# **Hawthorn Football Club**

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### **Dear Members**

Welcome to our September edition of the Newsletter.

August was a huge month for the Association with the launch of our Welfare Fund.

We consider this initiative to be able to assist those of us who are in genuine need of help to be at the very core of what we represent as an Association, and to all those who supported and donated to our fund we are eternally grateful.

270 guests attended on the 24<sup>th</sup> of August at Leonda Reception Centre to help our Roasters, Dave Parkin , Don Scott, Leigh Mathews ,Graham Arthur, Peter Hudson , Mick Porter , Kel Moore and Ian Bremner celebrate the contribution John Kennedy Senior has made to the Hawthorn Football Club over the past 60 Years .

It was a very successful event, skilfully led by Master of Ceremonies and fanatical Hawk John "Sly Sylvester". Anecdotes from his playing, coaching and administrative days were highlighted by the Roasters, giving us a wonderful insight into what it was like to play with, and be coached by John.

We wish to thank President Andrew Newbold and the Board of the HFC for allowing us to utilise the infrastructure within the Football Club to pull the event together.

To Greg Cook, Haylie Shephard and Sandra Spring and the Events Management Team our sincerest thanks for your professional guidance and assistance.

A great event, a great result.

On a more sombre note was the passing of our first ever Premiership Full Back Les "Killer "Kaine from Coleraine. He succumbed to a long illness and was 76years of age. A tough, uncompromising full back Les was a popular player and team mate doing his part to drag our Club from easy beats to a VFL/AFL power house. May Les Rest in Peace.

Our best wishes go out to Alistair and the team for what we hope will be a successful September campaign.

Go Hawks

Yours Sincerely



**MEMBERSHIP TARGET 370** 

**Current 349** 

John Kennedy Jnr

### SUPPORT YOUR ASSOCIATION

If you would like to join the HFCPP&O please contact Mike Warren at the Hawthorn Football Club, on 03 9535 3063 or by E-Mail <a href="mailto:mikew@hawthornfc.com.au">mikew@hawthornfc.com.au</a> and we will send out a Membership Application Full member \$40.00 Concession \$30.00



John Kennedy Jnr with David Wanless Secretary PP&O Ass and Ronnie Burns former Geelong player and Marngrook panelist

# MARNGROOK FOOTY SHOW VISITS HAWKS MUSEUM

The Marngrook Footy show recently visited the HFC Museum to view some of the many artefacts that are on display. Show Host, Ronnie Burns (Ex Geelong) was suitably impressed with what he saw, in particular the framed Dreadlocks taken from Chance Bateman's Head after the 2008 Grand Final win.

It was a great opportunity for both the Museum and the HFCPP&O to gain some exposure with the Marngrook Footy Show Follows.

You can view Ronnie and his team doing their best work at 8.30, Thursdays on ABC 2.

### HAWKS WIN MINOR PREMIERSHIP

HAWTHORN has wrapped up the minor premiership for the first time in 23 years with a 25-point win over West Coast at the MCG on Friday the 31<sup>st</sup> August.

The Eagles needed a victory to earn themselves a top-four finish and a double chance in the finals, but a big push in the final quarter came too late to trouble the Hawks, who ran out 14.11.95 to 10.10 (70) winners.

The win was Hawthorn's 17th of the season, and is the club's first minor premiership since 1989.



### LAUNCH OF THE PAST PLAYERS AND OFFICIALS WELFARE FUND

# **August 24th 2012**

### The "Roasting" The HFC Legend John Kennedy Senior, Patron Of Our Association.

This event was brought about by the Association, in part by the need to formally introduce a new initiative to undertake and administer a HFCPP&O Welfare Fund.

The HFCPP&O have taken up this cause to help those in genuine need and we consider this to be at the very core of what we represent. This help may not always be in the form of financial assistance, but rather a broad spectrum of support mechanisms to help in whatever area is deemed necessary in the best interest of the member. So as it was when we played, and as it is now, it is, "all for one and one for all".

We are confident that through the work of our Association and the generous support of those who avail themselves of this opportunity to make a donation we can make a difference to those members who require assistance. Donations can be made in the manner described at the conclusion of this article



Left John Kennedy Senior.

Don Scott, Graham Arthur and Peter Hudson Mick Porter, Kel Moore, Ian Bremner Dave Parkin, Leigh Mathews, John Silvester



Right Dulcie Kennedy with John Kennedy Jnr. Attendees enjoy their meal. David O'Halloran, Peter Murnane Mick Porter, Morton Browne, Bob Keddie

### Donations to the Welfare Fund can be made in the following manner

- Cheque made payable to Hawthorn Football Club Past Players & Officials Welfare Fund
- By Credit Card Visa and MasterCard
- Electronic Funds Transfer : Account Name Hawthorn Football Club Past Players & Officials Welfare Fund

BSB: 083 277 Acc. number: 894482456

All correspondence to.... The Treasurer, HFCPP&O Association, 28 Dianna Drive, Blackburn. Vic 3130

All donations will be very much appreciated

### WHERE ARE THEY NOW

Bruce Stevenson

Years played – 1969 – 1974 (Under 19's & Reserves 67-68 Nickname – Stevo Games – 72 First Game- Round 1 v Essendon at Windy Hill 1969 Where do you live- Hawthorn and Portsea Family – Wife Julia and children Louisa, Caroline and James Occupation – Motor Vehicle Dealer and Company Director.

**Hobbies –.**Boating, Fishing, Travel, Reading, Australian Military History.

### How do you think you would perform in today's football?

Hopefully I would adapt! Would have to improve my kicking. I don't know about Football as a full – time profession for myself.

**Any memorable moments –** 1971 Premiership and Final Series. Best Team-Man Award in 1973 The whole Hawthorn Football Club experience is indelibly etched into my DNA.



Drinks night at the Kew hotel – Thursday the 27<sup>th</sup> of Sept (Thursday before the Grand Final) 99 High st Kew Drinks at Bar prices \$10 charge per head for finger food – payable on the night

#### **AFLPA MEMBERSHIP**

The one off \$50 membership fee (\$25 for concession card holders) for all players who have played one senior game has valuable benefits. These include:

Access to AFL Medical Officers Association members who will bulk bill for consultations

- Discount offers for car and health insurance
- Reimbursement of health insurance fund excess payments
- Free Drake Training Courses
- Health and Welfare financial support through the Geoff Pryor Hardship Fund.

If membership is of interest contact Jo Rafferty (E) <u>joanne@aflpa.com.au</u> (T) 03 9926 1344. If you would like more information on the Geoff Pryor Hardship Fund contact HFC PP&O committee members David Wanless (M) 0417 072 215 or Shane Murphy (M) 0419 597 748 or (E) <u>pastplayers@hawthornfc.com.au</u>

#### **GOLF AND BOWLS DAYS**

If you are interested in playing or being part of these days, please contact Golf Ken Beck 9803 1462 and Bowls John Chandler 9704 7440. New players are most welcome. If you are interested in attending please contact Ken or John.