

OLD GEELONG FOOTBALL CLUB: PRE-SEASON NEWSLETTER, APRIL 2012



PRESIDENTS REPORT – Jimmy Legoe

The much anticipated 2012 season is already upon us and preparations are well under way for a successful year on and off the field. It is no secret 2011 was a very mixed year for the Club. However as you may be aware, a significant amount of work has already been done in preparation for not only this coming season, but for future years. The Committee has identified a number of key areas that need improvement and these are currently being worked on.

The Committee would like to take this opportunity to announce some exciting developments for 2012 including the following:

- A revamped coaching structure headed up by our Senior Coach **Frank Dunell**. For more information see the Coaching update on page 3.
- Productive recruitment and retention over the off-season with many new faces emerging at Como Park (42 new signings thus far).
- The re-formation of our Under 19's team, to be coached by the **O'Brien brothers (Simon & Dan)**.
- Requested fixturing to enable the Unders to play in triple headers at Como when our Seniors/Reserves are also at home.
- The return to a refurbished Como Pavilion with brand new changerooms and upgraded social facilities.
- A stable and driven committee with **Tom Betts** coming aboard as Vice-President.
- A significantly improved financial position with the momentum in this area certainly moving in a positive direction.
- Full support of our two feeder schools in **Geelong Grammar** and **The Geelong College**.
- Two **new sponsors** coming aboard the OGFC with discussions also in place with a few more potential sponsors.
- Further development of our Sub-Committee from its introductory structure last season (many hands make light work!).

Our goals are very clear for 2012 and beyond with our key areas of focus the following:

- Establishing and delivering a strong and sustainable Under 19 program for the future of our great Club.
- Proactive Player Recruiting for Seniors, Reserves & Under 19 teams to ensure the Club can compete at the highest level possible.
- Improve Injury Management and overall Player Welfare.
- Continue the growth of our non-playing membership base (Sign up today to help us reach our goal of 200 OGFC members! More details on page 4) and;
- Ensure greater accountability by all committee members, players and supporters.
- Maintain and improve financial controls in all aspects of the Old Geelong Sporting Club.

As with any Amateur Club, the demands on few are large, and I am very grateful to all of the people that donate both their time and their resources to assist the Committee in running this Club. I believe that we are making significant progress year on year and it will be this constant improvement that will be the foundation of a run of success which is hopefully just around the corner. Our Committee is extremely dedicated to ensuring continued improvement and we still maintain our objective of being a competitive C Section Club within the next two years.

We firmly believe the club is well placed for Senior Team success in 2012 and with hard work and focus on the ultimate goal this will be achieved.

2012 COMMITTEE



Jimmy Legoe
(President)

Tom Betts
(Vice-President)

Hamish McInnes
(Treasurer)

Nick Roper
(Secretary)

Frank Herd
(Sponsorship)

Peter Clarke
(General)

Lachie Stevens
(Pivot Club)

Ginnie Hope-Johnstone
(Netball Club)

Roly Imhoff
(Cricket Club)

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2011 WRAP

Whilst 2011 wasn't quite the year that the OGS had hoped it would there were many positives to come out of the season. The Seniors showed plenty of promise early to win five of their first six games, but little success followed. When finals and relegation were out of the equation, the side blooded many of our younger brigade to give them an appetite of what lay ahead in seasons to come. Meanwhile, our Reserves side continued to dominate their opposition and found themselves winning a double-chance final to take them to the big one. Unfortunately, they weren't able to capitalise on the success of their season in the Grand Final with Banyule proving to be too strong. A lack of numbers within our Under 19's brigade meant that we were forced to fold our side mid-season. Uni Blacks provided valuable assistance with top-up players during the first half of the season and a similar arrangement is in place for the season ahead. Our social team, The Clubbies, narrowly missed out on finals action despite a strong start to the season. With injuries and players being away, the White Knights lost players to the Seniors/Reserves which meant that it was going to be an uphill battle for them toward the end of the season. All of the above took place with our players operating out of portable facilities as the redevelopment of the Como Pavilion took place. We thank our players and supporters for their understanding over the season, and look forward to the return of the canteen and Nuggett Bar this year! Ladders and award winners from 2011 were:

SENIORS					RESERVES					UNDER 19's					CLUB XVIII						
TEAM	P	W	L	D	TEAM	P	W	L	D	TEAM	P	W	L	D	B	TEAM	P	W	L	D	B
Banyule	18	18	0	0	Banyule	18	17	1	0	Mazenod	18	15	0	0	2	Mazenod	15	11	1	1	2
Parkdale Vultures	18	12	6	0	OLD GEELONG	18	15	3	0	Old Xaverians	18	11	4	1	2	Hawthorn	15	9	3	0	2
North Old Boys/St Pats	18	11	6	1	Parkdale Vultures	18	13	5	0	St Mary's Salesian	18	10	5	1	2	Ajax	15	7	5	0	3
Whitefriars	18	11	7	0	Whitefriars	18	11	7	0	Monash Blues	18	9	7	0	2	Ormond AFC	15	7	6	0	2
Williamstown	18	10	6	2	Williamstown	18	10	8	0	Peninsula	18	7	9	0	2	OLD GEELONG	15	6	6	1	2
Peninsula	18	10	8	0	Old Paradians	18	8	10	0	De La Salle	18	5	10	1	2	Hampton Rovers	15	2	11	0	2
OLD GEELONG	18	7	11	0	North Old Boys/St Pats	18	7	11	0	Beaumaris	18	4	11	1	2	Richmond Central AFC	15	1	12	0	2
Old Mentonians	18	4	13	1	Peninsula	18	4	14	0	MHSOB	18	3	13	0	1						
Old Paradians	18	4	14	0	Old Mentonians	18	3	15	0	OLD GEELONG	9	1	6	0	2						
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Colby O'Brien
Seniors B&F Winner



Ed Bayles
Seniors R/U B&F



Henry Legoe
Seniors Most Consistent



John Forster
Seniors Most Improved



Ryan McEvoy
Seniors Leading Goalkicker



Harry Sleight
Best 1st Year (GGS)



Steen Balodis
Best 1st Year (GC)



David Wood
Reserves B&F



Mark Randell
Clubbies B&F



Karey Taylor
Under 19's B&F



Archie Whiting
Best Clubman



Floss Broisma
Best Clubwoman

LIFE MEMBERS – 100 GAME PLAYERS



Nick Betts



Tom Waters



Rich Herd



James Cole



Colby O'Brien

200 GAME PLAYERS



Steve Lansdell



Jon Malpas

2012 SEASON COMMENCES ON APRIL 21st – WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR SUPPORT THROUGH THE SEASON

2012 COACHING DEPARTMENT

2012 sees a changing of the guard at the top of the OGFC Coaching department with **Frank Dunell** being appointed Senior Coach. Frank's has an extensive history within the VAFA, having previously coached at St Bernards, North Old Boys and, more recently, Old Melburnians. This followed an 84 game career with the Essendon Football Club which included the 1984 premiership. Twenty-eight years on, he is hungry to emulate that success with the Old Geelong Football Club.

Supporting Frank, we have appointed **Marcus Hastings** as a playing Assistant Coach. Marcus has previous experience in Premier A Section of the VAFA having played with Old Scotch, whilst in the last couple of seasons he returned to his hometown of Jerilderie. Joining Marcus at the OGS is a colleague of his, **Paul Ellis**, whom comes to the Club from Seymour (Goulburn Valley Football League). Paul will also be playing, but has taken on the additional role of being our Fitness Coach. He takes over this position from **Peter Power** whom will mentor Paul and continue to oversee the fitness side of the Club. Peter has already had a big impact on the playing group, with his 25+ years of VFL exposure providing plenty of variety and diversity to our pre-season. The injured **Steen Balodis** also joins the coaching department in the official capacity as our rehabilitation coach. Steen's focus will be to work with players on injury prevention as well as ensuring that those coming back from injuries are sufficiently prepared to return to the playing field.

Returning to the scene from last year is **Chris Rubick** who will again take the reigns as coach of our Reserves. Following the disappointment of losing last years Grand Final, Chrisso will be looking to take the boys one further in 2012. **Michael Holland** has also been retained by the Club and will act as an Assistant Coach to both Chris and Frank. Replacing Dutchy as our Under 19 coach, we have appointed co-coaches in past players (and brothers) **Simon & Dan O'Brien**. The input and drive of the O'Brien brothers has already had a big impact on the youth of the Club with numbers looking very encouraging (particularly from recent leavers of GGS). Whilst coaches of our Club XVIII side are yet to be finalised, it is anticipated that we will be following a similar setup to last year which will see the role shared amongst a group of our players.

COMO REDEVELOPMENT

Another major positive for the Club will be our return to the refurbished Como Pavilion. Having operated out of portable facilities in 2011, the comfort factor for players and supporters alike will be enhanced significantly for the upcoming season and beyond. This means that many of our regular functions (including the season launch, pivot & ladies lunches, Thursday evening team selections, etc) will be restored to their rightful place.

From the exterior the redevelopment would seem insignificant, but the interior has undergone major upgrades including:

- Improved usability for the players with a more open plan layout of the downstairs changeroom facilities
- New shower and toilet facilities for the players
- A medical room for our physio's and trainers to operate out of (containing a defibrillator kindly donated by Frank Herd)
- A designated umpire room with separate shower and toilet
- Disabled toilets (upstairs and downstairs) and lift access for those in need
- Brand new OGS coloured carpets and freshly all-over painted walls
- New couches, chairs and tables (thanks to Graeme Goldsworthy)



The one area that remains in its old state is that of the kitchen and bar facility. With the council's funding exhausted and our co-tenants (South Yarra Cricket Club) not in a financial position to contribute, the OGFC Committee have decided to allocate funding from our budget to bring it into line with the already completed refurbishment. We are currently in the process of seeking quotes for the upgrade and hope to have works commencing early in the season.

The Club would like to take this opportunity to thank the Stonnington Council (in particular **Ninetta Innocca** and **Chris Brown**) for their support and assistance throughout the upgrade period. We are extremely grateful to now have some of the best facilities in the VAFA available to our players and supporters. Of which, we encourage you all to come down to Como throughout the year to not only cheer on the players, but also to have a sticky beak at our new "home".

2012 SEASON COMMENCES ON APRIL 21st – WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR SUPPORT THROUGH THE SEASON

2012 OGFC PIVOT CLUB

Season 2012 marks a watershed year for the Club – NO DEBT, refurbished clubrooms, new coach and plenty of fresh recruits. With Premier C-Section on the horizon, the Club must gain greater support off the field to give our players the critical support they need for success now and in the future.



For those that are yet to sign up as OGFC Members for 2012, we have enclosed a friendly reminder with this edition of the OGFC Newsletter.

2012 LUNCHEON DATES



12th May (Rd 4) – OGFC LADIES LUNCHEON (Como Pavilion)
* 19th May (Rd 5) – OGFC PIVOT LUNCHEON #1 (Como Pavilion) *
4th Aug (Rd 15) – OGFC PIVOT LUNCHEON #2 (Como Pavilion)



* Frank Costa (former President of the Geelong Cats) will be the guest speaker at the first Pivot Luncheon (May 19th). As we expect seats to be sold out, priority will be given to Sponsors, Platinum and Pivot Members *

To secure your seat at one of the luncheons, purchase your 2012 OGFC Membership and contact Lachie Stevens on 0419 305 519 or lachie@lachstocktrading.com.

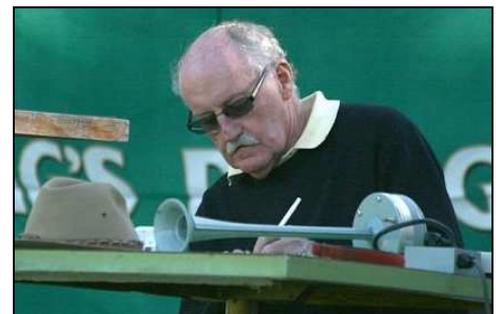
HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIP – MICHAEL GRETTON-WATSON

At the 2011 AGM held in November, the Committee of the Old Geelong Football Club formally acknowledged **Michael Gretton-Watson's** commitment and dedication to the Club over the past 48 years by awarding him with **Honorary Life Membership**. By virtue of having played 145 games, Gretto was already installed in the OGS history books with Life Membership, but his involvement at the OGFC goes well beyond the playing field. Gretto has spent numerous years on the Committee, has been a long term sponsor of the Club through his business (Ingrams) and regularly volunteered to help out with duties on match-day.

Gretto has been Club Treasurer for a long, long time, over many years and decades, and has held other Committee positions at times. He is a very active Club contributor that the OGS has relied on to fulfil the tasks asked of him, and he will volunteer to do any job around the place. The Club has been extremely fortunate to have Gretto, as he is of the breed of person very rarely to complain, but happy to get on with the task at hand.

GRETTO & THE OGFC

- **Life Member** - played 145 games from 1963-1976 (although he claims it was more)
- He was, to quote himself, "the fastest winger the OGS produced during the 60's and 70's"!
- **Most Improved Player** in 1964
- **Best Clubman** in 1971
- **Treasurer** in 1969-1972, 1980-1982, 1990, 2000-2011
- **Vice-President** in 1973, 1999
- **VFA Certificate of Merit Winner (2004)** for outstanding service to Amateur Football
- **Major Sponsor** of the OGFC for many years (Ingrams)
- **Honorary Life Member** - for his service to the OGFC above and beyond his playing career



MATCHDAY HELPERS

A big thankyou to the many people whom have put their hand up to help on matchdays in any capacity in recent years. These include **Michael Gretton-Watson, Trevor King, Al King, Tony Lansdell, Michael Davis, Hamish Cameron, Jack Wall, Archie Whiting, Jimmy O'Hare, Lach McGregor, Charlie Robinson, Andrew Catchlove, Graham Long, Peter Lemon, James Cole, Chris Catchlove, Jo Cantor, Lew Officer, Nick Bayne, Nick Roper, Hamish McInnes, Jimmy Legoe, Bryan Grills, Matt Goldsworthy, Peter Winter, Will Paul, Shunya Yamada, Archie Paton, Simon O'Brien, Henry Legoe, James Ratcliffe** and we have no doubt forgotten others. We are looking to expanding this list for season 2012 as we need to provide numerous helpers on a weekly basis (namely goal umpires, timekeepers, boundary, runners, etc). Please email **Steve Lansdell** (stephen.lansdell@epa.vic.gov.au) or James Ratcliffe (james.ratcliffe@robertwalters.com.au) if you are willing to be of assistance next year.

HELP US REACH OUR TARGET OF 200 NON-PLAYING MEMBERS IN 2012

SPONSORS

Sponsorship is major source of revenue for the OGS and we are extremely appreciative of those who back the Old Geelong Football Club.

This year the Club welcomes back our two feeder schools in the **Old Geelong Grammarians Association** and the **Old Geelong Collegians Association**. It is also great to have our principle sponsors on board again - **Bennison Mackinnon**, **Ingrams**, **MC Herd** and **The Betts Family**. Other sponsors whom continue to support the OGS include **Angus the Bull**, **Wilson's Real Estate**, **Boags Draught**, **Windsor Community Bank**, **Rex Gorell Ford** and **Emma & Toms**.



Boags Draught have a deal where every case of their beer that we purchase will give the Club a rebate. This offer is not only linked to direct purchases from the club itself but also allows us to utilise any receipts 'donated' to us by our supporters. So remember, if you are going to buy some beer think of the Boags portfolio (which includes Boags, Kirin, Corona, Hahn, Tooheys, Budweiser, Becks, James Squire, Heineken and XXXX), keep the receipt and drop it into the 'Boag's Piggy Bank' which will be located at the Nugget Bar in the Como Pavilion and you will not only enjoy a fresh, crisp, lager but you will also be helping out the OGS.



Our social sponsor for season 2012 will be the **Arcadia Hotel** (corner of Punt & Toorak Rds in South Yarra) who not only will provide the boys and their supporters with a great venue to enjoy post-match celebrations, but have kindly offered a discount for all Old Geelong players and members on meals.



Of great excitement to the Club is the addition of three new sponsors:

AG-SPREAD

In 1999 **Ag-Spread** commenced operations in Gippsland supplying and spreading fertiliser from South Gippsland to the Snowy Mountains region. As this business evolved the decision to purchase the first B Double tipper was made in 2001 to support the fertiliser spreading operations. As fertiliser, lime and grain sales grew additional B Double tipping units were purchased to have greater control over commodity movements. A stronger focus on the transportation of dry bulk commodities had taken place and further B Double's have been purchased to fulfil a growing list of customer's requirements on the eastern seaboard. Today **Ag-Spread** owns and operates a large fleet of B Double tippers of which 50% are Road Train compatible. Depots have been established in Maffra and Albury for mechanical repairs and servicing, with satellite yards utilised throughout Victoria, South Australia, NSW and Queensland.

Through its management team of professional staff **Ag-Spread** is well placed to integrate the customer's requirements into its operations. **Ag-Spread** has the knowledge and experience supported by a large fleet of company owned B Double tippers servicing Victoria, NSW, Queensland and South Australia. Their business has the operational and management systems in place to ensure compliance with all statutory and regulatory authorities. **Ag-Spread** has a proven track record of reliable, efficient service over many years.

GOODWAY PRINTING

For all of your printing and graphic design needs, get in contact with **Goodway Print Group** by calling them on (03) 5222 4455. Or alternatively call into their store at 6-10 Bailey Street in Geelong.

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United is a national lifting solutions business. Our huge range of forklifts, telehandlers scissor lifts and boom lifts makes us the number one for range and choice in Australia. We're also big on service. What ever business you're in, we can tailor a materials handling or access solution that's exactly right for you. From the right equipment for the job, to flexible purchasing options, hassle-free rental plans, fleet maintenance and accredited training, you always get more with United.

Request a no-obligation demonstration at your workplace by calling 131 607 today.

We encourage everyone to consider utilising the various services and skills that our sponsors have across a range of industries and make their continuing sponsorship something that not only benefits the club enormously but equally benefits them.

We continue to seek new sponsors for 2012, so if you are interested or can recommend anyone, please contact Frank Herd on 0417 035 390.

WE URGE THE OGS COMMUNITY TO "SUPPORT THOSE WHO SUPPORT US" WHERE POSSIBLE

NETBALL – Ginnie Hope-Johnstone (President)

The OGS netball is off to a successful start with a premiership already under the belt in the early Summer season. OGS Blue consisting of **Kate Edwards, Liz Orum, Mardi Gault, Dasie Reid, Alex Chirside, Emma Wallace, Sophie Shorten** and **Laura McKenzie** smashed the opposition 37-7 on the courts at Wesley College in February. Congratulations to the girls, and in particular **Liz Orum** (GGs '05) who was awarded the best player in the final.

With a change in format at the Prahran Netball Association this year, there will only be 2 seasons as opposed to the 3 which we have been accustomed to in previous years. Season 1 commenced in February and finals will be played in June. OGS Navy is still warming to the first season with only one win on the board thus far. Season 2 will be commencing in July where we will be entering the majority of our teams. If you would like to join or enter a team for season 2 in the Prahran Netball Competition, please contact OGS Netball President **Ginnie Hope-Johnstone** on ghopejohnstone@elitesports.com.au or 0422 188 808 before Monday June 4, 2012.

On a social note, the **2012 OGS Ladies Lunch** will be held on **Saturday May 12th** at **Como Park**. Further details will be provided in the coming week so keep an eye out on the OGS website www.oldgeelong.com.au for more details. Tables will be grouped in ten's and we look forward to a good turnout from the fairer gender!



CRICKET – Roly Imhoff (President)

With the addition of some new teams and a bonus point system, the Old Geelong Cricket Club struggled to stay in the top 6 for most of the season and unfortunately slipped out in the last round after losing to Old Wesley. This was the first time we have missed playing in the finals since we joined the competition.

Despite this there were many highlights throughout the year, such as **Rob Hunter's** 101 versus the newcomers Melbourne High School Old Boys, **Charlie Fairbairn's** 95 against Old Brighton, **Tim Bayles** making half centuries 2 weeks in a row against Old Xavier and **Ed Bayles** making 60 versus Old Scotch.

Rob Hunter won the batting & club champion awards with 328 runs @ 46.86. While **James Ratcliffe** took 17 wickets @ 15.12 to win the bowling award and **Cam Russell** won the David Oman award for the best clubman.

All results can now be seen on our new website: <http://oldgeelongcc.vic.cricket.com.au>

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- Historian** - Peter Lemon (0400 802 480 or peter@peregrineadventures.com)
- OGS Netball President** - Ginnie Hope-Johnstone (0422 188 808 or ghopejohnstone@elitesports.com.au)
- OGS Cricket President** - Roly Imhoff (0419 003 264 or roly@gophotoandweb.com.au)

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COMMUNICATING AND STAYING CONNECTED WITH THE OLD GEELONG FC

WEBSITE – www.oldgeelong.com.au

Over the off-season, the OGS Website has had a makeover of sorts with a focus on making the site more user-friendly. The tabs atop the page will now contain all of the information you seek and need to follow every step of the OGFC's path in 2012. **Josh Hoevenaars** and **Cal Wood** will be making a conscious effort to regularly update our Club website on a more regular basis through 2012 as we look to increase our online connection with the OGS community. The weekend's results (scores, goal kickers and best players) will be uploaded by mid-Monday morning (for OGS, GGC and GC matches), whilst various other content (such as webnotes, past player notes, photo's, fixtures, polls, etc) continue to be updated regularly. Other detail surrounding Netball, Cricket, Club History, Honour Boards, Links, Sponsors, Payment Systems and much more can also be found online. If you have any thoughts on how the website can be improved or have anything that you would like posted online, please email oldgeelongfc@gmail.com.

In addition to this online presence, we have also created a **facebook** page for the "Old Geelong Football Club", so for those on the "book", make sure you like us!



PAST PLAYER NOTES

2012 will see continuation of **Pete Lemon's "Past Player Notes"** with his next edition already near completion. If you have any news or information that would be relevant for publication in a future edition, I am sure Pete would love to hear from you at Peter@peregrineadventures.com.

The latest edition (and any previous editions) can be found on the Club website via the tab titled "**The Club**" → "**Past Player News**".

YEAR BY YEAR HISTORY OF THE OGFC

Pete Lemon has also taken it upon himself to create a Year by Year history of the Old Geelong Football Club and is making steady progress. For those whom haven't visited the Club website, we encourage you to do so to learn of the earlier years of our great Club with seasons 1954-1960 already online.

Given our 50+ year history, it will clearly take some time to complete every year, however if you have any photo's or news of relevance from any year at the Old Geelong Football Club, please send Pete an email at Peter@peregrineadventures.com. These summaries can be found on the Club website via the tab titled "**The Club**" → "**Year by Year History**".

WEEKLY WEBNOTES

A more light hearted look at the Oggery scene will once again be published weekly and emailed out with our team selections every Thursday evening. These **Weekly Webnotes** include match reviews, look-a-likes, player profiles and other useless information. Paid up members can be added to this distribution list on request, so if you aren't receiving these updates and would like to, please email oldgeelongfc@gmail.com requesting as such.

CONFIRM CONTACT DETAILS

An initiative undertaken by the committee in 2011 was to outsource the Club database to ensure active details are maintained for our player and supporter network. This came at a small cost, but the automated nature of the database management will ensure we can stay in contact with you into the future.

If you haven't updated your details with the OGS this year, please do so via the link on the right hand side of the Club's homepage:

www.oldgeelong.com.au

Thanks to **Pete Lemon** for majority of the photos contained within this OGS Newsletter.

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OLD GEELONG FOOTBALL CLUB FOUNDATION

The Committee is keenly aware of the need to secure the financial future of the club on a long term basis. As a result, the **Old Geelong Football Club Foundation** has been formed with the purpose of accumulating funds to provide this security. The Foundation is administered by Trustees, with the initial Chairman being **John McInnes**. The Trustees are bound to hold, invest and apply the Foundation's fund in accordance with the Foundation Trust Deed.

The Foundation is able to receive donations and bequests of money or other property – those donations and bequests are not tax deductible. **Funds are slowly starting to accumulate in the fund with 10% of each Platinum Pivot Members' contributions in 2012 and beyond going directly to the foundation.** If you would like further information including details on how to contribute, please contact the Foundation secretary **Hamish McInnes** on 0457 507 050. More details on the Foundation can be found below:

The Old Geelong Sporting Clubs – Foundation

The Club

The Old Geelong Football Club was founded in 1954. The club currently fields 4 football teams, 3 senior teams and an under 19 team. In addition, the football club is affiliated with the Old Geelong Netball Club (5 teams) and the Old Geelong Cricket Club – collectively known as the Old Geelong Sporting Clubs (OGS).

The OGS provides many fantastic opportunities to school leavers basing themselves in Melbourne. The chance to play competitive sport, an invaluable support network for those moving to a new city and the chance to cement and make lifelong friendships. The memories that many past players and supporters hold are invaluable.

The Foundation

The committee of the OGS recognises the need to secure the financial future of the club. As part of this plan, the committee has established the Old Geelong Football Club Foundation.

The purpose of the Foundation is to accumulate funds so that the Club will be able to (i) use the income of the Foundation's investments to help fund the OGS's growing operational costs (namely VAFA affiliation fees and Como park lease payments) and (ii) allow the OGS to be in a position to make improvements to the club's facilities.

The purposes of the Foundation include the receipt of donations, bequests and grants, and the application of those funds solely for the benefit of the OGS.

The Foundation will afford members the opportunity to contribute to the ongoing future of the OGS, in the knowledge that funds raised by the Foundation will greatly benefit the club and its members.

The Trustees

The Foundation is administered by Trustees. They are bound to hold, invest and apply the Foundation's funds in accordance with the Foundation Trust Deed. The Club is the sole beneficiary of the Foundation.

The initial Chairman of trustees is the Club's former Treasurer, **John McInnes** OAM. The other Trustees are **Michael Gretton-Watson**, **Trevor King** and **Deryk Stephens**.

The Trustees do not receive any remuneration from either the Foundation or the OGS. The Foundation's financial statements will be audited, and will be presented to Members at the OGS's Annual General Meetings.

Donations

Club projects (for example the redevelopment of Como Park) may be registered with the Australian Sports Foundation Ltd (ASF) so that donations may be made to the ASF, nominating the Club's projects as the preferred beneficiary of your gift. The ASF is listed in Division 30 of the Income Tax Assessment Act, which enables donations to the ASF to be tax deductible. All grants received from the ASF will be applied to the registered projects. Donors should consult their own advisers in respect of their particular circumstances.

The Foundation also is able to receive donations and bequests of money or other property – those donations and bequests would not be tax deductible.

The Foundation will acknowledge contributions made by donors, unless the donors request otherwise.