

On the Mark



Coaching Update

After a busy few months things are starting to shape up really well.

The Bombers have welcomed Stevie J, Izzy Rudolph, Holly Graham and James Brain as respective coaches across the senior age groups.

It's so good to see a growing appetite amongst so many kids for the game. I was delighted to see good numbers at pre-Christmas training for the under-17 boys, under-18 and under-15 girls teams. There's no question it's an exciting time and there is lots more to come.

We are also in the process of finalising the training schedules for both the pre-season and in-season periods. Both are tricky for varying reasons. But there is good news on the horizon with the plan to put lights up on Frank Grey and Mike Pawley one season away, with a little bit of luck. That will give us a lot more options that will benefit everyone.

At this stage the draft for in-season training should be up before Christmas, but please consider this as a draft that may have some tweaks as we move closer to the season starting.

The pre-season schedule is a little way away as we do rely more heavily on council and ground allocations to be confirmed, but expect that up in middle of January.

In regard to registrations, we have already had record numbers of kids signing up for 2018, including a lot of new kids wanting to play in the red and black. Can I urge everyone to please register as soon as you are able. It helps us enormously from an organisational point of view. We want to make sure we can accommodate everyone but can only do that with good planning.

On a final note we have almost sorted the head coaching positions for each of the age groups. Again I want to thank all the parents who are prepared to give their time and effort for all the kids. In the New Year we will send around an outline of the various positions required for each team, like team managers and so on, that will need to be filled.

As always if you have any questions please feel free to call me on 0408 349 578.

Go Bombers!

Vara (Andrew Varasdi) - VP Coaching



Stevie J, James Brain, Izzy Rudolph, Andrew Varasdi, Holly Graham and Tony Flynn.

MANLY BOMBERS
J.A.F.C

From the President

Dear Manly Bomber families,

On behalf of the Manly Bombers Committee, I would like to wish you and your family a wonderful holiday season and a safe and happy New Year.

I know it's early to be talking football but the committee and I are extremely excited about the upcoming season and can't wait to see the boys and girls out there in the red and black.

Our website will keep you updated on all things going on at the Club and the calendar for 2018.

We will also post any volunteer roles that need to be filled so please get in contact if you can spare any time at all. Nearly all our coaches are now appointed for next season so there's lots to look forward to.

"Registrations are now open" so come and join in the fun in 2018. Visit www.manlybombers.com.au

Please note that in most age groups we are nearing capacity so to reserve your spot please register ASAP. There is NO payment required until February as we are waiting for the Active Kids program to start on February 1; so it's just about making sure you have a place in 2018.

Once again, take care over the holidays. Seasons Greetings,

Tony Flynn

President - Manly Bombers JAF C

Be on the ball Early registration for 2018

Registrations opened on November 1 and we have about players 100 registered to date.

It may seem as though the 2017 season is barely over, but there is a lot of planning in progress for next season and it is very important that the club has an early indication of player numbers for 2018 so that we can plan teams and coaching staff well in advance of the season start.

We strongly encourage all players wishing to return in 2018 to sign up as soon as possible as there may be limited spots in some age groups next season; so it will be first in, best dressed.

Auskick v Junior Registrations

Auskickers register via a different link to juniors and it is very important to ensure that the correct link is used.

IMPORTANT: If your child is moving from Auskick to U9s (Juniors) in 2018, please make sure you register them as a Junior. Additionally, you will need to perform the registration as a NEW Player (not a returning player).

If your child is 8 years old but they want to play in the U9 junior competition (i.e. NOT Auskick) then please drop an email to manlybombersrego@gmail.com letting us know of your intent - as U8s are generally eligible for Auskick.

Please see the website for further details. <https://www.manlybombers.com.au/2018-registration-prior-feb-2018>

Active Kids Voucher

The NSW Government has announced a new 'Active Kids Voucher' program. This program aims to provide each school aged child (Kindergarten - Year 12) access to a voucher to the value of \$100 to be used to subsidise sporting club registrations. Manly Bombers will be a registered provider under the scheme so you may choose to redeem your voucher against the cost of registration. You can also use it for other registered providers or sports teams.

Because this is a new scheme, some of the final details are yet to be announced. We have been advised that the vouchers will become available to parents on January 31, but if we have received any payments for registration before that date, the voucher will not be able to be used against registration costs. It is very important therefore that the following is understood:

If you want to redeem your \$100 voucher against the cost of registration with Manly Bombers, please register your child as soon as possible via the Bombers' website but **DO NOT PAY ANYTHING AT THIS STAGE.** (i.e. selection of the REGO FEE PAYMENT option on the payment screen is **OPTIONAL** if you intend to use your voucher for rebate against Manly Bombers rego fees).

If you will be redeeming your \$100 voucher somewhere else, please register your child as soon as possible via the Bombers' website and pay the registration fee in full by selecting the \$190 payment option when presented.

Further information and a brochure about the rebate is available on the NSW Office of Sport website:

<https://sport.nsw.gov.au/sectordevelopment/activekids>

[https://sportandrecreation.nsw.gov.au/sites/default/files/Active Kids Recipient Guidelines 20171119.pdf](https://sportandrecreation.nsw.gov.au/sites/default/files/Active%20Kids%20Recipient%20Guidelines%2020171119.pdf)

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