



In house ladies group of the Hawthorn Football Club

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Matt interviews Jack at Hawthorn Family Day as he roamed Glenferrie Oval for Hawks TV.

A very good attendance at our Thornbirds Coffee Morning season launch on March 6th as we gear up for the "real season" launch on Easter Monday and won't that be fantastic. How exciting to unfurl our 2014 Premiership flag at the iconic MCG.

As you ladies will be aware we are fund raising for Sarah Knights and how generous was the support for our raffle at the Morning Coffee. We raised \$400 Brilliant. !!!!

ETIHAD STADIUM TOUR

Jas has arranged for our group to have a morning tour of Etihad Stadium followed by a buffet lunch including a glass of wine or soft drink on Friday April 10th. The cost is \$30, please book and pay by April 2nd. You can post a cheque, direct debit or pay at the March coffee morning.



ETIHAD STADIUM TOUR BOOKING FORM

Your name/s.....

Please find enclosed \$.....

I have direct debited this amount on (date)

Number attending.....\$30 each

Names of those attending.....

The Thornbirds P O Box 1319 Mountain Gate 3156

***Or bank transfer to The Thornbirds Committee
BSB 033326 A/C 372622 please put your name on
payment.***

CHAIRPERSON REPORT 2014

2014 was another successful year for the Thornbirds as well as our mighty Hawks. Back to Back premierships is a very hard thing to achieve, we need to be proud and thankful for our wonderful team at HFC, both players and staff.

The four players we sponsored last year also played in the Grand Final and contributed to the magnificent win.

Our Membership was 64 and we welcomed several new members.

Morning Coffees are always popular and continue to attract many members; the Grand Final M/C was a highlight with several players' mothers in attendance as well as Mary Arthur and Dulcie Kennedy, wives of Club Legends, Graham Arthur and John Kennedy.

Our major functions were well attended. The Sponsored Players Dinner with Jack Gunston, Matt Spangher, Ben McEvoy and Jason Burt was very enjoyable, with all players interacting with our ladies.

Oaks Day is a long and very relaxed day, with some winners and many losers over the course of the Races.

The Christmas Party is a fun way to round off our year.

Smaller informal get togethers include lunch at Warrenglen Nursery, High-tea at Ringwood Golf Club and Blue Illusion Fashion Parade in Doncaster, thanks Di McDonald and Carol Williamson for the outstanding modelling job.

A dinner in Tasmanian was held for members and family/friends that travelled to see the boys play in Launceston.

We purchase a Family Membership (2 adults and 4 children) each year, HFC then use this

membership to help families who otherwise wouldn't be able to attend matches.

Our finances are in good shape (Di will present a Financial Report later).

During the year we also collected items from a Wishlist for Ronald McDonald House in Parkville. My car was full to capacity with the items collected.

We also had our usual charity collection at the Christmas Party for St Vincent de Paul. Alan Fraser and James Couzin-Wood have to be thanked for delivering all the bags of goodies.

Many members helped out from time to time offering help which we are very grateful for, with suggestions, donations, etc. One person I would like to single out is Kath Youlten. Kath organizes most of the gifts we have for our "door prizes" and the serviette Santas at last year's Christmas Party. Thank you, Kath.

Olivea Sutton helps with the visual effects at our functions. Her efforts are always much appreciated and enjoyed.

Thank you to HFC for their continued support and particularly Jason Burt for his help in organizing our Sponsored Players to attend our dinner

Many thanks to Box Hill Golf Club for their continued support, they provide us with a great venue and are always co-operative to our requests.

A lot of work goes on behind the scenes, keeping accurate record, collecting funds, banking and recording transactions, producing Newsletters, notices, mailing, organizing and booking functions and Committee Meeting etc. This has only been achieved by the hard work of the Thornbird's Committee, Gaby, Di, Lyn and Jas. For all your support and wonderful efforts ladies I thank you on behalf of myself and our members.

I personally want to thank everyone for the help and support I have received over the last 5 years; I have enjoyed the friendship and the opportunity to work with Committee and Members. I will be remaining on the Committee but in a different capacity this year.

I would like you all to welcome Gaby Warren as the new Chairperson of the Thornbirds. Gaby has been a Committee Member for the last 10 years and has acted as Minutes Secretary during all that time. She has also help organize functions, made suggestions, decorate rooms, collect money and whatever has been required at the time. Other positions on the Committee have also changed; these have been listed in the Newsletter.

So a big thank you once again to you all for allowing me this opportunity.

Robyne Vincent

CELEBRATION MOMENTS

Congratulats to Carol Mann on the births of a Granddaughter and also a Grandson. Best wishes to both of Carol's daughters and families.



Margaret & Alan Ely celebrated 50 years of wedded bliss in February this year. Many congratulations to them. A Golden event surely teamed with Brown!!



BLUE ILLUSION FASHION PARADE

We will be having our annual Blue Illusion-Doncaster fashion parade on May 19th at 6:30pm. This year it will be held in the Styling Suite opposite the Blue Illusion Store. The Suite is a lovely venue and the Blue Illusion management will provide champagne and nibbles. There is no charge for the night but seats are limited – booking details will be provided in next newsletter. There will be door prizes and after the parade the store will be open for you to have the opportunity to make your purchases.

UPCOMING THORNBIRDS DATES FOR MARCH, APRIL, MAY 2015

MARCH	27 th Morning Coffee, 10.15am
APRIL	10 th Etihad Tour & Lunch 24 th Morning Coffee, 10.15 am
MAY	19 th Blue Illusion Fashion Parade 29 th Morning Coffee, 10.15 am
Other function dates and locations will be announced as arrangements and venues are confirmed.	

REMEMBER WHEN.....

We would be very interested in hearing of our members' experiences, joys and disappointments as members of the mighty Hawthorn FC.

If you would you like to spend 5 minutes or so sharing your stories with us at Morning Coffee please let Di know so a suitable time can be organised.

THINKING OF YOU

To our Thornbird Ladies – Barb Collins and Barb Causen and others who are not feeling well at the moment we send our best wishes to you. Good wishes for a speedy recovery to Ada Edge.

If you have any significant events in your life and would like to share in the Newsletter with your fellow Thornbirds (e.g. Special Birthday, Anniversary, New Grandchild, etc.) please contact Di McDonald.

Please contact Robyne Vincent if you know of any Thornbird who needs a cheer up.



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