



VAFA DIVISION 1 - Reserves Grand Final

OLD GEELONG vs BANYULE

Saturday 10th September @ 11:40am

Central Reserve, Cnr Springvale & Waverley Rds, Glen Waverley (71 C5)

PRESIDENTS REPORT – Jimmy Legoe

2011 has once again proven to be a tough year for the OGs Seniors on the field, although we have a big opportunity to salvage something this coming weekend when our Reserves take to Central Reserve in their Grand Final against Banyule. Having defeated the Bears in the semi-final less than two weeks ago, the players will be confident going into the game and I am sure they would appreciate as much support as possible from the OGs community to get them over the line. A further reason to get down to Central Reserve on Saturday is to acknowledge a milestone of one of our Club's greatest stalwarts, in **Steve Lansdell**, who will be leading the side out as captain in his 200th game of football for the Oggery. We wish all of those representing the OGs this weekend all the best. Win lose or draw, **we welcome all of our players and supporters to get together for a few drinks from 3pm** (venue yet to be confirmed).

Our other three sides had mixed years. The Seniors began their campaign strongly, however a combination of injuries, overseas departures and retirements contributed to what can only be described as a disappointing back half of the season. Our Club XVIII (aka "The White Knights") continue to improve and once again narrowly missed out on finals. Finally, whilst our Under 19's were unfortunately forced to forfeit mid-year due to lack of numbers, the Club is committed to fielding an Under 19 side and look forward to strong numbers in 2012.

A major development for the future of our Club was the formalisation of the **Old Geelong Grammarians Association** and **Old Geelong Collegians Association** as key sponsors of the Old Geelong Sporting Club. While the support of both organizations has always been provided, their renewed and improved commitment is a strong endorsement of what the Committee is trying to achieve and will no doubt assist us in building a more successful Club.

Whilst the home and away season has only just concluded, the Committee is already looking ahead to 2012. We have a challenging, yet realistic, set of goals that we are looking to meet over the coming 12 months and beyond. To ensure we meet these expectations we have visited our feeder schools throughout the year and have plans to follow up with them in the coming month (prior to the Year 12 students finishing up). This year has reinforced the importance of retention and further recruiting, with our immediate focus on finding a replacement Senior Coach that can deliver on field success both in the short and long term.

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.

COMO REDEVELOPMENT

The redevelopment of Como Pavilion is nearly complete and the Club has been advised that handover will take place any day. Whilst the redevelopments upstairs haven't involved major structural change, it is amazing what new carpets and a lick of paint can do to our "home". Meanwhile, downstairs has been completely gutted and will soon accommodate brand new change rooms, bathroom and medical facilities. The OGs have recently invested in a defibrillator that will be housed in the newly created medical room, ensuring that we continue to provide the facilities required in this day and age.

The frustrations associated with having to work within temporary facilities have proved to be a minor distraction to the playing group this year, although it has somewhat impacted the social culture around the Club. Having said this, the redevelopment will bring the facility up to standard with statutory requirements, improved usability and restore the art-deco building which is home to local football and cricket. In advance, we thank the Stonnington Council for their support and assistance over the period of the works which are expected to finish late this year.



MISSION STATEMENT

At the beginning of the year, the Committee formulated a mission statement to further provide a direction as to where we want to take this Club in the coming years:



OLD GEELONG FOOTBALL CLUB - 2011 MISSION STATEMENT

- Increase pride and improve recognition and value of the Old Geelong Football Club.
- Strengthen ties with our two feeder schools in Geelong Grammar and The Geelong College.
- Compete at the highest level possible:
 - Three year goal to be a competitive C Section club
 - Longer term is to remain C Section and above
- Continue the growth of our non-playing membership base:
 - Provide high level of social enjoyment for all Club members
 - Target over 200 Pivot members
- Strengthen the financial position of the club:
 - Increase revenues and maintain strong financial controls
 - Target a regular financial surplus and become debt free
- Lift sponsorship to \$100k per year to assist in providing the very best facilities, personnel and resources for players, support staff and members.

Whilst some of the goals and objectives within our mission are still in the making, I firmly believe that we can look back on 2011 as a year of movement in the right direction. Financially we have managed to take this Club from a position of owing more than \$15k at the beginning of the year to one where we anticipate will end up debt free and with a healthy cash surplus which will assist us in being able to run the Club in a more professional manner. This, of course, would not be possible without the generosity from the OGs community which we hope can continue in the coming years.

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PIVOT CLUB

Whilst the Club's social culture was somewhat restricted without the Como pavilion, we were able to source two fantastic alternatives for our Pivot lunches that were both filled to capacity. The first of these luncheons took place in front of our Round 4 fixture against Whitefriars which was rescheduled to the Junction Oval. Having formalised sponsorships with our two feeder schools at the beginning of the year, the Old Geelong Collegians Association were given the first right to host the luncheon whereby their President, **Jim Marendaz**, spoke about the tie-up between the OGs and the schools. To further represent this initiation, the players took to the field in a hybrid jumper (as seen below) that was designed to represent unification of both schools with the OGs. In addition to this, Melbourne Rebel's player **Adam Freier**, entertained the attendees with his rugby stories and how he was adjusting to life in Melbourne.



A late change to the venue for the Second luncheon, which coincided with the final home & away game, saw Pivot members gather at the Wesley Rowing Boathouse, a short stroll from Como Park. The Old Geelong Grammarians Association's newly elected President, **Peter Chomley**, welcomed the crowd and the opportunity to host the lunch, whilst **Mark Neeld** was a very popular guest speaker. **Neeldy** was of course a past player/coach at the OGs back in the late '90's and attracted a lot of the younger brigade along to the afternoon, as he spoke about his progression from his times at the OGs to being the current assistant coach of Collingwood and potential AFL Senior Coach next year.....!!



Particular mention must be made yet again of **Frank and Susie Herd (Herd Meats)** and **Hamish McGowan (Angus the Bull Wine)** for their amazing support with generous donations of steak and wine. Their ongoing commitment to the luncheons is invaluable and a large factor in the success of these events. Thanks also to **Danny Popper** and his team for catering.

All in all, it was yet another successful year on the Pivot front, largely thanks to **Lachie Stevens** and the respective Pivot Captains. Whilst our membership base grew slightly on last year (to 112 members), we are still a way off achieving our target of 200 members in the next few years. It is a great opportunity for the old players and associates to catch up, and this great amateur Club lives off your ongoing support. To those whom did sign up in 2011, particularly the **Platinum Pivot Members**, we very much appreciate your contributions and we look forward to enhancing and developing our Pivot membership further in 2012 and beyond.

PLATINUM PIVOT MEMBERS						
Betts Family Peter Lemon	Graeme Chisholm Hugh & Jane Macdonald	Graeme & Kerry Goldsworthy Jon Mollard	Michael Gretton-Watson Murray Mountjoy	Frank & Susie Herd Simon & Jennie Reed	John & Beverley Joyce Bruce Spiden	Trevor & Tina King Lachie Stevens
PIVOT MEMBERS						
James Allen Chris Catchlove Henry Edgar Peter & Jenny Holland Steve Jones Tim Loveless David Mims David Ross-Edwards Mark Vickers-Willis	Stephen Anderson Andrew Chirnside Will & Chris Fairbairn Lou Hope Neil Kearney Mark Lyons Guy Nevelt Harry Rundle Michael Vickers-Willis	Mark Avery Peter Chomley Mark & Karen Forster Steve & Julie Hope-Johnstone Jock Langley Garth Manton Simon O'Brien Robert H.C. Seymour Robert Vickers-Willis	Adrian Bell Peter Clarke Sandy Gilbert Sandy Hunter Barry & Sue Lansdell David McFarlane Lew & Di Officer Deryk Stephens Andrew Waddell	Cath Bell Roger Cleary Bruce Harwood Sandy Hutton Bob & Rosie Legoe Hamish McInnes Peter & Di Power Rob Stewart Chris Webster	Jock Bing Graeme Dicksen Sam Hayward Tim Jackson Jimmy Legoe John McInnes Andrew Ramsay Peter Swan Ian Whiting	Iain Carmichael Shane Dowling Chris & Pauleen Head Andrew Johnstone Graham & Kay Long Dannye & Noela Merrin Chris Renwick Michael & Julie Teague Nigel Wood
GENERAL MEMBERS						
Charles Atkins Malcolm Browning Pru Hunter Tom & Pat Legoe Caz Power Tim Young	Ollie Baker Michael Crawford Tim Killworth Hugh Lockie Chris Reid	Sally Bayles Andrew Dawson James Kilpatrick Tony Mollard Tom Seymour	Rob Bennett Matt Edmonds Jeremy Kirkwood Michael & Virginia Palmer Bill Slattery	Jonathan Breadmore Cullen Gunn Christopher Koren Alby Park Rob & Jane Southey	Reg Bright Rob Happeil Barrie Laws Archie Paton Dave Taylor	Rod Brown Andrew Howells Henry Legoe Andrew Perry Rick Whalley

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SPONSORS

Sponsorship is major source of revenue for the OGs and we are extremely appreciative of those who back the Old Geelong Football Club. **Bennison Mackinnon** continued on as our major sponsor, whilst we are also grateful for the ongoing support of **MC Herd**, **Angus the Bull**, **Ingrams**, **Rex Gorell**, **Wilson's Real Estate**, **Boags Draught**, **Windsor Community Bank** and **Emma & Tom's**. As previously flagged, we welcomed the **Old Geelong Collegians Association** and **Old Geelong Grammarians Association** as key sponsors, whilst acknowledging **The Rising Sun Hotel** and **The Betts Family** as new sponsors of the Club.

We urge the OGs community to "support those who support us" where possible.



We continue to seek new sponsors for 2012, so if you are interested or can recommend anyone, please contact **Frank Herd** at frank.herd@herd.com.au.

MATCHDAY HELPERS

A big thank you to the many people whom have put their hand up to help on matchdays in one capacity or another throughout 2011. These include **Michael Gretton-Watson**, **Trevor King**, **Al King**, **Matt Edmonds**, **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 I 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** at stephen.lansdell@epa.vic.gov.au if you are willing to be of assistance next year.

NETBALL – Ginnie Hope-Johnstone (President)

The OGs Netball Club has another successful year in 2011, again fielding six teams throughout the Prahran and Albert Park competitions. The high demand for the Prahran Netball Association competition saw OGs extend entries into the Albert Park Competition which proved to be a useful source for further interested teams. Although there was no luck with any teams making finals, it was great to see so many new faces out on the court wearing the new OGs uniform.

The OGs Netball presentation night will be held in conjunction with the Football Club on the evening of Friday September 16th, upstairs at the newly redeveloped Como Pavilion. Best and Fairest awards will be presented for all teams so all netball players, supporters and friends are encouraged to come along to conclude season 2011 and christen in the newly renovated clubrooms.

The OGs Netball will recommence in February of 2012 (autumn season) and June 2012 (winter season) so please express any interest to Netball President **Ginnie Hope-Johnstone** at ghopejohnstone@elitesports.com.au or 0422 188 808.

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LADIES LUNCH

The Ogettes again held another successful Ladies Lunch with several changes to the agenda this year. On Saturday 13th August, the Mt Erica accommodated the ladies due to the traditional venue of Como being unavailable and hosting a later start time of 3.30pm. Guest speaker was the Mayor of Melbourne **Robert Doyle** (former Old Geelong Collegian himself) and was well received by all for giving up the time to share his knowledge on the events of Melbourne and Geelong.

The late lunch also saw **Bel Kilpatrick** play a number of tunes in the beer garden, whilst the wine was indulged by all that watched and listened. A big thanks to Bel for entertaining all at the lunch that included an entertaining and successful raffle with over 25 prizes kindly donated by those linked to the wider OGs community – top prize saw 6 VIP tickets to the 2011 Melbourne Fashion Festival kindly donated by **Robert Doyle**. A number of supporters must be thanked in particular those regular donors to OGs: **Emma Veall, Essential Ingredient, Tommy Hilfiger, Cobram Estate Olive Oil, Colgate Palmolive and L'Oreal**.

The lunch was concluded with a bus ride down town to the back of Chapel Street where the X and Y generations of the OGs community climbed through the smallest door to reveal the one-time quirky warehouse that was to host the annual event of Miss OGs.



CRICKET – Roly Imhoff (President)

Following on from the success of last year, where the cricketers made the Semi-Finals, the cricket season is soon to commence with the first game of the season kicking off on **Saturday 16th October** at GGS versus the MCC. This will be the third season that the OGs have entered themselves in the competition and the Club seems to be gaining some great traction with a team of consistent performers. Last season saw two players particularly stand out, with **Rob Hunter** (below left) becoming the third player to score a century for the Club (went on to make 115) on his way to making 412 runs at an average of 51.5. Whilst with the ball, **Call Wood** (below right) led the way with 18 wickets at an average of 15, in doing so becoming our first bowler to take a hat-trick.



This season the competition will be even stronger with Melbourne High School Old Boys entering two teams, Old Caulfield joining with North Caulfield / Glenhantly Cricket Club to enter a second side and Old Hailebury returning to the competition after one year hiatus. But with some strong recruiting in the off season plus the promise of last year's team members returning I am confident that we can improve on position this year.

I'd also like to thank outgoing Committee member **Hamish Cameron** who has served the last 2 years on the Committee as Treasurer and Chairman of Selectors and has been a great help in establishing a great culture at our Club.

The Tunbridge Club Dinner is coming up at the RACV Club on **Friday 21st October** from 7pm at an all inclusive cost of \$130 (includes 3 course dinner and drinks). If you want to attend the dinner or are interested in joining the Club in a playing and/or committee capacity, please contact **Roly Imhoff** on 0419 003 264 or **Rob Hunter** 0433 247 585.

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WEBSITE – www.oldgeelong.com.au

We have made a conscious effort to regularly update our Club website on a more regular basis through 2011 as we look to increase our online connection with the OGs community. The weekend's results (scores, goal kickers and best players) have been 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 opened a **facebook** account under the name of “Ol’ Geelong Football-Club”, so feel free to message us, friend us or even poke us!

PAST PLAYER NOTES

2011 saw the continuation of **Pete Lemon’s “Past Player Notes”** with the new editions appearing from time to time (in some instances two editions have been released in a month!). It has been a while since the latest edition, but you can be assured that Pete is drafting it up as this newsletter is being sent out! The latest editions (June 2011) can be found on the Club website via the tab titled “**The Club**” → “**Past Player News**”.

YEAR BY YEAR HISTORY OF THE OGFC

Following the request from several supporters, **Pete Lemon** has undertaken to create a Year by Year history of the Old Geelong Football Club. Given our 55+ 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 Peter Lemon an email at Peter@peregrineadventures.com. Pete has initiated with our founding years and those of 1954-1956 can be found online at the moment. Future years will gradually be added to this collection. These summaries can be found on the Club website via the tab titled “**The Club**” → “**Year by Year History**”. A recent section has been added to **Year 1956** detailing the Club's connection with the Olympic Games in Melbourne that year, a connection certainly not matched since.

WEEKLY WEBNOTES

A more light hearted look at the Oggery scene has been 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. If you aren't on this distribution list but would like to receive the weekly update, please email oldgeelongfc@gmail.com requesting to be added (alternatively, can be located on Club website via tab titled “**The Club**” → “**Webnotes**”). The input from **Nick Betts** and, more recently, **Gus Perry** to compile these notes throughout the season is very much appreciated.

CONFIRM CONTACT DETAILS

An initiative undertaken by the Committee in 2011 has been the outsourcing of our database to ensure active details are maintained for our player and supporter network. This has come at a small cost, but this automated 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:**

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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. 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.

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