



In house ladies group of the Hawthorn Football Club

Number 2

March 2017

Our Sponsored Players for 2017



19

Jack
Gunston



31

Ricky
Henderson



43

Marc
Pittonet

Special welcome to our “new boy” – Ricky Henderson - and of course we are rapt to have Jack & Marc with us again.

First Morning Coffee

Our traditional first Morning Coffee was at “The Last Piece” café at 7/2 Stadium Circuit, Mulgrave on Friday the 24th February. Everyone enjoyed catching up and suggesting activities for our participation this football season. We may need to look at another venue for the opening Morning Coffee next year as it was very noisy which made it difficult for our ladies to hear.

Committee vacancy

If you are interested in joining Thornbirds committee please contact Lyn Sutton with your name.

We have chosen to use a ballot system to select the new member.

Ballot to be drawn at the March Coffee Morning.

*Please contact our new Chairperson **Lyn Sutton**: via email on suttonfam@bigpond.com or by Phone: on 0409 863 211 before 24th March 2017.*

CONGRATULATIONS!



Our warmest congratulations to Thornbird member Frances Bohan and her husband Wayne who are now the proud grandparents of twins born 7th February, 2017. A boy Flynn James and a girl Edie Grace Dobson born at the Mercy Hospital in Heidelberg

A Sea Cruise??



–well almost.....



We are planning a trip on Port Phillip Ferry from Docklands to Portarlington on Saturday 18th March 2017. We will leave Docklands on the 10:45am ferry arriving at Portarlington at 12:15pm. The return ferry leaves Portarlington at 4:00pm reaching Docklands at 5:30pm. Portarlington is a charming seaside village with "The Grand Hotel" and lots of small restaurants and cafes'. This trip is open to our members, family (partners and children) and friends at the same price.

Concession fare is \$24 return, children \$12.

If you wish to sail with us, please let a committee member know by 16th March 2017

Please book with:

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EASTER RAFFLE



Easter is approaching soon and we will run an Easter Egg Raffle at the March Coffee Morning. We invite everyone attending to bring along an Easter Egg to be placed in containers which will then be raffled at \$2 a ticket during the morning. All money



raised from this will be donated to the Royal Childrens Hospital Good Friday Appeal.

THINKING OF YOU

To any of our Thornbirds Ladies – who are not feeling well at the moment we send our best wishes to you.

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



2016 THORNBIRDS SUMMARY.

Our first coffee morning last year was at the Last Piece as the Box Hill Golf Club was unavailable.

We confirmed our sponsored players, Jack Gunston, Matt Spangher and Marc Pittonet. We reminded our ladies that Thornbird membership payment was due. All paid up members by the March coffee morning went into a draw to attend the HFC Sponsored Players event with the committee.

A popular function was a day at Warren Glen Nursery – beautiful weather and great food. There was a 20% discount on all items in the gift shop and nursery – Some of us were tempted.

As quite a few Thornbirds go to Tassie games Lyn was happy to arrange a dinner after the match. For the first time Gaby couldn't make it – how she loved those Tassie games.

In May we also had a Blue Illusion fashion parade which, for whatever reason, was not the usual success. We collected \$350 and made the donation up to \$500 for MS Research. Thanks ladies.

At this point in our year we were shocked and saddened by the passing of our Chairperson and much loved Gaby Warren. Our sympathies went to her husband of 37 years – Mike. Many of our members attended the service at Springvale. Robyne delivered a beautiful eulogy on behalf of the Thornbirds.

The HFC sponsored player trivia night was a fun function. Unfortunately Matt was unavailable to attend but Jack and Marc are great guys and are so friendly. The lucky Thornbirds who joined with the Committee on the night were Carol Mann and Kath Youlten. Olivea Sutton filled in at the last minute for Jas who couldn't make it.

In August we had our own sponsored players night, this time Jack was unable to attend but Matt and Marc were very at home amongst us. This was Marc's first function and he weathered his baptism of fire very well. Matt was his usual gorgeous self – they were both a big hit with the ladies.

Our coffee morning in October unfortunately clashed with the Box Hill Golf Club international tournament. As we were not aware of this, prior to the day, we had to reschedule hurriedly to the Box Hill RSL. Thank you ladies for your understanding and special thanks to Robyne who stood at the Golf Club parking area diverting ladies to the RSL.

Oaks Day was another fun function – lots of sweeps courtesy of Graham Arthur & Mike Derum assisted by John Vincent, Ray Sutton and Stuart McDonald. Thanks guys!

And so the season ending morning coffee was another happy occasion. Our team did so well – we weren't too disappointed. It would have been incredible to have four in a row but maybe that is being greedy! The mothers of our three sponsored players – Mandy Gunston, June Spangher & Helene Pittonet joined us once again as did Dulcie Kennedy and Mary Arthur. We are grateful for their support.

Our annual Christmas Dinner was quite unusual to say the very least! A few days before the function was due to take place at Box Hill Football Club Pavilion we were informed that they had double-booked to venue and we would have to find somewhere else. What consternation, engendering lots of emails and phone calls.

Jas excelled herself and spoke to the management of the Fire Chief in Camberwell – thankfully they were able to accommodate us!

All who attended were very pleased with the great food, rapid service and pleasant surroundings. Well done Jas!



UPCOMING THORNBIRDS DATES FOR MARCH THRU MAY 2017

<i>DATE</i>	<i>MORNING COFFEE VENUE – BOX HILL GOLF CLUB</i>
<i>March 18th</i>	<i>Portarlington Cruise – all day</i>
<i>March 31st</i>	<i>Morning Coffee & Ballot for Committee member, 10.15am – Bistro Easter Egg Raffle</i>
<i>April 28th</i>	<i>Morning Coffee, 10.15am – Bistro</i>
<i>May 26th</i>	<i>Morning Coffee, 10.15am – Bistro</i>

Planning is under way for future activities & events:

We have planned a family luncheon at The Firechief Restaurant 169 Camberwell Rd Camberwell on SUNDAY June 25th. We will be launching our major raffle this day which includes a signed Jack Gunston Jumper. This raffle will be drawn at our morning coffee on July 28.