



In house ladies group of the Hawthorn Football Club

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***Matt gets ready
for his return to
Seniors and Jack in
action against the
Saints***

ETIHAD STADIUM TOUR – Gaby reports

A group of Thornbirds met for a tour at Etihad Stadium. We were taken through the complex by Des our Tour Leader, who did a superb job of showing us around all the interesting areas behind the scenes there. He happily informed us, that he too was a Hawthorn member and has been for twenty five years and near the end just before moving up to level 2 for a lovely buffet lunch, we stood with our arms around one another in the familiar circle in the players' changing rooms and enthusiastically sang our club theme song "We're A Happy Team At Hawthorn". The Thornbirds certainly had a happy time at Etihad!!



REMINISCING

Win Wood recalled her memories of Hawthorn Football Club at our March Morning Coffee. She has the enviable record of attending every Hawthorn premiership appearance including

losing ones. In 1996 Win began work as a Hawthorn FC volunteer in the membership area. Comments had been made to Win that Hawthorn was increasing membership by using pets as members. She recalled on her first phone call the member saying her dog had died so that member would not be renewing! She has many friends and acquaintances made through her lifetime following the MIGHTY HAWKS!

At our April Morning Coffee Helen Greenfield told us how she came to be a Hawthorn supporter. On arriving from South Africa as a child the family moved to Hawthorn and so began a lifetime association with the Hawks. Helen and her father became regular attendees at our spiritual home and her daughter Kate happily married a Hawthorn supporter.

BLUE ILLUSION FASHION PARADE

Our Fashion Parade on 19th May for the benefit of Sarah Knights & to raise awareness of Lyme Disease was a wonderful success. It was very well supported by our Thornbird ladies and friends. Blue Illusion supplemented the attendance with some of their loyal customers and we had very great pleasure in seeing Sarah, her mother Angela and sister Rebecca joining us. Mike Derum spoke movingly about the fight for formal recognition of Lyme Disease which currently requires sufferers to fund their own treatment – often provided overseas – a very expensive exercise. Angela Knights spoke of the difficulties her family faced with travel and the special modifications required to their home. Lastly Sarah herself told us the story of her ongoing battle with this disease. She is a wonderful girl who manages to smile despite her illness.

Thanks to all those who attended for contributing to the success of the evening. Special thanks to the Melbourne Pearl Company who donated the door prize and to the hard working Blue Illusion staff.

The funds raised from the event included direct contributions to the sum of \$520 plus commission from Blue Illusion sales.

Such was the success of the night Blue Illusion is planning another fund-raiser for Lyme Disease on 01 September 2015.

Well done everyone!!!

*Our special guests Sarah,
her mother Angela and
our speaker on Lyme
Disease Mike Derum*



*Everyone wore a lime-
green ribbon on the night
to emphasise awareness
of Lyme Disease.*



Winter Warm Coat Appeal

It has been the coldest start to Winter for many years so please think of those who are struggling to keep warm. It's a great opportunity to clear out your wardrobes of all those unwanted coats and donate them.

Di McDonald will be collecting coats for the Off Your Back program. This is a great initiative run by the Salvation Army. Please bring them to Coffee Morning on Friday 26 June 2015, she will make sure they are delivered to the Off Your Back Program.

SPECIAL EVENING –

We are planning a Special Evening with our sponsored players Jack Gunston and Matt Spangher who have indicated their willingness to run the evening. We have approval from the club for their appearance with the proviso that if the club requires them to be elsewhere then that takes precedence.

Whatever the outcome, it promises to be a fun evening with some quiz questions, good food and good company.

*Please book with Lyn Sutton by Friday 03 July on suttonfam@bigpond.com Phone: 0409 863 211
Even when paying by direct debit please don't forget to notify Lyn.*

SPECIAL EVENING – Wednesday 08 July 2015, 6:30pm for 7:00pm

Your name/s.....

Please find enclosed \$.....

I have direct debited this amount on (date)

Number of Members attending\$50 each

Number of Non-Members attending\$55 each

Names of those attending.....

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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.***

UPCOMING THORNBIRDS DATES FOR JUNE, JULY & AUGUST 2015

DATE	VENUE – BOX HILL GOLF CLUB
JUNE 26 th	Morning Coffee, 10.30 am – Bistro
JULY 08 th	Special Evening, 6:30pm for 7:00pm-Restaurant
JULY 31 st	Morning Coffee, 10.30 am – Bistro
August 28 th	Morning Coffee, 10.30 am – Bistro

We are arranging a visit to Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries Costume Exhibition at Ripponlea for Tuesday 11th August 2015 – Numbers are limited so if you are interested in joining this event please contact Robyne Vincent - we will provide more details as soon as available.

BELEURA VISIT – “A THEATRE OF THE PAST”

What a wonderful day was had by all at beautiful Beleura House and Gardens. The house and gardens are a testament to beautiful architecture and decoration, astute theatrical and business talents from the 1880's to 1950's. The last owner, John Tallis, left the estate in trust to the people of Victoria. The gardens are quite extensive covering 10 acres and broken into many garden rooms. They are quite beautiful in winter foliage and must be amazing in the warmer months – surely worthy of another visit.

We were treated to refreshments on arrival and after the morning tour a lovely lunch followed by the second stage of the tour. The National Trust volunteer staff was very friendly and efficient.



Some happy Thornbirds (plus ring-in) at Beleura

THINKING OF YOU

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

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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