

## SPONSORS

*We are blessed with a solid group of sponsors in 2007.*

Funding the club is now over \$100,000 per annum and with only 20 weeks to actively raise funds, sponsorship has never been more important.

By supporting our sponsors you are helping both the short and long term goals of the club. Many of our sponsors are former players or long standing supporters with as much passion for the Ogs success as you do. Our aim is to ensure sponsors enjoy their involvement and see the value of the Ogs as a positive return on their investment.

**Bennison Mackinnon Carmichael Real Estate** have stood up to the plate again to head our sponsorship table – duly represented by Iain Carmichael 0418 850 988 Andy McCann 0141 643 744 and Richard Mackinnon 0414 822 579 – all ex players having graced the grounds of Como park.

2006 saw some very big property sales resulting from our sponsorship and we were very well rewarded as a part of our sponsorship arrangement. Both the property seller and the Ogs receive a financial incentive from an Ogs referral.

If you, or a friend are planning to sell your property, be it in or out of town, make sure you give Iain, Andy or Richard a go and make it a win for the Ogs as well as yourself. You must make it clear to the agent that the sale is related to the Ogs sponsorship for the Ogs to receive a commission.

We welcome Angus Reed, Nigel Sharp, John Roysmith and our very own President, Mark Avery of **Prudentia Investments** as a very generous and first time sponsor of the Ogs. Together they combine over 200 games with the Ogs between them. Prudentia is an independent property group providing investments with a high regard for sustainability and a proven opportunity capital model... and it was fantastic to see Angus supporting the Ogs at our first home game. Enquiries to Angus Reed on 0414 382 439 or 9684 8600.

**OPIS Capital** is another new and generous sponsor. Opis is a privately owned boutique fund manager which specialises in the management of investments in the Australian equity market. The Funds have been running for 6 years and have averaged returns over 20% p.a., ranking them in the top quartile of all Australian Equity Funds.

Sam Cole heads up the marketing with Opis Capital and would welcome the opportunity to discuss any of their funds or the overall market in general. Ph 0418 524 913 or 9602 3199.

**Urban Maintenance Systems** headed by Sam Furphy and his fellow director Cam Walker, have built an enormously successful infrastructure business. UMS has been a major sponsor of the Ogs for several years with no real opportunity for a return on investment other than their personal enjoyment. Phone 9265 5811.



**The Rex Gorell Group** has returned to the Ogs for the 2nd year running. Paul, Brett and Jason Gorell head up the stable of car dealerships and are always incredibly helpful and provide exceptional advice, deals and car finance to Ogs. If you're in the market for a car, make sure you give Gorell's a call and let them know it's an Ogs deal. Phone 03 5222 3888.

Lou Hope of **Money Resources Group** is another ex-player and first timer as an Ogs sponsor and we welcome Lou to the fold. Money Resources Group is an independent finance broker for vehicles, equipment, commercial loans and mortgages. The Ogs will receive a guaranteed commission for every successful referral. Lou can be reached on 0409 700 160 or 9690 7699.

We also have a fantastic stable of product sponsors who provide substantial donations of product and time and save the Ogs many thousands of dollars.

We thank, Michael Gretton-Watson of **Ingrams and Co** and his staff for the countless hours of accounting and financial control of the Ogs affairs.

Gary Fawcett of **Tap Productions** provides the design and printing for the Ogs as well as securing our group of sponsors annually.

Hamish MacGowan of **Angus the Bull** continues to generously donate his famous Angus the Bull Cabernet Sauvignon and the newly released See Saw Sauvignon Blanc which we all enjoy at the club and gives us a very healthy financial return.

**Peter Winter** has yet again donated a significant amount of soft drinks to the club of which we are truly grateful.

Emma Welsh of the ever growing enterprise of **Emma and Tom's** provide their healthy and tasty juices in a bottle and again we are a forever grateful.

Our sponsors have either played with the Ogs or are married to an Og and have all have as much passion about the club as the players, coaching staff and committee who participate week in week out. That said they are all digging deep into their pockets for the Ogs and we need them to come back year after year. We hope that should you require any of the above services or products, you'll call them first.

## SOCIAL

Event number one has come and gone at Como. With the First Pivot Club lunch held on Saturday 19th of May, over 50 people were in attendance to hear from Coach Adrian Farrer and special guest Peter Mann who gave us a lot of insight into the AFL Players association.

A special mention to Frank Herd, who again donated the steaks for the lunch (melting in your mouth as always).

Also thanks to Hamish McGowan for donating the wine and to Damn Fine Foods for putting it all together. The lunch was then followed by the first players' function, OGS Idol. Being held for the second time, this event was again a great success with Tom Betts crowned the OGS Idol. Thanks to Cameron Teague and Matt Vasey for organising this event.



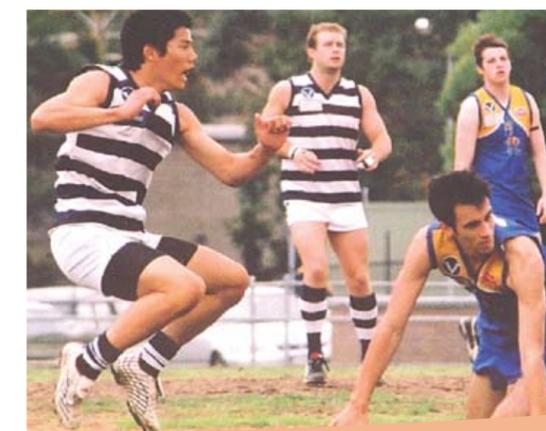
## WELCOME TO SEASON 2007

### FUTURE SOCIAL EVENTS TO PUT IN THE DIARY:

<b>30th June</b>	<b>Round 10</b> at Como: Ladies Lunch (+Miss OGS). Contact Jo Manifold on: 0417 554 442 or jmanifold@intrepidtravel.com for reservations.
<b>28th July</b>	<b>Round 14</b> at Oakleigh: OGFC Players Ball. Contact Nick Betts on: 0407 030 895 or nickbetts19@hotmail.com for reservations.
<b>25th August</b>	<b>Round 18</b> at Como: Pivot Club / 1957 Premiership Re-union. Gideon Haigh (cricket journalist) will be our guest speaker. For reservations please contact Lachie Stevens on: 0419 350 721 or lachlan.stevens@ldcommodities.com or Michael Gretton-Watson on: 03 9824 1922, ingrams@netspace.net.au. Lots of interest already, so expectations are this lunch will book out early (>100 people).
<b>16th September</b> (after Grand Final)	<b>Season Celebration</b> at Como. Casual BBQ for players and supporters to wind up the season. Please contact Lachlan Teague on: 0409 335 785 or Teaga7@yahoo.com.au
<b>6th October</b>	<b>Footy Trip</b> on the Gold Coast. Contact Charlie Atkins on: 0424 949 612 or charlie@emmaandtom.com for more details.
<b>13th October</b>	<b>Presentation Night:</b> Formal event for players and supporters. To acknowledge the individual efforts of Old Geelong Netball AND Football players. Please contact Greg Allen on: 0409 015 912 or gregallen4@hotmail.com for more details.

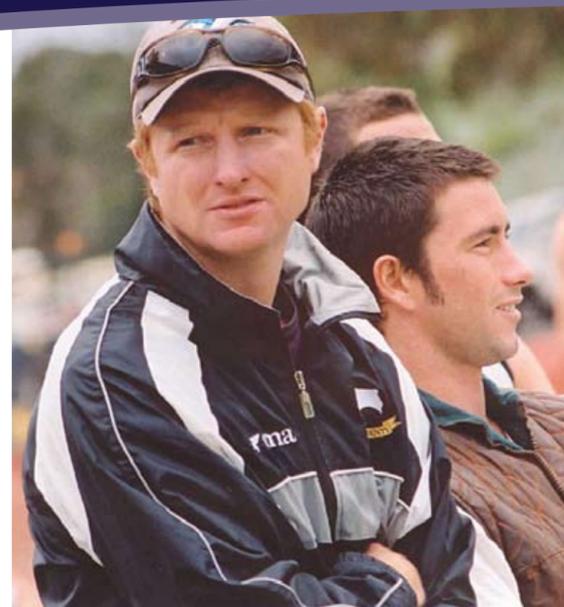
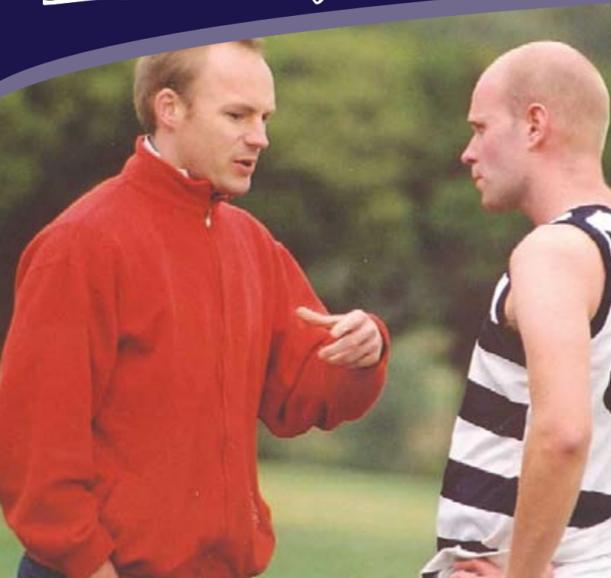
*It is great that the season has finally started! Importantly, it has started fairly well for Old Geelong.*

After much debate and concern as to when the season may start, if at all, we are lucky to be underway and sitting four wins and four losses in the Seniors. While we would have preferred to have had more wins, we could not be happier with how preseason was undertaken in trying conditions restricted heavily due to the fact Como Park was off limits for the entire off season. With great support from the City of Stonnington and a positive attitude from all involved, what may have been seen as a deterrent, has sparked a great deal of motivation and hunger in all the players.



Last year saw the re-introduction of Netball back to the OGS for the first time in years. Jo Manifold has been instrumental in developing the Netball side of the club and we now have five teams that compete on either Tuesday or Wednesday nights. It is a terrific association to have and although no premierships came out of the first season, we can happily report that the first premiership was secured by the Oggets on the 13th June. Over 75 supporters were there to watch the girls finish the season undefeated and lift what we hope will be the first of many more trophies for the girls!

Finally, we would like to welcome all those new members that have joined the club in whatever capacity over the past 12 months. It has been the injection of new faces, new ideas and new helpers that is really making a difference to the success of this Club. As a result of better on field performance, the introduction of the netball to the club, and a definite increase in attendance at match day and club lunches, the club is flying from an off field perspective. Hopefully the 2007 is a successful one, as the effort that is being undertaken by all involved in the club has laid the foundations for a very exciting year.



**NEW COACHES**

We would like to acknowledge the sterling efforts of the outgoing Coaches Michael Lockman and Michael Verge. Michael Lockman came to the club as Senior Coach in 2004, the season prior to his appointment yielded only one senior victory. His drive, attention to detail and passion to have us playing hard, attacking and accountable football helped change the fortunes and culture of the club for the long term.

In his four years Michael coached the club to two preliminary finals and a premiership. He has established many life-long friendships and we look forward to seeing Michael at some Pivot Club lunches throughout the year.



Michael Verge has retired from coaching the reserves with the amazing record of losing only one match in two years. While not winning the grand final in 2006, the efforts of "Tekka" to maintain such a remarkable record is a credit to the way that he approached the role. Lately Michael has been spotted running around in the Reserves in a playing capacity. It is great to have him around the club again.

*We are pleased to inform our members that Adrian Farrer has been appointed coach of OGS for 2007.*

Adrian returns to the club at which he played over 80 games from 1997 to 2002. He has also played for amateur clubs University Blues and Old Melbournians as well as for Gooramabat in the Benalla and District Football League.

He is now the 1st XVIII coach at Camberwell Grammar School where he works with Peter Knights, and he was assistant coach to Ken Fletcher at Penleigh and Essendon Grammar for a number of years.

*We are also delighted to welcome Nathan Perrin as Reserves coach.*

Nathan is returning to OGS after a period away from Melbourne, predominantly spent in Darwin. Nathan played two seasons with OGS in 2001-02 and it is exciting to have him back at the club.

Thankfully, we have been lucky enough to retain Henry Edgar as the coach of the Club 18 side which is playing in an expanded competition this year. His efforts in chasing players, coaching and on occasion donning the boots are invaluable. We wish Henry the best of luck for the season.

**COACHES' REPORT**

*The football department is pleased with our progress, despite there being little doubt that this pre-season has offered up more challenges than most.*

A less than perfect training arrangement has ensured an interrupted preparation and the enduring lack of access to Como on Tuesday nights has tested our adaptability. It is pleasing, then, that the playing list at Old Geelong has not reacted badly to the situation. Indeed, the swelling numbers at training and on the recruitment list have been fantastic. We have included to last year's list a host of amateur and country footballers who bring with them, variously: height, experience, speed, skill and good humour. Among them is Chris Branigan, a former A Grade vice-captain who comes to us as a playing assistant coach. Chris has made a significant impact on the forward line and he has been instrumental in assisting the development of playing structure and our younger players already.

Also joining us at Old Geelong for the first time is Michael Read, an amateur premiership coach, who is assisting with coaching and is chairman of selectors for the first part of the season. He brings a refreshing, experienced perspective to the club, having had no ties here in the past.

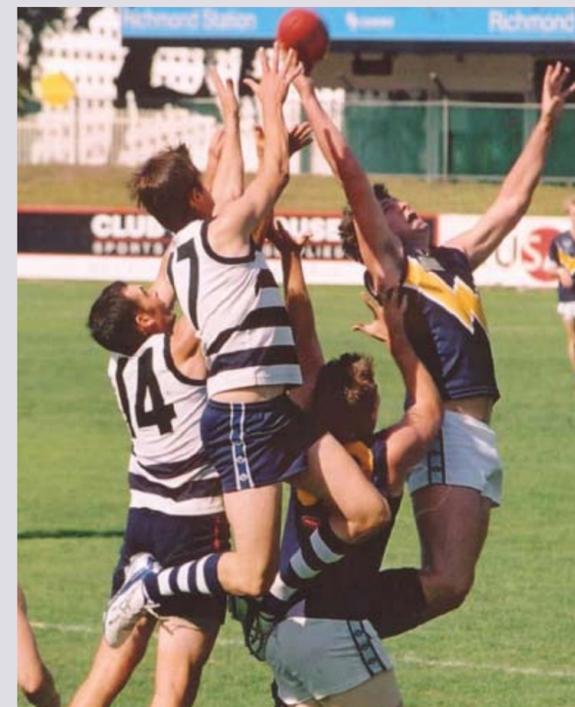
Alongside him is Peter Mann, former North Melbourne player and Fremantle captain, best and fairest and leading goal kicker. He has also



been the head of the AFL Players' association. Peter's role as coaching consultant has already proven invaluable. His insight, deep knowledge of the game and endearing nature has been most welcome. Obviously, he is a wonderful asset for the OGS.

As a group, we see many opportunities ahead in season 2007. Both players and spectators will appreciate that the road will not always be smooth, but they can rest assured that our preparation will be the best that it can be at all times.

We look forward to seeing as many as possible at our games, especially as the year matures. Let us hope that this will be the year of the OGS!



**NETBALL**

Old Geelong Navy has become our first premiership team, winning in a fantastic game, and have remained undefeated for the season which is a fantastic effort!

*Stand-out performances were shown by the whole team – especially by Annie Legoe, Alex Petersen and Ginni Hope-Johnston.*

It was great to see a large number of supporters on the sidelines and big thank you to all the netballers, footballers, friends and families that attended the grand final. All teams are now on a well deserved break before starting the new season on 2nd July.



All teams have shown tremendous improvement throughout the season and all will no doubt prove to be extremely competitive in the upcoming spring season. We have another new team registered which will see a total of six Old Geelong teams in the competition.

2007 has seen the introduction of some healthy rivalry with MOGS-Melbourne Old Girls entering six teams into the competition which is great to see. Hopefully it might encourage other clubs to follow.

This year we are making improvements around the club to better incorporate the netballers through fundraising initiatives and social events to further develop the club and increase the OGS support base. The Ladies Lunch will be held on Saturday 30th June and will be run entirely by the Oggets with all profits going back to the netball club.

As usual we are playing on Tuesday and Wednesday nights at the Orrong Romanis Centre and Wesley College in Prahran. The spring season draws will be up on the website shortly alternatively check the draws on the Prahran netball website.... [www.prahrannetball.com.au](http://www.prahrannetball.com.au).

*Thank you to all those that have come and supported us this season, it has been greatly appreciated by all the oggets!*