

# GREENVALE FOOTBALL CLUB INC

Registered No. A0026797C



## NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2011

### Welcome to the 2011 Season

The Club is expecting an exciting and challenging year ahead. The Senior team is aiming to go one step further than last season – and bring home the 2011 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 2011, the Club has initially entered 4 Under 10 teams; 4 Under 12 teams; 4 Under 14 teams and 3 Under 16 teams.

### New Website

The Club is currently building its website. It should be up and running by mid-February. The Sports Club website has been completed. 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 Australia has agreed to become the Club's major sponsor in 2011.

MC Services Group has come on board as our "Premiership Partner".

### Junior Registration Day

Junior Registration Day has been fixed for **Sunday, 13 February 2011** – between 10.00am and 1.30pm in the Greenvale Sports Club Social Facility at Section Road, Greenvale.

### Anthony Rock named as new Seniors Coach

The Club is pleased to announce the appointment of former North Melbourne Premiership player, Anthony Rock as Senior Coach. Anthony's previously coached the North Ballarat Under 18 TAC team and has been an Assistance Coach (in charge of the midfield) at Melbourne, St Kilda and the Kangaroos.

### Former AFL Players to play at Greenvale

The Club is very pleased to announce that former Bulldogs backman Cameron Wight and former Melbourne/Carlton mid-fielder, Chris Johnson have agreed to play at Greenvale for the 2011 Season.

Further good news was the decision by Essendon star, Scott Lucas to continue with the Jets in 2011.

### Greenvale Junior Gets Drafted

The Club would like to congratulate Dion Prestia who was selected by new AFL Club, the Gold Coast, at the number 9 pick in the National Draft. Dion moved to Queensland to commence training almost immediately. Hopefully, we will see him around the Club whenever possible.

### Start of 2011 Season

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

- **Seniors - Saturday 9 April 2011**
- **Juniors - Sunday 10 April 2011**

### Junior Coaching Appointments

The Committee is pleased to announce the following appointments to Junior Coaching positions for 2010:

#### Under 10's

Under 10 Div 1 - Karl Ayoubui 0411 413 016

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

#### Under 12's

Under 12 Div 1 – John Podhajski 0410 566 326

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

#### Under 14's

Under 14 Div 1 – Greg Stillman 0417 559 875

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 – Kevin Houston 0439 550 030

Under 16 Div 3 – Dominic Micallef 0407 853 437

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.

### 2011 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

### Junior Training

**Under 16** Training commences at Drummond Street Reserve on Wednesday, 9 February 2011 at 5.30pm and will continue every Wednesday and Friday evening until further notice.

**Under 14** Training commences at Drummond Street Reserve on Tuesday, 8 February 2011 at 4.45pm 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 are 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 a Junior is \$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.

### 2011 Merchandise Order Form

The Club's Merchandise Coordinator for 2011 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

The Committee has decided, despite rising costs, to keep all Memberships for the 2011 Season at the same level as 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 2010 the levy paid for a new fryer for the canteen and several other items.

Fees for 2011 (in addition to the Capital Works Levy" will be:

1	JUNIOR PLAYERS		
	Combined Membership & Weekly Match Fee	1 <sup>st</sup> Child	\$200.00
		2 <sup>nd</sup> Child	\$170.00
2	SENIOR PLAYERS		\$185.00
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 News

The Club is pleased to announce the following appointments for the 2011 Season:

- Anthony Rock has been appointed as the Senior Coach.
- Tony Abboud has been re-appointed as the Reserves 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 and Wednesday nights at the new "second oval" at the Greenvale Recreation Reserve, Section Road commencing at 6.00pm. Any new players are most welcome. Any queries can be directed to:

Anthony Rock	0413 155 550
Tony Abboud	0408 121 579
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

- Cameron White from Western Bulldogs/Werribee (AFL/VFL)
- Chris Johnson from Melbourne/Carlton (AFL)
- Chris Spinella from St Bernards
- Rowan Nayna from Werribee/Port Melbourne/Balwyn/Old Scotch

### **"Second" Under 18 Competition**

The "second" Under 18 competition was one of the great successes of 2009 & 2010.

The Club will again field two teams and it is expected that the competition will be bigger and better than last year.

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 2011. 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 331 978 or Bob Sardo on 0419 323 613 or any other Committee person.

### **\$5,000.00 First Prize Raffle & Fundraising Night – Saturday, 26 February 2011**

In order to raise the funds for the purchases of new equipment to operate the second oval, the Cricket Club intends to run a "special" \$50.00 a ticket, \$5,000.00 First Prize reverse draw raffle to be held at the Club on the evening of Saturday, 26 February 2010. This will be a huge evening with food and drink supplied by the Club to ticketholders.

Given the Cricket Club's help with the lights, lets help it with its Raffle!

### **Senior Practice Matches**

The Senior and Under 18 teams are endeavouring to arrange a practice match "under lights" on Friday, 11 March 2011 (Friday night of the long weekend). Details to be provided.

The Senior Reserves and Under 18 teams play Benalla at Benalla on Saturday, 19 March 2011.

The Senior Reserves and Under 18 teams play Noble Park at Noble Park on Saturday, 26 March 2011.

There will be an "intra-Club" match on Saturday, 2 April 2011 – this being the Saturday before the first game which will now be an away game against Strathmore.

### **Junior Practice Matches**

Practice matches for all Junior teams (Under 10, 12, 14 and 16) will be held against Keilor on Sunday, 27 March 2011. Some matches will be played at Keilor and the remaining matches will be played on our second oval at the Greenvale Recreation Reserve. Specific details will be provided later.

Practice matches against another Club will be held for all Junior teams (Under 10, 12, 14 and 16) on Sunday, 3 April 2011. Some matches will be played at the other Club and the remaining matches will be played on our second oval at the Greenvale Recreation Reserve. Specific details will be provided later.

## Main Oval Reconstruction

Everyone will be aware that the Council has contracted to have our main oval completely reconstructed over the Summer of 2010 – 2011.

Basically, the oval is to be dug up, a new sprinkler system is to be installed, underground drainage is to be installed and 200mm of special sand will be laid over the entire oval. The oval will then be 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 rollout sods.

The renovation will produce an oval surface that will be as good or better than any other surface in the League.

Regrettably, the heavy rain prior to Christmas has put the project back nearly 6 weeks.

We have now been told by Council that the oval will not be ready for “play” until late May 2011 at the earliest. This will mean that the Seniors will have to swap several of the early home games.

Council proposes that our Division 1 and Division 4 Junior teams play at the second oval and our remaining Junior teams play at Bradford Avenue.

To make the second oval fit for play it will be necessary to install toilet facilities and to upgrade the power so that we can operate a canteen.

The real problem is, however, training. Daylight saving ends on the first Sunday in April and we will face huge problems for training during April and for the first 3 or 4 weeks in May. There is a suggestion that Council may obtain portable lighting (like the type that road construction crews use) for the two Senior teams and the Under 18 teams.

Council has suggested that our Junior teams may have to travel some distance to be able to train on an oval with lighting. Details in this regard are still being formulated.

It is also probable that a number of Junior Teams may only be able to train on one night a week and it may be necessary to start training as early as 4.00 o'clock so as to be finished by the time it gets dark.

The above arrangements are not finalised and further information will be provided over the next 4 – 6 weeks. However, it is clear that we are all going to be inconvenienced and our patience and Club loyalty will be tested. However, there is no perfect solution and we will simply have to do the best that we can.

## Other Capital Works

### **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 would only leave 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”.

### **Second Oval**

- The second oval has been completed (save for some more crushed rock around the embankment. Naturally, now that the oval has been completed the Club will commence discussions with the Council to see how quickly a pavilion can be built.

### **Large Farm Shed**

- 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 Third Oval**

- Construction of the third oval is progressing gradually and the third oval should be “formed” by mid 2011.

### **Fourth Oval**

- The Council intends to apply for a planning permit to commence construction on the fourth oval.

### **Services Building**

- The services building (which will be built on the far/western side of the main oval), will comprise toilets, canteen, storage facilities, coaches boxes and an electronic scoreboard etc. The building will have to be funded by the Football and Cricket Clubs. A planning permit has been obtained, Engineering drawings have been finalised and it is anticipated that a building permit will be obtained in March 2011. The Football and Cricket Clubs have already paid for all the electrical cables to be laid (about \$7,000.00) and construction of the slab will commence in the first half of this year.

### **Spectator Shelter for the Second Oval**

- The Club is helping the Cricket Club construct a spectacular shelter at the Second Oval.

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

- Council has plans to upgrade Bradford Avenue and Drummond Street but this will probably not take place until after the main and second ovals at the Greenvale Recreation Reserve have been finished.

As Bill Lawry would say.....”It’s all happening”.