



On the Mark

From the President

Dear Manly Bombers families,

Welcome back to those of you returning for another season with the Bombers and a big welcome to any new parents to the Club.

We have now reached 500 registrations with still more to come, so we are well and truly ready to kick off on Sunday April 8.

Thank you so much for your patience around the Active Kids Voucher. Overall it has worked well but I know for some of you the voucher wasn't recognised by the registration process.

Most of the older age groups have started pre-season training and the coaches are working hard. They are brilliant and I cannot praise them enough for their commitment to developing the kids' football skills and as people.

If you need to purchase shorts and socks we have scheduled a morning on the Sunday before Easter: March 25. It will be held at the Harbord Bowling Club. Auskick 8:30 to 9:30am and then Youth from 9:30 to 12 noon. Auskick jumpers will also be given out on the same morning. For the youth age groups, jerseys will be presented to each player by their coach.

This season we are going to field an Under 10 girls team, in addition to the U12YG, U15YG and U18YG teams. We have come a long way in the past three years and are very proud of the fact that we now have nearly 80 girls playing for the Bombers.

Please drop me a line if you have any questions or concerns.

All the best to all the players for 2018.

Kind Regards,

Tony Flynn

President – Manly Bombers JAFC

Sponsor spotlight

Axia Office on board with the Bombers

When the opposition is left chasing the Manly Bombers this year, they'll see something different.

The rear of the 2018 Bombers jersey features the Axia Office logo.

Axia Office, a quality boutique office equipment dealer, has come on board as the club's major sponsor.

Axia was known as Grahame Hall Business Machines when it was acquired by Brad Keen in 1996. It had been founded more than 50 years earlier.

"During the past 21 years our business has continually evolved to ensure our products, advice and support incorporate the latest technologies to deliver a comprehensive service to thousands of satisfied customers," Mr Keen, the company's managing director, said.

"Our role is to help successful businesses using office photocopiers, colour multifunction printers and laser printers reduce print related costs and improve productivity and user satisfaction.

"We develop a plan that offers visibility and control over print output, resulting in lower operating costs. The plan bundles the cost of new multifunction copiers and laser printers, toner cartridges and preventative service for an agreed cost per page solution across all print devices."

Mr Keen said his company's aim was to build a relationship of mutual benefit with clients through honesty, respect and loyalty.

Of course, these are qualities that are highly valued by the Manly Bombers; and we look forward to a mutually beneficial relationship with Axia Office.



The Manly Bombers 2018 jersey, featuring the Axia Office logo.

WANTED! Team managers

A team manager plays a key role in ensuring our players run out for the Manly Bombers each week.

If you think you might be interested in a team manager role, the Bombers would love to hear from you.

The club already has about a dozen people who have indicated their willingness to manage a team this season, but there are still several roles left to fill. No experience is necessary and you will be well supported by the coach and club committee.

If you would like to assist please contact Shaun on 0447 002 680 or shaun.mcmeeken@gmail.com

Stay up to date!

Want to stay up to date with all the happenings at the Manly Bombers?

Our website is

www.manlybombers.com.au

You can also check us out on social media:

www.facebook.com/manlybombersAFC

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And if you have any feedback about our newsletter please drop us a line: manlybombersnews@gmail.com

GO BOMBERS!



Bombers side takes out inaugural Manly 9s

A group of Manly Bombers enjoyed a productive off-season, taking out the premiership of the inaugural Manly AFL 9s.

The side included several Manly under-17 players and coaches.

The Bombers earned their spot in the grand final with a victory over Jackson 9s, which had until that time been undefeated.

The Manly Bombers side then repeated the dose in the decider, with a 13.12 to 12.8 victory.

The team members were: Campbell McPhee, Lachlan Channell, Callum McPhee, Angus McPhee, Zachary Youlten, Jack Blair, Jamie Blair, Jake McMeeken, Jacob de Angelis, Christian Bousamra, Jacko Pola-Smith and Bailey Pola-Smith.



The Bombers celebrate grand final victory in the Manly 9s

Join our newest team: Under-10 girls

The Manly Bombers will be fielding a brand new team this year.

The AFL has introduced an under-10 girls' competition - and the Bombers will be fielding at least one team.

The club would appreciate it if you could spread the word and encourage your sister, daughter or friends who might be interested to sign up and come enjoy AFL.

Girls' footy has been an area of strong growth for the club in recent seasons and the Bombers wish to see that continue - particularly as further expansion of competitions is expected in coming seasons.

Any girls who feel they may be interested are welcome to 'come and try' at a pre-season training session.

Resolving registration issues

The SportsTG team have resolved most of the issues with Kids Voucher redemption during payment, so if you have had previous issues, please work through the payment process again.

If you have registered and have not yet paid, please download the payment instructions from the Manly Bombers website. We understand that the payment process is a little convoluted this year due to the active kids voucher program, so we appreciate your patience.

If we haven't responded to a registration or payment query, or for any other questions please email manlybombersreg@gmail.com

Frequently asked questions

A new season brings with it a host of new questions. Here are a few of them - and the answers.

When does the season start?

Round 1 will be played on Sunday April 8 (a week after Easter).

What about school holidays?

Round 2 will be played on the first weekend of the school holidays, Sunday April 15. There are no games scheduled for the middle week of holidays and round 3 will be played on April 27.

Where can I get socks and shorts? What about jerseys?

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out on the same morning. For the youth age groups, jerseys will be presented to each player by their coach.

When is training on?

The training and competition page on our website has all the details: <https://www.manlybombers.com.au/traininginfo>.

Be sure to check your time and venue for pre-season training, as well as the time for in-season training at Weldon Oval, which commences from April.

What if I have had issues with registration?

Due to the active kids voucher redemption, some people have experienced issues with registration. If you had issues or haven't yet paid registration, please see the "Resolving Registration Issues" article on this page.

Can I try AFL prior to registering?

If you are new to AFL, you are welcome to "come and try" at any of our pre-season training sessions.

Be social with Bombers photos

The Manly Bombers club loves nothing more than seeing our players in action.

So if you take great a photo, make sure you also share it on social media with the hashtag **#manlybombers** or **#manlybombersafl**

Be sure you have the approval of anyone pictured before you post your photos.

You can also distribute to our social media:

Twitter @ManlyBombersAFL
Instagram manlybombers
Facebook manlybombersAFC

We look forward to seeing your pictures of an action packed season.





Auskick Update

We kick off the Auskick season by hosting representatives from the Sydney Swans on Thursday 15 March. Auskick will be running a Come and Try session in conjunction with the Swans visit. The session will run from 4.30pm to 5.30pm at Weldon Oval (by the Bombers' clubhouse).

The event will provide a great opportunity to invite your friends along to see just how much fun we have at Auskick! They will be able to take part in drills, meet some of our great Auskick players and coaches and ask lots of questions. We're expecting it to be a fantastic afternoon. Don't forget to bring along a pen for signatures!

Jersey collection will be on Sunday March 25, between 8.30am to 9.30am, at Harbord Bowling Club. We will also have club apparel for sale if you need shorts, socks or jumpers. Cash sales only on the day (if you'd like to pay by credit card, please visit the Manly Bombers online shop).

We had our first Coaches and Age Managers meeting on Wednesday March 7. We will be planning the upcoming season. If you're interested in assisting

with coaching please get in touch. We are still looking for an U6 Age Manager.

Remember, your support is vital to the success of our Auskick program (so don't be shy!). Please email manlybombersauskick@gmail.com if you can help.

Auskick parents are reminded to download TeamApp and set-up communication for both Auskick and your age group(s).

Returning parents, please remember to double-check and update your team settings from last season.

Auskick games will commence on Sunday April 8 at Frank Gray Oval. Drills will start at 8.30am, so please arrive 15 minutes early for our welcome and warm up.

The session will close with the team song at 9.30am. Training will commence on Wednesday April 11 at 4.30pm.

The Auskick team are really looking forward to welcoming back our existing and new players for the 2018 season!

Sydney Swans fly into Bombers HQ

Players from the mighty Sydney Swans will be making a special appearance at the Manly Bombers AFL Come and Try Afternoon.

The event will be held at the Bombers Clubhouse/Weldon Oval on March 15.

There will be two sessions. The first, for those five to eight years, will run from 4.30pm to 5.30pm. All new and current Auskick players are encouraged to come along and join in the fun. The second session, from 5.30pm to 6.30pm will be for all girls aged eight to 18. All new and current Youth Girls players are invited to take part.

The Manly Bombers is a community AFL club. We welcome any child that wants to try AFL for the first time. So join us for the Come and Try Afternoon – and be inspired by our visiting Swans stars.

Do you have ground management experience?

The Manly Bombers Club needs a reliable assistant ground manager for the 2018 season.

We are looking for someone with a thorough understanding of the game and ground management responsibilities. Must have a good knowledge of the updated bylaws and be confident in handling issues on and off field with players, officials and spectators.

Hours approx. 9am-4pm each Sunday for the 15 rounds of the season. Remuneration offered on an hourly basis. Over 18s only to apply please.

For further information please contact Tony Flynn via manlybombers@gmail.com

Pre-season training

With the footy season only a month away, many of our older age groups are already into the swing of pre-season training.

Younger age groups were due to begin their pre-season sessions from the first week of March, with details of session times and venues being notified by the club's coaching staff. While registration numbers have exceeded figures for the same time last season, there are still likely to be places available in some teams.

If you know someone you think would be interested in giving AFL a go, they are welcome to 'come and try' at any of our pre-season training sessions.

Details of session times are also available on the 'Competition and Training' page on the club website: www.manlybombers.com.au/traininginfo.

The Manly Bombers will return to Weldon, adopting their regular season training timetable – which will be different from pre-season – from the beginning of April. Details of in-season training times at Weldon can be found on the webpage listed above.

Diary dates at a glance

Thursday March 15 - Sydney Swans visit

Sunday March 25 - Football kit and merchandise sales at Harbord Bowling Club from 8.30am

March 30 to April 2 - Easter weekend

Sunday April 8 - Round 1, season commencement

Sunday April 15 - Round 2, first weekend of school holidays

Sunday April 22 - No AFL – school holidays

Sunday April 29 - Round 3, last weekend of school holidays



Manly Bombers AFL

Come and Try!

with a special appearance from a few of the **Sydney Swans** players at Manly Bombers JAFL Club house.

Thursday 15 March 2018
Weldon Oval, Curl Curl

4.30pm to 5.30pm — 5 years to 8 years
Auskick players new and current players.

5.30pm to 6.30pm — Girls all ages from 8 to 18
Youth Girl players, new and current players.

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