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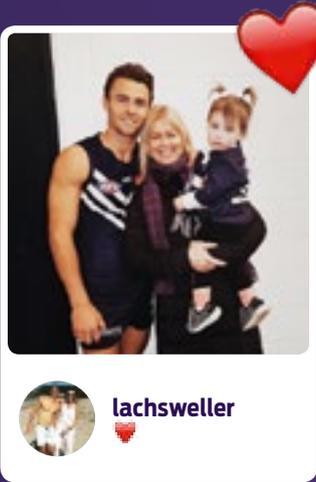
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# PERTH STADIUM

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ALL FREMANTLE MEMBERS  
ON THE PLANNED MOVE TO PERTH STADIUM FOR THE 2018 SEASON



**N**ow that the 2017 season has come to a close, the club is aware that our members have a range of questions regarding their seating arrangements in 2018 when all Fremantle Dockers home games are planned to be played at Perth Stadium, on the banks of the picturesque Swan River at Burswood. We are hopeful of concluding arrangements to play at Perth Stadium by the time or soon after you receive this edition of Docker magazine.

There is no doubt that your Fremantle Dockers match day experience will be transformed in 2018, with Perth Stadium offering more choices of seating categories, new match day experiences, a broader range of new and improved catering options, the biggest replay screens in the country plus significantly enhanced Wi-Fi technology for all our members and fans. All at the club are excited about the move to Perth Stadium, including our players who can't wait to play in front of a sea of purple with a roaring Fremantle crowd.

The club is delighted to confirm that all Fremantle Dockers members will have priority access at Perth Stadium for the 2018 season. Members will have more categories of seating options to choose from at Perth Stadium compared to Domain Stadium and the club has committed to ensuring that there will also be more affordable reserved seating options available compared to the previous options at Domain Stadium.

Once the agreement has been signed to play at Perth Stadium in 2018, Fremantle Dockers members will start to receive communication from the club via email regarding the move to Perth Stadium. To assist Fremantle members we have listed below the key points for Fremantle members to remember during the transition phase:

#### **When can I see inside Perth Stadium?**

- ▶ The club is working with the operator of Perth Stadium to plan for an open day for Fremantle members. Due to the ongoing construction works we anticipate that this open day will



occur in the New Year and prior to the start of the 2018 Toyota AFL Premiership Season.

- We will launch our online Virtual Perth Stadium in the days subsequent to the commercial agreement being signed with the State Government and the stadium operator. The Virtual Perth Stadium is a state-of-the-art online portal that has been designed to provide all Fremantle members and fans the ability to see incredible 360 degree views from almost every section in the stadium through Virtual Perth Stadium. Fremantle members will receive notification via email as soon as Virtual Perth Stadium is launched and available to view online.

#### **Where is my allocated reserved seat at Perth Stadium?**

- The club has allocated you a reserved seat at Perth Stadium based on the location of your previous seat at Domain Stadium.
  - Please note that if you have previously nominated to be in a group, the location of your allocated reserved seat at Perth Stadium will be based on the location of the longest serving group member's seat at Domain Stadium.
- Shortly after Virtual Perth Stadium online portal is launched Fremantle members will receive notification from the club via email of their allocated reserved seat and their priority purchase period to view the location of their allocated reserved seat for the 2018 season via Virtual Perth Stadium.
- The priority purchase period being provided to members is based on length of membership.
  - Please note that if you have previously nominated to be part of a group then your group leader will receive this information. Please contact the club if you have any questions regarding your group or your seat allocation.

#### **How do I secure my allocated reserved seats at Perth Stadium?**

- During the priority purchase period, Fremantle members can utilise Virtual Perth Stadium to see the location of their club allocated seats, accept the location of their club allocated seats

and secure their seats for 2018 by paying a deposit of \$10 for every seat through Virtual Perth Stadium.

- It is important to note that the club will hold all the seats that we have allocated to Fremantle members until the end of the priority period.
- Please note that if you have previously nominated to be part of a group then your group leader will receive this information. Please contact the club if you have any questions regarding your group or your seat allocation.

#### **Can I move my reserved seats once I have been notified of the location of my allocated seat at Perth Stadium?**

- The club is excited to provide Fremantle members the option to be able to view all available reserved seats at Perth Stadium via Virtual Perth Stadium during their priority purchase period.
- During the priority purchase period, Fremantle members can utilise Virtual Perth Stadium to see the location of all available seats and the price of those available seats. Fremantle members can then move the location of their seats via Virtual Perth Stadium to any of the available seats. Members can then secure those seats for 2018 by paying a deposit of \$10 for every seat through Virtual Perth Stadium.

#### **Can I secure additional reserved seats?**

- Due to the increased capacity of Perth Stadium Fremantle members will have an exclusive opportunity to secure additional seats during their priority purchase period. This may be the only time Fremantle members will have the ability to secure additional seats for family and friends.
- To enable you to secure additional seats, the club will provide Fremantle members the option to be able to view all available reserved seats at Perth Stadium via Virtual Perth Stadium during their priority purchase period.
- During the priority purchase period, Fremantle members can utilise Virtual Perth Stadium to see the location of all available seats and

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the price of those available seats. Fremantle members can then use Virtual Perth Stadium to secure additional seats for family and friends in the location they prefer via Virtual Perth Stadium and secure the seats for 2018 by paying a deposit of \$10 for every seat through Virtual Perth Stadium.

### How much will my reserved seat cost at Perth Stadium?

- ▶ The club has been working to ensure that there is a greater range of seating and pricing options open to members at Perth Stadium compared with Domain Stadium. Members will be able to view the price of the range of the seating categories via Virtual Perth Stadium during their priority purchase period.
- ▶ Once Fremantle members have decided on their preferred seating location they can secure their seat via a \$10 deposit per seat through Virtual Perth Stadium. The deposit amount is then deducted off the invoice you receive from the club for your reserved seat at Perth Stadium, once the priority period is complete.
- ▶ At the completion of the priority purchase period members will receive their 2018 Fremantle Dockers renewal invoice. Members will then be required to pay the outstanding balance of their seat for the 2018 season at Perth Stadium.
- ▶ If Fremantle Members do not secure their seat during the priority purchase period, the club can release their seat for sale to other members and fans.

### When will I get my 2018 Fremantle Dockers Membership card?

- ▶ The club will post your 2018 Fremantle Dockers Membership pack, which includes your card from February 2018 in advance of the AFL season.

### Will there be a dedicated Supporters Club for Fremantle members at Perth Stadium?

- ▶ The Fremantle Dockers are excited to offer Fremantle members an ability to upgrade your membership and make your match day experience more memorable with access to the new Fremantle Dockers Supporters Club.
- ▶ This fantastic membership add-on provides

members the opportunity to secure exclusive access to the Skyview Room, Skyview Terrace and Riverview Room at Perth Stadium to socialise with other Fremantle Dockers members and fans on match day.

- The Skyview Room and Skyview Terrace are located on level 5 at the western end of Perth Stadium, with stunning views of the Perth city skyline.
- The Riverview Room is located on level 3 at the western end of Perth Stadium and overlooks the picturesque Swan River.
- ▶ Fremantle Dockers Supporters Club members will experience the comfort of an air-conditioned room, the ability to purchase delicious sit-down meals, access an exclusive bar, plus enjoy special guest speakers and Fremantle Dockers player interviews.
- ▶ During your priority purchase period you will be able to view the location and the affordable price to access the Supporters Club via Virtual Perth Stadium.

### What is the most exclusive Membership package at Perth Stadium?

- ▶ The Fremantle Dockers Sports Lounge will be an exclusive social hub at Perth Stadium. The Sports Lounge area includes 850 exclusive reserved seats and is located on Level 3 on the southern side of the stadium and with panoramic views from centre wing of the field of play.
- ▶ The package includes:
  - An exclusive reserved seat at all Fremantle Dockers home qualifying round matches (excludes Toyota AFL Finals).
  - Access to the Sports Lounge located directly behind the seating area.
    - The Sports Lounge will offer a range of premium retail food and beverage outlets and includes lounges, tables and chairs in the comfort of a fully enclosed area.
  - Guaranteed access to any Toyota AFL Grand Final that Fremantle participate in.
    - Note: one reserve seat in the Fremantle Dockers Sports Lounge entitles you access to purchase one Priority One Grand Final ticket via a Fremantle Dockers AFL Grand Final Upgrade.



- Ability to purchase 2018 Toyota AFL Final Series tickets to games in which Fremantle participates.
  - Priority access to tickets to the 2018 away Carlton Draught Derby.
- During your priority purchase period you will be able to view the location and price to secure the most exclusive membership seats in the Sports Lounge via Virtual Perth Stadium.

**Will there be additional Premium Hospitality and Corporate Entertainment packages available for members to purchase at Perth Stadium?**

- Fremantle Dockers games at Perth Stadium will set new standards in premium hospitality and corporate entertainment. With an unrivalled view, exceptional surroundings and the very best facilities and services, the club's Premium and Corporate Sales packages will raise the bar for match day entertainment.
- To receive information on the club's premium hospitality and corporate entertainment packages that are available at Perth Stadium, please contact the club's Premium and Corporate Sales team on (08) 9433 7182 or at [sales@fremantlefc.com.au](mailto:sales@fremantlefc.com.au). Members can also visit [corporate.fremantlefc.com.au](http://corporate.fremantlefc.com.au).

**Is there still a range of other add-on products available?**

- The club is pleased to again offer Fremantle Dockers Members a range of additional products which includes:
- AFL Women's Memberships for 2018.
  - Exclusive Fremantle Dockers merchandise options.
  - Docker Tots Memberships for the youngest Freo fans.
  - Purple Paws Memberships for your pets.

To keep up to date with the latest information regarding the Fremantle Dockers move to Perth Stadium, we encourage all Fremantle members to visit [membership.fremantlefc.com.au](http://membership.fremantlefc.com.au) on a regular basis.

We are looking forward to 2018 when Fremantle members and fans can join us as we are to move to the banks of the Swan River to play at Perth Stadium for all our home games in 2018 and beyond!



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# DERBY CLUB

## “IT’S AN INTENSE ROOM” – FREMANTLE DERBY CLUB PUTS NAME ON NEW LECTURE THEATRE

The Fremantle Derby Club, a Freo coterie group since 1995, was acknowledged for its on-going support at the launch of the Fremantle Derby Club Lecture Theatre on Tuesday, 25 July.

Up-and-coming defender Lachie Weller, who was on hand to acknowledge the occasion at Freo’s new elite training and administration facility, thanked those present for their support of the Fremantle Dockers Foundation.

Weller is already well acquainted with the Fremantle Derby Club Lecture Theatre, which hosts most team meetings as well as player and coach media conferences.

The 21-year-old remarked that he felt much happier to be standing in front of the guests as opposed to the media or senior coach Ross Lyon.

“It’s a bit different being up here, I’m normally getting the finger pointed at me,” joked Weller.



“Most mornings and afternoons we’ll meet in here before training, so we’ll probably go through what we’re going to do in training and what our focuses are.

“In the afternoon it will be more reviewing and previewing the next game. It’s a pretty intense room, so thanks to the Derby Club for donating it!”

The Fremantle Dockers Foundation funds numerous community and social projects and events each year while helping to secure the future of the Fremantle Football Club.

Fremantle Derby Club vice president Graham Morgan said it was important to

be able to continue to support the club through the foundation.

“One of the things that’s fortunate about being in the Fremantle Derby Club is that we get a lot of support from the Fremantle Dockers and the staff that we deal with,” Morgan said.

“When the opportunity came up that we could help the Fremantle Dockers Foundation by securing the naming rights to the lecture theatre, the committee realised that was a good idea.

“We also look forward to working with the football club as we transition into the new stadium, which is sensational.”

**INTENSE ROOM:**  
Lachie Weller thanks the Fremantle Derby Club for their contribution.



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## DARCY'S LESSON ON BRAVERY

Running had hardly been a possibility for 11-year-old Fremantle fan Emily Byrne for a good part of 2017, but in round 20 she ran out on to Domain Stadium as Freo's Docker for a Day in their clash with Gold Coast.

Emily's opportunity came thanks to the Fremantle Dockers Foundation, which was recognised on the night for the 2017 Fremantle Dockers Foundation Round, highlighting a number of key organisations which have been assisted by the foundation.

Now on the road to recovery, Emily recently spent more than two weeks at Fiona Stanley Hospital, undergoing seven surgical procedures for a painful abscess in her right foot.

On Friday 4 August, Emily was one of 10 remarkable children recognised at the annual AJ Diamond Club Bravery Awards, and was presented with a certificate, medal and toys from Freo AFL Women's player Kellie Gibson and first year players Sean Darcy, Griffin Logue, Brennan Cox, Luke Ryan, Taylin Duman and Luke Strnadica.

The awards are a long-standing tradition dating back to Fremantle's first year in the AFL, and recognise the bravest young patients at Fiona Stanley and

Rockingham General hospitals from the previous 12 months.

To Darcy, being brave meant going up against the biggest and strongest bodies in the AFL – but the towering 202cm ruckman said he gained a new outlook from children a third of his size.

"They're brave kids, it puts life into perspective a bit," Darcy said.

"Ten to 12 year olds who are not hanging out with their friends, not going to school because they're in hospital for two months, I don't know how they do it.

"They're way braver than I am to be honest, that was something really special."

After the presentations, the award winners were given free rein of the pool and waterslides at Cockburn ARC, and the first year players stuck around to enjoy the afternoon.

"Seeing the kids, they've been through so much but yet they're so happy and positive," Darcy said.

"It lifts us up, we loved it." CEO of the South Metropolitan Health Service Paul Forden said the children had also left their mark on the hospital staff.

"While the award recipients are some of our youngest patients of Fiona Stanley and Rockingham hospitals, they're by far our bravest, most courageous and determined

patients," Forden said.

"Our paediatric nursing and medical staff take great care and pride in nominating the children and young adults who have been treated at our hospitals for these awards.

"They see first hand what these kids go through, how they face up to surgery, pain, being away from home and all manner of different challenges.

"Our staff can confidentially recall the names of these young people, some up to 12 months later, it's because they made such an indelible impression on them.

"I'd also like to mention the mums, dads, siblings and grandparents who also should get an award as well." 🏆

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**SEAN DARCY**

**BRAVE:** Sean Darcy and Kellie Gibson with bravery award recipient Emily Byrne.





## FOUNDATION ROUND OH, WHAT A NIGHT!

Freo's win against the Gold Coast Suns on Saturday 5 August doubled as the Fremantle Dockers Foundation Round with the game highlighting the club's Friends of the Foundation partners.

As the players were preparing for the game, the Friends of the Foundation mascots took to the turf of Domain Stadium to compete in a mascot dance-off with Johnny and Jenny Docker.

Parents and players from the Starkick All Abilities Football Club were amongst the action as the Boundary Riders watching the team warm-up.

Redkite families were hosted in the Chairman's Lounge pre-game by Alex Pearce and Sam Collins as part of their Redkite Family Day.

ICEA, Rocky Bay and the Royal Flying Doctor Service engaged with



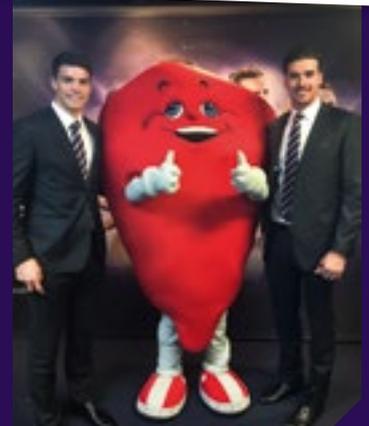
fans in the precinct in the lead up to the game and volunteers sold pins and wristbands for the Fremantle Dockers Foundation.

The fun continued after the siren with members from Starkick watching the team sing the song in the changerooms and meeting some of their favourite Freo players. 📺

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# THE KIDS ARE ALRIGHT

A significant transition of Fremantle's list after the 2016 season has seen a young and inexperienced team show an ability to perform beyond their years. There may still be a way to go, but general manager of list management Brad Lloyd says he can see Fremantle building towards an exciting future.

STORY » TOM FEE

**F**rom 2009 to 2016, Fremantle has fielded teams with an average age below 24 on only 12 occasions.

You won't find these games among the Fremantle highlight reel, with Freo losing 11 of them by an average of 52 points.

The numbers show that selecting youth has its risks, as was evident late in the season when Freo suffered big losses to premiership contenders Sydney and Richmond in rounds 21 and 22.

Against North Melbourne in round 16, the average age of Freo's 22 dropped to a season low of 23.66, fielding a side that included first year players Griffin Logue, Sean Darcy, Brennan Cox and Luke Ryan as well as debutant Ryan Nyhuis

Ignoring the mass-restings ahead of the finals in rounds 23 in 2013 and 2015, this was the first time Freo's best available 22 had dipped below an average age of 24 since round 23, 2011.

There was no heavy defeat against a significantly older North Melbourne side. Instead, Nyhuis

starred with four goals while Darcy shouldered the bulk of the ruck load as Freo prevailed by four points.

Fremantle's general manager of list management Brad Lloyd says that young sides are much more susceptible to their ups and downs, but has been pleased to see Freo stand up against some more experienced teams in 2017.

This included a win over the reigning premiers in the Western Bulldogs in round three and close losses in away trips to Geelong and GWS, which saw Fremantle falter late after holding 19-point and 15-point leads at three-quarter time.

During the team song against the Bulldogs, there seemed to be more Fremantle Dockers celebrating their first Freo win in the 'Gatorade Shower' than in the surrounding circle.

"When you make significant changes to your list, there's going to be highs and lows," Lloyd said.

"But the fact that the team's been really competitive through the majority of the season is a real plus.

"When we're transforming the list from an older group to a younger up and coming group, that presents

challenges, but we've seen some real growth through that change."

Lloyd said it became clear a list shake-up was required as Fremantle dropped from winning their first minor premiership in 2015 to 16th in 2016.

"As a club, our football list management strategy throughout the middle to the end of 2016 was around a really strong direction to transition the list," Lloyd said.

"We've put an enormous focus on doing that and we're now one year into working through a four year plan."

This plan was a catalyst for an aggressive 2016 AFL Trade Period.

Freo brought home four West Australians aged 23 and younger in Cam McCarthy, Bradley Hill, Joel Hamling and Shane Kersten, while maintaining a strong presence in the upcoming draft - keeping their first top 10 pick since 2009 and securing two second round picks.

On the back of an impressive 2017 season, many have hailed Bradley Hill as the recruit of the year while Hamling could be a close second.

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**BRAD LLOYD**



**BACK HOME:**  
Bradley Hill has  
had an impressive  
2017 season.

"I think the impact of the players from last year's trade period has been significant," Lloyd said.

"They've all come in and worked hard and I think that the way Bradley's been able to apply himself and the run he's provided the team has been impressive, while Joel's done a really good job for the club at the other end.

"They've all fitted in really well and their application to work has been strong."

It's hard to tell who is the most exciting prospect for the future from Fremantle's draft picks.

Logue has shown the flair that justifies his top-10 selection while Cox has proven versatile as a key forward or defender.

In the ruck, Darcy has the potential to be an appropriate replacement for the seemingly irreplaceable Aaron Sandilands.

At half-back, Ryan marked his way to a NAB Rising Star nomination. His nine intercept marks in round 20 was one off an AFL record – proving a draft bargain at pick no.66.

On top of these eight significant additions to Freo's list, a young core has continued to develop.

A number of Freo's young players put up career best seasons in 2017 while 24-year-old Lachie Neale proved his Doig Medal winning season was no fluke.

Nat Fyfe is building back towards his Brownlow Medal winning best while Michael Walters proved to be a revelation in Freo's midfield.

"There's some real growth, not only from the young players but some of the players that are a few more years into their careers," Lloyd said.

"They're starting to establish themselves, which is a credit to not only them, but also to the support they receive from our coaches and development academy.

"In players from recent drafts like Lachie Weller, Connor Blakely, Ed Langdon, Darcy Tucker and Ethan Hughes, we have players who are developing and really growing at AFL level.

"We've also had strong contributions from our leaders. It's been a challenging year from a week-to-week point of view, but we've had some strong growth as a football club.

"There's been some really encouraging performances across the playing group.

"As each game goes by, we're getting more game time into our younger players and growing together as a team."

Lloyd added that it was crucial that the club extended Nat Fyfe's contract through until the end of the 2023 season.



**SIGNIFICANT IMPACT:** Joel Hamling has been strong down back for Freo in 2017.



**AS EACH GAME GOES BY, WE'RE GETTING MORE GAME TIME INTO OUR YOUNGER PLAYERS AND GROWING TOGETHER AS A TEAM."**

**BRAD LLOYD**

"Nat Fyfe's signature was really important. He's been an outstanding player for the club, he's an outstanding leader," Lloyd said.

"It's significant for our stability that we've got both our key pillars in (senior coach) Ross Lyon and Nat locked in long term.

"They're two leaders that are really driven and want success.

"For the football club to know they're here long-term, it gives us a real boost.

"It was a really positive day when Nat put pen to paper, we're confident that he'll continue to be a great player for us."

While Freo's development remains on track, Lloyd feels that it

can only improve after Fremantle's move to the club's elite training and administration facility in Cockburn Central.

Not only does the world class facility help Freo players reach their full potential, it acts as an added incentive for prospective signings in the trade period.

"It makes sense that there's more of a chance that West Australian players will be more open to coming over," Lloyd said.

"We're a really big club now.

We've got a really stable, well resourced football department, we've got outstanding facilities moving into Cockburn and a young developing playing list that will continue to grow.

"We feel we're a really attractive option for players from other clubs. It makes sense that young players who grew up in WA would consider a move back home, so they become options that we consider through the trade period providing they fit our list strategy."

Additionally, Fremantle's Next Generation Academy will start bearing fruit with indigenous talent from the Kimberley and multicultural talent from the East Fremantle, South Fremantle, Peel, Claremont and West Perth WAFL districts.

"We're really excited about the Next Generation Academy," Lloyd said.

"Our football department has been putting a lot of work into the academies and we feel that we have a really strong zone in that Kimberley region," Lloyd said.

"There's some really high level talent up there.

"To think about the talent that has come out of the Kimberley and now they're going to get additional resources put into these players.

"We're really excited as a football club and they're excited as a region."

Lloyd said that Fremantle will continue to place a high-priority on uncovering the best talent in the game.

"We've got a really hard working group of recruiting staff who are committed to finding the best young players in Australia," Lloyd said.

"We also focus heavily on AFL options throughout the season in preparation for the trade period."

"Those guys do a tremendous amount of work, not just watching games but in doing home visits, character references and assessing all of the athletic data and testing.

"We also get a significant contribution from our sports science and medical team, who do a great job for us as well." 🏆



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# A PATHWAY AT WORK



**ELITE STANDARD:** Current Freo AFLW players with the captain of East Freo's U18s captain Kate Inglis-Hodge.

**T**he NAB AFL Women's competition may have wrapped up in March, but that doesn't mean there's an off-season for Fremantle's AFLW players.

For two nights a week, you could find up to six Freo players training hard at East Fremantle Oval with the East Fremantle Sharks.

Brianna Green, Gabby O'Sullivan, Mel Caulfield, Cassie Davidson, Belinda Smith and new signing Alex Williams, train alongside their East Freo teammates and occasionally their under 18s counterparts.

In total, there are more than 130 registered players from the three grades on East Fremantle's list alone, and Green says the rising profile of women's football has seen standards and expectations lift across the board.



**WE'RE SEEING ALL OF THE GIRLS STEPPING UP THEIR GENERAL TRAINING STANDARD ACROSS THE CLUB."**

**BRIANNA GREEN**

It's a sign of a complete pathway at work as Freo's AFLW players bring their training and education methods back to the local leagues - and women's football starts to benefit from the flow-on effects of an elite national competition.

"(Senior coach) Michelle (Cowan) recommended that we did a lot of touch work before training and it's definitely helped having those girls around me," Green said.

"Especially when we do extra running sessions on top of our training."

"It's been great having them around me for encouragement. Having that elite standard around me definitely helps."

Green says these benefits aren't limited to just her and her AFLW teammates.

She highlighted Kate Inglis-Hodge, the captain of East Fremantle's U18s side, who is making the most of the opportunity to work alongside some of the best female footballers in Australia.

Inglis-Hodge is a couple of years away from being eligible for the AFLW Draft, but Green said this hasn't stopped the 16-year-old from making the most of the experience.

"We're seeing all of the girls stepping up their general training standards across the club," Green said.

"The youth girls have been training with us senior girls, which is a great sign for the future at East Freo.



**THE FUTURE:** 100 junior girls footballers attended a clinic in July at Victor George Kailis Oval (above).

"One week we trained on Sunday as we had a bye and Kate was there and raring to go.

"She's very elite for someone who's only 16. I definitely wasn't as mature as she was at her age.

"I'm always very impressed talking to her, whenever you pass on some advice, she takes it on board.

"She's a very coachable player which at times is hard to come by.

"If she keeps up with that elite attitude and the way that she goes about her training, I think she definitely has a bright future."

Inglis-Hodge said she has hopes to add to the already high number of East Freo players at AFLW level.

"Playing AFLW is definitely the aim, I just need to keep working hard," Inglis-Hodge said.

"I always have a chat with Freo's AFLW players at East Fremantle, especially Brianna who's been fantastic.

"It's pretty incredible to see how the AFLW girls train and I get to pick up a few tips and tricks from them along the way."

And Inglis-Hodge has been spreading her own knowledge to girls who are just taking up the game.

On Tuesday 25 July, Victor George Kailis Oval at Freo's training facility in Cockburn Central, was buzzing as the future of female football in WA came together with a crop of current Freo stars at the Fremantle Conference female open day.

About 100 junior girls footballers from the East and South Fremantle districts attended the clinic, which was hosted by Freo's Nat Fyfe, David Mundy, Joel Hamling, Danyale Pearce, Lachie Weller, Tommy Sheridan, Nick Suban, Brady Grey and Cam McCarthy.

The Freo players ran the clinics alongside the youth girls leaders from East and South Fremantle, which included Inglis-Hodge.

"It was really great to have so many girls down from different ages," Inglis-Hodge said.

"The talent coming through is incredible, there's so much hope for the future in women's AFL after the

inaugural season. Seeing the talent pathway working is incredible."

While spending the afternoon with the likes of Fyfe and Mundy would be exciting for any football fan, it was just the icing on the cake for Inglis-Hodge, whose passion for women's football shone through as she looked around an oval teeming with young talented football players.

"A couple of years ago you would never have imagined this could happen or to get this much interest in football from the girls," Inglis-Hodge said.

"Being able to come out here and run drills with them and looking around at everyone, it's incredible to see how much participation there is and how much interest there is in the women's game as well."

Green, who grew up idolising male footballers, isn't taking her position lightly as one of the first female Freo players.

"It's something that I definitely don't take for granted," Green said.

"I'm always striving to be the best role model that I can be.

"I remember growing up I used to look up to some players – so I don't take this for granted that there's girls looking up to me, so I want to try and be the best player that I can." 



**UPCOMING TALENT:** Kate Inglis-Hodge relishes the opportunity to train with Fremantle AFLW players.



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# FREO'S NEW FORTRESS

Nat Fyfe will play the first year of his new six-year contract in 2018 and with a new stadium and training facility at his disposal, the next six years will be exciting for both Fyfe and for Freo fans.

STORY » TOM FEE

In time, the sound of construction noise will be replaced by the sounds of up to 60,000 Freo fans at the new Perth Stadium, but it didn't make Nat Fyfe's introduction any less inspiring.

Fremantle's leadership group were the first AFL players to have a tour of the still under construction stadium, and Fyfe, David Mundy, Aaron Sandilands, Lee Spurr, Michael Walters and Lachie Neale took it all in.

Despite needing to swap football boots for construction boots

– it wasn't hard to imagine how the stadium would feel upon completion.

"Walking out onto the ground, there was that genuine feeling of excitement," Fyfe said.

"It was like being a little kid again."

Perth Stadium starts to draw comparisons to the MCG from the moment you enter the ground.

Similar to the 'G, the stands seem to stretch up vertically, giving a cauldron-like atmosphere.

It's a breathtaking sight from any section of the stadium but it also

means that no fan is too far away from the action.

"It was good to get a look around to take in the detail all around the stadium," Fyfe said.

"From the elevated first row of seats, the quality and size of the big screens and the way they've set up the seating so everyone has a prime view - you get an understanding of the world class nature of the stadium.

"I tried to mentally picture what it would be like at capacity crowd in a blockbuster game; a derby or



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OF EXCITEMENT.”**

**NAT FYFE**

**EXCITED:** Nat Fyfe takes a look  
around the new Perth Stadium.



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**NAT FYFE**

final, and I know it’s going to be unbelievable.

“And not just as player, as a spectator it’s going to be just as exciting.

“It will be a real showpiece.”

Fyfe has been dedicated to Fremantle since his arrival in 2009 and the new stadium only added to the attractiveness of continuing his career as a Freo Docker.

“At some level you do need to consider your workplace for the rest of your career,” Fyfe said.

“We have a brand new stadium in a city that is really starting to thrive, coupled with a brand new training and administration facility at Cockburn Central.

“As an athlete playing footy, there’s really no better place to be in Australia and I mean that quite genuinely.”

Fyfe also feels there may be no better place to be a spectator, and hopes that Fremantle’s fans and players can make the stadium a difficult place for teams to visit.

“They’ve really catered for the fan experience, it’s going to be industry-leading across Australia,” Fyfe said.

“Domain Stadium became a fortress and a really tough away trip because of how loud and assertive our fans were.

“We want to quickly establish ourselves at the new Perth Stadium with that same sort of atmosphere.

“If we can get as many Freo fans as we can in the ground, we’ll get the Purple Army roaring.”

Fyfe knows that for Fremantle to win the ultimate prize, their up and coming list will need to become masters at the MCG.

**NEW FORTRESS:** The leadership group take in their new home ground from 2018.



The group already has proven themselves at the ground, winning both games in 2017 against Melbourne and Richmond.

Fyfe says there’s no better way to get used to playing on the big stage than to play in a big atmosphere every second week.

“It’s easy for me to say we’ve got the talent, youth and excitement at the club,” Fyfe said.

“But when you look at some of the numbers and the performances being stacked by our first, second and third year players – they’re as good as anyone else in the country.

“As an athlete, having a mental edge is something that you can’t measure, but to know that you’re playing in the newest and best and biggest facility, it somewhat diminishes the intimidation factor of going interstate and playing at a big interstate venue.

“We’re going to have big games here and really get ourselves ready for what a finals atmosphere will be like in Melbourne.

“That will be priceless for the team.”

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**CROWD FAVOURITE:**  
Nat Fyfe drew a big crowd  
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session in July.

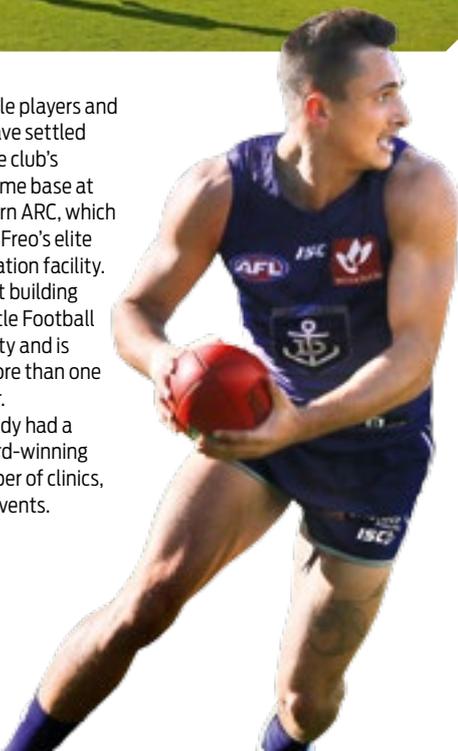
# FREO SETTLES IN



**F**remantle players and staff have settled in to the club's new home base at Cockburn ARC, which houses Freo's elite training and administration facility.

The state-of-the-art building integrates the Fremantle Football Club and the community and is expected to attract more than one million visitors per year.

Freo fans have already had a chance to see the award-winning facility through a number of clinics, training sessions and events.



## SCHOOLS OUT!

Fremantle's new training base at Cockburn Central was the place to be in the July school holidays.

The wet conditions didn't dampen the spirits for those who participated in the HBF School Holiday Fun Day at Victor George Kailis Oval on Tuesday 11 July.

Freo midfielder Bradley Hill was the 'king of the kids' on the day and said the event was just as much fun for the players.

"The kids have been enjoying it, it's good to see a smile on their faces and it makes the day really enjoyable for the players," Hill said.

"There was a bit of rain but that didn't bother the kids too much, we just came inside and had a heap of fun on the inflatables."

The following day, more than 2500 fans flocked to Cockburn ARC for open training, with the chance to see Freo players in action and to snare an autograph or photo.

As the main squad trained, Johnny and Jenny Docker did the rounds, kids got their faces painted and hit 92.9 was on hand with plenty of giveaways.

As training wrapped up, the posters, hats, jumpers and pens came out for a signing session - with the signatures of Nat Fyfe, Michael Walters and Lachie Neale the most sought after.

**“THE KIDS HAVE BEEN ENJOYING IT, IT'S GOOD TO SEE A SMILE ON THEIR FACES AND IT MAKES THE DAY REALLY ENJOYABLE FOR THE PLAYERS.”**

**BRADLEY HILL**



## COCKBURN ARC WINS BUILDING AWARD

Cockburn ARC, which houses Fremantle's elite training and administration facility, was acknowledged as the Best Public Use Building (Over \$20 million) at the Master Builders-Bankwest Excellence in Construction awards held at the Perth Convention Centre on Saturday 22 July.

The awards have been established as the major commercial/industrial awards in WA since their introduction in

1989, seeing WA's best commercial projects completed over the past 12 months compete in a range of building categories.

Fremantle CEO Steve Rosich paid tribute to Multiplex as well as the key stakeholders in the project.

"Alongside the City of Cockburn, we were very fortunate to have had the best construction company in Multiplex build the facility, as well as the team they assembled to deliver it," Rosich said.



## FREO'S FOOTY SKILLS A HIT

Fremantle held the Freo Footy Skills semi-finals at Cockburn ARC for the first time as more than 400 kids headed down to Legacy Park to test their abilities against boys and girls from around the State.

There were 18 separate competitions for the Freo Long Bomb, Freo Fast Ball and Freo Kwick Kick competitions for boys and girls in years 4-6.

Manjimup Primary Student Nikki Pollard, 12, was just one who turned heads on the day, winning

the year six girls Freo Long Bomb with a monster 31.75m kick.

The win saw Nikki qualify for the final, held as a curtain raiser at Domain Stadium during Freo's clash with Gold Coast in round 20.

"I'm very excited. I haven't been to a Freo game before," Pollard said.

"I'm sure I'll feel nervous with some butterflies playing on Domain but it'll be really exciting.

"I'll have to get lots of practice in."



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**BEST AFIELD:** Chase Bourne and Nasmín Donovan presented with Freo jumpers in the next generation curtain raiser in round 17.

## — NEXT GENERATION — **TAKES OFF**

**THROUGH THEIR INDIGENOUS DEVELOPMENT REGION IN THE KIMBERLEY AND FIVE METROPOLITAN ZONES, FREMANTLE ARE WORKING TO LAY THE FOUNDATIONS THAT GROW THE GAME FOR BOYS AND GIRLS OF ALL SKILL LEVELS, MAKING COMMUNITIES STRONGER AND GIVING TALENTED PLAYERS EVERY CHANCE TO MAKE THEIR AFL DREAM A REALITY.**

**T**he Fremantle Dockers are leaving no stone unturned in the search for the stars of the future as their Next Generation Academy eyes off indigenous and multicultural talent.

The club has already identified 10 players through the academy, who have all been approved by the AFL as potential future draft concessions. These concessions include four indigenous players who hail from the Kimberley in Jason Carter, 17, of Wyndham, Liam Henry, 16, of Derby, Isaiah Butters, 16, of Halls Creek and Leno Thomas, 16, of Kununurra and six players with a multicultural background from within Freo's metropolitan zones in Thomas Medhat, 17, of West Perth, Manfred Kelly, 16, of South Fremantle, Joel Western, 15, of Claremont, Keanu Haddow, 15, of East Fremantle and twin brothers Christopher and Brandon Walker, 15, of East Fremantle.

Fremantle will play a crucial role in the development of these talented footballers, with players receiving individual education and training relating to skill acquisition, diet, strength and conditioning. The club will work closely with the players over the coming years, with the possibility of becoming an academy selection in the future when they are eligible for the draft.

### **THE KIMBERLEY**

In the Kimberley, Fremantle have been allocated a region with a rich football history.

The club is aiming to provide strong development pathways for participants and engage stakeholders within the community to enhance existing AFL programs available to boys and girls aged 11 to 16 throughout the Kimberley.

Fremantle is working with Garnduwa, which describes itself as Australia's only indigenous sport and recreation organisation, and to deliver training and education programs with the aim of not only identifying talent in the region but to also improve engagement in junior football.

Fremantle football operations coordinator Casey York said it was exciting for Fremantle to have the opportunity to play a part in the long-term development of football in the region.

"The academy training programs will incorporate skill-based training and will also include education aspects on areas such as leadership, personal standards, nutrition and mental well-being."

With Garnduwa, Fremantle ran academy programs at hubs in Broome, Fitzroy Crossing, Derby, Kununurra and Halls Creek throughout a four-week period in August.

Fremantle also undertook training sessions at Clontarf's academies in Broome, Derby and Fitzroy Crossing. A further week of these training and educational sessions are planned for October in Kununurra and Halls Creek.

"The overall aim of the Kimberley academy is to enhance participation in Australian rules," York said.

"Not only do we have access to talent in the region, we're working to provide assistance and development to those coaches running these sessions and contribute to community development."

In August, York visited Derby, Fitzroy Crossing and Broome to attend clinics and present coaching seminars.

"The coaching seminars provided coach development to local coaches by demonstrating our drills and coaching techniques," York said.

## FREO'S METRO & MULTICULTURAL PROGRAMS

To assist in the development of metropolitan talent, Fremantle have been allocated five WAFL club regions, including East Fremantle, South Fremantle, Peel, West Perth and Claremont.

Fremantle's Brady Grey, Michael Johnson and Harley Bennell joined Freo's academy coaches to share their football knowledge over three talent days held across the metropolitan area.

From those sessions more than 200 talented youths across years 6 and 7 have been invited back to their respective zones for a four-week training block to prepare for a development carnival held in October.

In addition, Fremantle have been running multicultural programs for

children aged 13 to 14, with multicultural players born between 2003-2004 invited to participate in training sessions during June and July.

More than 100 players registered and participated in the training sessions. These sessions included skill development and finished with an education component on leadership, personal standards and working in a team environment.

A curtain raiser was held on Sunday 16 July prior to Fremantle's home Carlton Draught Derby, with 50 players selected and it is the club's intention to re-engage everyone who participated in this program in 2018.



**THE OVERALL AIM OF THE KIMBERLEY ACADEMY IS TO ENHANCE PARTICIPATION IN AUSTRALIAN RULES."**

**CASEY YORK**

## EACH CONCESSION SIGNING

- 1 **JASON CARTER, 17**  
Wyndham, Kimberley
- 2 **THOMAS MEDHAT, 17**  
West Perth Metropolitan Zone
- 3 **LIAM HENRY, 16**  
Derby, Kimberley
- 4 **ISAIAH BUTTERS, 16**  
Halls Creek, Kimberley
- 5 **LENO THOMAS, 16**  
Kununurra, Kimberley
- 6 **MANFRED KELLY, 16**  
South Fremantle Metropolitan Zone
- 7 **JOEL WESTERN, 15**  
Claremont Metropolitan Zone
- 8 **CHRISTOPHER WALKER, 15**  
East Fremantle Metropolitan Zone
- 9 **BRANDON WALKER, 15**  
East Fremantle Metropolitan Zone
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# 2017 ROUND BY ROUND

## ROUND 14-23



### ROUND 14

#### v Geelong

Sunday 25 June, 1.10pm  
Simonds Stadium

#### FREMANTLE

1.1 8.3 11.4 11.6 (72)

#### GEELONG

2.0 4.5 7.9 10.14 (74)

#### OVERVIEW

Fremantle fought until the final seconds to go down to the Cats by two points. Fremantle kicked seven unanswered goals in the first 20 minutes of the second quarter to open up a 34-point lead, however the Cats were able to claw the margin back. A missed snap for goal from Michael Walters with a second to go allowed Geelong to hold on. Sean Darcy was impressive in his debut game with 40 hit-outs.

#### KEY STATS

**GOALS** Tucker 3  
**DISPOSALS** Neale 29  
**MARKS** Hamling, Blakely, Walters 7  
**TACKLES** Neale, Weller, Mundy, Hamling 6  
**DEBUT** Sean Darcy, Josh Deluca  
**FREO FANS' MVP** Connor Blakely



FREO FANS' MVP

### ROUND 15

#### v St Kilda

Sunday 2 July, 2.40pm  
Domain Stadium

#### FREMANTLE

4.3 7.5 10.7 12.8 (80)

#### ST KILDA

1.5 6.8 8.14 12.17 (89)

#### OVERVIEW

Fremantle fought bravely for the second week in a row, leading at every change before the Saints clinched victory in the dying stages of the game. Michael Walters led the way as a forward and midfielder, kicking six goals and gathering 32 touches (18 contested).

#### KEY STATS

**GOALS** Walters 6  
**DISPOSALS** Walters 32  
**MARKS** Hughes 14  
**TACKLES** Darcy, Fyfe, Mundy 7  
**FREO FANS' MVP** Michael Walters



FREO FANS' MVP

### ROUND 16

#### v Nth Melbourne

Sunday 9 July, 1.10pm  
Etihad Stadium

#### FREMANTLE

4.3 9.4 9.6 13.8 (86)

#### NORTH MELBOURNE

1.2 6.3 8.4 12.10 (82)

#### OVERVIEW

Ryan Nyhuis sealed a dream debut with two late goals that helped Fremantle hold on for a heart-stopping four-point win over the Roos. The young defender was a late inclusion into the team and was a revelation in attack, kicking four goals. Freo dodged a bullet when Todd Goldstein missed a set shot in the dying seconds of the match to seal a second close victory over North Melbourne for the season.

#### KEY STATS

**GOALS** Nyhuis 4  
**DISPOSALS** Fyfe 33  
**MARKS** Blakely 12  
**TACKLES** Suban 10  
**DEBUT** Ryan Nyhuis  
**FREO FANS' MVP** Nat Fyfe



FREO FANS' MVP



## ROUND 17 v West Coast

Sunday 16 July, 2.40pm  
Domain Stadium



FREMANTLE				
0.3	2.8	3.13	5.14	(44)
WEST COAST				
4.1	5.4	9.6	11.8	(74)

### OVERVIEW

The Eagles' four-goal to nil opening burst proved to be the difference in the 46th Carlton Draught Derby. In a clash overshadowed by Fremantle's inaccurate kicking, Nat Fyfe finished with 30 disposals (19 contested) after fighting hard for his team all day.

### KEY STATS

**GOALS** Walters 2  
**DISPOSALS** Neale 34  
**MARKS** Blakely 11  
**TACKLES** Blakely, Crozier, Fyfe 6  
**MILESTONE** Nick Suban  
150 FFC games  
**FREO FANS' MVP** Connor Blakely



## ROUND 18 v Hawthorn

Saturday 22 July, 5.40pm  
Domain Stadium

FREMANTLE				
2.0	3.4	5.5	7.6	(48)
HAWTHORN				
4.3	6.6	9.9	15.10	(100)

### OVERVIEW

Hawthorn continued their winning streak against Fremantle, with a 52-point victory at Domain Stadium. Connor Blakely tried hard all night in defence with 29 touches and nine marks, while first-year ruckman Sean Darcy finished with 31 hit-outs and six tackles. Michael Walters suffered a knee injury, which would see him miss the remainder of the 2017 season.

### KEY STATS

**GOALS** McCarthy, Kersten 2  
**DISPOSALS** Blakely 29  
**MARKS** Blakely 9  
**TACKLES** Darcy 6  
**FREO FANS' MVP** Connor Blakely



## ROUND 19 v GWS

Saturday 29 July, 2.10pm  
Spotless Stadium



FREMANTLE				
3.3	6.6	11.8	13.8	(86)
GWS				
3.5	6.7	8.11	13.20	(98)

### OVERVIEW

A valiant effort from a youthful Fremantle side couldn't hold back a determined GWS team. Freo took a 15-point lead into the final term but the Giants clicked into gear in the final quarter and won by eight points. Nat Fyfe finished with 31 touches and two goals, while young defender Luke Ryan was impressive with 25 possessions and 14 marks.

### KEY STATS

**GOALS** Kersten 3  
**DISPOSALS** Fyfe 31  
**MARKS** Ryan 14  
**TACKLES** Ryan 6  
**FREO FANS' MVP** Nat Fyfe





## ROUND 20 v Gold Coast

Saturday 5 August, 5.40pm  
Domain Stadium

**FREMANTLE**  
3.5 7.8 11.12 12.18 (90)

**GOLD COAST**  
4.0 5.4 8.7 10.7 (67)

### OVERVIEW

Cam McCarthy kicked four goals as the team notched a morale-boosting 23-point victory over Gold Coast. McCarthy's haul led Fremantle to their highest score since round seven, while at the other end Luke Ryan took nine intercept marks and collected a career-best 28 disposals. Ryan was rewarded with the NAB Rising Star nomination for round 20.

### KEY STATS

**GOALS** McCarthy 4  
**DISPOSALS** B. Hill 33  
**MARKS** Ryan 16  
**TACKLES** Suban, Neale 10  
**FREO FANS' MVP** Nat Fyfe



## ROUND 21 v Sydney

Saturday 12 August, 1.45pm  
SCG

**FREMANTLE**  
1.1 1.3 4.5 5.9 (39)

**SYDNEY**  
8.2 13.6 17.7 22.11 (143)

### OVERVIEW

Fremantle couldn't overcome the fast-starting Swans, whose eight-goal to one first quarter set them up for the win at the SCG. Nat Fyfe worked hard all day with 28 touches, while Stephen Hill helped around the contest with 21 disposals and eight clearances.

### KEY STATS

**GOALS** McCarthy 2  
**DISPOSALS** Fyfe 28  
**MARKS** Taberner 9  
**TACKLES** S. Hill 7  
**FREO FANS' MVP** Nat Fyfe



# FAREWELL DOMAIN STADIUM



## ROUND 22 v Richmond

Sunday 20 August, 2.40pm  
Domain Stadium

### FREMANTLE

3.4 3.5 5.7 7.9 (51)

### RICHMOND

3.0 11.2 17.5 25.5 (155)

#### OVERVIEW

Fremantle's last game at Domain Stadium ended in a 104-point loss to Richmond. Harley Bennell's return to football was the shining light as he kicked two goals in the first quarter. Nat Fyfe could also hold his head up high with 30 touches.

#### KEY STATS

**GOALS** Bennell, Crozier 2  
**DISPOSALS** Fyfe 30  
**MARKS** Cox 9  
**TACKLES** Tucker 11  
**MILESTONE** Hayden Ballantyne  
150 FFC games  
**FREO FANS' MVP** Nat Fyfe



## ROUND 23 v Essendon

Sunday 27 August, 1.10pm  
Etihad Stadium

### FREMANTLE

3.1 5.3 9.6 14.8 (92)

### ESSENDON

4.3 8.5 14.8 16.11 (107)

#### OVERVIEW

Fremantle finished the season with a gallant 15-point loss to the Bombers. Freo cut Essendon's 41-point lead to eight points in the final term but the Bombers were too strong in the end. Nat Fyfe was Freo's best with 24 touches and two goals, while Jon Griffin battled hard in the ruck and kicked two goals to accompany his 32 hit-outs.

#### KEY STATS

**GOALS** Sheridan, Taberner, Cox, Ballantyne, Griffin, Fyfe 2  
**DISPOSALS** Mundy 25  
**MARKS** Taberner 9  
**TACKLES** Mundy 10  
**FREO FANS' MVP** Nat Fyfe



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# DOMAIN STADIUM MOMENTS

“INCREDIBLE” SCENES SEE PAV OFF IN STYLE

**M**atthew Pavlich always knew how much he meant to Fremantle, but a grand gesture from the opposition in his final game made the six-time Doig Medallist and All Australian realise the significance of his 353-game football career.

Known for their witty and cutting banners in their premiership year, the Western Bulldogs opted instead to pay tribute to Pavlich for when they ran out onto Domain Stadium in round 23, 2016.

“I very rarely see the opposition’s banner,” Pavlich said.

“I remember being out there having been through our initial warm-up and the banner, for whatever reason, was down on the opposite wing and I managed to see what it said.

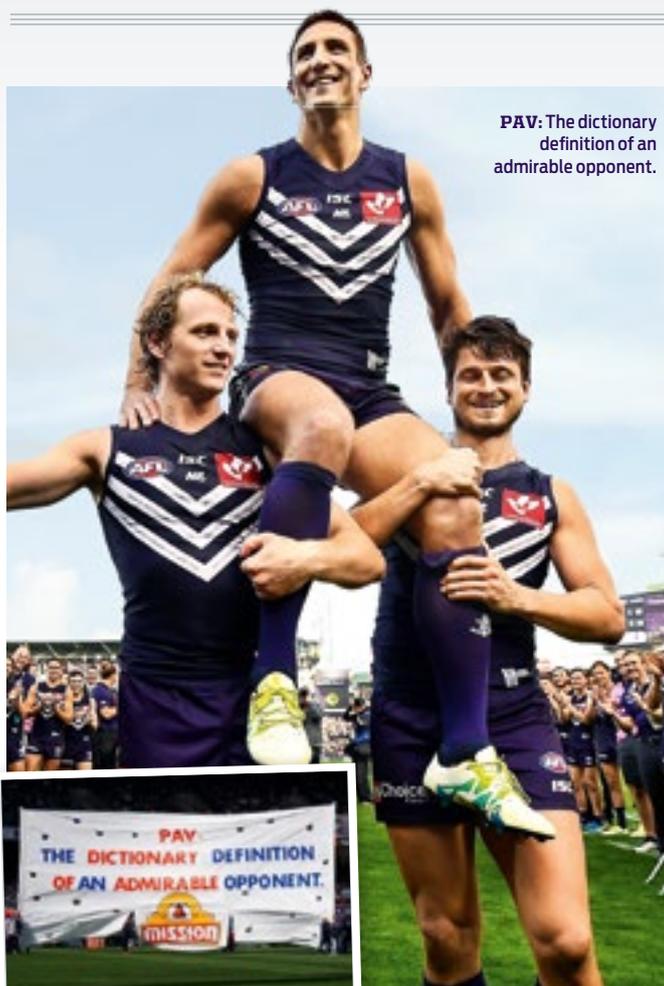
“Pav: The dictionary definition of an admirable opponent.”

“That sort of hit me and I thought, ‘this is a pretty big deal.’”

Having seen his own playing career come and go, and seeing a number of players retire while a senior coach, Ross Lyon had no doubts about the meaning of the day to Pavlich, Fremantle fans and the football club.

“That was a significant day, more than the (2013) preliminary final for myself, because of that focus to get it done,” Lyon said.

“I thought it was incredibly important that Matthew was sent off with a strong performance of effort, not necessarily win or loss.



**PAV:** The dictionary definition of an admirable opponent.

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**ROSS LYON**

term, Pavlich collected a handball in the goalsquare and sent the footy well into the stands at the city end, celebrating on the boundary as Freo players came from all over to congratulate their former captain.

The goal put Freo up for good, capping Pavlich’s career off with a 20-point win.

“After a really challenging year and a lot going wrong, a lot went right on that day,” Pavlich said.

“To have 38,000 people there at the end of the game and to have the opportunity to run around - I could see people in the stands crying - it was quite a weird moment.

“If you ever have the opportunity to run around and have 38,000 people cheering you, you should do it, it was incredible.”

Lyon rated the win as one of the most important in his coaching career.

“It was a special moment in the club’s history and it was a special moment for Matthew,” Lyon said.

“It displayed the emotion and the care that the players he led felt for him.

“It was a really special day.”

“We were quite young, it was a big day for the club, a big day for Matthew and I was really nervous about it.”

With Fremantle holding a 3-18 record heading into the game, a win seemed out of the question to even the most optimistic Freo fans.

But there was still expectation among the 38,000 in attendance. Pavlich started the game sitting on 699 career goals, and to see him kick his 700th in his final game would be the icing on the cake.

They didn’t have to wait long. Just nine minutes into the opening



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# LUKE RYAN

## ROUND 20 NAB AFL RISING STAR NOMINEE

Fremantle Dockers v Gold Coast SUNS  
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### IF THE 'PURPLE' SHIRT FITS



We recently took my son, James (8) and daughter Emily (10) to Disney Land in L.A. James proudly wore his beloved 'Batman' Freo Dockers shirt for the occasion.

**NATALIE BATES**  
LESMURDIE

*Welcome to the*  
**PURPLE PATCH**  
*Fantastic photos from Fremantle fans!*



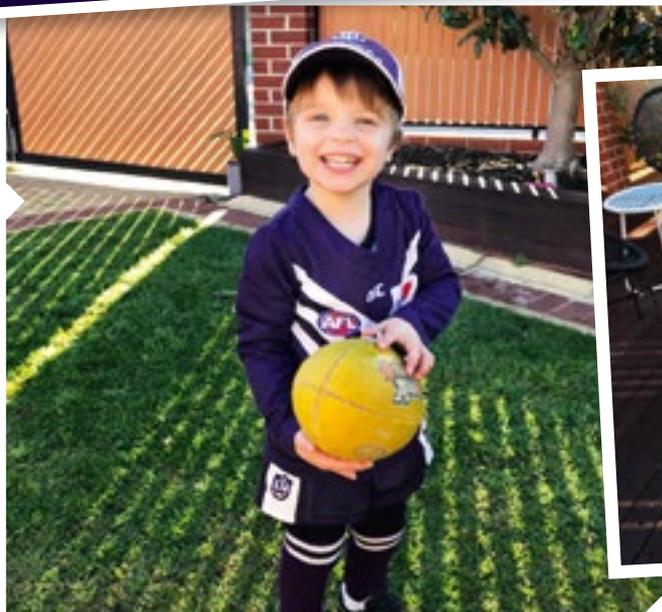
### NEW RECRUIT



Here's your latest recruit! My three-year-old son, Jesse, ready to watch his brothers play Auskick in full Freo Dockers uniform Go Freo!

**MICHELLE GEER**  
KARDINYA

AIR MAIL





### DOCKER TOT

This is my four-month-old son watching the Freo win against North Melbourne in June. We live in Brisbane so Freo Dockers supporters are hard to come by, so he might be watching a few more games solo throughout the years (besides having me next to him of course). His mum is a Hawks supporter unfortunately, so no support there!

**ANDREW WISE**  
BRISBANE



### PURPLE PARTNERS

We (Bristol Dockers) won the Welsh League cup after a great battle against Cardiff Panthers. We're a proud partner club of the Freo Dockers and spread the purple passion throughout the UK!

**BRISTOL DOCKERS**  
BRISTOL, UK



### MODEL MATERIAL

The things we do for our children and our club. When I bought my new car recently I received a voucher for Verve portraits. We decided to let our son Caleb direct the styling!

**TANYA MUIA PETKOVIC**  
WEST LEEDERVILLE



### 'FREO' THE SNOWMAN

My daughter Naomi and grandson Xander went for a trip to the snow and decided to spread the Freo passion in Mt Hotham.

**ANNETTE KERP**  
BEELIAR



### A FREO CELEBRATION

Jim Dropulich is a 19-year member who recently celebrated this 80th birthday. The centrepiece of Jim's celebrations was the Freo Dockers football cake specially made for the occasion.

**JOHN SVENSSON**  
SPEARWOOD



*Wish you were here?*



HI KIDS,

Now the season is over Jenny and I are looking forward to relaxing with our family and enjoying summer at the beach.

We are really excited about season 2018 and being able to watch the team play in the new Perth Stadium. It's going to be awesome!

It was great to see so many young Freo stars debut this year and we can't wait to watch them develop over the next few years.

Enjoy the break from footy and don't forget our AFL Women's team will start training in November and you can stay updated with all the latest news on [fremantlefc.com.au](http://fremantlefc.com.au) and the official club app.

Go Freo! See you on the flip side,

JOHNNY 'THE DO'



## PLAYERS AND THEIR POOCHES

**Player:** Bradley Hill

**Dogs' names:** Cooper & Harry

**Breed:** French bulldog & great dane

**Favourite foods:**

Dog treats/kangaroo meat

**Best tricks:**

Bossing Harry around/high fives

## OPEN TRAINING

It was great to see so many fans head down to the club's first opening training session at Victor George Kailis Oval in July this year.

Here are some of the best pics from the day!





# SPOT THE DIFFERENCE



1. A duck has been added in the left bottom corner; 2. The AFL logo on the ball has been flipped; 3. Lachie Weller's wrist tape is purple; 4. Lachie Weller's right boot is orange; 5. St Kilda player has been removed.

## LUKE RYAN RISING STAR NOMINATION

Freo defender Luke Ryan was awarded the round 20 NAB AFL Rising Star nomination after collecting a career-best 28 disposals and taking nine intercept marks in Fremantle's 23-point win over Gold Coast at Domain Stadium.

JOHNNY CAUGHT UP WITH LUKE TO  
ASK HIM A COUPLE OF QUESTIONS.

**Before a game I always:**

Go out for breakfast

**The player from another club you most like to watch:**

Scott Pendlebury

**All-time favourite player:**

Nathan Buckley

**What do you like to do on your days off:**

Relax and go to the beach

**Childhood hero:** Michael Jordan

**Favourite food:** Chicken Schnitzel



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