

# THE BEAR FACTS



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#### **Koornang Park Pavilion**

The renovation works on the pavilion at Koornang Park are beginning to take shape.

The works involve the extension of the pavilion by approx. 7metres and the refurbishment of the interior of the pavilion to provide a modern and accessible facility for the tenant clubs.

The new facility will incorporate:

- improvements to the existing social area with a glazed viewing window;
- improvements to the kitchen/kiosk area;
- internal modernisation of the change-rooms;
- · improved access to the pavilion;
- improvements to the existing grandstand (incl. seating);
- much-needed additional storage for the tenant clubs.

The re-development works are expected to be completed by mid-June and will not impact the use of the sportsground or other recreational facilities at Koornang Park.

The estimated cost of the project is \$1.23m which has been funded by the Victorian State Gov't and Glen Eira council.

And I wish to thank Steve Dimopoulos (State Member for Oakleigh) for the majority of the funding of this project and the staff at Glen Eira council who have been working collaboratively with the tenant clubs in delivering this project.



#### **Noel Buckley**

Best wishes to Noel Buckley who is presently recovering from recent surgery.

Noel made an enormous contribution to the local sporting community for almost 50 years. He served Glen Orme JFC (which was the predecessor of the Caulfield Bears JFC), St Kevins Ormond FC (which is one of our formation clubs) and the Caulfield Bears.

Noel is a Life Member of our club and was inducted into our Hall of Fame in 2018. He is very highly respected and much-loved character within our club and we wish him all the best for a full & speedy recovery.







#### **Season Launch**

Our Season Launch is to be held on Sat 10 April 2021 – details below:



Cost is \$50 per person - this includes a drink on arrival, scrumptious food and the company will be excellent!!! To buy your ticket(s), please click <a href="https://example.com/here/be/here

### **Sports Trainers Required**

We require qualified sports trainers for our upcoming football season.

Sports Trainers are required on game days (Saturdays b/w 10.00am-5.00pm) and, if required, training nights (Tuesday &/or Thursday b/w 5.30pm-8.00pm).

Key tasks include taping, massage, injury treatment & management, etc.

#### Renumeration to be negotiated.

Level 1 Sports Trainer is minimum level of accreditation – courses are available at Sports Medicine Australia.

For more information on the role or to forward an application, please contact Dennis Nicol (Tel. 0412 520 957).



#### **2021 Football Fixture**

Our football fixture for Season 2021 is shown below:

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Opponent</u> | <u>Venue</u>  |  |
|-------------|-----------------|---------------|--|
| 10 Apr      | S'vale Dists    | Koornang Park |  |
| 17 Apr      | Hampton Park    | Away          |  |
| 24 Apr      | Murrumbeena     | Koornang Park |  |
| 1 May       | East Brighton   | Away          |  |
| 8 May       | Keysborough     | Away          |  |
| 15 May      | Hampton         | Koornang Park |  |
| 22 May      | Chelsea Hts     | Away          |  |
| 29 May      | Skye            | Koornang Park |  |
| 5 June      | Heatherton      | Away          |  |
| 12 June     | No games        |               |  |
| 19 June     | S'vale Dists    | Away          |  |
| 26 June     | Hampton Park    | Koornang Park |  |
| 3 July      | Murrumbeena     | Away          |  |
| 10 July     | East Brighton   | Koornang Park |  |
| 17 July     | Keysborough     | Koornang Park |  |
| 24 July     | Hampton         | Away          |  |
| 31 July     | Chelsea Hts     | Koornang Park |  |
| 7 Aug       | Skye            | Away          |  |
| 14 Aug      | Heatherton      | Koornang Park |  |

The finals' series will commence on the weekends of 21/22 Aug 2021 and Grand Final to be played on Sat 11 Sept 2021.

The fixture for the netball season will be finalized after grading matches (which will be in late March or early April).

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#### **Club Sponsorship**

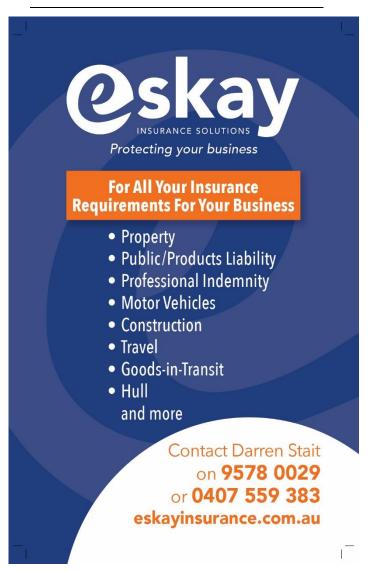
We have partnered with many businesses whom provide financial support for our club which enables us to deliver 2 quality sporting programs to our local community.

These businesses are shown throughout this publication and other mediums (such as Facebook, website, etc) and I encourage all Bears' supporters to support our sponsors whenever & wherever you can.

And if you would like to partner with us, we're sure we have a sponsorship package that will suit your business and your budget.

For as little as \$500 (+ GST) we will promote your business to our players, members & supporters which will drive sales to your business – and you'll be helping your favourite community sporting club.

Contact Darren Stait (Tel. 0407 559 383 or <a href="mailto:staity29@bigpond.com">staity29@bigpond.com</a>) for more details.



#### **Our Sporting All-rounder**

Congratulations to Andrew Stolzenburg who recently won his cricket Grand Final whilst playing for Glen Iris CC in the Eastern Cricket Association's Wright Shield competition.

Stolzy is a fast bowler (although many of the opposition batters regard him more as a medium-pace trundler) and he had a good day with the ball in his Grand Final, bowling 5 very economical overs for only 10 runs and picked up the 'prized' wicket of the number 9 batter for Ashburton.

A local lad, Stolzy played his junior footy with the Bears and junior cricket with Carnegie South CC (which is based at Lord Reserve). He decided to test himself in Premier cricket and played 2 seasons with Prahran CC before moving to Glen Iris in 2015 where he has become an integral part of the club's playing list.



And when he's not running around in his cricket flannels, Stolzy's tearing up Koornang Park in his Bears footy gear. He has played a total of 48 games with the 'senior' body of our club so far.

Andrew is pictured above with his very proud parents (Peter & Debbie) immediately after his premiership victory. We congratulate him on his success – and hopefully he'll soon be adding a footy premiership medallion to his personal collection.



#### **COVID19 Safety Message**

The safety and wellbeing of our players, officials, volunteers and spectators is our number one priority.

As we prepare to resume our football & netball seasons after a break of 18-months, it is important we do so in a safe, hygienic and controlled manner and we've established a Covid Safe policy which documents our protocols to ensure our environment is as Covid-Safe as possible.

A summary of our Covid Safe policy states:

- If you are feeling unwell &/or have flu-like symptoms, please stay home and get a Covid test as soon as possible – and please stay at home until you receive a negative test result.
- 2. We recommend face-masks are worn when you cannot maintain a social distance of 1.5mts.
- 3. We encourage the use of hand-sanitiser which we will have available at the matches we host at Koornang Park.
- 4. We will wipe all balls & other property which is shared by players with an anti-bacterial wipe before, during & after matches played at Koornang Park and our training sessions.
- 5. We discourage players from sharing drink-bottles and other property.
- 6. We will limit the number of people in any indoor facility to 1 person per 2 sq. metres of floor space.
- 7. We will have available an electronic contact tracing system for use by all players, officials, volunteers and spectators.

If you'd like a copy of our Covid Safe policy, please contact Darren Stait (Tel. 0407 559 383 or staity29@bigpond.com).

#### **Bears Golf**

Our social golf group (Bears Golf) was formed in 2019 and is a great way for our current players, past players & supporters to catch up for a friendly game of golf. We aim to play each month and the details of the remaining rounds for 2021 are:

| <u>Date</u>       | <u>Course</u>        |  |
|-------------------|----------------------|--|
| Sun 11 April 2021 | Cardinia-Beaconhills |  |
| Sun 2 May 2021    | Ranfurlie            |  |
| Sun 6 June 2021   | Medway               |  |
| Sun 4 July 2021   | X-Golf Mentone       |  |
| Sun 1 Aug 2021    | Flinders             |  |
| Sun 5 Sept 2021   | Mt Derrimutt         |  |
| Sun 3 Oct 2021    | Devil Bend           |  |
| Sun 7 Nov 2021    | Eagle Ridge          |  |
| Sun 5 Dec 2021    | Yering Meadows       |  |

Cost to play is usually \$80-\$90pp (or \$300-\$350 for a group of 4 players). The fee includes green fees and lunch (incl. a beer) following the round.

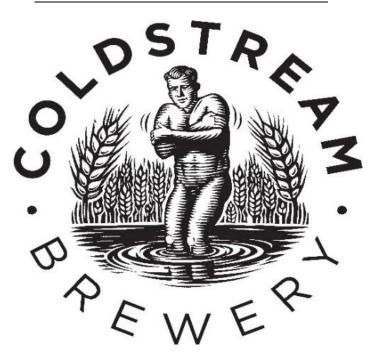
If you're interested in joining the group, please contact Darren Stait (Tel. 0407 559 383).



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#### **Andrew Stainthorpe**

We extend our thoughts and best wishes to Andrew Stainthorpe who is battling illness at the moment. Andrew played 48 games for us between 1993 & 1996 and was Deputy Vice-Captain of our 1994 1st XVIII Premiership team. All the best Stainy.





#### **Social Memberships Available**

There's no better way to support your favourite community sporting club than becoming a social member. We have <u>3 levels of social membership</u> for you to choose from – details are shown below:

| <u>Benefit</u>   | <u>Social</u><br><u>Member</u> | <u>Silver</u><br><u>Bears</u> | <u>Golden</u><br><u>Bears</u> |
|--|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Complimentary<br>drinks & finger<br>food during half-<br>time break of all<br>1st XVIII matches<br>played at<br>Koornang Park. | <b>~</b>                       | <b>&gt;</b>                   | >                             |
| ½ price drinks at<br>the conclusion of<br>all 1 <sup>st</sup> XVIII<br>matches(*)  | ~                              | <b>&gt;</b>                   | <b>&gt;</b>                   |
| Bears Bucks  | \$30                           | \$150                         | \$300                         |
| Complimentary<br>tickets to each<br>match-day<br>luncheon  |                                | 1 tix                         | 2 tix                         |
| Complimentary<br>tickets to Major<br>Raffle  |                                | 1 tix                         | 2 tix                         |
| Advertisement of business on club's sponsors' board  |                                |                               | >                             |
| Fence banner (to<br>be supplied by<br>GBSG member)   |                                |                               | <b>&gt;</b>                   |
| Personalised<br>Glass Tankard  |                                |                               | <b>~</b>                      |
| Cost (per person)  | \$100 +<br>GST                 | \$500 +<br>GST                | \$1,000<br>+ GST              |

<sup>(\*)</sup> Please note, the ½ price drinks benefit mentioned above refers to drinks purchased at the conclusion of all matches played at Koornang Park throughout our season by the member for his/her consumption and will not apply to other drinks purchased by the social member.

What do you have to do?

Contact Darren Stait (Tel. 0407 559 383 or via email staity29@bigpond.com) now to become a social member of your favourite community sporting club.

#### **Season Preview**

Our footy boys have been preparing for the upcoming season since mid-Nov and all training sessions have seen strong player numbers in attendance (with more than 50 players at some sessions).

In 2021, 25 lads will pull a Bears jumper for the first time and many of these fellas will play 1<sup>st</sup> XVIII football which will result in true competition for selection. This improved depth of talent in our playing list has generated some genuine excitement around our playing group.

The boys played practice matches against Albion (WRFL), Tarwin Lower and Bungaree and were very impressive in all matches.

Growler is predicting that both teams will play finals' footy in 2021.

And not to be outdone, our netball girls have been hitting the 'training track' hard with solid player numbers at all sessions.

The girls have played a series of 'grading' matches over the past few weekends and our governing body (SFNL) will sort our teams into various grades as a result of our performances in these matches.

We will field 5 netball teams in season 2021 (which is one fewer that we fielded in 2019).

Growler isn't prepared to make any bold predictions about the performance of our netball teams until we know which grades our teams will play in but knowing the competitive nature of our netballers don't be surprised if we have some new silverware in the trophy cabinet come end of year.





#### **Player Sponsorship Program**

Our Player Sponsorship Program assists in funding our football & netball operations (such as purchasing footballs, netballs, training equipment, medical equipment & consumables, etc) and I encourage you to sponsor your favourite player (or we can select a player for you).

What are the benefits for the sponsor?

An A3-sized poster (sample below) showing a photo of the selected player and your name &/or business logo will hang on the wall of our social room at Koornang Park for all to see your support of our club.

And you will receive a 'Bear Bucks' card valued at \$30 which can be redeemed at our bar &/or canteen.

Cost \$150.00 (plus GST)

#### **Club Apparel**

We have many lines of club-branded apparel at very reasonable prices for you to purchase and show your support of our club.

Some of the items we stock are:

- polo shirts
- hooded jackets
- scarves
- beanies
- anoraks
- · sports bags

and much more.

Click <u>here</u> to check the full range – and you can order online.

## Julie Masterson



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What do you have to do?

Contact Darren Stait (Tel. 0407 559 383 or via email <u>staity29@bigpond.com</u>) now to sponsor a player and support your favourite community sporting club.







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