



The Giant's Gab

2017 Summer Edition

SECRETARY'S REPORT (Xanthi Stavarakas)

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HAPPY NEW YEAR everyone!

Can you believe that footy season is nearly here?

The North Brunswick Junior Football Club is looking forward to another successful season of Australian Rules Football in 2017.

Our aim is to field teams in all age groups from Under 8's right through to Colts, as well as signing on young children to participate in Auskick. We are hoping to have our first team of girls on the park this year also.

2017 NBJFC REGISTRATION EVENING

Date: February 24, 2017

Time: 5:00pm - 7:30pm

All players - past, present and new - are encouraged to come along to our Registration evening and become a part of this wonderful North Brunswick Junior Football Club for the 2017 season and beyond.

Spread the word and bring a friend or two.
We look forward to seeing you there.

2017 NBJFC REGISTRATION FEES

Single player: \$250.00

For each sibling: \$185.00

If your child intends to play with the NBJFC in 2017, it is important that all returning players complete their online registration ASAP to confirm their position with the club.

Payment by cash or cheque can be made direct to the club Treasurer at our registration evening in February if you do not wish to pay via Direct Deposit - banking details are on the NBJFC Registration Form.

Please note that this year, **all registration fees must be paid by the Registration evening, on February 24, 2017.**

If you are unable to pay your fees by this date, please contact our Treasurer, Andrew Burgess, who will discuss alternate arrangements for payment.



2017 Parent /Guardian Volunteers

For season 2017, we are looking for helpers both on and off the field.

The football club is run by mum and dad volunteers who have their own families and jobs. We all do it for the kids and ask that you to consider helping us this year.

New committee members have joined the NBJFC for season 2017 and we thank David Kelly (President) and Jon Armstrong (Club Director) for stepping into these crucial roles. Their work ethic and commitment is already proving to be beneficial to the club, having made great strides during the off-season. Charlotte Morgans (website) has also joined the team and has worked tirelessly over the summer break to ensure our new webpage is up and running very soon.

The 2017 NBJFC Committee is comprised of:

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| President: | David Kelly |
| Vice President: | Nick Raptis |
| Secretary: | Xanthi Stavrakas |
| Club Director: | Jon Armstrong |
| Treasurer: | Andrew Burgess |
| Coaching Director: | George Wannis |
| Female Football Coordinator: | Heidi van Delft |
| Fundraising: | Helen Pavlidis |
| Website: | Charlotte Morgans |

Off the field helpers are crucial to ensure we get all our teams playing every Sunday. Without parents taking on roles such as that of Team Managers and the many game day responsibilities associated with running a football match, we would have to forfeit games weekly.

The canteen and the running of the BBQ cannot operate without parent volunteers. Similarly, we need as many male and female coaches as we can get. Club social events have been lacking in the past few years, so if anyone has any ideas or is a fundraising and social whiz, please consider helping the club in this area.

If you are interested in helping out, please contact a committee member directly or the Secretary , Xanthi Stavrakas.

Many hands make light work.



Stay up-to-date with all happenings at the NBJFC by pressing 'Like' on our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/North-Brunswick-Junior-Football-Club-891644997526766/>

2017 NBJFC REGISTRATION PROCESS

The NBJFC registration process is twofold: you must first register your child's details online and then provide the club with a completed membership form in hard copy form.

Online registration is now open for:

1. All returning players;
2. New players
3. Auskick – North Brunswick Centre
4. Transfer players

The online registration service is provided to junior football clubs by Sports PG. Below are the options and instructions for online registration with the North Brunswick JFC Giants. Please read them carefully to identify which option applies to you and then follow the instructions.

NBJFC RETURNING PLAYERS

Step One: Online Registration with Footyweb

Online registration for North Brunswick JFC can be accessed by clicking on the link below:

<https://reg.sportingpulse.com/regofrm.cgi?aID=5165&pKey=049045b60e4ebf024d19c9a8e63dad56&cID=11775&formID=36056>

IMPORTANT:

In order to register online successfully, you must know your 2016 Fox Sports Pulse username and password.

If you do not recall your username and password, your email address has changed or it is not in the system for some reason, please email the Secretary to be provided with:

- ♦ your 2016 username and password, or
- ♦ to set up new online membership details.

Step Two: NBJFC 2017 Membership Form

The hard copy 2017 Membership Form must be printed, filled out and returned to the club on Registration Day or at an earlier training session.



NEW PLAYERS TO THE NBJFC

Step One: Proof of Age

All new players are required to provide the club with proof of age documentation such as a copy of a birth certificate, passport or student I.D. card.



Please email the relevant paperwork to the Secretary or bring along a photocopy on Registration Day that will be retained by the club.

Step Two: Online Registration with Footyweb

New Players:

If you are new to our club and have never registered to play AFL football, you should enter your email address and select the "New Player" option on the next screen. The system will generate and send login details to your email address to allow you to access the Footyweb system and register. Please click on the link below to begin the online registration.

Auskick Participants:

If you are new to our club but have been a member of any Auskick centre, you will already be in the online Footyweb system. Simply enter your 2016 SportsTG login email address (formerly known as Fox Sport Pulse) and follow the prompts to register with the North Brunswick JFC. Click on the link below to begin the online registration:

[https://membership.sportstg.com/v6/regofrm.cgi?
aID=5165&pKey=049045b60e4ebf024d19c9a8e63dad56&cID=11775&formID=36056](https://membership.sportstg.com/v6/regofrm.cgi?aID=5165&pKey=049045b60e4ebf024d19c9a8e63dad56&cID=11775&formID=36056)

Step Three: NBJFC 2017 Membership Form

The hard copy 2017 Membership Form must be printed, filled out and returned to the club on Registration Day or at an earlier training session.

AUSKICK REGISTRATION



For footballers from 5 years of age, North Brunswick also runs Auskick clinics on Friday evenings between 6:00pm-7:00pm during the football season.

To participate in the 2017 Auskick program, simply go to: www.aflauskick.com.au and click on the '**Register**' button.

In the Centre locator, enter postcode '**3057**', select '**North Brunswick**' and then click on '**Register**'. Follow the prompts.

PLAYER TRANSFER REGISTRATIONS

Step One: Proof of Age

All player transfers are required to provide the club with proof of age documentation such as a copy of a birth certificate, passport or student I.D. card.

Please email the relevant paperwork to the Secretary or bring along a photocopy on Registration Day that will be retained by the club.

Step Two: Online Registration with Footyweb

New Player Transfers:

If you wish to transfer from another club to the North Brunswick JFC, please email the Secretary the following details:

- ♦ Player's Name
- ♦ Date of Birth
- ♦ Name of Club from which player is moving from
- ♦ Current email address for Sports PG database or your preferred email to initiate change

The Secretary will request a Transfer from the Player's current Club. When the transfer has been approved, the Player will receive an email with a link to register with the North Brunswick JFC. Please register as per usual on Footyweb by following the prompts.

[https://reg.sportingpulse.com/regoform.cgi?
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Step Three: 2017 YJFL Player Registration & Transfer Form

The *2017 YJFL Player Registration & Transfer Form* must be completed and returned to the Secretary of the North Brunswick Junior Football Club. Below is the link:

[http://www.yarrajfl.org.au/fileadmin/user_upload/Club_Admin/Forms/
Player_Registration_and_Transfer.pdf](http://www.yarrajfl.org.au/fileadmin/user_upload/Club_Admin/Forms/Player_Registration_and_Transfer.pdf)

Step Four: NBJFC 2017 Membership Form

The hard copy 2017 NBJFC Membership Form must be printed, filled out and returned to the club on Registration Day or at an earlier training session.

Xanthi Stavrakas

NBJFC Secretary

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CLUB DIRECTOR'S UPDATE (Jon Armstrong)

At the Annual General Meeting last October, two priority projects were highlighted for 2017: a new website and resurfacing the oval. Both projects have been initiated, as I'll explain. In addition, Victorian junior sports clubs must now observe the Child Safe Standards, which came into effect on 1 January 2017.

New website development

The existing website is a generic service used by many junior Victorian teams. The functionality is sub-standard and clubs are at the mercy of advertisements out of their control.

A local development firm, Wednesday-Digital, was contracted to produce a more modern, user-friendly website. This meant a fair bit of work for Xanthi Stavrakas and myself, but fortunately we were joined by Charlotte Morgans, who put her hand up to be Web Manager for 2017. For the last month we have been working towards a 'go live' date near Registration Day (24 February).

Features of the new website will include:

- ◆ Relevant information both up to date and easy to find
- ◆ A specific page for each team
- ◆ Huge photo gallery capacity
- ◆ Sponsors will have more visibility
- ◆ Desktop and mobile friendly
- ◆ A simple URL (giantsjfc.com.au)

Allard Park refurbishment submission

Winter 2016 was only a little wetter than average, but Allard Park soon turned to mud. This reinforced the argument for total resurfacing, requiring a formal approach to Moreland Council. But on looking around we realised there were many more issues to be addressed, and so I prepared a multi-pronged refurbishment submission, which was sent to all 11 Councillors in December.

Councillors will consider our submission soon, with their annual budget cycle in mind. If successful, the big ticket items could not be undertaken during the coming season, but at least we'll know they're on their way.

Key elements of the submission are:

- ◆ Ground surface issues
- ◆ Cricket pitch safety issues
- ◆ Goal post realignment
- ◆ Confusing signage around the park
- ◆ Pathway lighting.

Child Safe Standards

The Victorian Government's [Child Safe Standards](#) were implemented in schools on 1 August 2016, and extended to all junior sporting bodies on 1 January 2017.

They're significant, and go beyond the basic Working with Children Check. The AFL is on board; the Yarra Junior Football League is on board; and so is the North Brunswick Junior Football Club.

Your Committee has to be extra vigilant, as do coaches and other volunteers, to ensure that anyone under 18 who uses our facilities is safe while in our care. Hence the Committee now has a Child Safety Officer (Heidi van Delft).

Further, the refurbishment submission to Moreland Council highlighted the implications for Council, given that tenant clubs rely on their ground maintenance services.

The new website will include more details of the new Standards.

Jon Armstrong
NBJFC Director

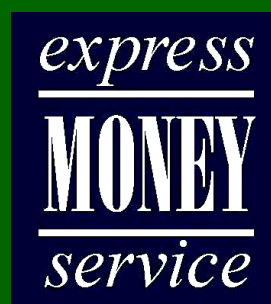
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2017 NBJFC PRE-SEASON TRAINING

The NBJFC pre-season training will commence in week two of the new school year, from Tuesday February 7.

Training days and times for all teams will be determined in consultation with the coaches.

The NBJFC Secretary will email members to advise the exact days and times in early February.



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NORTH BRUNSWICK JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB SPONSORS

As a community based organisation, the North Brunswick Junior Football Club could not operate without the ongoing support of our sponsors.

We encourage all members of our community, our family and friends, to support the local businesses of our sponsors, who support our kids.

Our gratitude and thanks is extended to the companies below for their support of our club in 2016 and encourage other business to come on board and sponsor our club in 2017 and beyond.

