

# GREENVALE FOOTBALL CLUB INC

Registered No. A0026797C



## NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2012

### Welcome to the 2012 Season

The Club is expecting an exciting and challenging year ahead. The Senior team is aiming to do better than last Season – and bring home the 2012 Premiership. There are good numbers in the Reserves and the two Under 18 teams and we are expecting these teams to be in the Finals.

A check of player numbers in our Juniors has indicated that the Club will be very strong again this season. For 2012, the Club has initially entered 4 Under 10 teams; 4 Under 12 teams; 3 Under 14 teams and 3 Under 16 teams.

### Our Website

The Club is currently updating its website. Please log-on and register your email address so that we can email you all further newsletters and the like.

Football Club: <http://www.greenvalefc.com.au>

Sports Club: either <http://www.greenvalesports.com.au>  
or <http://www.greenvalesc.com.au>

Cricket Club: <http://www.greenvalecc.com.au>

### Major Sponsor

The Committee is pleased to announce that Ikon Services will continue as the Club's major sponsor in 2012.

MC Services will continue as our "Premiership Partner".

### Junior Registration Day

Junior Registration Day has been fixed for **Sunday, 12 February 2012** – between 10.00am and 1.30pm in the Greenvale Sports Club Social Facility at Section Road, Greenvale.

The Club has arranged for AFL players Addam Maric and Michael Talia, both ex-Greenvale Juniors to be in attendance from about 12.00 noon until 1.00pm.

### Senior Coach Anthony Rock to be joined by Rodney Wright

Anthony Rock continues as the Club's Senior Coach.

The Club is pleased to announce the appointment of former North Melbourne and Melbourne player, Rodney Wright as Reserves Coach and Assistant Senior Coach. Rod has been an Assistant Coach and Junior Development Officer with the Northern Bullants TAC team for the last few years. Prior to that he had extensive senior coaching experience.

### New Players to play at Greenvale

The Club is very pleased to announce that former Club Best and Fairest, Eric Kuret and former top Junior and Hawthorn Rookie, Ben Clifton will return to the Club and play for the Jets in 2012.

Further good news is the signing of former Frankston/VFL Full Back Daniel Campisano.

### Greenvale Junior Gets Drafted

The Club would like to congratulate Michael Talia who was drafted by the Western Bulldogs in the National Draft. Hopefully, we will see him around the Club whenever possible.

Michael is the fourth Greenvale Junior to be drafted in the last 5 Seasons. This is a great compliment for the Club's efforts to develop the Juniors.

### Start of 2012 Season

The following dates have been scheduled for the season to commence -

- **Seniors - Saturday 14 April 2012**
- **Juniors - Sunday 15 April 2012**

### Junior Coaching Appointments

The Committee is pleased to announce the following appointments to Junior Coaching positions for 2012:

#### Under 10's

Appointments for the Under 10 positions are currently being processed and will hopefully be announced on Registration Day.

#### Under 12's

Appointments for the Under 12 positions are currently being processed and will hopefully be announced on Registration Day.

#### Under 14's

Under 14 Div 1 – Bernie Carter

Appointments for other Under 14 positions are currently being processed and will hopefully be announced on Registration Day.

#### Under 16's

Under 16 Div 1 – Greg Stillman      0417 559 874

Under 16 Div 4 or 6 – John Dimartino   0408 038 715

Please note: As soon as player numbers have been confirmed, and the number of teams confirmed, further coaching appointments will be announced ASAP prior to the commencement of the season.

### 2012 Committee

President:	Bruce Kent	0419 331 975
Senior Vice President:	Bob Sardo	0419 323 613
Junior Vice President (& Junior Co-ordinator):	John Brinkhuis	0400 102 807
Secretary:	Ken Hutchinson	0418 582 902
Treasurer:	Joe Crisara	0418 313 626
Ordinary Members of the Committee:	Joanne Stillman	0423 652 023
	Angelo Meiorin	0407 353 069
	Rob Farchione	0409 169 658
	Dominic Micallef	0407 853 437
	Sue Baker	0419 876 132
	Guy Turner	0418 562 350

### Junior Training

**Under 16** Training has commenced at the Second Oval at the Reserve. It will continue every Tuesday and Thursday from 5.00pm until further notice.

**Under 14** Training will commence at the Drummond Street Reserve on Tuesday, 14th February 2012 at 5.00 and will continue every Tuesday and Thursday evening until further notice.

**Under 12 & 10** Training details will be provided soon.

**When training does start all players must wear runners and not football boots. Mouth guards are encouraged. Please ensure all players come with a drink bottle and hat or cap and are well hydrated before training.**

### Mouthguards

The Club's Dental contacts is Sportsguard-Mouthguards. Andrew Kenyon-Smith will be available for fittings on Registration Day and a further night will be arranged in March for those who cannot be there on Registration Day. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

The cost of the personally fitted basic mouthguard for an Under 9 player is about \$90.00. For an Under 11 player it is about \$125.00 and for Under 14 to Senior players the mouthguards cost \$190.00.

Chemists sell plastic moulded mouthguards for about \$30.00. Seek advice.

### 2012 Merchandise Order Form

The Club's Merchandise Coordinator for 2012 will continue to be Angelo Meiorin (0407 353 069).

A Merchandise Order Form will be available on Registration Day for completion. All order forms must be submitted ASAP so that stock can be ordered.

Merchandise that the Club will sell include:

- Shorts and Socks
- All weather jackets
- Polos
- Beanies
- Caps

Please note:

- Club shorts and socks can only be purchased via the Club. They are not available from Sports stores
- Football jumpers will be allocated to players at Jumper presentation prior to the start of the season. Jumpers must be returned to the Club at the end of the season.

## Subscriptions/ Membership Fees

The Committee has been obliged to marginally increase Membership fees for the 2012 Season for the first time since 2010.

The Club will also retain the "Capital Works Levy" of \$25.00 per family. This levy will be set aside to help pay the very substantial Capital Works costs that the Club is currently incurring, and will continue to incur, to assist in the construction of much needed facilities. In 2011 the levy assisted with the acquisition of new goal posts.

The Subscriptions/ Membership Fees for 2012 (in addition to the Capital Works Levy) will be:

1	JUNIOR PLAYERS Combined Membership & Weekly Match Fee	1 <sup>st</sup> Child 2 <sup>nd</sup> Child	\$225.00 \$170.00
2	SENIOR PLAYERS		\$210.00
3	SOCIAL MEMBERSHIP (SPORTS CLUB)		\$10.00
4	VOTING MEMBERSHIP (FOOTBALL CLUB)		\$20.00
5	COMBINED FOOTBALL VOTING & SPORTS SOCIAL MEMBERSHIP		\$30.00

Please note:

- The Junior membership fees include Social Membership of the Sports Club for the player and both parents.
- The Senior player membership fee includes Social Membership of the Sports Club. (But not for the players' parents).
- Discounts apply for Sports Club Foundation members or Paid up members of the Sports Club through the Cricket Club.

## Senior Football News

The Club is pleased to announce the following appointments for the 2012 Season:

- Anthony Rock has been re-appointed as the Senior Coach.
- Rodney Wright has been appointed the Reserves' Coach and an Assistant Senior Coach.
- Tony Abboud has been re-appointed as an Assistant Senior Coach.
- Mark Budge has been re-appointed as an Assistant Senior Coach.
- Warren Bonello has been re-appointed as the Under 18 Div (1) Coach.
- Tony Martinello has been re-appointed as the Under 18 Div (3) Coach.

The Seniors, including Under 18's, have commenced training every Monday, Wednesday and Friday nights at the "second oval" at the Reserve, commencing at 6.00pm. Any new players are most welcome. Any queries can be directed to:

Anthony Rock	0413 155 550
Rodney Wright	0408 770 661
Tony Abboud	0408 121 579
Mark Budge	0409 809 802
Warren Bonello	0419 503 438
Tony Martinello	0418 246 461
Bruce Kent	0419 331 975
Ken Hutchinson	0418 582 902

Note: These training sessions are for Senior and Under 18 players only.

### New Senior Recruits

- Eric Kuret (ex Greenvale) from Coburg/Balranald
- Ben Clifton (ex Greenvale) from Old Essendon Grammar
- David Campisano from Frankston (VFL)
- Travis Smith from Rupertswood

### “Second” Under 18 Competition

The “second” Under 18 competition has been one of the great successes of 2009, 2010 & 2011.

The Club will again field two teams and it is expected that the competition will be bigger and better than last year. This year the first team will be striving for the “three-peat” and the second team for back to back Premierships.

Warren Bonello (0419 503 438) will coach the Division (1) team. Tony Martinello (0418 246 461) will coach the Division (3) team.

### New Sponsors

The Club is keen to talk to anyone who wishes to sponsor the Club in 2012. Various packages and options are available.

On Registration Day there will be a container available for Business Cards to be deposited by any parents willing to sponsor the Club. A prize will be given to the first Business card drawn from the container on the day.

Any interested person can contact Bruce Kent on 0419 331 975, Rob Farchione on 0409 169 658 or Bob Sardo on 0419 323 613 or any other Committee person.

### Cricket Club \$5,000.00 First Prize Raffle & Fundraising Night – Saturday, 3 March 2012

In order to raise the funds for the purchases of new equipment to operate the second oval and to help construct the Services Building, the Cricket Club intends to run a \$50.00 a ticket, \$5,000.00 First Prize raffle to be held at the Club on the evening of Saturday, 3 March 2012. This will be a huge evening with food and drink supplied by the Club to ticketholders.

The Cricket Club helped with the lights, lets help it with its Raffle!

### Senior Practice Matches

The Senior, Reserves and Under 18 teams play Benalla at Benalla on Saturday, 17 March 2011.

The Senior, Reserves and both Under 18 teams will play Altona at Greenvale on Saturday, 31 March 2012.

Details of the practice matches for Saturday, 24 March 2012 will be advised.

### Junior Practice Matches

Practice matches for all Junior teams will be held against Keilor on Sunday, 1 April 2012. The Under 14 and 16 matches will be played at Keilor and the Under 10 and 12 matches will be played on either the main oval or the second oval at the Reserve. Specific details will be provided later.

Practice matches against Aberfeldie will hopefully be held for all Junior teams (Under 10, 12, 14 and 16) on Sunday, 25 March 2012. Some matches will be played at Aberfeldie and the remaining matches will be played on the main oval or second oval at the Reserve. Specific details and confirmation will be provided later.

## Main Oval Reconstruction

At last, the main oval reconstruction has been completed – it's magnificent.

The oval was dug up, a new sprinkler system and underground drainage were installed and 200mm of special sand was laid over the entire oval. The oval was re-surfaced with santa anna couch sods. Santa anna is the grass that was laid on the second oval although the second oval was planted with sprigs as opposed to roll-out sods.

Our new "gigantic" goal posts have been installed.

The renovation has produced an oval surface that is better than any other surface in the League.

## Other Capital Works

### Use of the Second Oval

- The second oval has been completed - it is magnificent.
- A large farm shed has been constructed next to the second oval. The farm shed will initially serve as change rooms for cricket and football and will then revert to a storage facility for equipment when the second pavilion is built.
- The Council has installed temporary male and female toilets.
- The Club, with the help of the Cricket Club, constructed a magnificent spectator's shelter at the Second Oval – the best in the League.
- The Club has constructed 2 superb Coach's boxes.
- All of the above, means that the Club can play its third and fourth level junior teams at the second oval in 2012 and beyond. This fulfils a long held dream of the Club to have all the Club's teams play at the Greenvale Recreation Reserve.
- The funding for the new pavilion at the second oval and the ground lighting currently sits in Council's Capital Works Program in the 2014-2015 Financial Year.
- The Club is endeavouring to "bring forward" some funding for the provision of lights at the second oval so that it can be used for training during Winter. Until these lights are obtained, it will not be possible to train on the oval during Winter.
- The Club would like to acknowledge the tremendous effort of Ian Nankervis together with Mick Hammond, Steve Thompson and Bob Sardo in helping with the construction of the Coach's boxes and the Spectator's shelter.

### The Third Oval

- Construction of the third oval has progressed well. The oval has now been effectively completed to a point where work will stop. It will be up to Council to decide when it will install the watering system and the final surface and install, at least, a synthetic cricket pitch. It could take several years to obtain funding for this.

### Fourth Oval

- Work on the fourth oval is well underway. You can get a magnificent view of the fourth oval from the south western embankment of the second oval
- We expect that the fourth oval, and the associated embankments and roadwork, will be "formed" by Spring 2012. Again, it will then be a matter for the Council to decide when the final surface and watering system will be installed and the oval will be able to be used.

### **Services Building**

- After working for 6½ years to obtain a Building Permit, the construction of the Services Building has finally commenced.
- The Football and Cricket Clubs (who will be responsible for the construction of the building) have borrowed/raised approximately \$75,000.00 for the first stage. The first stage will comprise public toilets, a canteen and a large storage shed. Providing there are no difficulties encountered with the foundations, it is hoped that the first stage can be completed by April 2012.
- The second stage comprises the first and second floors (or, if you like, the second and third levels). These levels comprise Coach's boxes, Statistician's rooms. Media and Filming rooms and the construction of a facade for a huge electronic scoreboard. These additional works will be dependent upon fundraising activities.

### **Oval Lighting**

You will recall that the Club was successful in obtaining a Council grant in 2008 to upgrade/complete the lighting system at the Section Road Oval. The lighting system will be the best system for football in the Melbourne Metropolitan area. It will comprise 4 poles with 14 two thousand watt lights per pole. (A total of 56 lights). It will provide huge benefits for our Club and for all our players – young and old.

Council originally thought that the completion of the system (which would have involved the installation of two new poles on the pavilion side of the oval and a further 38 lights) would cost in the order of \$120,000.00.

Our commitment was to raise \$30,000.00 towards the project.

Regrettably, it was realised that the project would cost considerably more to complete.

A "new" agreement was reached with Council. Council contributed considerably more funds and the Club also contributed more funds so that all the "underground" work could be done and 9 lights could be installed on each of the 4 poles. This only leaves a further 20 lights (5 lights on each of 4 poles) to be installed at a later date and without the need for any underground or further switchboard work to be carried out.

This proposal gave us, at least, an evenly balanced system.

Nine lights per pole will allow us to play night football matches.

The Club, with help from the Cricket Club, has contributed approximately \$50,000.00 towards the current system.

The Committee sincerely thanks all those who made donations to the Project. Rest assured that we will continue to press Council to install the remaining 20 lights.

The Committee would also like to acknowledge the substantial contribution made by the Cricket Club in directing Capital Works Funds towards the lighting project which is, essentially, a "Football project".

### **Bradford Avenue and Drummond Street Reserve**

- Council has plans to upgrade Bradford Avenue and Drummond Street but this was not going to take place until after the main and second ovals at the Greenvale Recreation Reserve have been finished. We will now approach Council to see when the upgrades might take place.

## **Fundraising – Australian Sports Foundation**

You will be aware that the Football and Cricket Clubs have spent an enormous amount of money on new facilities for the benefit of our Members. The Football and Cricket Club Committees have a joint belief that they would like to provide the best facilities for football and cricket in the north west of Melbourne.

We receive significant help from the Hume Council but we are obliged to spend a lot of money ourselves. We are greatly assisted in our fundraising by the Australian Sports Foundation.

Basically, the Australian Sports Foundation has established a mechanism by which all donations for sporting facilities can be made tax deductible.

The means by which this can be achieved is for a person to make an unconditional donation to the Australian Sports Foundation by completing the appropriate form and nominating the Greenvale Football Club as the preferred beneficiary. The person will receive a receipt from the Australian Sports Foundation. This receipt can then be used as the basis of a tax deduction. The amount of the benefit will depend on the person's individual tax rate.

Over the years several hundred thousand dollars has been donated to the Australian Sports Foundation and then directed back to the Club for the use on the various facilities that have been built over the last few years.

The Club is always seeking to raise funds in this regard and the current project which requires funding is the Services Building. If you are in a position to make a donation (which will be tax deductible) you can do so by completing one of the enclosed forms.

You should then hand the form together with your cheque or cash, or with your credit card details on it, to a Member of the Committee. The form will then be forwarded to the Australian Sports Foundation and it usually takes two or three weeks for an official Australian Sports Foundation receipt to be returned.

Should you wish to discuss any aspect of the Australian Sports Foundation donation process, please feel free to contact our President, Bruce Kent on 0419 331 975.