



In house ladies' group of the Hawthorn Football Club

Number 7 September 2019

### YOUR THORNBIRDS SPONSORED PLAYERS 2019



19

Jack  
Gunston



31

Ricky  
Henderson



27

Marc  
Pittonet



28

Sarah  
Perkins



24

Rosie  
Dillon

### *Vale Danny Frawley.*

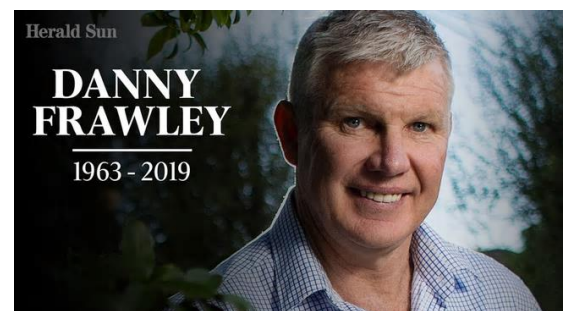
*We certainly have all been touched by the sudden and very sad passing of Danny and like everyone else our hearts go out to his family, friends, our own James Frawley and colleagues, particularly Jason Dunstall.*

*It has been well documented the special man Danny was and his continual battle with mental illness. Jeff Kennett touched on this issue at our morning tea a couple of weeks ago and it is certainly an area we all need to be better educated in.*

*Watching Collingwood's Adam Treloar (who also has had a lot of issues of late), speak on AFL 360, was particularly sad – he said that when he heard Danny speak recently he wanted to call him, meet him and speak to him but did not have the confidence to do so – he said how sorry he was now and he felt so lost. I am sure there are many who feel exactly the same.*

*A testament to the man and St Kilda Great is the minutes silence at the weekend and everyone wearing black arm bands – don't we all wish it wasn't necessary.....*

*Such a tragic loss of a man who had so much to offer so many.....RIP SPUD*



## **JEFF KENNETT MORNING TEA**

Thank you to the 54 ladies (and two men – Jeff and Peter Haby!) who attended this special morning tea with a somewhat subdued Jeff due him being unwell, but he certainly did not let us down did he. What an incredibly interesting speaker he is and his passion for the Hawthorn Football Club, Women's footy and mental health issues came through. We do thank him (and have done so formally) for taking time out of his busy schedule to join us on this morning. **A big thank you to Ros his amazingly patient PA who worked tirelessly to find a spot on the calendar and kept it for us – there were many emails and calls to secure this day and it would have been near impossible without the support of Ros. Thanks Ros!!**

It was lovely to welcome the foundation Thornbirds to this morning which starts off our celebration of 40 years as The Thornbirds. As part of the celebration the football club produced a dainty commemorative badge for each of our 2019 members. Those in attendance at the morning tea, were given theirs and over the coming weeks we'll hand the remaining out.

**An enormous thank you to the Box Hill Golf Club's Dean who organised that amazing cake for us!! It was delicious thanks Dean and staff.**

The room looked lovely with our new Thornbirds flags on the tables with just a touch of red – thank you to the committee **AND OUR HELPER MEMBERS** for always making the room look so special at our events.



# Thank you!

Unfortunately for us all, I need to inform you that Di McDonald has decided to resign from the committee of The Thornbirds. Di has been on the committee for around 19 years and has done an outstanding job in several different roles, including serving as President. Di and husband Stuart have worked tirelessly on our newsletter for the past few years bringing it to new heights with all the photos and interesting facts, they also looked after the finances for many years. Thank you to both of you. We will naturally be acknowledging Di's outstanding service soon, but in the meantime, I take this opportunity on behalf of the committee and members past and present, to thank you Di most sincerely and we all look forward to continue seeing you at Thornbirds functions. Lyn



## Grand Final Morning Tea

A reminder about our grand final morning tea on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September at Box Hill Golf Club. A form is at the end of this newsletter – please ensure if you want to come along you let us know ASAP.

## PLAYER AWARDS

Awards season is upon us and already 2 Thornbirds sponsored players have been recognised, at the VFL Liston Medal – VFL's Brownlow – which was held on Monday evening.

Rosie was one of 22 ladies who made the VFLW team of the year. Rosie was selected alongside some hawk teammates - Phoebe McWilliams, Jayde Van Dyke and our surrogate sponsored player Bec Beeson. Well done to all 4 ladies – a fantastic achievement. Rosie was also a finalist for the VFLW's rising star. We are so proud of Rosie – she's had an amazing season and it's lovely to see her receive these accolades.

Marc was rewarded for an outstanding season finishing equal 4<sup>th</sup> in the Liston medal. Marc played 14 games at VFL level this year, averaging 16.7 touches and 38.3 hit-outs per game. He also managed to sneak in 2 AFL games! We are a bit biased (!) but we all knew Marc had another fantastic season – just so pleased this was also reflected in the Liston voting!

*Congratulations to both Rosie and Marc!!!*

## OUR SUPPORTERS AND SPONSORS

If you haven't already tried some – we recommend getting a bottle. You can purchase his wines via the website [vandenbergwines.com](http://vandenbergwines.com) or at Dan Murphy Cellars. Richie will be a guest at morning tea next year which is very exciting.



# REMEMBERING GRAHAM KENNEDY AND OTHERS...

## An evening with Mike McColl Jones OAM .....



The booking form for this unique evening is attached. Please note that all payment and confirmations must be in no later than October 4. As stated previously the RSL are very strict on their timelines and will not allow us to add after this date. We don't want you to miss out so please contact Olivea asap.



### **UPCOMING THORNBIRDS DATES FOR 2019 (September - December)**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>VENUE</b>
September Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> – 10.00am	Morning Coffee - at Hahndorf's Forest Hill Chase
September Wed 25 <sup>h</sup> – 10.00am	Grand Final Morning Coffee – Upstairs at Box Hill Golf Club
October Sat 19 <sup>th</sup> – 7:00pm	An evening with Mike McColl Jones and memories of Graham Kennedy. Box Hill RSL - UPTON ROOM
October Fri 25 <sup>th</sup> – 10.00am	Morning Coffee - at Box Hill Golf Club
November Thu 7 <sup>th</sup> – 12:00noon	Oaks Day - Upstairs at Box Hill Golf Club
November Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> – 10:00am	Morning Coffee – at Box Hill Golf Club
December Tue 3 <sup>d</sup> – 6.30pm	Christmas Break Up - Box Hill RSL - UPTON ROOM

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# GRAND FINAL MORNING COFFEE – Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September



*Please send your reply by Wednesday 18th September to:*

*Olivea Sutton: PO Box 1319 Blackburn North 3130, 0438 198 315 or via email: [olivea.sutton@hotmail.com](mailto:olivea.sutton@hotmail.com)*

**NUMBER OF ATTENDEES:** .....

**COST:**     **\$22.50 per person - apologies for this slight increase!**

**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.*

# ***REMEMBERING GRAHAM KENNEDY AND A FEW OTHERS...***

*An evening with Mike McColl-Jones OAM .....*

**SATURDAY OCTOBER 19 7pm at  
Box Hill RSL Nelson Road Box Hill**



*Mike was Graham Kennedy's writer and a great friend; he is coming to share stories of arguably one of Australia's best television performers of all time. Who didn't love Graham and all those shows and his antics!*

*He is also bringing some never seen before footage from IMT to share with us.*

***Mike is also a passionate Hawthorn supporter*** but also a man of many talents and due to his friendship with our own Jenni has offered to come and share some of his stories. Mike has worked with some incredible people other than Graham Kennedy such as: Bert Newton, Don Lane, Ernie Sigley, Joan Rivers, Ronald Reagan, Malcolm Fraser, Ted Whitten, Barry Crocker, Ron Barassi – and so many more, people from all walks of life. He has written and created ideas for over 200 television specials and been involved in writing books and for magazines and newspapers and worked on radio as well. What an interesting life!

*This promises to be a very interesting and special night with an amazing Australian, a night not to be missed!*

*This event is for all members and guests I feel sure the men will enjoy a lot of what Mike has to say - he has a wicked sense of humour.*

*So, come alone or bring lots of friends, sit back enjoy a delicious 2 course dinner and reminisce and enjoy Mike's company –*

**PLEASE COMPLETE FORM BELOW BY OCTOBER 4<sup>TH</sup> DEFINITELY NO LATE REPLIES WILL BE ACCEPTED**

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**Your name**.....

**Names of guests**.....  
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**Dietary requirements**.....

**Numbers attending**.....@ \$45 per person .....total cheque/cash/or direct debit.

**Contact treasurer to book your place and pay:**

**Olivea Sutton: PO Box 1319 Blackburn North 3130, 0438 198 315 or via email: [olivea.sutton@hotmail.com](mailto:olivea.sutton@hotmail.com)**

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