

## OLD GEELONG FOOTBALL CLUB – PRESEASON NEWSLETTER, APRIL 2013



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### THE SPONSORS

The Old Geelong FC is excited and delighted to welcome **Williams Batters** aboard the Club as our new Principal Sponsor. Based just up the road from Como Park on Toorak Road, Williams Batters has a history of success in property management, sales and rental. Founded in 1878 they pride themselves on adhering to the tried and tested values of integrity, quality service and results.

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#### Press Release from Williams Batters:

*Williams Batters is delighted to announce it is the Principal Sponsor of the Old Geelong Football Club. The South Yarra Real Estate Agency has a long association with the two feeder schools of the Club, Geelong Grammar and The Geelong College through its staff and clientele and is proud to now hold an official alliance.*

*Adding to our delight is the success of the teams already in this year's Football Season that kicked off on Saturday 13th April, with OGFC Seniors winning their first game by 114 points, an outstanding result and encouraging effort from all involved.*

*The Old Geelong Football Club was formed in 1954 and plays in navy and white hoops in Como Pavilion where it has been a regularly tenant since 1961. The Club's goals and integrities, such as 'Compete at the highest level possible' and 'be outstanding in performance' align perfectly with aspirations of Williams Batters and the partnership seems a natural fit and progression for the South Yarra based business.*

*The OGS committee has now two of its favourite sons, Tom Betts and Jimmy Legoe, working together with a joint presidency to oversee the continued growth of the club, with 64 new signings already this season. Colby O'Brien is heading up the on ground activities as the Senior's captain and with over 100 turning up to training in recent weeks we're looking forward to seeing that evolve into goals on match day. In our sponsorship we aspire to assist the Club in its continued growth and prosperity and of course be there to hopefully cheer on all four sides on Grand Final Day.*

Also returning as Sponsors for the 2013 season are **MC Herd, Angus the Bull, Goodway Printing, Ingrams & Co, James Boags, Ag-Spread, Willsons RE (Geelong), Arcadia, infront Media, Windsor Community Bank, Emma & Tom's, Rex Gorell, Gallery324 and the Betts Family.**

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



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 2013 and beyond, 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**

## THE COMMITTEE

The much anticipated 2013 season is already upon us and with preparations having been under way since November last year, we are confident of delivering a successful year on and off the field. As we look to leverage off the success of last year's triple premierships, the Committee are excited to announce some exciting developments around the Club:

- **Williams Batters joining forces with the OGFC to become our new Principal Sponsor.**
- Full support of our two feeder schools in **Geelong Grammar** and **The Geelong College**.
- A stable and driven committee with **Tom Betts** joining **Jimmy Legoe** as Co-President and four new additions (James, Trevor, Cathie & John - see below).
- A significantly improved financial position with the momentum in this area certainly moving in a positive direction.
- Further development of our Sub-Committee from its introductory structure over the last couple of seasons (many hands make light work!).
- Petition lodged with the Stonnington Council in an attempt to fast track the long overdue upgrade to Como flood lighting facilities.
- Addition of 2012 players to the Coaching structure (namely **Steve Lansdell** and **Nick Smith** – see following page for more details).
- Productive recruitment and retention over the off-season with many new faces emerging at Como Park (52 new signings for this season already).
- Triple header fixtures at Como to allow the Under 19's to play before our Seniors/Reserves on home games.

Our goals are very clear for 2013 and beyond with our key areas of focus the following:

- Continuing to deliver 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 (have already appointed a fitness coach as well as outsourced our physio department).
- Continue the growth of our non-playing membership base (Sign up today to help us reach our goal of 200 OGFC members!) and;
- Ensure greater accountability by all committee members, players and supporters.

As with any Amateur Club, the demands on few are large, and we are very grateful to all of the people that donate both their time and their resources to assist the Committee in running this Club. We 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.



**Jimmy Legoe**  
(Co-President)

**Tom Betts**  
(Co-President)

**Hamish McInnes**  
(Treasurer)

**James Wright**  
(Secretary)

**Frank Herd**  
(Sponsorship)

**Trevor King**  
(Past Player Liaison)

**Cathie Kemp**  
(Parent/Supporter Liaison)

**John Bailey**  
(Social Representative)

## THE FIXTURE

| RD | DATE        | OGFC SENIORS/RESERVES (Division 1) |                       |      | OGFC UNDER 19's (Section 3) |                          |         | OGFC CLUB XVIII (Section 1) |                       |         |
|----|-------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------|------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|---------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|---------|
|    |             | OPPONENT                           | VENUE                 | H/A  | OPPONENT                    | VENUE                    | Time    | OPPONENT                    | VENUE                 | Time    |
| 1  | Sat, Apr 13 | Glen Eira                          | Packer Reserve        | Away | Williamstown                | Fearon Reserve           | 2:00pm  | Fitzroy                     | Como Park             | 2:00pm  |
| 2  | Sat, Apr 20 | Old Mentonians                     | Como Park             | Home | Old Haileybury              | Como Park                | 9:20am  | Monash Blues                | Monash University     | 11:40am |
| 3  | Sat, Apr 27 | Whitefriars                        | Como Park             | Home | PEGS                        | Como Park                | 9:20am  | De La Salle                 | Darling Park          | 11:40am |
| 4  | Sat, May 04 | Ormond                             | E E Gunn Reserve      | Away | Northern Blues              | W.R. Ruthven Reserve     | 9:20am  | Old Xaverians               | Como Park             | 11:40am |
| 5  | Sat, May 11 | Williamstown                       | Fearon Reserve        | Away | La Trobe                    | Latrobe University       | 2:00pm  | Prahran Assumption          | Darling Park          | 11:40am |
| 6  | Sat, May 18 | MHSOB                              | Como Park             | Home | AJAX                        | Como Park                | 9:20am  | St Bernards                 | St Bernards No 2 Oval | 2:00pm  |
| 7  | Sat, May 25 | Prahran Assumption                 | Toorak Park           | Away | Old Xaverians               | Stradbroke Park - Kew    | 11:40am | Oakleigh                    | Como Park             | 2:00pm  |
| 8  | Sat, Jun 01 | Bulleen Templestowe                | Como Park             | Home | Old Camberwell              | Como Park                | 9:20am  | Monash Blues                | Monash University     | 2:00pm  |
| 9  | Sat, Jun 15 | Hampton Rovers                     | Boss James Reserve    | Away | Whitefriars                 | Whitefriars College Oval | 2:00pm  | De La Salle                 | Como Park             | 11:40am |
| 10 | Sat, Jun 22 | Glen Eira                          | Como Park             | Home | Northern Blues              | Como Park                | 9:20am  | Fitzroy                     | Ramsden St Oval       | 9:20am  |
| 11 | Sat, Jun 29 | Ormond                             | Como Park             | Home | Williamstown CYMS           | Como Park                | 9:20am  | Old Xaverians               | Stradbroke Park - Kew | 11:40am |
| 12 | Sat, Jul 13 | Old Mentonians                     | Turner Road Reserve   | Away | Old Haileybury              | Princes Park No 1        | 2:00pm  | Prahran Assumption          | Como Park             | 11:40am |
| 13 | Sat, Jul 20 | Whitefriars                        | Whitefriars College   | Away | AJAX                        | Gary Smorgon Oval        | 2:00pm  | St Bernards                 | Como Park             | 11:40am |
| 14 | Sat, Jul 27 | Williamstown                       | Como Park             | Home | La Trobe                    | Como Park                | 9:20am  | Oakleigh                    | W.A. Scammell Reserve | 9:20am  |
| 15 | Sat, Aug 03 | Hampton Rovers                     | Como Park             | Home | Old Camberwell              | Gordon Barnard Reserve 2 | 2:00pm  | Monash Blues                | Como Park             | 9:20am  |
| 16 | Sat, Aug 10 | MHSOB                              | Melbourne High School | Away | Whitefriars                 | Como Park                | 2:00pm  |                             |                       |         |
| 17 | Sat, Aug 17 | Bulleen Templestowe                | Ted Ajani Reserve     | Away | PEGS                        | PEGS Sporting Fields     | 2:00pm  |                             |                       |         |
| 18 | Sat, Aug 24 | Prahran Assumption                 | Como Park             | Home | Old Xaverians               | Como Park                | 9:20am  |                             |                       |         |

\*\* Starting Times: Seniors (2:00pm), Reserves (11:40am) \*\*



2013 COMMENCED ON APRIL 13<sup>th</sup> – WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR SUPPORT THROUGH THE SEASON

## THE COACHES

Following the successes achieved last season, the coaching structure for 2013 is largely unchanged. **Frank Dunell** will once again be heading this area of the Club with the Committee reappointing him to the role of Senior Coach. **Marcus Hastings** returns as our Senior Assistant Coach, but in a non-playing capacity, whilst **Michael Holland** steps up to be an Assistant Coach. Premiership Coaches, **Chris Rubick**, **Andrew Catchlove** and **Dan O'Brien** are back on board as they look to go back-to-back for the Reserves, Clubbies and Under 19's respectively. Additions to the coaching department for the 2013 season include:

- **Steve Lansdell** (captain of last year's Reserves premiership side) who joins Danny as co-coach of the Under 19's
- **Nick Smith** (captain of last year's Club XVIII side) who joins Catchy as co-coach of the Clubbies
- **Tom Davidson** (personal trainer, former Collingwood player) who has undertaken the role of fitness coach

We wish all the coaches the very best for the season ahead and at the same time thank Simon O'Brien and Peter Power for their valuable input in 2012.



**Frank Dunell**  
(Senior Coach)

**Marcus Hastings**  
(Senior Asst Coach)

**Michael Holland**  
(Assistant Coach)

**Chris Rubick**  
(Reserves Coach)

**Dan O'Brien & Steve Lansdell**  
(U19's Co-Coaches)

**Andrew Catchlove & Nick Smith**  
(Club XVIII Co-Coaches)

**Tom Davidson**  
(Fitness Coach)

### Below is an extract of a message from Senior Coach (Frank Dunell) to the playing group:

*The coaching staff aims to build on the momentum that has been generated over last year to ensure success both on and off the field.*

*All coaches have been retained with the exception of Simon O'Brien who for work reasons is unable to commit further. We are fortunate to recruit Tommy Davidson who now heads up our pre-season fitness program for 2013. Tom's experience will be invaluable to the group over the upcoming pre-season.*

*I am all for developing a winning culture within football clubs and achieving 3 out of 4 premierships last year was an outstanding success and all committee, coaches and players concerned should be delighted in their achievements.*

*Moving forward it will be a challenge to emulate the highs of 2012 but as a club our focus will be to move up to the next level (C-Grade). We certainly have the players to achieve this feat but it will only happen if a commitment is made. Make no doubt about it we have the strongest list in D-Grade with the potential to get even stronger. The right culture and work ethic is now in place after years of struggling and being the whipping dog.*

*The next step is up to us to make it happen.*

*Finally, I wish you the very best for the coming season on and off the ground and look forward to your contribution individually and collectively to making our club the best in the VAFA competition.*

## THE CAPTAINS

Our on-field leaders for the 2013 Season have been announced and we congratulate the following on their appointments:



**Colby O'Brien**  
(Seniors Captain)

**Sam Long**  
(Seniors Vice-Captain)

**John Forster**  
(Seniors Dep Vice-Captain)

**Will Evans**  
(U19's Captain)

**Henry Byrne**  
(U19's Joint Vice-Captain)

**Rory Vocale**  
(U19's Joint Vice-Captain)

Leadership roles will be rotated within the Reserve and Club XVIII sides throughout the year.



## THE PLAYERS

Whilst we welcome back all returning players to the OGFC in 2013, we are also excited and encouraged to have **64** new signings for the year ahead:

| NEW SIGNINGS TO THE OLD GEELONG FC IN 2013 |                  |                 |                  |                   |                        |
|--------------------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------------|
| James Avery                                | Matthew Allen    | John Bailey     | Harry Bales      | Nathan Beal       | Thomas Bertrand        |
| Thomas Botterill                           | Glenn Bull       | Sam Caldwell    | Alex Carroll     | Zach Carroll      | Will Carter            |
| Jack Chaplin                               | Matt Churkovich  | Luke Clancy     | Ben Clarke       | Charlie Coburn    | Alastair de Fegely     |
| Brad Dean                                  | Brad Dettman     | Josh Dunell     | Jamie Gault      | Duncan Graham     | Sebastian Graham       |
| Michael Fort-Williams                      | Lachlan Greed    | Nicholas Hall   | Charles Hammond  | Nick Hardie-Grant | Christopher Hargreaves |
| Kyle Hookey                                | Henry Kelleff    | Andy Leahy      | Aidan Long       | Ben Long          | Sam Long               |
| Brett Maclean                              | Robert Malcolm   | Micky Mancuso   | Charlie McCahey  | Charlie McIntyre  | Hugh McKay             |
| Josh McLennan                              | Tristan Mountjoy | Kyle Murdock    | Dave Paton       | Jimmy Peterson    | Lachlan Quirk          |
| Joe Risley                                 | Nicholas Roberts | Jesse Robertson | Ben Scalora      | Ben Scott         | Xavier Shiels          |
| Sam Skinner                                | Edward Smith     | Harrison Thomas | Jonathon Thomson | Angus Tyers       | Henry Wallis           |
|                                            | Nick Warne       | Henry Wetherall | Edward Whiting   | Tom Wigan         |                        |

At the same time, we farewell some familiar faces and we hope to see them back at the OGs at some stage in the future (on or off the field!):

| DEPARTURES FROM THE OLD GEELONG FC IN 2013 |            |             |          |              |            |                 |           |
|--------------------------------------------|------------|-------------|----------|--------------|------------|-----------------|-----------|
| Ed Bayles                                  | Yarrowonga | Nick Betts  | Overseas | Reece Cordy  | Shepparton | Marcus Hasfings | retired   |
| Josh Hoevenaars                            | Brisbane   | Will Oakley | Nhill    | Jimmy O'Hare | Sydney     | Will Sloss      | Bell Park |

Milestones form a proud part of the Clubs history and many players are within reach of 100 & 50 career game totals:

| POTENTIAL OGFC MILESTONES IN 2013 |      |                  |      |
|-----------------------------------|------|------------------|------|
| Hugo Bretingham-Moore             | (97) | Donald Sahlstrom | (46) |
| James Ratcliffe                   | (87) | Nick Waters      | (46) |
| Angus Perry                       | (80) | John Graham      | (44) |
| Alexander Suvolto                 | (49) | Nicholas Smith   | (44) |
| William Symons                    | (48) | Jack O'Shea      | (42) |
| Alex Herd                         | (41) | William Harris   | (35) |
| Andrew De Fegely                  | (40) | Henry Johnstone  | (32) |
| Ryan Mcevoy                       | (40) | David Wood       | (32) |
| Samuel Long                       | (39) | Harley Beaumont  | (30) |
| John Bailey                       | (35) | Hayden Timms     | (30) |

Whilst on the subject of milestones and history, it is a timely opportunity to recognise the longest serving players of the OGFC:

| 200+ GAME PLAYERS OF THE OLD GEELONG FC |                   |                     |                      |                           |
|-----------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|
| Tony Brocksopp (287)                    | Tim Jackson (259) | Cam MacMillan (226) | Steve Lansdell (218) | Mark Vickers-Willis (217) |
| Jon Mollard (210)                       | Jon Malpas (209)  | Mark Avery (202)    | Tim Bayles (201)     |                           |

## THE PIVOT CLUB

With last year yielding 3 premierships and 1 preliminary final for the OGS, 2013 marks a watershed year for the Club. Premier C Section is on the horizon and 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. Are you going to be a part of this success?

For those that are yet to sign up as OGFC Members for 2013, we have enclosed a friendly reminder with this edition of the OGFC Newsletter

## THE LUNCHEONS



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20<sup>th</sup> April (Rd 2) – OGFC PIVOT LUNCH #1 (Como Pavilion)  
 18<sup>th</sup> May (Rd 6) – OGFC LADIES LUNCHEON (Como Pavilion)  
 22<sup>nd</sup> June (Rd 10) – OGFC PIVOT COCKTAIL EVENING (Como Pavilion)  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Aug (Rd 15) – OGFC PIVOT LUNCHEON #2 (Como Pavilion)

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To secure your seat at a Pivot Function, purchase your 2013 OGFC Membership and contact Lachie Stevens on 0419 305 519 OR [lachie@lachstocktrading.com](mailto:lachie@lachstocktrading.com).

## STOP PRESS

**ROUND 1 OGFC RESULTS** – Seniors won by 114pts, Reserves won by 69pts, Under 19's lost by 68pts, Club XVIII won by 12pts

**ROUND 2 OGFC RESULTS** – Seniors lost by 59pts, Reserves won by 45pts, Under 19's won by 75pts, Club XVIII won by 8pts

**ROUND 3 OGFC RESULTS** – Seniors won by 36pts, Reserves won by 101pts, Under 19's lost by 20pts, Club XVIII won by 19pts

HELP US REACH OUR TARGET OF 200 NON-PLAYING MEMBERS IN 2013