



In house ladies' group of the Hawthorn Football Club

Number 5 August 2019

YOUR THORNBIRDS SPONSORED PLAYERS 2019



19

Jack
Gunston



31

Ricky
Henderson



27

Marc
Pittonet



28

Sarah
Perkins



24

Rosie
Dillon

RETIRING HAWKS CHAMPION - JARRYD ROUGHHEAD



Sunday afternoon we celebrated Jarryd's final home game for Hawthorn. What a way to go out – it couldn't have scripted it any better. 15 years of service, 4 premierships, Coleman Medallist, 2 time All Australian and former Hawks captain. A Hawk through and through. Jarryd is a true inspiration in football and in life – we will miss cheering him! #ThanksRough

Annual Grand Final Morning Coffee

Once again, we are having our special grand final morning coffee upstairs at the Box Hill Golf Club on **Wednesday 25th September, 10am.**

This is always a great morning and we will again be inviting special guests – our players' mothers and some Past Players' ladies to join us.

Bookings are essential for this event – see booking form at the end of this newsletter.

THORNBIRDS SPONSORED PLAYERS NIGHT:

Oh what a night it was.....sorry Jarman Impey was unable to be with us to collect the Hawthorn Teddy Bears that he distributes through his charity work.

Marc Pittonet and Ricky Henderson were, as always, happy to mingle with us Thornbirds. Unfortunately, Jack Gunston couldn't be with us on the night however everyone's feedback has been so positive which is fabulous – thank you for that.

Having guests from two separate eras to speak worked well, our two sponsored players are very much at home now and seem relaxed and happy to convey any information they have.

Of course, club legend David Parkin never disappoints does he and with the media expertise of Harf it was easy to listen to them both.

Thank you to all our members for having faith in the new Box Hill RSL venue and supporting this night, we now have a good foundation to work on for next year. It would be great if we could lock Harf in as compere. It would make the committee's job so much easier!

Only downer we did not point out the coffee station which was set up so elegantly at the back of the room near the bar! Apologies, there was plenty of tea and coffee available.



CRESWICK WOOLLEN MILLS – MORNING TEA and FASHION PARADE

On Saturday 20th July commencing 10:30am an enthusiastic group of Thornbirds and friends met at Creswick Woollen Mills in Hawthorn.

We all enjoyed morning tea and a fashion parade. Creswick's Giselle modelled the latest garments from their collection. Our ladies took the opportunity to buy up big – coats seemed to be very popular.



OVARIAN CANCER FUNDRAISING MORNING TEA: Report by Jenni Beddoes

What a great morning tea in July we had for our special Ovarian Cancer fundraiser. Even though we were playing in Tassie and many had made the trip down, thirty-one fabulous Thornbirds turned up for this occasion with only one thing on their minds – “Let’s do it for Win”. And do it we did! A total of \$760.00 was raised with the help of ladies who donated prior to the event as they couldn’t make it. The area in the Box Hill Golf Club was a sea of teal from napkins, table choccies, raffle prizes and many ladies donning the colour with various bits of clothing and jewellery. Great prizes were on offer for the raffle and everyone went home with something to show from the morning. Thank you to all that donated prizes and special mention to the Box Hill Golf Club who donated several bottles of wine, thanks Dean and ladies. A birthday cake was also produced to help Win celebrate her 80th birthday.

A big thank you ladies for your terrific effort!



VFLW Sponsored Players Night:

A few Thornbirds attended the Sponsored Players Night for the Box Hill Hawks and the Hawthorn VFLW teams.

The night was a Trivia Night held at the Glenferrie Hotel.

Our team was made of Lyn Sutton, Di McDonald, Margaret Hill and Olivea Sutton who were joined by our sponsored player Rosie Dillion and our surrogate sponsored player for the night Bec Beeson. It was a fantastic night - a lot of laughs and fun. The best news for our little team was that that "The Thornbirds" took out the trivia night. A great effort considering we were the only team who didn't have a mix of VFLW and Box Hill Hawks players. Well done team!!



ANNUAL FAMILY LUNCH: Report by Di McDonald

Our Family Lunch this year was held at the Box Hill RSL on "The Deck". Despite the gloomy weather and rain outside, the warmth of the gas heaters, some of our scarf rugs, plentiful food and good company made for an enjoyable Sunday afternoon.

Our guest was AFL author Dan Eddy. We now need to refer to him as Dr Dan Eddy - he was awarded his doctorate just prior to our function.

Dan spoke of his personal health battles in his early life. You could hear a pin drop as he told his story which lead him down the path of writing football history books – a real passion for him. Dan has written or contributed to 11 books since 2014. Books include *King Richard – the Story of Dick Reynolds*, *Norm Smith Medallists* and contributed to the *Hall of Famers* book. Dan's upcoming projects include books on Peter Crimmins, Peter Hudson and on the Hawthorn/Melbourne failed merger. Dan shared some anecdotes from researching his books – including the time he interviewed Don Scott and after spending time with Allan Jeans he now knows what it might have been like to be coached by him!!

Dan then went on to call to the microphone Hawks premiership star Leon Rice and Hawthorn Club historian Peter Haby. The three of them fed off one another in telling many stories (some not previously revealed – particularly the influence Leon had working against the merger!)



Peter Haby, Leon Rice & Dan Eddy



Di Kendell - Lucky raffle winner of Jack Gunston's guernsey



Members Survey results:

Thank you to the ladies who responded to the survey - pleased to say we had just over half of our membership base submit a response to the survey. This feedback provides valuable insight into the types of things you as members would like the committee to organise.

For those at the morning tea in June will know that Nicky Laughton was the winner of the 2020 membership. Congratulations to Nicky!

We felt it was important to share with you a brief overview of the responses for each question, so you can understand why we might be preserving with something or changing something!!

To reiterate this is your group so if you see something of interest or think you have a good idea - please share it with the committee.

OVERVIEW:

82% - loved the morning teas held upstairs & want it to continue.

100% - love the frequency of the newsletter!

50% - know about our social media presence.

50% - Happy to leave Christmas function at same time.

75% - Don't want or need a TAB onsite for Oaks Day.

92% - are happy to have partners at some of our functions.

85% - want some fun activities to run on Oaks Day such as best hat.

50% - are happy to leave evening events at Box Hill Golf Club – but some concerns about carparking.

75% - loved having different speakers including those outside Hawthorn/AFL

Thank you!

The Thornbirds would like to thank the following companies for their generous donations to our raffles and fundraising efforts this year. Please support them!



Adam from Koh ekoWorks – Koh is an Australian owned business who produce ecofriendly house cleaning products. These can be purchased online. They have kindly donated 50 starter packs to Kara House. These are valued at \$45 each.



Richie Vandenberg has generously donated some of his beautiful wine. A dozen will be part of our upcoming major raffle. Whilst another 6 have been given to our sponsored players and guests as thank you gifts. If you haven't already tried some – we recommend getting a bottle.

HAPPY 40th BIRTHDAY TO OUR FABULOUS THORNBIRDS – STILL GOING STRONG



HFC PRESIDENT JEFF KENNETT – MORNING TEA:

We have the pleasure of Jeff's company for the morning on Friday 30th August for morning tea.

Jeff has been keen to come and meet up with our group – a full house would be amazing so bring all your female friends!!



As we are celebrating our 40th Anniversary we have invited the original Thornbirds Committee to join us.

The morning will give us the chance to celebrate and reminisce about the achievements of OUR group.

It is a big opportunity to show Jeff who we are, what we do and get some more support from the football club. Bookings are essential for this great event – a booking form is attached at the end of this newsletter.



***Happy 80th Birthday wishes to
Win Wood
from all your Thornbirds friends***

***Where did Bev & Peter find this fine
feathered friend??***

***During their trip overseas in July this
feather chap “appeared” to them.
Peter swears he is Hawka’s long lost
cousin. Some might think he looks a
bit like an eagle but he is brown and
gold so definitely a Hawk!!!***



Great photo thanks for sharing Bev and Peter.

THANK YOU JORDAN LEWIS:

Just before we went to print our newsletter - Jordan announced his retirement. We'd like to congratulate Jordan on an outstanding career. Whilst he will finish playing wearing Red and Blue - he'll always be a Hawk to us. Good luck to you and your family on the next exciting chapter.



UPCOMING THORNBIRDS DATES FOR 2019 (August - December)

DATE	VENUE
August Fri 30 th – 10:00am	Morning Coffee –Upstairs at Box Hill Golf Club with Jeff Kennett
September Fri 13 th – 10.00am	Morning Coffee - at Hahndorf's Forest Hill Chase
September Wed 25 ^h – 10.00am	Grand Final Morning Coffee –Upstairs at Box Hill Golf Club
October Sat 19 th – 7:00pm	An evening with Mike McColl Jones and memories of Graham Kennedy. Box Hill RSL - UPTON ROOM
October Fri 25 th – 10.00am	Morning Coffee -- at Box Hill Golf Club
November Thu 7 th – 12:00noon	Oaks Day - Upstairs at Box Hill Golf Club
November Fri 29 th – 10:00am	Morning Coffee –at Box Hill Golf Club
December Tue 3 ^d – 12:00noon	Christmas Break Up - Box Hill RSL - UPTON ROOM

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THINKING OF YOU

To any of our Thornbirds Ladies – who are not feeling well at the moment we send our best wishes to you. If you know of any of our members who are in hospital or have a special occasion coming, please contact Jenni Beddoes.

MORNING COFFEE WITH JEFF KENNETT Friday 30th August

Please send your reply by Friday 23rd August to:

Olivea Sutton: PO Box 1319 Blackburn North 3130 or via email: olivea.sutton@hotmail.com

NUMBER OF ATTENDEES:

COST: **\$20.00**

NAME/S OF ATTENDEES:

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DIETARY REQUIREMENTS:

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PAYMENT: \$.....cash/cheque/direct deposit

*Bank transfer to The Thornbirds Committee **BSB** 033326 **A/C** 372622 please put your name on payment.*

GRAND FINAL MORNING COFFEE – Wednesday 25th September

Please send your reply by Wednesday 18th September to:

Olivea Sutton: PO Box 1319 Blackburn North 3130 or via email: olivea.sutton@hotmail.com

NUMBER OF ATTENDEES:

COST: **\$22.50 members apologies for this slight increase!**

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