



On the Mark

From the President

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Dear Manly Bomber families,

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

We have a record number of teams entered in the competition this year and together with Auskick are looking to have around 700 registered players.

There are a few changes at Weldon Oval you will notice when you return there this week. Two new coaches' boxes will be great on wet and windy days. And a new welcome sign on the Club House front wall showing that we share the ground proudly with the Manly Wolves senior AFL Club and the Warringah Cricket Club.

The Fixture has now been handed to the clubs to complete their scheduling, so that should be finalised and keyed into Footyweb a week before we kick off the season on April 7.

Please keep an eye on emails regarding pre-season and in-season training. And if you still need to purchase shorts & socks there will be some communication around that as well. Each Age Group will also be organising a jumper presentation night prior to Round One.

For Auskick, those who haven't already collected their jumpers will now probably collect them on the morning of the 7th before we kick off. So all good to go!

All the best to all the players for season 2019. We will do our best to make it an enjoyable one. Please drop me a line if you have any questions or concerns.

Kind Regards,

Tony Flynn

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Key dates

Here are some of the club's key dates to mark in your diary.

Monday April 1st Auskick Swans Player Visit, Weldon Oval, 4.30-5.30pm

Wednesday April 3rd 7pm Weldon Clubhouse – Team Managers' Training evening

Friday April 5th Golf Day - Last chance to get a team together or enter a s individual – book on the [website](#)

Friday April 5th Footy boots swap box available at Weldon during training times

Sunday April 7th Season commences

Friday May 3rd Auskick Mums Night Out

Saturday August 10th Trivia Night fundraiser

Can you be a key player for the Bombers?

In every footy side there are those keen to play a key role in success At the Manly Bombers' footy club, there are always key roles to be filled.

The Bombers rely on volunteers and, after a few retirements from key positions, we are looking for new recruits to step into some of the roles that help the club run smoothly.

While the committee is thankful for those who have already filled 14 different sub-committee roles, below is an outline of positions that still need to be filled.

Frank Gray and Mike Pawley set-up: 4 volunteers

A total of four volunteers are sought for Frank Grey and Mike Pawley set-up, one of who will manage the roster.

Each role requires an estimated 45 minutes every fourth Sunday. The role includes: putting goal post pads on the goal posts, get ice and drinks from Weldon, putting out interchange hats, setting up medical tent

(pitch marquee, chairs and fold out table out), walking the ground particularly around pitch area and make sure sprinkler heads are not exposed and putting ground managers tent and chairs out. This must be done prior to first game starting.

Medical Officer

Responsibilities include:

- Providing information to team managers regarding club injury policy -
- A presentation at the Team and Coaches meetings is essential
- Arranging, or confirming the arrangements for the St John's schedule for the year, back filling any gaps in coverage due to other events that impact St John's coverage.
- Maintaining a list of qualified First Aiders by team. Each team is required to provide at least one qualified first aider per game, irrespective of attendance by St Johns.
- Receiving reports of player injuries necessitating removal from the field
- Keeping reports of these incidents - the reports do not need to be sent anywhere but should be kept for reference

- Ensuring that a doctor's clearance is provided by players following concussion injury prior to player returning to play
- Checking first aid boxes and replenishing stocks as required
- Acting as Club contact for checking and maintenance of the defibrillator in collaboration with the Wolves and cricket representatives

Weldon Upstairs Pack Down: 4 volunteers

Each role is required for just one hour every four weeks, with a start time circa 4.30pm (TBC). Volunteers ensure upstairs is cleaned, including toilets and carpets vacuumed. Bins taken downstairs.

Player Of The Week

One volunteer is needed to put a team roster in place and chase coaches for picture and 60 words on their chosen Player of the Week to be posted on the website.

Stay up to date!

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

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www.manlybombers.com.au

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

GO BOMBERS!



Bombers build on girls' Auskick first

Manly Bombers Auskick was proud to have started the first north region Girls Auskick Squad in 2018 and, building on that success, our squad has almost 30 girls registered to play Auskick this season.

Not only that, but two of the squad's female coaches - Marg Kaye, Kate Fylan - along with Bombers' under-18 assistant girls' coach Livvy Edmonds, were selected by the AFL to attend the 2019 Female Coaches Recruitment Program. The program consists of three sessions from February to April, and as part of the program they are connected with community club mentors and have access to an online network for coaches.

Livvy, Kate and Marg have done sessions with Lou Stephenson of GWS Giants AFL team Player and Tim Schmidt, the NSW/ACT Coaching Development Manager and inaugural GWS Giants AFLW Coach.

Auskick geared up for another big season

The 2019 Auskick season promises to be a big one with more than 150 players coming along to join in the fun at the Manly Bombers.

The AFL is rolling out a revamped program of Auskick this year, with some new equipment and drills, especially for our youngest Auskick players. The AFL's Auskick team has put a lot of effort into producing some great video content for our coaches and parents to use throughout the season.

It was great to see so many returning players and lots of excited new ones at our Auskick guernsey handout on March 24. Thanks our major Auskick sponsor, Diamond Blue Financial Services, we have been able to retire all our old Auskick guernseys, and our players will be in the same shirts proudly sponsored by Diamond Blue.

The Auskick Parent Skills and Drills session was held on March 24 at Mike Pawley Oval with head coach Simon Wilson. A number of our parents got to fine tune their footy skills and will be ready to get involved in our program. One of the best things about Auskick is the way our parents get involved as activity helpers - we certainly can't run a successful Auskick program without them.

The Auskick season is to begin with a visit from a surprise Sydney Swans player on Monday April 1 at Weldon Oval. All of our Auskick squad is invited. We will be running a Come and Try session in conjunction with the Swans visit. The session will run from 4.30pm to 5.30pm. It's 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 great Auskick players and coaches and ask lots of questions - and then we'll have a BBQ together. We're expecting it to be a fantastic afternoon. Don't forget to bring along a pen for signatures!

The Auskick team is still looking for some key roles to be filled. Equipment Manager and U7 Age Manager are the most critical. 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. No AFL experience is necessary.

Auskick parents are reminded to download TeamApp and set-up for communication for Auskick - as well as for the 2019 U6, U7, U8 or Auskick Girls Squad. Returning parents, don't forget to double-check and update your team settings or add in any younger players to the correct group. We will be adding the games and events schedule once our Auskick draw is finalised. This will include our Auskick community events such as Switch Ups and Pizza Nights.

Auskick games will commence on Sunday April 7 at Frank Grey Oval. We will be having a player and parent briefing on the steps of the canteen at 8.30am, before breaking into groups for drills and games. Please make sure you arrive by 8.20am so we can start our session on time. We will finish up with the team song at 9.30am. Training will commence on Wednesday April 10 at 4.30pm at Weldon Oval.

Here's to another fantastic Auskick season!

Deborah Ferguson
Auskick Coordinator

Last chance for Golf Day tickets

There are just a few sleeps until one of the highlights of the Manly Bombers' calendar - the annual Manly Footy Community Golf Day at Long Reef.

The event will be held on Friday April 5, with a 7.30am shotgun start. Tickets are \$150 for individuals of \$600 for a group. They include, golf, barbecue lunch, an AFL legend as the lunchtime guest and thousands of dollars in prizes.

If you haven't purchased tickets yet they are still available at <https://www.manlybombers.com.au/shop>. For further details on the event call Andrew Varasdi on 0408 349 578.

Axia is back on board

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And that's why the Manly Bombers couldn't function without our awesome team of sponsors. Key among them is major sponsor Axia, whose logo appears on our youth player jerseys.

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Trivia night

Save the date for Manly Bombers Annual Trivia & Social Night: Saturday August 10 from 7pm until late.

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