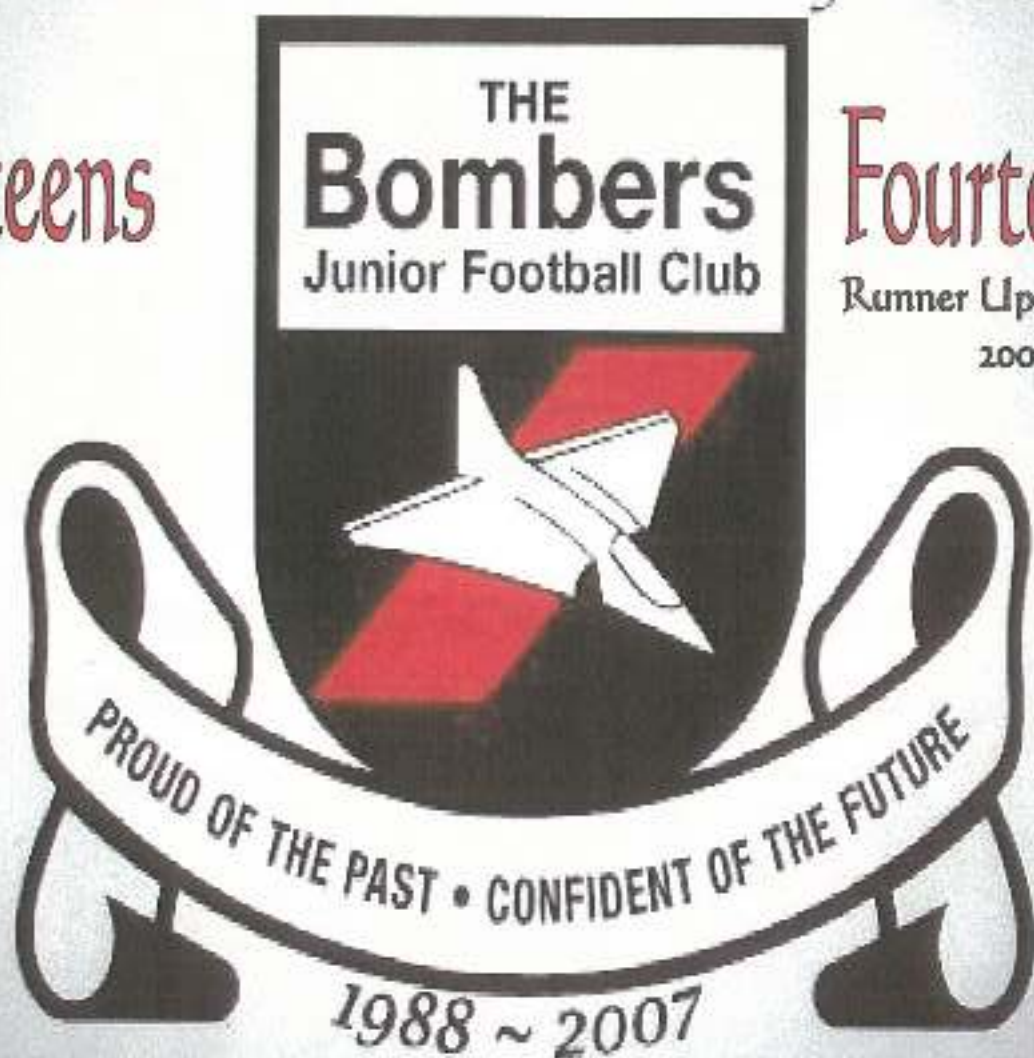
Fifteens 2007 Premiers  
*20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*

Thirteens

THE  
**Bombers**  
Junior Football Club

Fourteens

Runner Up Premiers  
2007



Sixteen/Seventeens



# **CONGRATULATIONS TO 15's PREMIERS 2007**



## **WELL DONE 14's RUNNERS UP 2007**





## **The Bombers Junior Football Club (Inc.)**

Home Ground: Coolbinia No.1 Oval  
Bradford Street, Coolbinia

Member of East Perth District Junior Football Association

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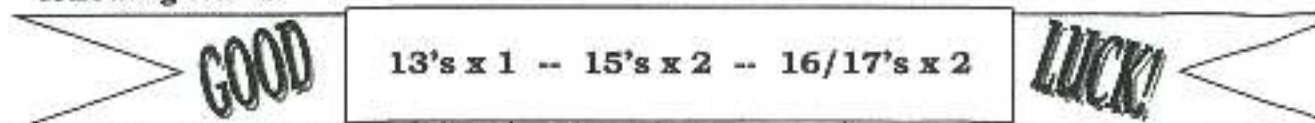
## **Office Bearers 2007**

<b>PRESIDENT</b>	VINCE MIRAUDO
<b>VICE-PRESIDENT</b>	N/A
<b>DEPUTY VICE-PRESIDENT</b>	ERROL COUCH
<b>SECRETARY</b>	KAREN SCHAAFSMA
<b>TREASURER</b>	KENDALL O'REILLY
<b>REGISTRAR</b>	JENNY SARA
<b>CANTEEN CO-ORDINATOR</b>	RACHEL MCSWEENEY
<b>MERCHANDISE OFFICER</b>	RACHEL MCSWEENEY
<b>WEBSITE CO-ORDINATOR</b>	KEITH HENNEKER



## DISTRICT FAIREST & BEST

Unfortunately this year we have our windup before the District Fairest and Best count. Although we are aware that we have polled in the top six for the following teams:



*& Well Done*

### STATE 16's DEVELOPMENT SQUAD

Mark Hutchings -- Liam Warwick -- Troy Thornton  
Peter Athanasion -- Kyle Sceresini -- Luke Field  
Luke Forte -- Joseph Bonasera



**STATE 16's TEAM  
MARK HUTCHINGS**



Mark Hutchings did our club proud in the NAB 16's carnival held in Queensland



**STATE 15's TEAM  
MATTHEW DIXON  
REDMOND DOBSON  
RESERVE – PADDY KEEFFE**

Congratulations to Matty & Redmond who represented our club in the 15's Carnival held in Sydney. Also well done to Paddy for getting as far as he did.



**BELT UP CUP – ROSS GLENDINING AWARD  
"PLAYER OF THE YEAR" 2007  
ASHLEY BOYES**



Ashley from our 15's team was selected to play in the Belt Up Cup out of 3,500 students from years 11 & 12. Fifty students were picked making up three divisions, Barry Cable, Ross Glendinning and Glen Jakovich. Out of these, three players were presented with awards. Ashley was congratulated and presented his award by Barry Cable. At the time Ashley was the only 14 year old in a field of 16 and 17's.



## PRESIDENT'S TROPHY KAREN SCHAAFSMA

This years recipient has been a dedicated and tireless worker for the club. Karen has been a loyal and hardworking secretary over the past two years and her commitment to the club especially in the manner in which she threw herself into making sure our 20th anniversary celebrations were successful was due in a substantial way to her meticulous planning and organization. Karen also ensured that members and families were kept up to date with her newsletters and putting together the annual reports over the past two seasons.

## DOUG MCGREGOR AWARD GRAHAM BEGG

Graham embodies the very qualities Doug McGregor brought to this club when it first started some 20 years ago. His dedication and continual commitment to coaching and developing and supporting other coaches has been invaluable to this club. This year Graham not only helped coach our 15s team but also took on the coaching coordinators' role helping to mentor some of our more inexperienced coaches. Graham is held in high esteem throughout the district for his coaching prowess. When not coaching Graham is one of the first to assist at the club whether it involves cleaning up, line marking or assisting on game day and at club functions and activities. Graham is a worthy recipient of this award and the club is fortunate to have him on board.

## JEREMY SILCOCK AWARD DANIEL ALLSOP

This most respected award is presented by East Perth Football Club in memory of *Jeremy Silcock*, who was tragically lost in an end of season accident.

The criteria for qualifying for this award is as follows:

- Courage
- A good citizen and clubman
- A player who is held in high regard by his team mates
- An unselfish player who plays for his team and not just as an individual

A number of players would easily qualify for this award and without a doubt the stand out for this award is Daniel Allsop.

Daniel's attitude, commitment and hardness for the ball has been a great example for the younger players to follow. Daniel's behaviour on and off the field is of a high standard that also earned him the honour of being the vice-captain this year. Well-deserved award for Daniel's efforts over a number of years.

## ERROL COUCH BEST TEAM AWARD 15's TEAM

The Errol Couch Team of the year Award is give to the team at the club which shows great sportsmanship both on and off the field is respectful to other teams, coaches and officials and whose parents provide great support to both the team and club. This years winner is the 15s team coached by Mark D'Mello. The team topped off a terrific season winning the premiership quite convincingly in the 15sgrade. The team also had three representatives in the State schoolboys squad in Redmond Dobson, Matt Dixon and Paddy Keefe. This team is well supported by parents and has gone through the season with an outstanding disciplinary record.

We congratulate Mark D'Mello (Coach), the players and all those associated with this team.



Season 2007 our 20th and most exciting has seen the club continue to grow and prosper. This year we fielded teams from 9s x 2, 10s ; 2 x 11s; 2 x 12s 13s, 14s, 15s, 16/17s and lets not forget our best result in Auskick with approx 110 kids registered plus our Bomberettes exceeding 50 plus. In total including our youth grade teams well over 300 boys and girls registered with the club.

This was an outstanding effort and congratulations must go to our hardworking committee, coaches and managers. It has been a successful year with all our youth grade teams making finals with our 14s and 15s making it through to the Grand Finals in their respective age groups.

The 13s made the finals which was a great achievement in itself given their playing numbers and injuries throughout the year. Special thanks to Mike Jones and John McIntyre, who did a tremendous job with this team, to take them to the finals. Ably supported by Graham Keefe and Tony Beatty this team managed to win the "Lou Mirauda Cup" an annual match between Bombers and Ballajura. A special thanks to Angela May for her hard work as manager and the support she provides to the team and club.

Our 14s had a magnificent season making the Grand Final for the second successive season. Unfortunately, they could not replicate their 13s Grand Final win and despite the scores being level at half time they eventually went down to Ballajura by 5 goals. The players put in a 110% effort and showed a lot of character and determination but were unable to prevail in the end. Special thanks must go to Laurie Hart and his team of helpers, Piero Liscia, Lui Scaldeferro, Kevin McSweeney and to Erica Liscia for assisting with first aid. I'm sure the team will be back bigger and better next season and hopefully reverse the tables and play in a third consecutive Grand Final.

Congratulations again to Laurie and his crew of Lui and Piero and Kevin who have worked hard with this team and see them continue to develop and play some outstanding team football. No doubt some potential champions will emerge from this team. A great indication of the evenness of this team is that no player finished in the top six in the district Fairest and Best, yet the team played off in a Grand Final.

Mark D'Mello and Graham Begg have continued their good work with the 15s team and have worked in moulding them into a hard running skilful team who also managed to reach their second grand final in three years. The team also produced two State schoolboys in Matt Dixon and Redmond Dobson with Paddy O'Keefe as a standby.

Our 15s also made the Grand Final this year but were fortunate to score a sensational win and give the club a Premiership in its 20th year. After the first quarter Bayswater led 4 goals to 4 pts and it did not look good. However, after quarter time the boys really turned on going on to win by 10 goals keeping Bayswater goalless in the 2nd and 3rd quarters. Congratulations to Mark D'Mello in his first full year as coach ably supported by Graham Begg and Leo Schaafsma and to their team of helpers.

In the last 4 years the club has gone through a golden era having played in 5 Grand Finals winning three. This year was also the first time a team has won a premiership in a Grade other than the 13s, with the 15s being successful this year.

Finally our 16/17s side did well in predominantly a 17s competition to make the finals. Coached by Jim Vellios, never have I witnessed such enthusiasm, team spirit and fortitude by a 17s team in my time at this club. Jim has managed to get the boys to enjoy their footy and as he says have "fun with it". Jim has done a great job with the boys and it is great to have him at the club and keep an alliance going between the junior and amateur clubs.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the managers and assistants Angela May, Lui Scaldeferro, Greg Quain and Geoff Ireland for their hard work and efforts during the year to ensure team lists were finalized, goal umpires organized and parents available for canteen and BBQ duties as well as washing jumper and providing the oranges at half time. The club cannot run successfully without the hard work and dedication of coaches and managers but equally without the support of parents the club cannot exist and function the way it does.



It would also be remiss of me not to thank the hardworking committee in particular Jenny and Chris Sara, Secretary Karen Schaafsma, our hardworking canteen manager in Rachel McSweeney and Kendall O'Reilly who ensures umpires get paid and keeps our finances in check I would also like to extend many thanks to Errol Couch who coordinates all our property and equipment requirements, also thanks to Keith Henneker for coordinating our Website.

On a final note I wish to say we are all part of a very successful club and the committee is always planning and coordinating for the future to ensure the club is viable and productive for years to come. The club is embarking on a huge campaign to extend clubrooms and provide better facilities. This is a long term project made possible only through the generous support of local councils and government as well as parents and a committee with a vision for a better future and club for your children.

It is also important that parents continue to support the club and assist in whatever capacity you can be it washing jumpers, BBQ or canteen duties or goal umpiring etc.

Finally this year marks my last as President and along with Jenny Sara and Karen Schaafsma we will be stepping down. Whilst we will still be involved in some capacity on the committee the club needs fresh ideas and new faces to take into the next decade. So please if you have skills and the ability to work as part of a great team and lead the club into the future both Jenny and I would love to hear from you and provide you with more information about these positions.

It is important that we continue to thrive by providing adequate numbers for our teams, support our sponsors and support the club and committee in whatever capacity you can. The club always welcomes fresh blood to its committee. Coaching and managerial opportunities are always open and the club is always keen to pursue new sponsors. Please feel free to contact myself or the club secretary, Karen Schaafsma to discuss further.

On that note I wish all families are healthy and prosperous off-season and hope to see you again for season 2008.

Vince Mirauda  
President Bombers JFC

# REGISTRAR'S REPORT 2007

Here we are at the end of another season. One that was full of fun and with many successes.

I am so proud to say that the Bombers JFC has, in 2007, given some 420 boys and girls the opportunity to play this great game. The children, and their parents, have all enjoyed a wonderful winter. I think most of the kids relished the fact that they were told to 'go play in the rain'.

Congratulations to all the members of our club for upholding our reputation of fun and fair play for all. Included is a list of players and their games played tallies. You will see that many milestones have been achieved again this season-how fantastic.

I take this opportunity to say 'goodbye' to our departing 17's- my eldest is one of them and after 8 years and 118 games we will be lost on a Sunday afternoon. I know that both he and his cohorts experienced some sad feelings when taking off their Bombers jumper for the last time. Some of the parents possibly had a tear in their eye also. Remember boys, it is for you, that we all do what we do. So, on behalf of the players, I say a thankyou to the committee and every volunteer.

Have a great summer and hope to see you and your friends back in 2008.

Jenny Sara

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Monday 8<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2007

**\*\*ALL POSITIONS OPEN\*\***

**NOMINATIONS NEEDED**

The positions below are not being filled by past committee members due to other commitments they will need to leave these positions.

***PRESIDENT***

***SECRETARY***

***REGISTRAR***

**YOUR HELP NEEDED!**



First Name	Family Name	END			First Name	Family Name	END		
		2006	2007	2007			2006	2007	2007
Christopher	Acquarola	25	1	16	Michael	Cohen	0	17	17
Claran	Allsop	27	16	43	Scott	Collins	0	9	9
Daniel	Allsop	95	15	110	Nick	Conti	12	15	27
Nathan	Anderson	40	17	57	Hadyn	Cooper	14	14	28
Alexander	Angelkov	0	15	16	Jack	Cooper	16	14	30
Oliver	Antoniazzi	0	11	11	Ryan	Corbett	113	16	129
Samuel	Armenti	56	14	70	Joshua	Corlias	0	13	13
Peter	Athanaslou	56	10	68	Vanessa	Coutts	0	17	17
Travis	Auster	0	8	9	Marcus	D'Agostino	0	14	14
Jackson	Babic	0	17	17	Jordan	D'Andrilli	33	20	53
Jake	Balestra	0	16	16	Scott	D'Mello	33	18	51
Joshua	Banks	0	14	14	Gilad	Davidowitz	18	16	34
Merk	Barbarich	33	14	46	John	Davis	57	19	76
Tayne	Barbaro	0	15	15	Jack	Deray	24	3	27
Kadin	Bauer	25	16	41	Jason	Dick	83	18	101
Ethan	Bayliss	0	14	14	Robert	Dickinson	0	13	13
Lee	Bealy	69	18	86	Aiden	Dimbleby	29	16	45
Leonard	Beaty	52	17	79	Joshua	Dimmack	0	14	14
Jeremy	Begg	60	19	79	Mathew W	Dixon	0	16	16
Samuel	Begg	73	5	78	Matthew R	Dixon	20	15	35
Jessen	Beinart	17	13	30	Redmond	Dobson	79	16	95
Elliott	Bekkers	40	7	47	Ted	Dobson	62	14	66
Michael	Bell	26	12	40	Ben	Dolgoy	0	13	13
Yoel	Benn	18	20	38	Jack	Doughty	0	19	19
Sean	Bennett	38	16	54	Simon	Douglas	106	18	125
Cameron	Bethune	14	14	28	Alan	Dukarsky	33	3	36
Joseph	Bonasera	54	15	69	Edward	Duva	46	16	62
Jack	Boronovskis	76	17	93	Liam	Eldridge	14	15	29
Auster	Bowker	0	17	17	Axel	Ellies	0	13	13
Jordan	Bowker	46	17	63	Carey	Evans	15	14	63
Ashley	Boyas	47	2	67	Thomas	Fairclough	60	17	76
Jordan	Bozich	59	10	69	Luke	Field	131	12	143
Matthew	Brajkovich	38	12	50	Luke	Fisher	12	8	21
Dorian	Bralic	15	15	30	Blake	Finkler	17	15	32
Michael	Breckler	0	15	15	Luke	Forte	96	15	111
Jordan	Brown	0	15	15	Ariel	Freund	48	14	62
Matthias	Bryder	43	15	58	Zachary	Freund	27	16	43
Calum	Burgess	92	15	109	John	Geske	23	13	36
Max	Burmester	0	20	20	Joshua	Gerrans	77	13	90
Brodie	Callanan	0	14	14	Tyrone	Gibson	46	14	60
John	Carbone	12	10	22	Rory	Glaeken	28	14	42
Ross	Carbone	0	12	12	Paul	Gloster	0	12	12
Harley	Carey	12	13	25	Zelman	Goldblatt	0	16	16
Jamie	Casella	27	17	44	Matt	Gordon	0	17	17
Thomas	Christides	0	16	16	Shane	Hale	15	15	30
Samuel	Christo	49	15	64	David	Hall	127	1	128

Austen	Hancock	0	15	15	Nicholas	Merrin	0	17	17
Max	Harringer	0	16	16	James	Mijoski	32	15	47
Michael	Hart	32	14	46	Adrian	Mirauda	40	20	60
Travis	Hartzler	87	21	108	Joseph	Mirauda	122	20	142
Matthew	Henneker	15	14	29	Stefan	Mirauda	75	15	95
Ryan	Henneker	0	15	15	Jordan	Monastra	0	16	16
Travis	Hitchcock	95	15	110	Christopher	Moody	28	18	46
Max	Hoffman	0	20	20	Harrison	Moore	54	20	74
Bradley	Houston	17	16	33	Aiden	Morcombe	0	15	16
Michael	Houston	61	16	77	Isaac	Morcombe	0	11	11
Mark	Hutchings	146	13	159	Andrew	Morgan	89	13	102
Michael	Hutchings	117	20	137	Matthew	Morris	0	2	2
Jordan	Instance	18	17	35	Stephen	Murphy	16	15	31
Jaryd	Ireland	112	14	126	Robert	Nicolaou	56	18	74
Michael	Italiano	0	17	17	Campbell	O'Reilly	30	14	44
Bronson	Janson	0	15	15	Omri	Olender	13	15	28
Michael	Jashari	141	12	153	Gregg	Osin	13	10	23
Maxwell	John	28	14	42	Jack	Pages-Oliver	0	12	12
	Johnson	55	1	56	Matthew	Palmieri	29	13	42
Tyler	Johnston	0	15	15	Se Ho	Park	0	14	14
Liam	Jones	30	7	37	Anthony	Parlango	14	14	28
Tyson	Jones	42	1	43	Lucas	Perera	145	14	159
Jake	Keeffe	75	12	87	Adam	Pit	1	12	13
Patrick	Keeffe	91	16	107	Callum	Proud	0	16	16
Rhys	Kenny	0	19	19	Ryan	Proud	26	17	43
Blair	Kirby	0	15	15	Ben	Psala	0	16	16
Joshua	Knights	13	7	20	Liam	Purdy	13	15	28
Janke	Kourouis	0	17	17	David	Quain	68	19	106
James	Langford-Smith	30	8	38	Greg	Rabin	0	17	17
Daniel	Lenzo	45	14	59	Dominic	Radecki	0	17	17
Michael	Lenzo	0	12	12	Alex	Rajcevic	28	14	42
David	Li	28	16	44	Joshua	Richardson	99	15	114
Steven	Li	46	20	66	Sean	Rhiner	0	12	12
Matthew	Liscia	32	19	51	Jake	Rizzi	88	12	98
Jason	Loprest	45	15	60	Shaun	Robinson	0	15	15
Jesse	Lucev	0	17	17	Adam	Rompob	110	7	117
Jared	Luttler	42	15	57	Marcus	Ruggiero	27	16	43
Jaydon	Manso-Vukovich	0	16	16	Daniel	Russo	15	18	33
Michael	Manus	90	11	101	Stefan	Russo	20	13	33
Marco	Marcello	25	16	41	Gerard	Ryan	0	15	16
Myles	Masarel	8	15	23	Jordan	Saddik	0	13	13
Benjamin	Mathie	0	15	15	Louay	Sahtoot	27	11	38
Armani	May	47	17	64	Alec	Sara	113	19	132
Edward	McCavanagh	14	15	29	Patrick	Sara	80	6	86
Matthew	McDonagh	118	7	125	Stuart	Sara	103	15	118
Michael	McDonough-Mellows	0	17	17	Daniel	Sasson	15	11	26
James	McLayre	16	16	32	Andrew	Scaldaserra	38	19	55
Sam	McNiece	30	20	50	Kyle	Scarsini	52	15	67
Cameron	McSweeney	57	20	77	Mark	Schaafsma	111	16	127
Daniel	McSweeney	119	22	141	Zibean	Schidkraut	52	11	63



Nicholas	Scott	30	15	45
Declan	Storrt	14	15	29
Anthony	Sidoti	61	12	73
Christian	Siwright	13	10	23
Aaron	Smith	0	14	14
Eliezer	Solomon	17	18	35
Michael	Staines	15	15	30
Danny	Suncoo	15	15	30
Matthew	Subcliffe	0	4	4
Nikola	Talindzioski	0	5	5
Connor	Taylor	0	16	16
Curis	Taylor	9	10	19
Jordyn	Taylor	26	13	39
Muthiyas	Teshome	17	18	35
Angus	Thomas	15	15	30
McLaine	Thomson	57	16	73
Troy	Thomson	0	4	4
Blake	Tilley	73	17	90
Daniel	Tomasi	25	18	43
Patrick	Tomasi	32	19	51
Beniamino	Trentin	0	14	14
Jay	Tricca	56	16	72
Reed	Troup	28	17	45
Cassius	Van Wees	0	15	15
Ben	Vos	0	16	16
Jordan	Vuong	46	12	58
Michael	Waghorn	18	1	19
Lachlan	Waller	0	15	15
Mitchell	Warburton	0	13	13
Joshua	Ward	16	14	30
Liam	Warr	0	17	17
Liam	Warwick	131	15	146
Angus	Watson	0	16	16
Thomas	Watson	50	19	69
Brendan	Wright	23	7	30
Boston	Williamson	0	13	13
Jason	Wood	0	10	10
Griffin	Wright	48	16	64
Joshua	Wright	53	18	71
Matthew	Youens	15	12	27



## CANTEEN/MERCHANDISE REPORT 2007

It is great to see our senior teams arriving at their games all dressed in their Bombers team polo shirts, what an impressive sight! With the range of merchandise now available through the Club, it is now easy to identify members and this is great for the profile of our Club. Along with the polo shirts, the Club now sells rugby tops, caps, beanies and rain jackets.

Sales of all merchandise were steady this year. With this being the Club's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary a commemorative shiraz was introduced and there are still some bottles of this fine wine available. For a donation of \$7 it is a great keepsake to put away for your sons' in the future.

With the seven junior teams, four senior teams, Auskick and Bomberettes the home ground canteen has been very busy most weekends this year with a turn-over in excess of \$27,000. This has seen a profit to the Club of approximately \$12,000 and this will enable your Club to further improve facilities for your children.

I would like to sincerely thank the people who tirelessly volunteer their time in the canteen. Even though games do not start until 9am, there are a number of familiar faces who are there early each morning to help cut bread rolls, wrap muffins and stock the fridges. In particular I would like to thank Ann-Mary, Michelle, Morena, Kendal, Clem, Lisa, Olivia, Maria, Toni - I'm sure I've forgotten someone!

This season Bombers JFC were asked to host the Semi-Finals. This involved catering for sixteen teams, with the accompanying supporters and officials on two ovals. I would not have been able to organise this day without amazing and tireless support from Jenny Hartzler. Jenny was so calm and capable she made everything look so easy. A day like this would not have run as smoothly without the valuable assistance from all those who worked shifts in the canteen or cooked on the barbeque. A number of volunteers did not have sons playing senior football but still donated their time on Fathers Day, I'd also like to thank all the 17's players who stayed to help clean up at the end of a very long day. *THANK YOU!!*

I would also like to thank Jenny Sara for all her assistance with the upcoming kitchen renovations. Jenny has spent many many months dealing with various councils and committees to ensure every box is ticked and "y" dotted so that hopefully in season 2008 we will have a fabulous new kitchen - *yeah!*

I cannot thank enough each member of the club who has either purchased a muffin, washed a coffee cup or cooked a sausage this year. The club would not be as successful without your valuable support and assistance.

I have enjoyed managing the canteen this year and look forward to seeing you all next year - on either side of the counter!

Rachel McSweeney

## TREASURERS REPORT 2007

The accounts of the Bombers Junior Football Club will not be able to be finalised until after the modified and open rules team's trophy presentations all end of season expenses have been paid. A full financial report will be available at the Club's Annual General meeting to be held later in the year.

However, I can report that the club is in a sound financial position with a balance of \$10,169.46 on term deposit and an estimated cheque account balance by the end of the season of approximately \$20,000.00 (subject to confirmation).

This year's main fundraiser has been the Canteen with an expected profit of between \$10,000.00 to \$12,000.00 to be realised. The canteen has been well supported each week and profits are expected to be an increase on last year due to the Club hosting the first and second semi finals this year. It was a financially successful weekend.

The club has received approx \$2280.00 in sponsorship for the 2007 year. We were successful in receiving a grant through the Grow the Game Funding Grant Program of \$3000.00 in addition to this sponsorship.

Many thanks and appreciation must go to our sponsors who have been mentioned in this Annual Report.

Our major event this year was our 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner. This was not intended to be a big fundraiser, but a celebration of the last 20 years of the Bombers Junior Football Club. By all accounts this was a successful night with a cost of \$700 to the club.

We have been successful in receiving a grant from the City of Stirling, together with our own contribution we will have approximately \$30,000.00 to renovate our kitchen. This project is expected to be completed by the start of the 2008 season.

Kendal O'Reilly  
Treasurer





Leigh Catania  
Bradley Couch  
David Hall  
Kevin Hall  
Greg Holly  
Mathew Nicholas

Members and Players of our club who either played for nine years or more or served the Bombers JFC  
Were awarded Life Time Membership at our 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner

Salv Pallela  
Peter Pallela  
Alex Schaafsma  
Cameron Tilley  
Trevor Tucker

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WHO RECEIVED LIFE TIME MEMBERSHIP**

**MICHAEL JASHARI – FOR PLAYING 150 GAMES  
LUKE FIELD – FOR BEING A MEMBER OF THE BOMBERS FOR 9 YEARS**



## AUSKICK SUMMARY 2007

The Auskick season commenced after the April school holidays with a family fun day down at Coolbinia Reserve. All went well until the day was washed out with a heavy downpour. This seemed to set the tone for the weather for the rest of the Auskick season. Compared to 2006 when we hardly had a wet day, 2007 was a season when we hardly had a day when the weather was not wet, or threatening to be wet. But, what better fun than playing footy in the rain?

The opening day raffle was won by the Manno family; their first day down at the Club.

In the 2007 season we had 105 registered Auskickers, all of which developed their 'Aussie Rules' skills during the course of the season, made new friends, and had fun in a family and community environment.

The Auskick season incorporated the following Special Events:

- East Perth Football Club Junior District Officers, Matt Peach and Daniel McAullay came down and conducted a Parents In-Service where they showed all the parents how they could assist and participate in Auskick sessions.
- All Auskickers participated in a half time Grid game at Medibank Stadium (formerly Leederville Oval). Rumour has it that the AFL Talent Scouts who were seen at the WAFL game that day were very impressed with what they saw at half time.
- We had a session which was run by the 'crew' from the ECU Flying Squadron where they got all the parents involved with the session. The 'crew' from the ECU Flying Squadron have the knack of getting everyone involved and having lots of fun during their sessions; and it give our coaches a bit of a break. We're hoping that we can get the ECU Flying Squadron back for a session in 2008.
- A few Auskickers participated in the East Perth Football Club Junior Parade Day on 30 June.
- The 8's participated in the Landsdale Gala Day on 24 June.
- The 8's had an away game against the Noranda 8's on 27 May and Cardinal's 8's on 8 July.
- The 8's hosted the Noranda 8's on 5 August.
- The 5's, 6's and 7's participated in the Bayswater Morley Gala Day on 19 August.
- All Auskickers participated in two night games under lights at Coolbinia Reserve. The first night game was on Saturday 16 June which was promoted as Grandparents Night and the second was on Saturday 11 August. The night games were a real hit for the Auskickers and all other family members who came along on the night.
- All Auskickers participated in the Presentation Day on 26 August.

With all of the above events the Bombers Auskickers represented the Bombers Junior Football Club very well. It has been great to see the enthusiasm and positive attitudes on show by all Auskickers.

A big thank you must go to the coaches who committed themselves to an early Sunday morning start throughout the season; Simon Cox (5's), Michael Italiano (6's), Ben Edwards (7's) and Bryan Bennington (8's). Also, thanks to Paul Steele for filling in for Ben Edwards when Ben was away for a couple of weeks.

During the season we also had the Canteen open for business and the Sausage Sizzle happening on most mornings. This not only provides participating Auskick families with the opportunity to get their morning cup of coffee and muffin and for the Auskickers to replace their expended energy with a Sausage Sizzle but also helps the Junior Football Club from a financial perspective. Providing these services would not be possible without volunteers to run the canteen and cook the sausages. To all of those people who assisted in this area during the course of the season; Thank You.

To all the 8's who will be leaving the Bombers Auskick program to move into the 9's next year we wish you all the best.

I am looking forward to doing it all again in 2008, but during the course of the 2008 season I will be seeking someone to take over the Co-ordinators role in 2009. Whilst the role does take some time out of the week and five weekend the satisfaction that comes from performing the role far exceeds any forgone free time.

See you in 2008.

Craig Austen Auskick Co-ordinator



## BOMBERETTES SUMMARY 2007

This year the "Bomberettes" Auskick for girls program was another successful season with 61 girls 5 to 12yrs.

The girls took part in the sessions which we showed them the basic fundamentals of the game from ball skills through to playing games.

The girls were given a "once in a lifetime" chance to have a training run on Subiaco oval. Whilst there they also took a tour of the Fremantle Football Clubs change rooms, had a few warm up drills and then a run up the race onto the ground and a kick at goals, finishing off with a look in the coaches box and corporate suites overlooking the oval.

We also were involved with the East Perth District Junior day parade of which the club won the best presented team in the district. They also played the half time grid games at the East Perth V's South Fremantle WAFL game at Medibank Stadium which they thoroughly enjoyed.

We finished off the season with a visit from the ECU Flying Squadron showing the girls and parents a few tricks with a footy.

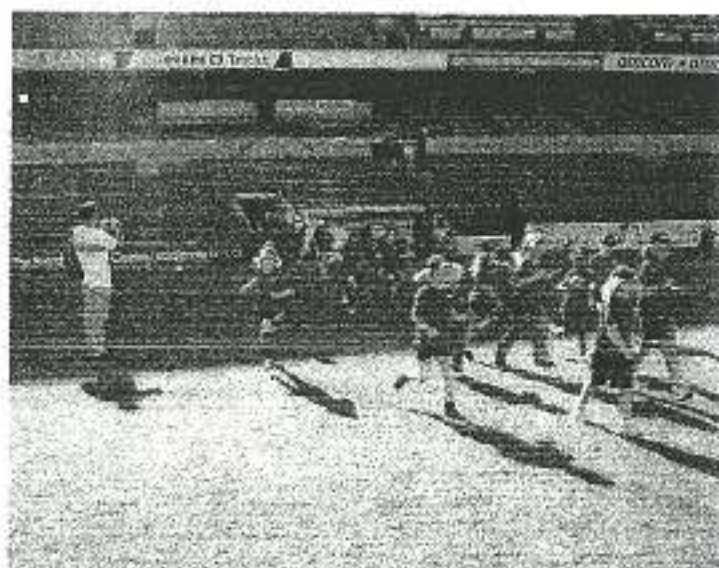
Overall this program was a great success again, with numbers up on last years attendance and now that a few clubs are interested in taking on a "Girls Only" program as a part of their Auskick next year we may be able to get a few games against other teams.

Something else that will be happening next year is the introduction of a girls Reserves competition for girls in years 8 & 9 so it gives them a pathway from the Bomberettes. Please contact me if anyone has daughters wanting to have a go at either.

Thankyou also to Brent for his assistance during the season, people like him are what makes programs like this a success.

THANKYOU TO OUR SPONSORS  
**ALLMARK & ASSOCIATES** FOR THE  
GIRLS TRAINING SHIRTS  
**SUBWAY DIANELLA** FOR THE  
VOUCHERS

Keith Henneker



Bomberettes running onto Subi Oval

The 13's started pre season with minimal numbers. We picked up some new players to the team and thanks to the boys from Cardinals JFC joining us, we became a squad of 21.

My respect goes to several of the 12's who stood up to train or play in the 13's at various times, your help was greatly valued.

We made the finals in 5<sup>th</sup> place, but were defeated in the qualifying final, but there were many highlights over the season, however the main highlight was the development of the players. This was exciting and most fun to watch. Improvement was made by all, but some players took large steps forward.

We look forward to seeing all the players back next season and with the new players who are joining the team, take up the challenge and go the next step in 2008.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Bombers JFC committee for their positive support and encouragement.

A very special thanks to all our coaching staff –

- ★ John McIntyre
- ★ Tony Beaty
- ★ Graeme Keeffe



A special mention must be made to our reliable regular helps – you know who you are – thankyou for all your work you have put in through the season.

And lastly, thanks to all the parents who have given their support, the team really appreciated your willingness to help when required – it was second to none.

Mike Jones  
Coach





**BEST & FAIREST**  
**DOMINIC RADECKI**

Could also have been called the most versatile or most consistent player.

Dom's skills by hand and foot are excellent. He could play in any position on the ground and dominate. Given a challenge he would take it on willingly and rarely make a mistake.

Dom showed himself to be a smart reliable player whose leadership and consistency set the standard for the team.

**RUNNER UP BEST & FAIREST**  
**JAKE KEEFFE**

Jake is a very smart and creative player who reads the play extremely well.

Combined with his excellent hand and foot skills and burst of speed, he would win clearances and drive us forward into attack, or would rebound from defence, turn the lines and hit targets.

Jake is a good leader who leads by example.

**2<sup>ND</sup> RUNNER UP**  
**MARCUS RUGGIERO**

Marcus is our most productive Forward, a magnificent forward with a great pair of hands. He was rarely beaten and is an accurate goal machine.

Being a reliable target, Marcus gave us confidence going forward and would straighten us up. Marcus could also play very well at Centre Half Back or be competitive in the ruck.

**MOST COURAGEOUS**  
**JOHN (JACK) DAVIS**

Jacks ability to attack the ball, to get first touch or the courage to dive at the bottom of a pack, lay a needed tackle or block for a team mate, regularly created turn overs by the pressure he applied.

A good midfielder, who can go forward, take a good grab and kick a goal or play a hard tight defensive role.

**MOST IMPROVED**  
**THOMAS CHRISTIDES**

Toms' improvement and strength is his ability to make the right decisions while under pressure. He grew thought the season as a versatile tight defender, able to play on tall or smalls.

He learned to read the play very well and established himself as a reliable smart defender who always created a contest and made the opposition earn any possession. Tom could also play as a creative Forward.

**COACHES AWARD**  
**JORDAN INSTANCE**

Jordan always has a great attitude at training or at games and took on team responsibilities willingly. Come rain, cold or windy conditions, Jordan was always at training and never missed a game. He played his best at Centre Half Back, where he could restrict any player with his solid presence, good skills and competitive hard rebound running.

Jordan lead by example and when put a Centre Ruck or Forward he took on the challenge.



The 14's began the season full of energy and enthusiasm given we were the reigning under 13 premiers and had finished the previous season on an absolute high. There were a few retirements from the team but we welcomed 7 new players to the squad these included: Jack Doughty, Max Hoffman, Michael Hutchins, Rhys Kenny, Joey Mirauo, Andrew Morgan and Shaun Robinson

Pre season began late in February many weeks prior to the start of the season and the boys worked hard in the hot weather focusing on speed and fitness. By the time the season began the boys were well primed and kept up the good form from last season winning the first 10 games on the trot.

The first defeat came on June 24<sup>th</sup> against Mount Lawley Blue and it commenced a period of mediocre form as many players were absent on overseas trips or out injured. Despite the drop in form the boys did a stunning job to remain on top of the ladder all year until the last week of the season where only percentage prevented us from finishing on top of the ladder. Overall the home and away season was outstanding for the boys finishing the season with 12 wins, 3 losses and 1 bye to finish safe in second spot with a double chance in the finals.

**Milestones 2007** - Through the season several players played milestone games, Congratulations to:

#### 50 Games

- Adrian Mirauo
- Andrew Scaldafarro
- Jordan D'Andrilli
- Mathew Liscia
- Patrick Tomasi

#### 100 Games

- Andrew Morgan
- Jason Dick
- Travis Hartzler
- Callum Burgess

**District Squad** - The following players from the team were nominated to participate in the District selection process based on great form over the season. We wish them luck in making the finals team:

- Callum Burgess
- Ellezer Solomon
- Gilad Davikowilz
- Travis Hartzler
- Daniel McSweeney
- Michael Hutchins
- Michael Hart
- Jason Dick

**The Finals** - August 26<sup>th</sup> was the Qualifying final against Noranda. A good result would give the boys the safety of a second chance if they slipped up the following week. Fortunately we defeated Noranda comfortably by 8 goals on a wet and windy day at Cook reserve.

Second Semi Final day was played on Sept 2<sup>nd</sup> and although the boys started well to lead by 2 goals at quarter time they were overrun by a harder working Ballajura Blue to be defeated by 14 points and now faced a sudden death Preliminary final the next week

Preliminary final day, Sept 9<sup>th</sup> was played on the home turf of Coolbinia reserve and again we faced the much improved Noranda. A stunning first half was played by our boys where Noranda were kept goalless and we went to the major break with a 5 goal lead. Noranda came out firing in the second half and our boys suffered a couple of injuries at critical times allowing Noranda to peg back the score in a relentless performance but the Bombers held firm and managed 4 point victory. We were into our second consecutive grand final.

Grand Final was played on Sunday Sept 16<sup>th</sup>. The boys faced their arch rival Ballajura Blue. All season the battle had been tight with Ballajura managing to finish in front in all but one occasion. Unfortunately the boys had to overcome a slow start and even managed to lead part way through the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter but it was to be Ballajura's year and they finished strongly to win by just over 3 goals. We acknowledge the persistence and effort of our boys but we were overrun by a better side on the day and that should not distract from what was a brilliant season.

**Conclusion** - In conclusion I would like to take the opportunity to thank the support team I have had this year being:

- Peiro Liscia - my assistant Coach
- Erica Liscia - our Trainer
- Lui Scaldafarro - our Manager
- Cam McSweeney and Steph Mirauo our boundary Umps
- All the mums and dads for all the things they do such as washing jumpers, running water, goal umpiring etc, without your help and support we would have no game.

Finally, I would like to thank the boys for their sensational effort throughout the season. This season was a long one and these young gentlemen need to be congratulated for their discipline and enthusiasm, which has stayed with them all year. These attributes have given them another well earned grand final appearance. A fitting reward for their hard work. Although it may have been hard I hope that it was also fun.

**Laurie Hart**  
Coach 14's



**FAIREST & BEST**  
**CALLUM BURGESS**

The title of this award truly describes this player. During every game that he has played this year he has always given the team his best effort on the day. With those efforts and his natural ability he has stood out as one of this team's leaders and consistently best player.

**RUNNER UP FAIREST & BEST**  
**JASON DICK**

When picking the team, he is the first player to be appointed to a key position. This is due to his total commitment to obtaining possession and accurate disposal of the footy. The respect he has received this year from the opposition has grown and his skills have also escalated to warrant that respect.

**BEST UTILITY**  
**GILAD DAVIDOWITZ**

Due to his attack on the footy and determination not to be beaten he has become the player that can achieve prominence in most positions on the field. He has an extremely competitive nature and has channeled this to the advantage of his team mates. When asked to give that bit of extra effort he does the hard physical things that lift the team.

**MOST COURAGEOUS**  
**YOELI BENN**

Each week there is never a question as to which position he will play. His courage and love of the game are evident in every game he played this year. Through the year his skills and determination to beat his opposition player have escalated making him the most reliable and consistent player we have had this year.

**MOST COURAGEOUS**  
**ANDREW SCALDAFERRO**

He is usually one of the first players to get his hand on the footy and uses it to the team's advantage. Although he is not one of the bigger players in the team he has never held back in putting his body on the line for this team. He is truly an in and under ball getter but can also play the loose player a kick behind the play. His skill, determination and courage have been an asset to his team mates this year.

**BEST PLAYER IN FINAL SERIES**  
**CALLUM BURGESS**

Callum had an outstanding and consistent final series and was a credit to the club and his team with his relentless determination.





When I was asked to consider coaching, my immediate thought was to decline, the team had been very successful under Graham Begg's direction. I then thought about Graham's desire to reduce his commitments, 4 years is a considerable period and agreed.

This is a very good and possibly great team. If I have a personal desire it is that each player takes something positive away from the season.

We are blessed with outstanding players, but I'd rather focus on the team highlights. The first being our away wins against Ballajura Blue, a come from behind win, followed up by a very good 56 point win over Cobra's the following week. We were vying with both teams for a top three finish. After these wins, we seemed to meander through the next few rounds, and may have become complacent. The turning point was Paddy's miraculous goal on the siren against Ballajura Black. After this game I said to the team, "we're unfit and had slipped behind the leading teams and the only way to regain our position was hard work, putting in at training". With Graham's help we devised a plan to build the teams fitness and the boys responded. We didn't lose another game for the season eventually finishing second by percentage. To all of the parents, you should be very proud of you sons and their achievements.



In closing, I wish to thank every player. As I kept saying, football is not about individuals, but the team. How well we play was determined when every player contributed.

And a big thank you to the following parents who helped during the year. Graham Begg who assisted and guided me through the season. Dean Flinkier and Greg Quain who helped with the paper work; Phil Douglas boundary umpire; Don "sore arms" Dixon goal umpire and Joe Marcello who ran water out to the boys each week. And to our runners for the finals series, Leo Schaafsma and Graham Keeffe thanks as well. You don't realize how much work takes place behind the scenes to get the team onto the park.

Lastly my family, Tania who put up with my grumpy moods; Amy the most passionate Eagles supporter I know; and Scott who's enthusiasm and quiet mannerism motivated my decision - Thanks.



8 months of hard work paid off with a decisive win in the grand final. The pleasing thing was that every player played a part, it was a great team effort, especially after being 4 goals down at quarter time. I asked the boys to dig deep and that's exactly what they did. Our second quarter of football was the best we had played all season. Passes and handballs were constructive and pinpoint. Anyone watching the game would have been gob smacked to witness a very high calibre of football and that is a credit to all of our players.

As I stated in my coaches report, this is a very good side, possibly a great side. I can now confirm this was a great win from a great side. Thanks to everyone involved, especially the players and their families for all of their support.

Mark D'Mello  
Coach



## **FAIREST & BEST**

**ASHLEY BOYES - No. 11**

Pound for pound the toughest and hardest working player in the league, he is also headstrong. Early in the season I found it frustrating, knowing he had so much talent but often doing his own thing. Both Graham and his mother spoke to me. What I came to realise is that some players' need a little freedom and what may have seemed from the outside as a slack approach, I know was a facade and actually he worked as hard as or even harder than anyone in the team and it was this hard work that resulted in the Fairest and Best award. Thanks for the season Ash.

## **RUNNER UP FAIREST & BEST**

**ROBBIE NICOLAOU - No 2.**

Another highly skilled player and very capable on both sides of his body, which is a great asset in today's football. Robbie has matured as a player but always prepared to play a joke, often telling us that he is unavailable for an important game. After witnessing the blood run from our face, he'd quickly recant with a big cheesy grin, "only joking!"

Game day is different, Rob's courage is unsurpassed, he runs straight at the ball, is willing to take on players much bigger than himself, and yet has the skills and finesse to deliver a 40 metre deadly accurate pass or feed out a handball and run on, to receive the old one - two. Thanks for the season Rob.

## **2<sup>nd</sup> RUNNER UP FAIREST & BEST BEST KEY POSITION**

**REDMOND DOBSON - No. 18**

I don't believe I've met someone with such a strong desire to succeed. Redmond is one of a few players in the league whose mere presence on the field can change the game. I have witnessed teams, double and triple team Redmond and he still won the mark. I know he has great family support and this is very important if he wishes to achieve a higher grade of football. I have a small bit of advice Redmond, when things get tough remember the basics; these are the foundations of your abilities. Great season, thanks Redmond.

## **BEST UTILITY PLAYER**

**MATT DIXON - No 24**

Matt has filled several key positions, mostly centre, in the ruck at centre half back or in a key forward position. His enthusiasm for sport can be summarized by this anecdote. Don Dixon, Matt's father spoke with me at training, saying Matt had commenced state cricket training and this coupled with his football commitments was concerning. I mentioned that Don should monitor Matt's workload so as not to suffer burn out. As they were departing training I overheard Don asking Matt to hurry so Don could get to indoor cricket. As quick as a flash Matt piped up, "can I play?" We just looked at each other, nothing further needed to be said. Thanks for the season Matt.

## **MOST IMPROVED**

**MARCO MARCELLO - No 12**

It is very satisfying to be able to make these comments. We didn't really need to choose this award, the players themselves had already determined the recipient. It has been a great pleasure to coach and witness Marco's skills and confidence develop. During the last game of the season, Marco started on the bench. A player was injured and before we had time to consider our options, Marco had his tracksuit off was standing by my shoulder and stating he was going on to replace Ben. Keep up the great work Marco.

## **BEST PLAYER - FINAL SERIES**

**ASHLEY BOYES**

Best player of Final series was Ashley Boyes, narrowly ahead of Redmond Dobson, Matt Gordon, Kadin Bauer and Steve Li.





2007 was always going to be a challenging year in that the majority of our side was going to be competing against older players. To the players credit the challenges were met and at no stage were they ever intimidated by other teams and I believe we were unfortunate in not going further in the finals and congratulations must go out to Boyswater, Ballajura, Noranda and Northern Cobras.

This years focus was to enjoy football and to build on our skills for future years and play finals football. I am still amazed not one player ever complained about playing teams with older more mature players.

The work ethics and skill of the majority of our squad is unquestionable and if this work rate continues to improve there is no reason why we could not have a number of our players playing at colts level next year and also see our team continue to be successful.

I hope all the players accept this year was going to be a learning curve to a higher level and taking ownership of what they do.

I can honestly say no player disappointed and the effort throughout the year has been fantastic and that all of our players should hold their heads high and be proud of what they have achieved this year with the bonus of playing "FINALS FOOTBALL".

Personally I would like to thank Warren Hutchings, Jeff Ireland, Ang Bonsera, Dave Van Wees, Josh Jashari, Brett Richardson, John Rompolis, Chris and Jenny Sara, and to all the parents for their support and making things happen.

The Bombers Junior Football Club should be very proud of the under 17's team for their outstanding efforts over the year. As coach I could not be more proud in the way they played the game and conducted themselves on and off the field.

Again congratulations and thank you to the players and supporters for making 2007 a very enjoyable and memorable year.

**Daniel 17: Vice Captain** 100 game player Backline - Quick as - goes where angels fear to tread, Great run from defence and played against bigger bodied players all year. Outstanding effort and huge passion for the game. Class act on and off the field.

**Joseph 16: Vice Captain** Utility Another quality swing player that plays defence or attack well. Takes on all challenges and smooth operator in tight situations. Rarely turns ball over and when switched from defence to midfield became a playmaker.

**Peter 16:** Quality player for many years, skill exceptional and good leader on the field. Has good understanding of the game and work rate unquestionable.

**Troy 16:** Midfield Class midfielder that was cut down with a back injury early on the season. Thankfully full medical clearance by next season and would be a huge plus for the club. Hard at it and natural leader.

**Adam 16:** Backline Interrupted by injury but still has a huge passion for the game. Skills improved greatly and has sure hands and great talker on the field. Natural leader, team player and quality person. Takes on all and never gives in.

**Ben 16:** Backline Total admiration in work ethics and hardness at ball. Always runs straight lines and willing to listen. Skills improved over year and very reliable in defence. Quality

**Cassius 16:** Midfield First year player awesome effort to outplay many ruckmen throughout the year. Skills improved dramatically and has a good understanding of the game. Never gives in and always prepared to listen.

**Ari 17:** Backline Quiet manners hard at ball player rarely beaten. Honest and will never throw in the towel, Hard at it and hates to be beaten. Sets high standards.

**Kyle 16:** Midfield Class player with speed skill and great running capacity. Will be a key player in 2007 with his natural athleticism.

**Luke Field 16:** Midfield Forward Absolute class player both sides of the body Ability to run unmatched and strong in the air. Good understanding of the game and runs hard.

**Paul 16:** Another player that has huge work ethics and voice on track. New to the game and skills improved dramatically over the year. Continued hard work will see him achieve his goals.

**Josh Gerans 16:** Quality small forward that shows tremendous potential, skilled player that needs to have more self belief and will tear games apart in the future.

**Josh Richardson 16:** Midfield 100 game player, Hard working ruckman giving away a huge height advantage. Gives 100 per cent every time and never gives in. Work rate huge and always willing to listen.

**Michael Breckler 17:** Forward/midfield First year player, passion and commitment fantastic. Endeavour and ability to make contests amazing for a first year player. Quality person on and off the field. Natural leader.

**Matt 16:** Forward/midfield Quality player that was struck down with injury half way through season. Commitment and hard work will see him become a key midfielder for the club next year.

**Jaryd 16:** Backline/midfield Good skills and great running capacity. Will become key midfielder next year with good height and skills. Quality person on and off the field.

**Stuart 17:** Forward/Backline Good honest player that is highly skilled and good football brain. Curbed his natural aggression and focused on team goals. Good natural leader on and off the field.

**Mark B 16:** Forward Surprise packet with his hard running capacity and continual presence in forward line. Great hands and meets ball hard. Shining light in the second half of the season.

**Dougie 17:** Forward Good skilled player, has passion for the game and the camaraderie associated with it.

**Michael Manus 16:** Forward Very naturally gifted player, requires to work harder on track to achieve true potential. Good in air and ground. Plays tall however just as good at ground skills.

**James 16:** Midfield Interrupted season, low to ground player, Hardworking midfielder, that brings other players into the game. Runs hard all-day and natural ball getter. Earns respect with work ethics.

**Curtis 17:** Forward Good skilled player, Interrupted season, skills continued to improve with more games.

**Scott 16:** Forward First year player that is hard running with good speed. Skills and confidence will improve with more games.

**Brendan 16:** Forward Good hard leading forward season marred by injuries. Will be a bonus to have him playing when fit.

**Jake 16:** Backline Very skilled and hardest at the ball player, never gives in and absolute pleasure to watch. Makes contests all the time. Class player.

**David 17:** Forward Played one game - Stand out clever well skilled player. Key player with East Perth Colts. Class.

Jim Vellios  
Coach



**FAIREST & BEST**  
MARK HUTCHING

**Hutchy 16: Captain** of the club, Midfield State 16's, 150 game player, true leader and example of what hard work is all about and what can be achieved if you are prepared to work. Class midfielder rarely making mistakes clean hands and sure feet. Quality on and off the field.

**RUNNER UP FAIREST & BEST**  
LUCAS PERERIA

**Lucas 16: Utility** – 150 game player, swinging from attack to defence with ease, Quality left footer with great hands and will never give ball up. Hard at it player that has silky skills and good decision-maker, rarely wastes the ball.

**MOST CONSISTANT**  
LIAM WARWICK

**Liam 16: Midfield** Another class player that showed his wares every week. Good football brain and work ethics. Continues to work on areas of his game and will be a key player.

**COACHES AWARD**  
MICHAEL JASHARI

**Michael Jashari 16:** 150 game player for Bombers, Forward Work ethics unmatched Skilled with huge running capacity. Honest, clean footballer good in air and ground runs straight lines. Key position player.

**BEST UTILITY**  
LUKE FORTE

**Luke Forte 16: Utility** 16 Reliable and solid as a rock. Does it right all the time and has great running skills. Natural defender that will blossom into key midfielder. Good decision maker and Leads by example.





## REPORT SUPPLIED MR BILL FORREST – FORMERLY COOBINIA JFC

It is my pleasant duty to be invited here tonight to speak on the early formation and history of the Coolbinia – Yokine Junior Football Club.

It only seems like yesterday but back in 1960 I was the Secretary of Coolbinia.

In the Annual Report of 1970 I wrote a brief history of the club and this was also included in an updated version that was part of the club's history that appeared in the 1981 annual report that was presented to celebrate Coolbinia's 21 years as a junior football club.

The Club right from its first year of acceptance into the East Perth Junior Council was a very proud and successful junior football club. I could talk for a considerable time about the achievements of players and the dedication of many outstanding officials. However, this is a night for celebration of the formation of the Bombers Junior Football Club and rather than boring you all I will restrict my comments to a few of the highlights that have occurred over the years.

The foundation of the club initiated from a meeting that was convened by Mr Neville Reynolds who at the time was President of the East Perth Junior Football Council and a teacher at Coolbinia Primary School.

The meeting was held at the Coolbinia Primary School on November 24, 1960.

A number of interested parents attended the meeting and it was decided to call an inaugural meeting on December 15, 1960. There was a large attendance of boys and parents at this meeting and the following parents were elected as Office Bearers for the 1961 season. President: Mr Les Barnes, Vice Presidents: Mr S Griffiths and Mr Len McCarthy, Sec./Treasurer: Mr Max White, Committee: Messrs Bruce Daniel, A Meaton, A Naismith and Alex Barras

It is now 46 years since the club's first season and I believe most of these officials have passed away.

Len McCarthy who is aged 89 still lives in Marradong Street Coolbinia and

Bruce Daniel who is aged 86 still lives in Rothsay Cres opposite Alexander Park Oval.

There were several suggestions regarding the naming of the Club. These included:

The Scaddan L.F.C. and the Alexander Park J.F.C. It was finally decided that Coolbinia – Yokine would be the most appropriate name as the original intention in creating the Club was to cater for the youth of both districts.

The club was accepted into the East Perth Junior Football Council in early 1961 and teams were entered in the 14 and 16 grades. The nucleus of the two teams was drawn from the Alexander Park Football Club for juniors that for a number of years had been conducted by Laurie Bandy.

The Club's home ground in 1961 was at Alexander Park. The ground was a far cry from the facilities that the Bombers now enjoy at their Bradford Street ground.

Alexander Park was a very small ground that sloped downhill, there were no change rooms, seating or shelter from the rain. The officials and players were obviously a very dedicated and hardy group because they suffered the lack of proper facilities for over a decade. The club was a very proud club and right from their beginning they had a great deal of success on the playing field. In their first year of competition the 14's coached by Norm Ashton won the premiership.

During the 1961 and 1962 seasons the club was known as the Coolbinia – Yokine Under 14 and Under 16 Football Club. A decision was made to form an under 18 team and players from the Northern Districts Temperance Club merged with Coolbinia-Yokine and the name of the club was changed to the Coolbinia – Yokine Junior Football Club. From this point onwards the club and the players enjoyed considerable success both on and off the field.

In 1964 The 12's grade competition was inaugurated. This was in the years prior to - the modified game that you all know today - The 12's played open rules. The club team played off in the Grand Final and was defeated by Inglewood. The 14's team coached by John Gallagher won the premiership by defeating Mount Lawley.

Ross Hogan the captain of the 14's scored another first for the club by winning the East Perth Junior Council's Fairest & Best Award. At the end of the 1965 season the 18's team went on tour to Melbourne. Several matches were played in Melbourne. The 14's team captained by John Daniel and coached by John Gallagher won the Grand Final for the second successive year.

The year of 1966 is one that supporters, officials and players will long remember regarding the 16's team and many say this was the best team that the club ever produced and perhaps the unluckiest.

The team that was coached by Bob Boucher was undefeated in qualifying rounds.

In the second semi-final Coolbinia easily accounted for Inglewood.

The Grand Final was played against CBHS, in cold, wet and blustery conditions. At the final siren scores were equal. The game was then decided by a further two quarters of ten minutes each. CBHS had first use of the breeze and went on to win a low scoring game by the narrowest of margins. Unfortunately in all the disappointment the final scores were never entered in the teams book. Bill Boucher won the award for the District Fairest and Best in the 16's

In 1967 after completing a period of four years as President of the club, Bruce Daniel retired and my good friend and neighbour, Bill Crowe, took over the position. Two of the club's outstanding footballers namely John Daniel and Paul Cook were selected in the State Schoolboys team. John gained a further honour in being selected in the All-Australian team,

Before the 1968 fixtures were about to commence Bill Crowe approached Lisle Brenner, the secretary of the Junior Council, and advised him that the club was unable to find enough players to field an 18's team and although the fixtures had been drawn up the club would have to withdraw their nomination.



Bremner's reply to Bill Crowe was – "Well Bill, if you withdraw your team now your club will not be able to nominate another 18's team for a period of two years." With this threat in his mind Bill Crowe returned to the club with the news and it was decided to make a concerted effort to recruit more players.

At the start of the season the team was able to muster the bare 18 players and the team managed to front up each week with the help of a couple of reserves from the 16's. The calibre of the players in the team was such that during the season the team won their share of games and finished second on the premiership ladder.

In the 2<sup>nd</sup> Semi-final Inglewood easily accounted for Coolbinia. In the Preliminary Final Coolbinia defeated East Perth-Highgate by 20 points.

The Grand final was played at Hillcrest Oval. The best Coolbinia could muster was 18 players plus two 16's reserves. Inglewood was the red-hot favourite to take out the premiership. In a thrilling finish Coolbinia coached by Brian Pasco held on to win by 11 points and record the club's first premiership in the 18's competition.

Bill Crowe has a hard job living down the fact that team he had wished to withdraw due to lack of numbers had eventually won the premiership. To add to a very successful year, Bob Noble coached the 12's to a premiership win.

Graeme Radford achieved another first for the club when he won the award for the East Perth district fairest and best in the 12's grade.

The Daniel family had another success added to their long list of Junior football achievements when John won the award for the East Perth district fairest and best award for the 18's.

In 1969 I took over the position of secretary from Les James. During his three years as secretary Les performed his duties in a most workmanlike manner and his forethought and wisdom in collating a set of club records from the inauguration of the club has been invaluable in creating a record of players and officials who had been associated in the early years of the club. I must have been a jinx because 1969 was the first time since 1964 that one of our players failed to win a District Fairest and Best Award.

1969 also saw the end of the "Daniel Era" the excellent work done by father Bruce was matched on the playing field by his four sons. Brian, Peter, Geoffrey and John. Between them the boys played a total of 321 games for the club and in doing so won three East Perth District Fairest and Best awards and nine Club Fairest and Best awards. A distinction unparalleled in the history of the Club. John eventually played 155 league games with East Perth and was a member of the 1978 premiership team.

In 1970 Bob Noble brought further fame to the club when he coached the 14's to a Premiership success.

1971 was my last year as secretary of the club. At the same time the W.A.F.L. boundary re-distribution was a period in the history of the club.

The club continued to receive great assistance from many dedicated parents who served on the club's executive. Life membership was bestowed on Keith London, Mick Curtis, Reg Wray, Don Kerr and Tom O'Farrell.

Premierships in the under 18's in 1975, 1978 and 1979 brought further glory to the club.

Jamie Daniels created a new record for the number of games played for the club when he posted bitter blow to the club when we lost the district of Yokine and a number of promising young players. Despite our losses it was most encouraging to witness the great club spirit that prevailed during a most worrying period.

1972 saw the opening of the new premises at Bradford Street and this was the start of a new 167 games played 1972 –1981 and in doing so he passed the record of 163 games previously recorded by Graeme Washbourne.

In 1981 the club celebrated the 21st celebration of the inauguration of the club and the Saturday night "Back to Coolie" was a great success and enabled players, officials and parents to meet and reflect on years gone by. Since 1981 Former Presidents namely Bill Crowe, Max White, Trevor Sheard, Fred Kirkman, Bill Canning and John Wright are all deceased and many other stalwarts including Bob Stewart, Reg Wray and Neville Reynolds have also passed away.

From 1978 when the club fielded five teams and had 120 registered players, numbers began to fall away and eight years later in 1987 the club was only able to field 10's, 12's and 15's with a total of 55 registered players. Amalgamation appeared to be the only way the club known as Coolbinia – Yokine could survive.

The amalgamation of Coolbinia and Dianella eventuated and resulted in the formation of the Bombers Junior Football Club. A further 20 years on and it is to the credit of the coaches and executive members of the Bombers that the club in season 2007 is catering for over 350 boys and girls in the Auskick competition and 11 teams ranging in ages from 9's through to 17's.

I offer my congratulations for a magnificent performance at Coolbinia and for that manner also the Bombers have produced a number of players who have played no more than a maximum of 4 league football games excepting only Russell Argent (12 games) John Bandy (96Games) Spiro Mallis (48) and John Daniel (155) but when it comes to producing Teachers, Dentists or Doctors we are up with the best.

I sincerely hope that amongst this great influx of 2007 kids there a number who will go on to play extended league or even AFL football careers.

BILL FORREST





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