



On the Mark

From the President

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Dear Manly Bomber families

After watching my son play at St Ives in round six I came back via Weldon Oval and was thrilled to see a sea of Auskickers and their families enjoying the "changeover" round. The Oval is in great nick, it was a nice sunny day and the parents were pleased not having to be at Frank Gray at 8:30am for a change.

The weather has been very kind to us so far although it ended up a little damp on the Sunday of Round 5. Council closed Weldon for training the following day which they put on their website, so that is something to check if we have had any rain. We've also had some trouble with the automatic lighting system on the Weldon light towers so apologies for any inconvenience. It is very frustrating when it

doesn't work, so we will keep working with Council to get it fixed.

Our DA submission for a scoreboard has been met with a little over 20 objections. We have run through these and are putting together a response. We will next hear from Council in late June but either way it is a good pre-cursor to the DA for the lights on Frank Gray.

I have seen some really good football being played on all three of our ovals and it's great to see the boys and girls really enjoying themselves and developing their talent and teamwork. As a club that's all we strive for. A big thank you to the coaches and team managers who have put in a huge effort and make it all possible. Andrew Varasdi has been doing some great work in supporting the coaches and Shaun McMeeken similarly

with the team managers. Also a call out to Montana who is so enthusiastic running the canteen - which is a fantastic service we provide as well as a great income stream.

We still have three teams that haven't yet registered a win this season - U11 Div3, U14 Div3 & U17 Div3 so please support them as much as possible if you happen to be at their games.

And finally, the contents of the lost property bucket continues to grow so if you have lost any clothing please check it out each Sunday under the TV in the clubhouse.

Good luck to all for the rest of the season.

Kind Regards,

Tony Flynn

President - Manly Bombers JAFC

'Spiritual leader' to clock up 50

In the coming few weeks, Olivia Edmonds will clock up her 50th game for the Manly Bombers.

It will be a significant personal milestone, but one that many others in the club have achieved. So what makes it noteworthy?

Olivia is the girl who in 2014, at the age of 14, petitioned the Manly Bombers' committee to start an under-18 Youth Girls team.

At the time only two female AFL teams existed on the Northern Beaches: a senior women's team that had been playing for two years and an Under-14 YG team that started at Pittwater that year.

At the time of asking, 'Livvy' - as she likes to be known - had never played a team sport. Her experience to that point was to be the 'water girl' for her older brother's team.

But the Manly Bombers backed her idea and in 2015 our first Youth Girls team started. That team was a mix of players including some coming from netball, a state softball player, a champion surfer, a gymnastics tumbler, a rugby player and two girls that had played AFL before. They ranged in age from 12 to 18.

While current under-18 YG coach Izzy Rudolph is listed on the 100 games board, Livvy is generally referred to as the 'spiritual leader' of our girls' teams.



Livvy is not a natural athlete and in her time playing has never won a trophy in the team she created. But she has achieved on field.

She has played a couple of senior games for the Manly Wolves and participated in several seasons of preseason training at two different senior women's clubs and in practice matches.

She has also been part of the Sydney North Representative team for the last three years, a team that hasn't lost a match in that time. In her first year of playing, after narrowly missing out on a place in the Sydney Harbour State Cup teams, she was asked to fill in as an emergency player for the Greater West Sydney team and ended up playing in the grand final against the Sydney Harbour team.

She has also been recognised in the Manly Daily as a junior sport star for AFL.

However her road to playing 50 games for the Manly Bombers hasn't been easy.

In the first quarter of her third game she suffered a patella subluxation of her knee but still played the next two quarters before withdrawing in too much pain.

She then suffered a similar injury to her other knee in her second year of playing and now requires both knees to be taped prior to games. But she has put the injuries behind her, missing only a few games.

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Livvy is known for her dedication and commitment to the team; turning up and participating when she could easily sit out a game or training. She is known for bringing a quote to the game to inspire her teammates. Behind the scenes she gives her time to assist or motivate other girls in the club, including at Auskick.

In 2018 there are 18 female teams on the Northern Beaches.

That team of her brother's, for which Olivia was once water carrier, is the same team she ended up being the team manager for in the under-19 competition in 2017.

Unfortunately, 2018 will be Livvy's last year as a Manly Bombers player, although more than likely she will still stay as a coach or similar.

But the legacy Olivia will leave is that many girls in the future will play 50 or more games at the Bombers due to the fact she had a dream to play and pursued it.



Around the grounds

Some fantastic results have highlighted the start of the 2018 season for the Manly Bombers.

Across the junior age divisions, which includes boys' under-9 to under-17 and girls under-10 to under-18 we have a total of 26 teams registered. (Note: there is now also an under-8s competition that began in round four, in which the Bombers field two teams).

Two of our junior sides remain undefeated after six rounds, the club has had an influx of new players across the divisions and, for the first time ever, a Manly Bombers under-10 girls' side lacing is up the boots.

Here's a brief rundown of how our teams have performed on-field:

Under 9

Manly has four under-9 sides this season, which is great for the future of the club. In this age group there is no competition ladder as the focus is on the development of skills and having fun. It is great to see these younger players out enjoying their footy each weekend.

Under 10

The Bombers' under-10s have enjoyed a great start to the season. With an influx of new, keen players, the club has four teams this year. The teams train together on a Monday night and the sight of nearly 60 kids from one age group running around on Weldon is promising for the future. A mix of first timers and regulars who have been with the club since the Auskick days, the fun loving bunch of future stars have been placed into four very evenly matched teams: Phantoms, Spitfires, Hornets and Mustangs. Come Sundays, they are all raring to go and, across the first six rounds, all four teams have played some great footy; and (even though we don't keep score) all the kids will tell you that they are all winning more than they are losing.



Under 10 YG

For the first time ever the Manly Bombers J AFC has an under-10 Youth Girls team. A solid core of 11 girls have stepped up and are leading the way, embracing this inaugural season.

After a month of pre-season training the girls began the season with a Junior Girls Football Gala in North Ryde.

Since then they have played three games, with one of the matches being held on a Friday evening under the stadium lights. The girls' enthusiasm is contagious, and they are improving every time they hit the field.



Under 11

The Bombers have three under-11 sides that are improving each week.

The Division One boys have begun their season in dominant fashion. With six wins from as many matches, they sit two wins clear atop the competition ladder.

The under-11 Division Two side has been re-graded into the Division Three competition after a tough start to the season.

The existing under-11 Division Three side has been competitive, with solid wins in round four and six.

"The numbers at training and their spirit in the drills is great to be part of. On the field the boys are really enjoying their footy and are competitive. It has pleasing to see a number of boys earn the opportunity to play in Division One and grow from the experience," coach Luke Graham said.

Under 12

The under-12 Bombers' age group has 58 very committed players facing some big changes and challenges in 2018: Having teams in Divisions one, two and three (from Div 1 and 2 x Div 3 in 2017) and facing opposition teams they have never played before, like Glebe, East Sydney, Canada Bay, Pennant Hills and North Ryde.

Last season, the three Manly teams collectively lost just four games during the entire regular season.

This season, our boys are learning another new lesson - being on the wrong side of the scoreboard. "We are developing a new aspect to our game - resilience. And it's building," head coach Cam Inchley said.

Division One are sitting sixth (2-4) in a remarkably even competition and have played the top three sides in the first six games.

Division Two faces the challenge that seven of the 10 teams in their competition are the first team of their respective clubs; and although sitting eighth (1-5), have lost three games by less than 12 points and accounted for themselves very well against the top side last weekend.

Manly's Division Three 3 side is sitting ninth (1-5) but have been desperately unlucky with three losses by four points or less! But a 46-point win against Willoughby showed that we are much better than the ladder position suggests.

All the boys are also learning that there is a leap between U11 and U12, especially in areas like physicality (mind and body), voice and game sense.

"These are all key areas of development for all three of our sides which we'll be placing emphasis on at training," Inchley said.

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Around the grounds (continued)



Under 12 YG

It's been a great start to the year for the Under 12 Youth Girls team that, with a great mix of returning and new players, is packed with enthusiasm and - if the laughter and the joking is anything to go by - is loving playing footy.

There is good depth to the competition and games have been very competitive. But with a really strong mix of speed, hunger for the contest and some emerging key skills, the Bombers U12 YG's have managed to win all five of their games so far.

"Numbers both at training and in the games have been very pleasing and the girls are looking forward to continuing their development, both as individual players and as a team," coach Cam Pfeiffer said.

Under 13

The under 13s have enjoyed a great start to the year. The mood and culture amongst the group was set during a pre-season camp on the Hawkesbury and has carried on through the first six rounds of the season. There is a great appetite for footy and everyone is working incredibly hard to develop not just individually but as a team.

The Division One are defending premiers and continue to perform at a high level. They are sitting second on the table with one loss. Over the next few weeks they face last year's runners up and a number of other strong sides which will challenge the boys.

The Division Two side is also sitting second on the ladder and improving every week. There are many new faces in the team who are now starting to gel and play a strong brand of footy.

The Division Three side is in a very even competition and continuing to work hard on their game. The attitude at training has been outstanding and with a few good results in the next four to five rounds will continue to push for a place in the finals.

Under 14

A real positive for the club was an influx of new players that saw registrations in this age group to rise to 46 - at an age that more traditionally sees a decline in player numbers.

The year has already been a more positive one for the Division One side. After a difficult 2017 (with just one win), the Bombers recorded a huge round one victory against Maroubra, an even more impressive five-point win against a tough St Ives side in round 3 and they have been competitive in all their matches.

With many first time AFL players in the Division 3 side, coach Jeremy Stubbs has been working hard on combinations and skills and is pleased with the improvements and dedication he is seeing from his players.



The under-14 division one team celebrated a big first-up victory. Photo by Craig Parr.

Under 15

Manly has one under-15 boys' side, playing in the Division Two competition.

Although slightly undermanned, the Bombers came out firing to start to the season, registering wins in each of their first four matches. After six rounds Manly sits in second place, its two losses coming against the other sides in the top three.

Under 15 YG

The Bombers U15 Youth Girls team have enjoyed a competitive start to the season. With a large squad, training has been fantastic and all girls are improving and learning something new each week.

Facing two top sides in the opening rounds was tough, but the girls have turned it around with wins in each of their last four games.

"All the girls are giving it a red hot go with some amazing skills and fierce tackling on display each Sunday," coach Holly Graham said.



Under 17

The under-17 Division One side made an impressive start to the season. The Bombers won all of their opening four matches. Despite losses in their next two games they sit in a share of first place on the ladder after six rounds.

The Division Three side is yet to record a victory from five matches, coming agonisingly close with a 9.5.59 to 8.7.55 loss to Canada Bay in round six.

Under-18 YG

The under-18 girls are off to a competitive and enjoyable start to the season, with two strong wins and three losses in the Division One competition.

The girls have displayed a will to never give up until the final siren and have come together strongly as a team each week, playing for each other.

"Each week the girls' skills and ability to understand the game grows and every training they push themselves to improve, even attending extra skills sessions. Their growth is evident as the games go on, and they are also displaying great tackling and defensive pressure," coach Izzy Rudolph said.

Sponsor spotlight

Bendigo Bank

Most Manly Bombers' families will recognise the Freshwater Community Bank Branch of Bendigo Bank as a long time club sponsor and be familiar with its location in the heart of Freshwater.

What many may not know is that one of the services it offers is Community Event Liability Insurance.

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www.manlybombers.com.au

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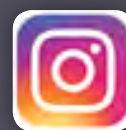
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Holiday clinics

Manly Bombers will be hosting July school holidays AFL clinics.

Clinics are always lots of fun for participants and a great opportunity to fine-tune the kids' footy skills.

Clinics will be run at Weldon Oval and further details are being finalised. Keep an eye out for further information in our next newsletter or via our social media channels.

Gender equality umpire payments

The Manly Bombers Junior AFL club actively supports gender pay equality.

The Manly Bombers Junior AFL club will pay equal pay to umpires presiding over matches in the same age group, irrespective of the gender.

The club is aware that this is contrary to Appendix "E" of the AFL Sydney Juniors By-Laws 2018, where umpires officiating girls' matches are paid less than for officiating boys' matches of the same age group.

We have informed the AFL Sydney Umpiring Development Coordinator and the North Shore Umpires group of our action to pay Umpires equally regardless of the gender of the matches they umpire.

This decision will apply from round six: Sunday May 20, 2018. Umpires officiating girls' matches prior to round six will be back-paid to round one of the season.

Kelvin Millsom

Umpire Ambassador
Manly Bombers JAFC
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Behind the scenes

As usual, the Manly Bombers' committee has been hard at work behind the scenes to ensure the smooth running of the club. Here's some of what's been happening.

- A new Canteen Manager, Montana Bray, has been recruited and has taken on the role with capable enthusiasm – Welcome Montana, it's great to have you on board!
- The public consultation period for the new scoreboard has concluded with a number of submissions received from members of the public. The committee has considered the submissions and is preparing responses in readiness for if the DA application goes to a review panel.
- Discussions and preparations are underway for minor alterations to the Frank Gray canteen so that the club can use the facility for Auskick and junior matches on Sundays.
- Work is starting on succession planning for members of the committee who will step down at the end of the year. Perhaps you can help? Please see below.

Treasurer position

Our long standing treasurer will hang up the calculator at the end of the year.

The role includes:

- Preparation of annual club budget
- Monthly P&L and balance sheet reports, Attend monthly committee meetings
- Assistance to registrar with reconciliation of registration income

- Recording costs and payment of bills
- Raising sponsor invoices
- End of year annual reports
- Reporting on canteen and merchandise profitability
- Other financial information as required by the committee from time to time

Anyone with an interest in taking over this position please contact Tony Flynn, via manlybombers@gmail.com.

The club is keen to find a replacement during the 2018 season to allow for a smooth transfer of this role.

Social media role

All would agree our Website, Teamapp, Instagram, Facebook, Twitter and club emails assist the Bombers in being one of the best clubs in Sydney.

Did you know one person looks after all of these, as well as distributing the newsletter and writing blogs on our webpage?

As he will be moving on at end of year we would like to start transitioning his knowledge to a proactive person that can work in the moment for our social media channels.

No extensive experience is required. It is very much learn-on-the-job, using mostly cut and paste tools.

If you would like to assist please contact Suzi (secretary@manlybombers.com.au) or Scott (drscotte@gmail.com).

Team photos – say cheese!

It is 'team photo' time at the Manly Bombers, with a series of professional photo shoots to take place in the coming month.

The shoots have been organised through a new sponsorship partnership between the Manly club and photographers Sports in Focus.

Photo shoots have been booked on May 27 and June 3, 17 and 24. Your team manager will be advising you of the specific dates and times of the shoots for your team.

Parents and/or players are advised to visit the Sports in Focus store at <https://www.sportsinfocus.com.au/store/event/manly-bombers-jafc-official-photos-2018> before your teams scheduled photo shoot date, in order to take advantage of the "pre-event prices".

Importantly, all orders need to be placed by midnight of the final deadline in order to receive free delivery to the club and avoid additional processing fees.

Anyone who does not wish their child to participate in the photo shoot is asked to email CustomerSupport@sportsinfocus.com.au with the subject OPT-OUT, along with the child's name and noting they are from the Manly Bombers JAFC. By opting out, your child will not be permitted to participate in any team or individual photos.

If anyone has more questions regarding about

- the photo days
- dates/times/venue for each team
- how to select team and player name from the drop down lists in the online store
- delivery

please contact Shaun McMeeken via shaun.mcmeeken@gmail.com or 0447 002 680.

Tee up a day of fun at Bombers' golf event

If you love a day on the fairways, then the inaugural Manly Bombers Golf Day promises a more than fair way to have fun.

Friday July 20 will be the day to be at Long Reef Golf Club for an event that promises not only great golf, but also great company, fantastic prizes and an all-too-rare opportunity to talk footy with the special guests who will be on hand.

The event will commence with a 7.30am shotgun start (ambrose).

The Bombers Golf Day is a key fundraiser for the Manly Bombers JAFC. Cost is \$600 per group, which includes golf and lunch.

Booking can be made through the club website at <https://www.manlybombers.com.au/product-page/manly-bombers-golf-day-2018>.

For further details contact Andrew Varasdi on 0408 349 578.

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:

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





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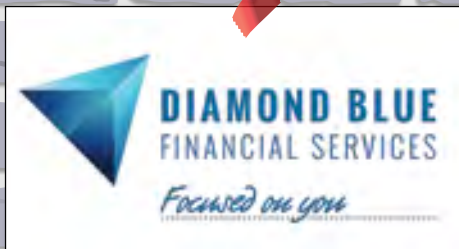
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