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2023 - New Year, New Hopes

The year kicked off with the annual Planning Seminar in early February. For full details refer to the article further in this edition.

Season 2023 kicked off with the first round of the WAFLW on Sunday 11th March against Peel at Mandurah. The Rogers Cup girls kicked off the day with a 19 point win. The win was set up in the first and third quarters scoring 3.3 to zip in the first and 3.6 to zip in the third. Although they were outscored 2.3 to zip in the fourth the damage had already been done. The margin could have been greater if not for inaccurate kicking. Inaccurate kicking seemed to be the flavour of the day with the League side down going down by 5 points even though they had twelve scoring shots to seven. Eight, 0.8, scoring shots to three, 2.1, at half time told the story of the day. An impressive third quarter which saw the Swans outscore Peel 2.1 to 1.1 was not enough to claw back the deficit and bring home the four points.

The girls will be at home to Subiaco on Sunday 19th March so pop on down and have a squiz if you have any free time.



Jackson McLachlan



Jarrod Cameron

On the Men's front, the Football Department have signed 2022 Geelong VFL Co-Captain, Jackson McLachlan, small forward/mid. Returning to the Club are Jarrod Cameron and Jesse Glass-McCasker. Andrew says it is exciting to see the talent and knowledge his new recruits have brought with them from their previous clubs. The players have been hard at work on the training track over the summer under the watchful eyes of Andrew and the coaching staff.

The first men's game of the year is away on Easter Friday 7th April against East Perth at Leederville Oval. The first men's home game is on Saturday 15th April against East Fremantle. Get down and support the players in their first home game

of the season and drop into the Swansmen Lounge and renew acquaintances over a cold drink.



Jesse Glass-McCasker

The Club's 89th Annual General Meeting was held at the Club on Thursday 23th February. A good representation of members was present to hear how the Club fared for 2022 and where it is heading for 2023. The Thursday Night Members draw took place as usual with the jackpot been \$1100. For only the second time since its inception the lucky Member drawn out was present, Faye Harper. Faye is a regular to the Members Nights and a worthy recipient. Congratulations Faye.

We are putting together an interesting list of guest speakers for our dinner meetings, with League coach Andrew Pruyn the first cab off the rank. Refer to the **Coming Events** calendar at the end of the newsletter for further details. Please put the dates into your diaries **NOW** so that we have strong support in numbers and a successful financial year for the Club.

We are hoping that all past and recent members of the Swansmen will re-join in 2023 and together with the Judda Bee network, we look forward to an enjoyable and successful year both on and off the field.

Trevor Hoy (President)



MARCH DINNER MEETING

Tuesday 21st MARCH 2023 6:30pm
Past Players & Officials Room Upstairs

GUEST SPEAKER

Andrew Pruyn – League Coach

Andrew will give a rundown on the form of the squad over the summer and his expectations of the competition this year. What will be his assessment after the pre-season games?

We look forward to all members enjoying some good company and a good meal at our first meeting. Why not bring a guest along?

Numbers must be confirmed before Tuesday 14th March 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.

Annual SWANSMEN Planning Seminar

Sunday 12th February saw a good attendance at the Planning Seminar which was held at Peter Hodyl' place in Bassendean. 18 members were present as well as the Clubs Operations Manager Ross Leipold. It was once again a very productive afternoon.

In the absence of Club CEO Jeff Dennis, Club President Peter Hodyl gave an update of the Clubs affairs. He reinforced the Club values and the importance of engaging our community to remain relevant and sustainable. The Clubs current strategic plan will be reviewed in 2023. He gave an update on the Oval Redevelopment and the upgrade of the lights.

Operations Manager Ross Leipold gave a Club Operations update. Major dates have been pencilled into the calendar.



Members and partners enjoying the after Seminar dinner

Some key ideas from the seminar were:

- Annual AFL Grand Final/Cash Bonanza Raffle to be run again. Same principals as last year. Peter Snow to co-ordinate.
- The Auction will be in co-operation with the club again. It will be an On-line event only and will run for the entirety of August. Kim Doust has put his hand up to fill the role as Auction Co-ordinator.
- Wine wall to run as a separate fundraiser to the Auction.
- Thursday Night Members Nights to continue. Still proving popular with the faithful. Swansmen to continue with the Chase the Ace.
- Buy a Fence Picket to continue. Des Hardiman to co-ordinate.

Women's Season Launch and Player Auction

The Women's Season Launch was held at the Club on Thursday 9th March. A good attendance of players and supporters saw the girls receive their jumpers and participate in the Player Auction. As there is no Reserves competition in 2023 only 6 groups were up for grabs and they were hotly contested. There was some serious bidding between the major sponsors present with a total of \$21600 collected. Mark McNair battled hard for the Swansmen but our meagre \$1000 was no match for the big guns with the cheapest group selling for \$3000. Better luck next year.

Chase the Ace - Snowy takes the Jackpot

The first Members Night of the year on Thursday 16th February saw the starting Chase the Ace jackpot at \$5460. The total increased to \$5640 by the time of the draw. The lucky ticket holder was Peter Snow, who wasn't actually there, but had a proxy ticket buyer in George Brock. George was on the phone ASAP and Snowy picked the second card from the top on the right-hand side of the board and low and behold it was the ACE of SPADES. This is the second Chase the Ace win by the Snow's with Leona been a previous winner. Congratulations to Pete on his win and I do believe that George got a 10% commission for doing the hard work.



George Brock with the winning Ace on the phone to Peter Snow

Thursday Night – Swans Members Night

The Club Members nights kicked off again on Thursday 16th February. There was a good crowd present for the first night and as mentioned above the Chase the Ace jackpot was won.

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 9th March is \$1,300.

Free Members Draw – The jackpot as of Thursday 9th March is \$1,200. The lucky member must be in attendance and claim the prize within 2 minutes – otherwise a jackpot of \$100 is added.

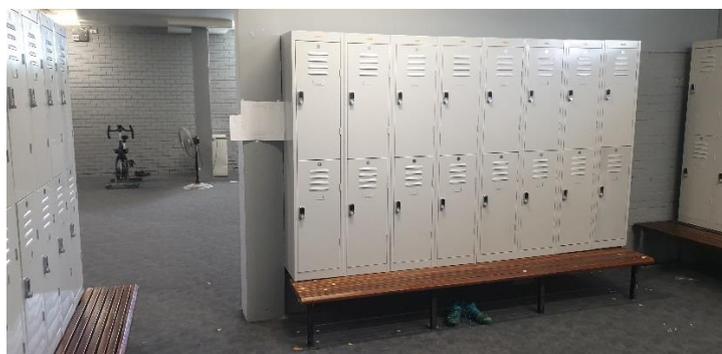
Coming Events

Date	Event	Time	Venue/ Guest	Guest Speaker
Tuesday 21st Mar	DINNER MEETING 1	6:30pm	PPOA Room	Andrew Pruyn
Friday 17th Mar	SDFC Golf Day	8:30am	Vines Resort	
Sunday 26th Mar	Lounge Busy Bee	9:30am	SDFC	
Thursday 30th Mar	Men's Season Launch	6:30pm	Presidents Suite	
Tuesday 4th April	Committee Meeting	6:00pm	Swansmen Lounge	
Friday 7th April	1 st GAME - SD vs EP	2:10pm	Leederville Oval	
Tuesday 18th April	DINNER MEETING 2	6:30pm	PPOA Room	Dr Kevin Smythe
Saturday 15th April	1 st HOME GAME - SD vs EF	2:10pm	Steel Blue Oval	
Wednesday 17th May	DINNER MEETING 3	6:30pm	Mandoon Estate	Andrew Embley Panel
Tuesday 20th June	DINNER MEETING 4	6:30pm	PPOA	Mike Richardson

Changeroom Renovations

The Swansmen have committed \$10,000 together with the same from the Past Players & Officials Assn, to enable a significant renovation to the men's league change rooms. The rooms have been painted by the players with the paint supplied at cost from Swansmen Trevor Swarbrick; the carpet was supplied through Carpet Court Midland; new lockers have been installed - with signage and historical memorabilia to come from Ascot Signs.

The old lockers (sample on right, below), will be auctioned individually at the Swansmen auction later in the year. These will be a one-off significant collector's item to place in your 'pool room'. Start saving



The new lockers will provide for the full squad of 70 to have a locker. 100 game player names will be reinstated.



The old lockers, dating back to the 1960's feature 100 game players.

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