



Newsletter

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Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from the Committee of the Blues Coterie.

AGM 2008

Blues Coterie Annual General Meeting held at 3rd Templestowe Scout Hall, Lower Templestowe. December 3rd 2008 Meeting opened: 12.30 p.m.

Roll Call: Claude Venturato, Edda Fillippo, Frank Michienzi, Darren Cope & Anthea Mulholland, Robert & Emma Zonta, Don Taig, Karen Taig, Phyllis Taig, Sam & Ada Kimekeo, Marie Caccamo, David & Liz Zonta, Lorenzo De Lazzari, Sam Calcagno, Vi Beard & Denver Hackett, Michael Smolders

Visitors: Denise Beard, Sabrina Michienzi, Debbie Chester,

Apologies: Nick Kokinos, Lindsay Osborne, Richard & Julianne Spall, Sam Registro, Joe Caccamo, Carlo & Johanna Ursini,

President's report.

As we look forward towards season 2009 I would like to reflect on season 2008.

As President of the Blues Coterie for the past two years I have worked hard to keep the Blues Coterie a united, proud and strong group. The group has moved forward to become a bigger, brighter and more committed group. With the hard work of my committee the Blues Coterie have been able to hand over \$20,000.00 to the Carlton Football Club for this year. This money has gone towards buying up to date equipment for the Carlton players.

Many thanks goes to Anthea for her consistent hard work and her thankless efforts to keep the Blues Coterie running smoothly and professionally. It was Anthea's hard work this year that got the Blues Coterie website up and running. A working mother of two, she really has worked hard to make us, the Blues Coterie look good. Thanks Anthea, we appreciate it.

This year the Blues Coterie welcomed the following new members: Walter Di Bartolo, Sam and Ada Kimekeo, Don, Karen, Chris and Phyllis Taig, Frank Rustovski and David Fenech. With the inclusion of the new members our total membership for 2008 was 38. Thanks to all.

At the beginning of the season we held our annual Trivia Night. This night is not a fundraiser but purely a casual get to know each other night. This night was enjoyed by all who attended but we would like to see more Blues Coterie members attend the evening.

The jewel in the Crown for the Blues Coterie was once again the successful Oyster & Seafood Night. Many thanks and congratulations needs to go to the Blues Coterie members who contributed and participated in the night. This major fund raising event helped us reach our target of \$20,000.00 for the Carlton Football Club.

This year the Blues Coterie employed the services of an MC. Past Player, David Rhys Jones, was kind enough to take on the role. With a slow start to the job David progressively warmed up to the position enlightening us with wonderful past player stories and educating us with statistical information about the round being played. For those of you who don't know, speaking in front of 100 people is a chore I do not like doing so I personally thank David and look forward to his ongoing relationship with the Blues Coterie next year.

To continue our recognition within the Carlton Football Club and for the Blues Coterie to remain viable we need to increase our membership. I urge all members to become part of a future push for recognition and support and make the Blues Coterie the best.

To all of you, the Blues Coterie members, thank you for your raffle donations on match days and most of all for your support for me and the group as a whole. Well Done!

I urge members to jump on board and take an interest in the Blues Coterie and become a committee member. On behalf of the committee, happy holidays and we look forward to a continued relationship in season 2009.

Treasurer's Report:

Meeting held at Carlton the Coterie was told we had grossed a net profit of \$98 000. However Carlton has decided that we need to increase our fund raising for next year. Since the meeting Carlton have notified us that there was a mistake in the catering and we made \$20 000 less. We made a profit on the Oyster night but we will need to increase fund raising efforts for next year

NOMINATIONS FOR COMMITTEE

The following nominations were received for the 2009 Committee.

President:

Emma Zonta:

Darren Cope

Vice President:

Darren Cope:

Emma Zonta

Anthea Hall

Secretary:

Julianne Spall

Marcia Hall

Treasurer/Booking Officer:

Anthea Mulholland

Committee: The following nominations were received

Frank Michienzi

Paul Carrazzo

Marcia Hall

Sam Calcagno

Richard Spall

Claude Venturato

Nick Kokinos

Following discussions prior to the elections some people withdrew or declined the nominations that had been received for the various positions. Thus enabling the positions to be filled unopposed.

COMMITTEE:

These are the people who have been elected as your Committee for 2009. It is their aim to make your involvement with the Blues Coterie a long and happy one.

Should you have any queries or need assistance please do not hesitate to contact any one of the following people and they will do their best to help you.

PRESIDENT:

Emma Zonta

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Julianne Spall

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Darren Cope

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Anthea Mulholland

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COMMITTEE

Sam Calcagno

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Frank Michienzi

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Marcia Hall

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Paul Carrazzo

Richard Spall

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ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM THE AGM.

FEES 2009

Fees: There is no change to the fees for 2009. We lose a home match that will move interstate but Carlton are trying to organize a contra deal with another club to have an 11th game in Melbourne. Other groups have gone up 18%. It is important that we get our numbers up.

Changes to package:

No longer receiving the season launch, Best & Fairest Night is now in lieu of the season launch.

Season launch will be New York, New York.

Anthea has sent the email about this. Members must go back to Mandy if you wish to attend.

Members are asked to attend as many Carlton functions as possible. A certain percentage of these sales is credited to the Blues Coterie fund raising and really helps benefit the group.

It is really important that members bring as many guests as possible to games as this also helps to increase our fundraising efforts. If we do not want to see huge

increases to the membership package in coming years it is vital that members support the Coterie in any way they possibly can.

WEBSITE:

The website is up and running very well. Members are asked to check the site as it is regularly updated.
www.bluescoterie.com

Bookings for games can be made via the website and as an extra incentive if you are the first person to book for any home game you will receive a \$30 discount for one guest booking.

On the website you can also catch up on current news, calendar of events, photos etc. You can also find out about the history of the club, follow links to Carlton Football Club. In fact this is a great way to keep in touch with what's happening in the world of footy until the first bounce of the season 2009.

LIFE MEMBERSHIPS

We have much pleasure in announcing that Vi Beard and Nick Kokinos have been awarded Life membership in the Blues Coterie.

These Life memberships have been awarded to both of them for their continued support of the Coterie for over 30 years.

Vi has been a member since the Blues Coterie was founded and over the years has been one of the group's most enthusiastic supporters. Vi attends virtually all Coterie and Carlton functions and has offered a great deal of financial support over the years.

Nick has been a member of the coterie since the second year of its existence (in the first year he worked as one of the bar staff) Nick also served as Treasurer of the Coterie for many years.

We thank both these members for their support over the years and we hope that you will continue to enjoy many more years of camaraderie and friendship with the other members of the group.

Next Home Game:

Saturday April 4th 2009 – 1st Home Game

Carlton V Brisbane -
Saturday Night Telstra Dome
If you would like to bring guests to this game please let Anthea know by Monday of the week prior to the game.

Calendar of Events

Saturday March 21st – Blues Coterie Season Launch
To be held at Let's Unwine.
65 High Street, Berwick.

Saturday April 4th 2009 – 1st Home Game

Carlton V Brisbane -
Saturday Night Telstra Dome

Saturday May 30th
Trivia Night

Saturday August 15th 2009
Oyster & Seafood Night -
Sherwood Receptions,
Greenvale

Your chance to enjoy as many oysters as you can eat plus other seasonal seafood. Remember this is our major fund raiser and we need your support. Further details will be available on match days.

Carlton Season Launch

Everyone has received the flyer for this event. Please contact Carlton direct if you wish to attend.

Team 2009

Arrivals

Onfield:

Robert Warnock
Michael Jamison
Rhys O'Keefe
Mitch Robinson
Caleb Tiller
Chris Yarran
Chris Johnson

Rookie List

Greg Bentley
Jeff Garlett
Lachie Hill
Sam Jacobs
Darren Pfeiffer
Luke Stanton

Off-field:

Darren Harris (director of development),
Robert Harvey (development coach),

Departures

Onfield:

Retired - Jason Saddington,
Delisted –

Cain Ackland, Clint Benjamin,
Luke Blackwell, Ryan Jackson, Aisake O'hailpin,
Darren Pfeiffer,

Off field:

Gavin Crosisca (assistant coach)

We are looking forward to an exciting year in 2009. Let's hope the team lives up to this year's slogan.



2009 Fixture

| Rnd | Home Team | Away Team | Ground | Date |
|------------|------------------|------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|
| R1 | Richmond | Carlton | Melbourne Cricket Ground | Mar 26 (Thu 7:40pm) |
| R2 | Carlton | Brisbane Lions | Etihad Stadium | Apr 4 (Sat 7:10pm) |
| R3 | Carlton | Essendon | Melbourne Cricket Ground | Apr 11 (Sat 7:10pm) |
| R4 | Sydney | Carlton | Sydney Cricket Ground | Apr 18 (Sat 2:10pm) |
| R5 | Western Bulldogs | Carlton | Etihad Stadium | Apr 26 (Sun 2:10pm) |
| R6 | Hawthorn | Carlton | Melbourne Cricket Ground | May 2 (Sat 2:10pm) |
| R7 | Carlton | Fremantle | Gold Coast Stadium | May 9 (Sat 7:10pm) |
| R8 | Collingwood | Carlton | Melbourne Cricket Ground | May 17 (Sun 2:10pm) |
| R9 | Adelaide | Carlton | AAMI Stadium | May 23 (Sat 3:10pm) |
| R10 | Carlton | West Coast | Etihad Stadium | May 29 (Fri 7:40pm) |
| R11 | Brisbane Lions | Carlton | Gabba | Jun 6 (Sat 7:10pm) |
| R12 | Carlton | St Kilda | Etihad Stadium | Jun 12 (Fri 7:40pm) |
| R13 | Essendon | Carlton | Melbourne Cricket Ground | Jun 26 (Fri 7:40pm) |
| R14 | Fremantle | Carlton | Subiaco Oval | Jul 5 (Sun 4:40pm) |
| R15 | Carlton | Richmond | Melbourne Cricket Ground | Jul 11 (Sat 2:10pm) |
| R16 | Carlton | Sydney | Etihad Stadium | Jul 18 (Sat 2:10pm) |
| R17 | Carlton | Collingwood | Melbourne Cricket Ground | Jul 24 (Fri 7:40pm) |
| R18 | North Melbourne | Carlton | Etihad Stadium | Jul 31 (Fri 7:40pm) |
| R19 | Carlton | Geelong | Melbourne Cricket Ground | Aug 7 (Fri 7:40pm) |
| R20 | Port Adelaide | Carlton | AAMI Stadium | Aug 16 (Sun 3:10pm) |
| R21 | Carlton | Melbourne | Etihad Stadium | Aug 22 (Sat 2:10pm) |
| R22 | Carlton | Adelaide | Etihad Stadium | Aug 29 (Sat 4:10pm) |

| Senior List 2009 | | | | | | | Games | | Goals | |
|------------------|--------------------|--------|--------|----------|------------|------------------------|-------|--------|-------|--------|
| No. | Player | Height | Weight | D.O.B | Debut | Recruited From | 2008 | Career | 2008 | Career |
| 26 | Joe ANDERSON | 187 | 81 | 24.12.88 | Rd 4 2007 | Darwin | 4 | 9 | 0 | 0 |
| 27 | Dennis ARMFIELD | 181 | 77 | 22.12.86 | Rd 10 2008 | Swans Districts | 9 | 9 | 2 | 2 |
| 21 | Mark AUSTIN | 193 | 88 | 24.02.89 | Rd 22 2007 | Glenelg | 4 | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| 31 | Jordan BANNISTER | 190 | 88 | 31.10.82 | Rd 12 2001 | Essendon | 5 | 65 | 2 | 15 |
| 7 | Adam BENTICK | 184 | 83 | 13.06.85 | Rd 18 2004 | Calder U18 | 14 | 68 | 0 | 13 |
| 19 | Eddie BETTS | 173 | 75 | 26.11.86 | Rd 1 2005 | Calder U18 | 18 | 75 | 25 | 75 |
| 18 | Paul BOWER | 192 | 87 | 01.09.88 | Rd 21 2006 | Peel Thunder (WA) | 12 | 24 | 0 | 3 |
| 15 | Steven Browne | 179 | 74 | 01.02.89 | Rd 6 2008 | West Perth | 13 | 13 | 4 | 4 |
| 44 | Andrew CARRAZZO | 187 | 88 | 15.12.83 | Rd 21 2004 | Geelong Rookie | 21 | 84 | 4 | 20 |
| 28 | Cameron CLOKE | 195 | 98 | 20.12.84 | Rd 5 2004 | Collingwood | 20 | 47 | 14 | 28 |
| 37 | Jake EDWARDS | 192 | 82 | 01.06.88 | Rd 1 2008 | Western U18 | 5 | 5 | 4 | 4 |
| 25 | Brendan FEVOLA | 191 | 100 | 20.01.81 | Rd 17 1999 | Dandenong U18 | 22 | 164 | 99 | 486 |
| 14 | Brad FISHER | 192 | 82 | 04.09.84 | Rd 2 2003 | Eastern U18 | 21 | 91 | 25 | 118 |
| 4 | Bryce GIBBS | 187 | 77 | 15.03.89 | Rd 1 2007 | Glenelg | 21 | 43 | 14 | 19 |
| 16 | Shaun GRIGG | 189 | 78 | 19.04.88 | Rd 14 2007 | Nth Ballarat | 20 | 25 | 4 | 4 |
| 10 | Richard HADLEY | 190 | 88 | 29.03.83 | Rd 3 2001 | Brisbane Lions | 6 | 47 | 2 | 12 |
| 22 | Shaun HAMPSON | 200 | 93 | 21.03.88 | Rd 21 2007 | Mt Gravatt | 10 | 12 | 1 | 2 |
| 23 | Adam HARTLETT | 195 | 88 | 22.04.86 | Rd 9 2007 | West Adelaide (SA) | 4 | 8 | 1 | 2 |
| 33 | Ryan HOULIHAN | 187 | 85 | 21.01.82 | Rd 11 2000 | Murray U18 | 5 | 162 | 5 | 99 |
| 40 | Michael JAMISON | 192 | 87 | 11.06.86 | Rd 18 2007 | North Ballarat | 16 | 21 | 0 | 0 |
| 5 | Chris JUDD | 189 | 85 | 08.09.83 | Rd 2 2002 | West Coast | 21 | 155 | 15 | 153 |
| 8 | Matthew KREUZER | 199 | 94 | 13.05.89 | Rd 3 2008 | Northern Knights | 20 | 20 | 13 | 13 |
| 3 | Marc MURPHY | 179 | 75 | 19.07.87 | Rd 1 2006 | Oakleigh U18 | 22 | 57 | 14 | 32 |
| 17 | Setanta O'hALPIN | 199 | 96 | 18.03.83 | Rd 7 2005 | Cork, Ireland | 12 | 46 | 3 | 18 |
| - | Rhys O'KEEFE | 188 | 83 | 08.08.90 | | North Adelaide | | | | |
| - | Mitch ROBINSON | 185 | 79 | 07.06.89 | | Tassie Mariners | | | | |
| 2 | Jordan RUSSELL | 188 | 77 | 11.06.86 | Rd 15 2005 | West Adelaide (SA) | 21 | 50 | 4 | 8 |
| 29 | Heath SCOTLAND | 182 | 85 | 21.07.80 | Rd 3 1999 | Collingwood | 21 | 159 | 11 | 12 |
| 6 | Kade SIMPSON | 182 | 77 | 05.05.84 | Rd 11 2003 | Eastern U18 | 22 | 87 | 9 | 47 |
| 24 | Nick STEVENS | 182 | 85 | 01.03.80 | Rd 6 1998 | Port Adelaide | 22 | 214 | 17 | 127 |
| 32 | Bret THORNTON | 193 | 95 | 15.11.83 | Rd 10 2002 | Oakleigh U18 | 19 | 128 | 1 | 2 |
| - | Caleb TILLER | 189 | 75 | 06.02.91 | | Murray Bushrangers | | | | |
| 30 | Jarrold WAITE | 194 | 93 | 02.04.83 | Rd 1 2003 | Murray U18 | 21 | 106 | 7 | 107 |
| 1 | Andrew WALKER | 190 | 85 | 18.05.86 | Rd 5 2004 | Bendigo U18 | 7 | 81 | 6 | 30 |
| - | Robert WARNOCK | 205 | 95 | 19.01.87 | | Fremantle | | | | |
| 34 | Simon WIGGINS | 187 | 88 | 09.11.82 | Rd 5 2001 | Tas U18 | 14 | 103 | 12 | 32 |
| | Christopher YARRAN | 180 | 84 | 19.12.90 | | Swan Districts/Midvale | | | 0 | |

| Rookie List | | | | | | | Games | | Goals | |
|-------------|-----------------|--------|--------|----------|--------------|------------------------|-------|--------|-------|--------|
| No. | Player | Height | Weight | D.O.B. | Debut | Recruited from | 2008 | Career | 2008 | Career |
| | Greg BENTLEY | 187 | 88 | 09.04.87 | | Port Adelaide | | | | |
| 46 | David ELLARD | 177 | 72 | 13.03.89 | Rd 7 2008 | Swan Districts (WA) | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| | Jeffrey GARLETT | 187 | 67 | 03.08.89 | | | | | | |
| 41 | Lachie HILL | 190 | 83 | 15.05.89 | Yet to debut | Oakleigh Chargers | 0 | | | |
| 39 | Sam JACOBS | 200 | 100 | 10.04.88 | Yet to debut | Woodville West Torrens | 0 | | | |
| | Chris JOHNSON | 188 | 87 | 25.01.86 | | Melbourne | | | | |
| 45 | Arron JOSEPH | 180 | 76 | 04.07.89 | Yet to debut | Tassie Mariners | 0 | | | |
| 36 | Darren PFEIFFER | 183 | 81 | 28.09.87 | Rd 2 2008 | Adelaide | 7 | 7 | 4 | 4 |
| 42 | Michael SHIELDS | 185 | 85 | 08.06.86 | Yet to debut | Cork, Ireland | 0 | | | |
| | Luke STANTON | 192 | 84 | 08.01.90 | | | | | | |

Meet our Number 1 Draft Pick



CHRISTOPHER YARRAN

A medium forward who is strong on the lead and a good set shot on goal, Tiller represented Vic Country at the NAB AFL U18 Championships in 2008. Originally from Thornton FC

A medium forward with excellent skills and evasive ability,

Yarran was a WA representative at the NAB AFL Under-18 Championships in 2008.

An AIS/AFL Academy Graduate, he is from Midvale JFC

Some of our other recruits



RHYS O'KEEFE

A medium defender who kicks extremely well on his preferred left foot and provides great dash from defence,

O'Keefe won All-Australian selection following the NAB AFL Under-18 Championships



MITCH ROBINSON

A medium midfielder who kicks with depth, has good evasive ability, runs hard forward and tackles strongly,

Mitch Robinson had an outstanding NAB AFL Under-18 Championships.

Won the Hunter Harrison Medal (for Division Two best and fairest) and continuing that form into Division One, leading to All-Australian U18 selection



CALEB TILLER

A medium forward who is strong on the lead and a good set shot on goal, Tiller represented Vic Country at the NAB AFL U18 Championships in 2008. Originally from Thornton FC