



In house ladies group of the Hawthorn Football Club

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YOUR THORNBIRDS SPONSORED PLAYERS 2019



19
Jack
Gunston



31
Ricky
Henderson



27
Marc
Pittonet



Sarah
Perkins



Rosie
Dillon

Coombe Estate Outing

What else would 36, Thornbirds members, partners and friends, do on the coldest and wettest March day in over 4 years..... a garden tour at Coombe Estate. And whilst the weather might not have been as we had hoped – the tour was better than expected!

Seated in the dining area – formerly the motor house and clock-tower – which still works(!), we enjoyed a delicious morning tea of freshly baked scones with Coombe's signature homemade Melba jam.

We then embarked on our tour with our knowledgeable tour guide, who is also the Manager of Coombe and has overseen the restoration of the estate. His passion and pride in the estate along with his knowledge ensured we all learnt a lot from the tour. Despite the wet weather, there was a real beauty in walking around the gardens. The old roses and oak tree which were planted back by Dame Nellie herself, the sectioned garden areas and the entire estate boarded by hedging - which we discovered has a secret path through the middle. You could imagine enjoying summers by the outdoor pool, the pool house in Spring that would be covered by blooming white and purple Wisteria or climbing the spiral staircase on the outside of the house to the roof where Dame Nellie would often host parties.

I was part of the first tour group for the day, however I believe the second group enjoyed the day as much as we did. Everyone who went left with a smile on their face and a lot more knowledge about Dame Nellie, the Vestey family and the estate. A true treasure on our doorstep aren't we lucky. We are hopeful we can arrange a tour of the house later in the year when it is open.

By Olivea

Coombe Estate Outing - photos

Yummy morning tea with scones and jam followed by slightly damp but beautiful gardens and a visit to the swimming pool reputed to be Australia's first private one.



SCARVES SCARVES SCARVES SCARVES SCARVES SCARVES!!!

This is for everyone to help where possible.

Some of our ladies have undertaken to sew together old Hawthorn Members scarves that the club have asked members to donate over recent weeks. Some of these have already been delivered to Jarman Impey who will use these to increase his community work in hospitals. We still require more ladies to sew, crochet or hand sew scarves together for distribution. Not a sewer? Maybe you could take some home to wash, as we wash every single scarf before sewing and donating to the community. Ask Lyn

Some of our scarf-rugs and cushions are being used in the sensory room set up by the HFC:

On World Autism Awareness Day (2 April 2019), Hawthorn Football Club, in partnership with Afford, celebrated the launch of the Afford Sensory Friendly Space, the first sensory friendly space available at Melbourne's iconic MCG.

Footy fans with sensory sensitivity can now cheer on their favourite team thanks to the new and specially designed space. Visitors to the space will have the opportunity to watch the game via a separate big screen and TVs with reduced noise. The inclusive space caters to children and adults with sensory sensitivities and is designed to reduce the sensory overload that people with autism can experience, including screaming fans, crowd noise, sirens and loud music. The room incorporates both calming and stimulating zones, a cocoon area for visitors to chill out and relax, bean bags, air cushions, cuddle balls, comfortable seating and a light wave floor.

The Afford Sensory Friendly Space is located in the Yarra Room at the MCG. The space can be accessed by all footy fans with general admission tickets by entering via Gate 3 and going up the lifts to level 3.

Visitors are welcome to enter the room from 2.30pm with the match commencing at 3.20pm.

Afford is a registered charity and has been operating in Australia for over 65 years, providing a range of disability supports to thousands of people every day. To learn more about Afford, visit www.afford.com.au



OUR MORNING AT THE HAWKS MUSEUM

Weather has played a HUGE role in our last two outings – Coombe with the rain and cold – worst March day in years, then the museum visit the hottest April day in decades – we can pick them!! Mind you it was still windy out there – but not cold fortunately.

Regardless, an enthusiastic group of 28 arrived at the museum and were not disappointed. The room was silent as Peter and Rachel spoke about the past and how the museum came to be. Members enjoyed finding memories (photos of themselves as children) seeing children and grandchildren who are current listed players of HFC. It was really enjoyed by all in attendance, and many (I believe 16) decided to join up as Friends of the Museum to ensure our club's history is kept forever – well done to you all.

We then wandered down to the players kitchen (we had too many to fit into the board room!!) where a delightful morning tea was laid out for us – delicious all of it. Oscar from the community area came and received another bag of rugs; cushions etc. and spoke of where these were being dispatched to. It was Jarman Impey who wanted to do more in the community which started this process.

Our first delivery was shown around the staff at the club and was met with many compliments apparently, so much so the CEO thought they would make wonderful knee rugs for the guests at the Collingwood game. I said yes as long as our banner was displayed so everyone knew it was The Thornbirds who made these to keep them warm that night. We are certainly being embraced at the club at present which is as it should be!

Those who wished to, then met in the board room for photos, lots of laughter here as ladies sat in as The President for the day – Anne Tymms!

*We all dispersed home and many fabulous members took home bags of donated scarves to wash and sew or just wash ready for those who are sewing, **thank you all so much for this!***



Easter Raffle:



Our Easter Egg coffee morning on the 29th March was most successful.

*We raised \$397.60 for the **Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal**.*

Thanks very much to all who contributed. We rounded this to \$400 which has been sent off to the appeal.

Just a reminder – Membership was due by 31st March - **It's not too late to join.**–

Membership form is at the end of this newsletter. We are planning a fun packed, interesting and year of change so make sure you are on board. Remember membership allows you discount at some events and you do receive little bonuses along the way as well.

SURVEY FOR MEMBERS

We have received a number of surveys from you thank you so much for taking the time to fill these in, your feedback is vital to help us arrange outings and events in the future.

FUTURE EVENTS:

May 31st Special Morning Coffee will be held at the Box Hill Golf Club in the upstairs room at 10am.

Our guest speakers will be the Kara House domestic violence support group who are coming to talk about their work and how they support families via donations etc. This is the group that we collected toys for last Christmas and they work in the eastern suburbs of Melbourne.

Also joining us to discuss their upcoming season following the premiership year last year, will be players and staff from the VFLW team.

This promises to be a memorable morning tea.



The cost will be \$20 for members and \$25 for non-members.

Booking form for this event is attached at the end of the newsletter and bookings are essential and by the due date! Please feel free to bring your female friends!

MCG Shuttle Service - DID YOU KNOW.....

After disembarking a train at Richmond Station, footy fans exiting the platform onto Brunton Avenue need to simply cross to the buggy shuttle area – located on the Yarra Park side of the roadway.

The aim is to assist older and mobility-impaired patrons, helping to overcome some of the challenges they face when travelling to and from events at the MCG, and also assess whether a permanent service is feasible in future. Three buggies, each capable of transporting five guests, will run the service from at least 60 minutes prior to the first bounce. It will also be available for 30 minutes after the final siren for return trips.

The buggy will travel via Yarra Park to the MCG stadium gates, before returning to the Brunton Avenue shuttle area to collect more patrons.

After the game, patrons who wait at nominated drop-off points outside the stadium gates will be transported back to the shuttle area at Brunton Avenue across from Richmond station.

Carmel Adams as a little girl with her Dad at Glenferrie Oval!



We went to the RCH



President Anne



THINKING OF YOU

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

Congratulations to Di and Stuart McDonald who celebrated their 50th wedding Anniversary on 8th April

GOLDEN WEDDING



UPCOMING THORNBIRDS DATES FOR 2019 (March – May)

DATE	VENUE
April Fri 26 th – 10.15am	Morning Coffee at Box Hill Golf Club
May Fri 10 th – 10am	Morning Coffee –at Hahndorf's Fine Chocolate, Forest Hill Chase
May Fri 31 st – 10.15am	Special Morning Coffee at Box Hill Golf Club (Upstairs)

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FRIDAY 31st MAY
SPECIAL COFFEE MORNING
10am AT THE BOX HILL GOLF CLUB!



Members \$20 and non-members \$25 bookings essential and no later than Thursday 23 May please.

Your Name..... Contact Number.....

Number attending:..... non/member/s.....

Names.....

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Dietary requirements.....

How paid...d/d...\$.....and date

cheque\$.....cash\$.....

Post Cheque / Money Order to: The Thornbirds PO Box 1319 Blackburn North 3130

Or bank transfer to: The Thornbirds Committee BSB 033326 A/C 372622 please put your name on payment if you are able to and email Lyn (suttonfam@bigpond.com) to confirm your BOOKING AND your direct deposit thanks!

PLEASE if cash, put **money and form** in an envelope and hand to Lyn – just handing over money makes her job so much harder – so if you can please put your name on envelope it will be greatly appreciated!!

2019 MEMBERSHIP FORM
Only \$35 and now payable prior to
March 31, 2019.

Please ****COMPLETE THIS MEMBERSHIP FORM**** and email, post or hand deliver to:

The Thornbirds
P O Box 1319
BLACKBURN NORTH 3130

Email to: olivea.sutton@hotmail.com

Or bring to the next morning coffee if that is more convenient.

YOUR NAME:

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EMAIL:

PHONE NUMBERS: HOME:MOBILE:

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