



In house ladies group of the Hawthorn Football Club

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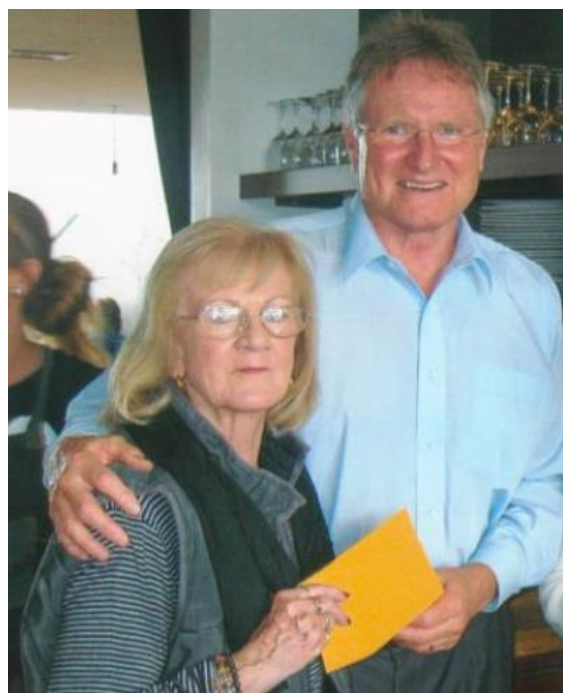
June 2016

We are all deeply saddened by the loss of our greatly loved and admired Thornbirds Chairperson Gaby Warren.

Gaby was a staunch supporter of the Thornbirds. She was committed to all things Hawthorn and her commitment was returned by the Club honouring her with the display of our three-peat Premiership Cups at her funeral.

Our deepest sympathies go to Mike, her husband & great love of over 30 years.

We will all miss you Gaby



Gaby with Hawks legend Peter Knights

MAJOR RAFFLE

Owing to circumstances we have deferred the launch of the major raffle until June. We will now be drawing the raffle at the July Morning Coffee. Those members not attending the June Morning Coffee will have their tickets mailed to them.

As this is our major raffle for the year we do need your support to continue sponsorship of the players. Tickets will be \$5 each or 5 for \$20.

The prizes are a choice of:

- Signed Jack Gunston guernsey
- Champagne gourmet food hamper
Value \$150
- Pamper hamper also valued at \$150
- Voucher for dinner for two & bottle of wine
Compliments of Box Hill Golf Club restaurant.

On Tuesday 10th May, we held our Fashion Parade fund raiser at BlueIllusion Doncaster. This year's parade raised money for MS research. The guest speaker, Donna, spoke of her own battles with MS during which time she carried on her career as a police officer.

Donna's resilience, positivity and passion for fundraising was inspirational.

We thank our Thornbird models, Bev Allen and Carol Williamson, who once again were the picture of elegance.

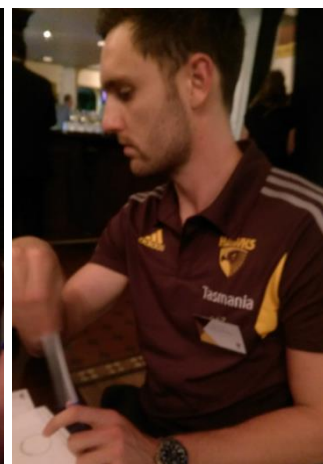
Thanks also to our Thornbirds members and their friends who came along to support the night.



SPONSORED PLAYERS FUNCTION

The Sponsored Players function was held at the Glenferrie Hotel on Tuesday 24th May. Our lucky draw winners Carol Mann and Kath Youlten joined committee members Robyne, Lyn and Di. Olivea Sutton filled in at the last minute in place of Jas

Both Jack Gunston and Marc Pittonet were in attendance. Matt Spangher was unable to attend due to university study commitments. This year the night took the form of a trivia night and our table came equal first, losing out on the tie breaker which was "What is the number of centimetres in height difference between Poppy and Big Boy McEvoy"



TASSIE HOME GAMES

Owing to the enjoyment provided by the Thornbirds and friends "get together" at a restaurant after our first Tassie home game those attending have decided to keep this happy arrangement going for subsequent matches.

If you want to join in the fun please contact Lyn as bookings are required at the restaurant.

COFFEE MORNINGS

Come along and join the fun at our regular Coffee Mornings – from small beginnings this has blossomed into a monthly catch-up which is certainly popular.

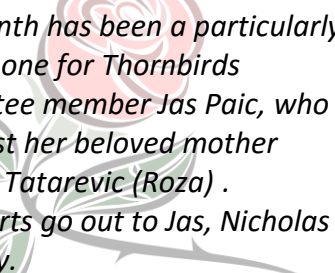
UPCOMING THORNBIRDS DATES FOR MARCH THRU AUGUST 2016

DATE	MORNING COFFEE VENUE – BOX HILL GOLF CLUB
June 24 th	Morning Coffee & Major Raffle launch, 10.15am – Bistro
July 29 th	Morning Coffee & Major Raffle draw, 10.15am – Bistro
August 26 th	Morning Coffee, 10.15am – Bistro

PLAYERS EVENING

We are hoping for a Monday early in August, as suggested by HFC for our Sponsored Players Evening at "The Pavilion", Box Hill Football Club. Details to be advised when confirmed. Our boys tell us they look forward to this event.

THINKING OF YOU



This month has been a particularly difficult one for Thornbirds committee member Jas Paic, who sadly lost her beloved mother Rozalija Tatarevic (Roza). Our hearts go out to Jas, Nicholas and Suzy.

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.

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.

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VALE GABY WARREN



Many Thornbirds attended Gaby's funeral. Robyne was asked to speak on our behalf. For those who were unable to attend, below is the eulogy Robyne delivered.

I first meet Gaby during 2003, I had seen her occasionally around the old Hawthorn Football Social Club, but didn't know her.

In 2003 at a cocktail party held by the original Thornbird group, June Nicholas announced that the Thornbird group was going to be closed down, a big shock to the ladies there. Two committee members, Irene McShane and Di McDonald said "No, we don't want that to happen, we are going to try to continue with the group". Irene and Di asked for ladies interested in continuing the Thornbirds and joining the committee. Gaby was one of the first to step forward, hence started our relationship with Gaby.

Gaby became the Minutes secretary, a position she held until 2014.

In 2015 she became Chairperson for the group.

Gaby's minutes were very detailed and she would ring up different members to check if things were ok, then she (with Mike's help) would type them up.

The computer was a challenge for Gaby as with many our age as we didn't grow up with them. Mike was a great help to Gaby as she mastered emails. She did sometimes phone as it was easier than emails.

When Gaby took over as Chairperson she wasn't very confident, however, as 2015 progressed she gained confidence and was enjoying the position. She was looking forward to a good 2016, but this has been tragically cut short.

So that is our background with our friendship with Gaby, one that grew into respect and love.

Gaby was always a grand lady; I think she should have been born in the 1920's. She loved elegant clothes, jewellery, scarves etc. Never a hair out of place.

We went to Ripponlea for an exhibition of clothing from the Miss Fisher Mystery Series on the ABC last year. She loved the clothes and said how she would have looked great in them in her younger days.

Her jewellery was another story, putting all those necklaces on every morning and taking them off at night must have been time consuming. She loved anything gold. At a committee meeting one day, one of us had a colourful necklace on. We were just commenting on it and talking about cost, Gaby's comment was, you could have put that \$40.00 toward a real piece of jewellery. We said, a real piece of jewellery would have cost a lot more than \$40.00

One of our members was telling me a story last Friday about the time someone asked Gaby if her jewellery was real, Gaby just rolled her eyes and looked away.

I can't recall seeing Gaby without a scarf on, she loved them. I guess it was part of her trademark, beautiful hair, jewellery and scarves.

Mike was telling me the other day that he sometimes called her, Lillian Frank. He said he should have bought her leopard skin trousers.

In 2007, the Thornbirds decided to have a dinner in Launceston after the match at Aurora. Gaby and Mike had never been to an inter-state match. Gaby wasn't all that keen but her and Mike went along anyway. Well that was the start of a love affair with Tassie. Until this year they hadn't missed a match and really love the weekends away.

Mind you, I don't know what they got up to there but if you every spoke to Gaby of the Monday after she always had so much washing to do. Two adults for 2 days, makes you wonder.

In 2009, Hawthorn played on ANZAC Day in Tassie, Gaby and Mike went to the local ANZAC Day Service. After the service they were talking to a local man who asked them if they were from Melbourne. They chatted and went their separate ways. At the football later in the day there was the man a few rows in front of them.

They spoke to him and that was the start of a friendship, Gaby always referred to him as Jack ANZAC, I don't know why because his name was Max. Anyway they met up with Jack ANZAC each time they went to Tassie. They would go to dinner and he invited them to meet his family. He came to Melbourne and they met before the game one time. In the last few years Jack ANZAC re married and did a bit of travelling so they only saw him once or twice a year. Gaby always enjoyed visiting with him.

When I mentioned about the computers I should have said about Gaby and the mobile phone. Hers was a dinosaur, so was Mike's until about a month ago. It was never on and I don't think she really knew how to use it. At committee meeting she would just sit there while we were looking up something etc and shake her head, she just wasn't interested in this sort of time wasting technology. (and Face book was something else she couldn't believe we wasted our time on) She only ever phoned me on my home phone. Very few people call me on it so it was a good guess that it was Gaby calling. As I said the elegant 20's might have suited her better.

Gaby was looking forward to this season, her and Mike had joined the Confreres, and were excited about that. Gaby had a lovely day with the Confreres at a function held at the President's property at Red Hill on the Mornington Peninsula.

Gaby was passionate about the Hawthorn Football Club, anyone saying anything negative about the Club, players and staff was challenged with vigour, no stepping back.

Gaby loved HFC and by the show of support and our three babies here you would have to say the HFC loved Gaby also.

Finally, a few years ago now we lost another much loved committee member, Lara Fraser. I hope Lara and Gaby are looking down on us and feeling proud of what the Thornbirds have achieved in the last 13 years and I hope we can make both our friends proud of our efforts in the future.

RIP dear Gaby, I will love you and miss you forever.

How proud would Gaby be to have received such a wonderful notice in the paper from her beloved Hawks.

