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## **New Look Swansmen Lounge**

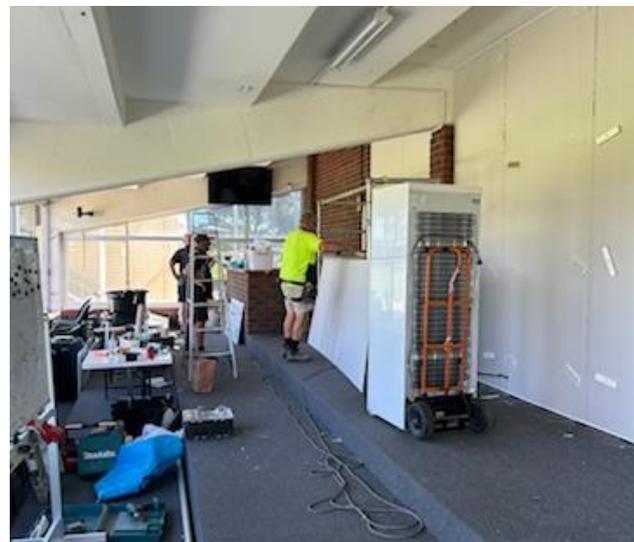
One of the key ideas to come out of the Seminar was that the Swansmen Lounge was looking a bit tired and in need of a facelift. After a lengthy discussion it was decided that the back wall would be dry walled with gyprock and painted white. This took place over the week beginning Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March. A big thanks to the following band of volunteers who pitched in for part or all of the work period: Gary Cox, Maurice Embley, Rod Greene, Ted Martin, Robin McVee, Joe Paterniti, Trevor Swarbrick (painting) and Ross Wheldon. Once again, a special thanks to **Gary Cox** for co-ordinating the works and doing most of the grunt work. Be sure to come in and have a look at the next home game.



Gary Cox and Maurice Embley hard at it day one, bay one



Two bays down one to go



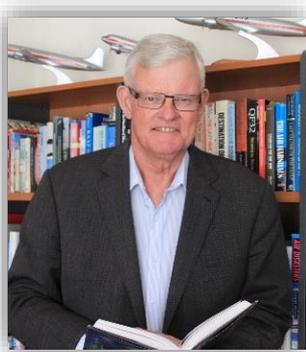
The final push, half a bay to go

## **Football Front**

Rounds 2 and 3 of the WAFLW saw Swans at home to Peel and East Perth respectively with both the Rogers Cup and League winning. Round 4 was East Fremantle away at Fremantle Oval and it was a day to forget with the Sharks too strong for the Rogers Cup girls and the League losing by a solitary point, inaccuracy in front of goals the difference. Round 5 was a bye for both teams.

The Men kicked off their season on Easter Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March against West Coast. Swans came out firing kicking the first two goals, against the breeze, before West Coast steadied and kicked two themselves going into quarter time one point down. Swans clicked in the second with the breeze and kicked six goals to one to go into the long break 29 points up. The start of the third saw both teams kick a goal each before West Coast posted five more to get within 2 points of Swans. To the credit of Swans, they steadied and kicked the last four goals of the quarter to go into the last break 21 points up. The last quarter was a rout with Swans kicking eight goals to one and come out 64-point winners. Leigh Kohlmann bagged six with Jia Reidy and Jackson McLachlan kicking three apiece. New recruits Jye Chalcraft and Nik Rokahr picked up 35 and 32 possessions respectively with Jesse Turner having 29.

## **Trevor Hoy (President)**



## ***APRIL DINNER MEETING***

***Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2024 6:30pm  
Past Players & Officials Room Upstairs***

### **GUEST SPEAKER**

***Geoffery Thomas – Aviation Expert***

*Geoffrey is a world-renowned multi-award-winning writer, author, and commentator who has taken a holistic view of the aviation industry for more than 45 years.*

*He has an outstanding reputation with the media, public, aviation personnel, and government officials as the “go-to” person on all matters related to aviation and airlines. He is an outspoken no-nonsense but fair critic of many aspects of airline management, technological issues related to aviation, and those related to safety and the environment.*

***Numbers must be confirmed before Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> April by one of the following methods:***

*RSVP via the online link at [RSVP](#) or phone Trevor Hoy on 0405 453 042*

Please note, that if you RSVP 'Yes' to a dinner and do not attend the Swansmen still have to pay for your meal.

### **Invite a Guest**

We ask all members to RSVP to the dinners early and we 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. An email will be sent out. Subscriptions have been reduced to \$35 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.

### **March Dinner Meeting**

League coach Andrew Pruyn was supposed to come and address the members but due to a bushfire in the vicinity of his home was unable to attend. However, co-captain Brandon Erceg stepped in for him. Brandon gave a run down on where the league squad was at and noted the following:

- Confidence in the playing group with regards to fitness which comes from the tough pre-season entering the 2023 Season. Peter Harrison comes back as Strength & Conditioning Coach after time away, including a period at the Brisbane Broncos
- All Recruits settling in well
- Pre-Season games showing good depth in the midfield allowing Jackson McLachlan and Aiden Clarke to spend time up forward
- 2<sup>nd</sup> year under Andrew all the group are comfortable with the game plan
- The entire group is united on and off the field

The dinner raffle was drawn by Brandon Erceg with Peter Snow taking out the prize.

## Men's Season Launch and Player Auction

The Men's Season Launch was held at the Club on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March. A good attendance of players and supporters saw the boys receive their jumpers and participate in the Player Auction. There were 10 groups up for grabs all up. The bidding wasn't as serious as 2023 but the major sponsors present still put their hands up with a total of \$29,400 collected. The Swansmen came up trumps winning Group 2 for \$3000, refer table below. The cheapest group sold for \$2100, Group 6 with and the dearest going for \$3700, Group 7.

Nik Rokahr 9	Liam Garcia 62
Brad Lynch 4	Alex Cunningham 23
Nathan Ireland 10	Jack Gallagher 42
Seb Bright 24	Colby McDonald 17
Max York 53	Soren Feast 44
Tristan McDonald 51	Tylah Williams 34
Lyle Sibosado 63	Marley Broughton 53



Keep an eye out on the Club website for the weekly results.

## Thursday Night – Swans Members Night

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

**League Team Announcements** – after training, Andrew will announce the senior team.

**Chase the Ace** – The jackpot as of Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March is \$1,340.

**Free Members Draw** – The jackpot as of Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March is \$1,400. The lucky member must be in attendance and claim the prize within 2 minutes – otherwise a jackpot of \$100 is added.

## Fundraising for 2024

**AFL Grand Final/Cash Bonanza Raffle** - Tickets on sale now. The winner will be drawn at the July dinner. Price is \$100 each and will be restricted to just 200. Major prize is the choice of a return trip for 2 to the 2024 AFL Grand Final or \$5000 cash. There will also be a second prize of \$300 plus 20 consolation prizes of your money back. See Peter Snow or Committee for tickets.

**Sponsor A Picket** - This is your chance to share in a unique piece of Western Australian sporting history. The sponsored picket could be a birthday gift, memorial remembrance for a loved one, personal favourite spot, or just a tribute to the great memories over the years at Bassendean Oval. Your choice of location around the ground. **Only \$150.00**

**The Auction** - Kim Doust will again co-ordinate the Auction this year. It will be an On-line event only and will run the entirety of August. The Club is on board to make this the big fundraiser for the season. The Auction site should be up and running mid-July. Watch this space, the Club website and your inbox for further details.

**Donations from businesses and members will be most welcomed, so if you can supply any goods or services or have any contacts who can, or have a spare dollar or hundred, it would be most appreciated.**

## Swansmen Lounge Busy Bee

The annual Swansmen Lounge busy bee was held on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March. The windows were cleaned by the professionals when the Sponsors Lounge windows were cleaned so the only thing to do was paint the brick

pillars and clean-up after the renovation of the back wall. The carpet was vacuumed, chairs cleaned, the odd cobweb removed and a general cleanup in and around the Lounge. The morning ended with the mandatory sausage sizzle and coldie. A big thanks to Peter Bacon, Steve Bakes, Jim Benson, Peter and Caroline Clements, Gary Cox, Kim Doust, Des Hardiman, Graeme Higgins, Marc Hocking, Trevor Hoy, Ted Martin, Robin McVee, Tim Outred, John Rowe and Ross Wheldon for their hard work. A big thanks to Kim Doust for providing the sausages and buns.



Members hard at it cleaning up the Lounge



Left: Ted explains to Graeme what a vacuum cleaner does!



Right: Steve Bakes and Kim Doust showing off their painting prowess



Left: 'Mr Reno' Gary Cox plying his trade under the watchful eyes of Peter Bacon. Reinstating the Honour Board

Right: Robin, Ross, John R., Marc, Ted, Des, Steve, Gary, Jim, Higgs, Kim, Caroline, Peter C, Tim, Trevor. (Peter Bacon absent)



## Coming Events

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Venue/ Guest</i>	<i>Guest Speaker</i>
<b>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April</b>	Committee Meeting	6:00pm	Swansmen Lounge	
<b>Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April</b>	DINNER MEETING 2	6:30pm	PPOA Room	Geoffery Thomas
<b>Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May</b>	DINNER MEETING 3	6:30pm	Mandoon Estate	TBC
<b>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Committee Meeting	6:00pm	Swansmen Lounge	
<b>Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June</b>	DINNER MEETING 4	6:30pm	PPOA Room	Dennis Lillee
<b>Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July</b>	DINNER MEETING 5	6:30pm	PPOA Room	TBC

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