



NEWSLETTER – FEBRUARY 2025

CHANGES GALORE:

What a difference a year makes! The Club personnel has changed remarkably over the last three or four months, with a new coach, a new Football Operations Manager (FOM), an interim CEO currently in place, and various movements on the playing side.

Mark Stone has taken over as Senior Coach following Peter German's return to Victoria. Mark has an excellent CV, including involvement with a number of AFL clubs, as well as being a premiership-winning coach in the SANFL. He appears to be ideally suited to bring long-awaited success to the Demons.

Trevor Williams retired as FOM at the end of the season, following five years of dedicated service. We were disappointed to lose him but he was quickly replaced by Brad Dodd. Brad had been highly successful in the role at East Fremantle and has proven he will be a real asset for us.

Unfortunately we have also lost Russ Clark after five years as the Club's CEO. The commitment of Russ to the Perth Football Club cannot be understated. Twenty-three League matches in the 1990's, followed by a three-year term as Football Manager and then subsequently in his role as CEO Russ has always been a strong advocate for the Club. Best of luck for the future Russ.

Of course, as happens every year, there are gains and losses amongst the player group. It was sad to see Charlie Thompson and Joseph Chaplin return to the East, Kristian Cary and Trent Manzone retire, and Jack Avery decide to move to another club. However, the Club is excited with the quality of recruits for this year, headlined by Geelong premiership player Brandon Parfitt, Michael Randall from East Perth and Tyrone Thorne ex-Peel, among others. With a kind injury run there is every reason to be enthusiastic about the season ahead.

2025:

The season kicks off on Saturday 5th April with a home match against South Fremantle. That will be a good test for our side as the Bulldogs appear to have recruited quite strongly. From a PP&OA point of view we will be operating the Thursday night bar from 13th March so it will be a good opportunity to come along and see the boys train prior to a scratch match against Peel Thunder on the Saturday.

It would be appreciated if memberships could be paid well before the South game so as to avoid a rush on that day. Many members pay their dues through internet banking. If you wish to use this method the

details are BSB 066 106, Account No. 0090 2843. Our Treasurer, Greg Clatworthy, would appreciate receiving an advice from those using internet banking as to how the payment is to be applied, i.e. membership, patron, 100 club, etc. Greg can be contacted on 0417 826 910 or email chilli2@tpg.com.au.

Please note that we have an eftpos facility in use and this will be available on bar nights and of course on match days. It would therefore be easier for Greg if this facility is used rather than have monies for us paid into the Club.

PP&OA ACTIVITIES:

Our small group of committee members and helpers are widely recognised as being of considerable assistance to the Perth Football Club. We are proud to advise that we contributed in excess of \$15,000 towards various football matters during 2024, no small feat from a group of “oldies”!

This year, with the advent of the Club having its own womens football side, we are budgeting to assist as it gets up and running. Discussions are underway regarding the presentation of caps and weekly awards, resulting in some extra pressure on the budget.

As time goes on we find that we need a few more helpers. There is a vacancy on our committee that requires filling, and of course more hands are always welcome when it comes to History Centre, bar work, players’ teas, sausage sizzles, raffles, and the like.

Anyone who can help out here and there in any capacity is asked to contact our President Wayne Koch on 0407 478 963, email kothouse@bigpond.net.au.

100 CLUB AND ALPHABET RACING:

These long-running fundraising activities are on again this year. At this stage we are still in need of entrants in both so anyone who has not yet expressed their intention to participate in one or both should contact Brian Sweetapple on 0411 133 038, email brian.kerry@optusnet.com.au.

Don’t forget, the 100 club major prizes are \$500, \$300 and \$200 following twenty-four weekly prizes of \$50. In the 2024 edition of Alphabet Racing Alan Feigan and Allan Pental each won \$337.50. You have to be in it to win it!

QUIZ NIGHT:

Yes our Quiz Night will be on again this year, set down for Friday 16th May, 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm start. Tickets are only \$10 per head, please provide your own nibblies.

It will be held in the social hall at Lathlain and as such there is no BYO alcohol permitted. Obviously the Club bar will be in operation.

Please contact Greg Dart for full details and bookings. Greg’s number is 0417 965 663, email hdart@iinet.net.au.

PERSONAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:

It is very pleasing to see some of our members well and truly in the spotlight. Long-time member and Club identity Peter Kennedy was honoured on Australia Day, receiving an AM for service to the print and broadcast media. (We could well add “to the Perth Football Club”). Very well deserved Peter.

At the Club AGM our Secretary Greg Dart and member Doug Ransted were both awarded Life Membership. Both gentlemen have put in many years of dedicated service and the Club members were enthusiastic in acknowledging their efforts.

DIGITAL ENTERTAINMENT BOOK:

We have been selling Entertainment Books for nearly fifteen years as a service to members, family and friends whilst at the same time earning 20% on all sales. As people will be aware the book in hard copy has been dispensed with due to cost pressures, the “book” now coming in the form of an app for your phone, which is becoming more and more popular. Great savings through the app can be made in a multitude of ways, from shopping, family activities, dining, takeaways, etc, etc, and also regular special offers are constantly being provided.

To purchase the app go to <https://subscribe.entertainment.com.au/fundraiser/8410f7>. In doing so the PP&OA will earn handy commission, so help us as you save money!

A great present for family or friends, and don't forget to treat yourself!

Enquiries to Brian Sweetapple, 0411 133 038, email brian.kerry@optusnet.com.au.

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