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Consolidation

Uncertainty surrounded the teams going into round 8 after the double bye. Coming up against Eagles alignment side East Perth was always going to be a challenge. In trying conditions both the league and colts rose to the challenge coming away with strong wins. Unfortunately the reserves couldn't match the strength of what you would call the Royals true league side.

Considering not having played for three weeks the league side came out firing and with the aid of a strong breeze had a 26 point quarter time lead. They managed to keep the Royals to 3 goals with the breeze in the second term to go into the long break 2 goals up. The third term saw the boys consolidate the game and go into the final term 37 points up. East Perth rallied in the last quarter to kick 6 goals but two crucial goals against the breeze saw the Swannies bring home the bacon.

Round 9 saw us back at home against old rivals Perth, in what many saw as a danger game, and the first half showed why. Perth were dominant, kicking 8 goals to 2 in the first and 4 goals to 5 in the second to go into the half time break leading by 28 points. I don't know what Adam said to the troops at half time but it worked, with them coming out and kicking 10 goals to 1 in the last half to win by 30 points. Tremendous effort.

The win see's the league cement their spot in the top 5 but with another danger game against Claremont away in round 10 could see this position jeopardised.

The reserves had a rough week with coach Daniel Wulf stepping down due to family reasons. Mitch Burgess has stepped in to take the reins. After a slow start, the boys got back into the game by three quarter time and hit the front by 1 point nearing the end of the last quarter only to be pipped at the post as Perth took a mark in the goal square with seconds remaining. The siren went before the kick was taken and the subsequent goal saw Perth fall over the line by 5 points.

The colts had a comfortable 44 point win that now see's them sitting one game clear at the top of the ladder.

The women's competition see's all three teams in uncharted waters. After a stellar 2017 the league are 4th, reserves 3rd and colts 4th. The Peel Thunderbirds and East Freo appear to be the standouts in the competition this year. The season is still young so anything can happen. **GO** girls.

The major fundraiser for the year is the Gala Auction Dinner to be held at the club on Saturday 18th August. Tickets are \$75 each or \$700 for a table of 10. Price includes 1/2 hour pre dinner drinks and a 2 course sit down meal with complimentary table wines on arrival. There will also be live entertainment and prizes galore. We are still chasing auction items so if you can help out in any way be it with items, services or just cash to go towards some form of hamper would be appreciated. See the Fundraising section for further details.

Trevor Hoy (President)



JUNE DINNER MEETING

Tuesday 19th JUNE 2018 6:30pm
Past Players & Officials Room Upstairs

GUEST SPEAKER

Glen Foreman
Son of Legend Wally Foreman and author of
'The Legend from Bruce Rock', Wally' biography

Everyone in WA who knew a little bit about sport, felt they knew Wally Foreman, even if they had never met him. But when he died suddenly in November 2006, there was one person who had only just started to feel like he knew him. His son Glen.

Just 22 when the ABC broadcaster and former sports administrator had a heart attack at a Perth gym, Glen was not only left with his own grief, but the weight of the collective grief of a State. The way he dealt with it was to delve more deeply into his father's life than perhaps anyone ever had, in order to write his biography, '***The Legend from Bruce Rock***', which was published last year. Wally was proud of his humble early days growing up in the small WA town of Bruce Rock.

In the process, Glen found out things about his father and himself that he would never have known otherwise. "Had I known what was going to be involved and how much of my life it was going to consume, I'm not sure mentally I could have got myself up to do it and get through it," Glen said last year.

At Wally's funeral at Challenge Stadium in November 2006, more than 3,000 people attended, and his memorial was broadcast on state-wide radio.

We are very fortunate to have Glen as our guest this month, to relate stories of his famous dad and to explain the difficult process it was to write the story, to his daughter (the granddaughter Wally never met).

Glen Foreman is an award-winning journalist, having covered international and national sport for News Corp Australia. Now in communications, he also works as a freelance writer and contributor and is a husband and father to young children Charlotte and Jonathon.

For Catering purposes numbers must be confirmed by Tuesday 12th June by one of the following methods:

RSVP via the online link at [RSVP](#) or phone Dave Cianciosi on 0430 068 092

May Dinner Meeting

- **New recruit Steve Payne** enlightened us on his time at East Perth, the Eagles alignment and what it has done to the WAFL club and what brought him to Swans.
- **League player Jarrod Blight** spoke about his football journey from Swans, to been drafted by Collingwood and returning back to Swans.
- **Our guest speaker Josh Catalano** talked about his rise from fish monger at Catalano' Seafood to MasterChef contestant to food truck owner to Restaurateur.
- **The dinner raffle** was drawn by our guest speaker Josh Catalano with Norm Kirkup taking out the prize.



Invite a Guest

We ask all members to RSVP to the dinners early and ask that you endeavour to bring along a guest so that we get good numbers and increase our profile.

Membership Drive

A reminder for those who have not renewed their membership to please do so. Subscriptions are still only \$40 and can be paid by any of the following methods:

- Pay at the Club Office (together with your Club Membership) and add the Swansmen membership
- Pay online via the Club webpage
- Pay at the first Dinner Meeting
- Pay direct to the Swansmen bank account, BSB: 036-080 A/C: 276254, include your name.

Fundraising for 2018

The Swansmen fundraising projects are up and running.

The AFL Raffle - Only a few tickets left, so if you haven't purchased one yet contact any committee member. Winner will be drawn at the July dinner meeting.



A coterie group of Swan Districts
Football Club Inc.

ORDER TICKETS NOW FROM

Peter Snow (0402 448 896) or in the Swansmen's Lounge on home game days, or "Over the Net" – just email snow.sdfc@gmail.com and transfer \$100 per ticket to the Swansmen Inc bank account at Westpac, BSB 036-080 A/c No 276254 with "AFL [and your surname]" in the reference box and email "swansmen@gmail.com" with your details (including mailing address) and ticket(s) will be mailed to you.

Peter Snow, AFL Grand Final Raffle Co-ordinator, Swansmen Inc.
Lottery Permit No. Application Pending

The Club 20 project is also up and running. There are 10 'investors' thus far, so if you see a 'Club 20' project advertised, please support it. We still have spots available. Contact Des Hardiman for more details.

The Auction planning is well under way however we still require **donations from businesses and members, so if you can supply any goods or services or have any contacts who can or would like to make a CASH donation, would be appreciated.** Contact Trevor Hoy or Des Hardiman.

Thursday Nights – Swans Members Night

All Club Members and Supporters are invited to Steel Blue Oval on Thursday nights to watch the team train and join in the following activities in the main bar:

League Team Announcements – Adam will give a season update and announce the senior team.

Chase the Ace – The jackpot as of Thursday 31st May is \$2810.

Chook Raffles – Win meat packs, chooks, wine plus more.

Free Members Draw – The jackpot as of Thursday 31st May is \$2300. The lucky member must be in attendance and must claim the prize with-in 2 minutes, otherwise \$100 is added to the jackpot.

THE Swansmen Game Day Experience (10-25 people)

Organise a group and enjoy a day at the footy in the comfort of the Swansmen Lounge. Various packages available include, but not limited to:

- Admission
- Football Budget
- Swansmen stubby holder
- Reserved Seat in the Swansmen Lounge VIP area
- Drinks – various drinks packages available
- Lunch – various food packages available
- Half time snacks – various food packages available
- Access to upstairs after the game

Contact Trevor Hoy or Des Hardiman for further details.

Coming Events

Date	Event	Time	Venue/ Guest
Tuesday 19th June	DINNER MEETING 4	6:30pm	Glen Foreman (Wally Foreman Book)
Tuesday 17th July	DINNER MEETING 5	6:30pm	Jonathon Beal
Tuesday 7th August	Committee Meeting	6:00pm	Swansmen Lounge
Saturday 18th August	GALA AUCTION DINNER	6:30pm	Steel Blue Function Room
Tuesday 21st August	DINNER MEETING 6	6:30pm	Ladies Night/Michaela Carr (Newsreader)
Tuesday 18th September	DINNER MEETING 7	6:30pm	Shane Beros (VSwans)
Tuesday 2nd October	Committee Meeting	6:00pm	Swansmen Lounge
Friday 5th October	Swans Medal	6:30pm	Mandoon Estate

Next Month's Dinner Guest Speaker

Jonathon Beal will be our guest speaker for the July dinner.

Jonathon is an ABC journalist, radio and television reporter and producer and more recently morning radio newsreader.



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