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Key Dates

FEBRUARY 18th Youth training starts

FEBRUARY 21st Club Working Bee

FEBRUARY 26th Flash Footy carnival

MARCH 5th Alpha Sport Cup

MARCH 16th Junior training starts

MARCH 18th Nauru vs Zillmere (7:30pm)

APRIL 1st Senior games commence

APRIL 15th Youth games commence

APRIL 16th Junior games commence

JULY Junior and Youth Team Photos

OCTOBER 1st Annual General Meeting

OCTOBER 1st Trophy presentation day

TRAINING DAYS

Juniors Under 6 to U11
Wednesday 5pm—6pm

Youth Under 12 to Under 17
Tuesday and Thursday 5-6pm

Senior Men's
Monday and Wednesday 6-8pm

Senior Women's
Tuesday and Thursday 6-8pm

GAME DAYS

Juniors—Saturday
Youth—Sunday
Senior Men's—Friday night
Senior Women's—Saturday



Kick Off for 2016

Welcome to a new season of AFL with the mighty Zillmere Eagles. Following on from a fantastic 2015 season, we are looking forward to an even better 2016 with major works underway in the clubhouse and Kevy Jones' Rooms, a new scoreboard, and great games of AFL with friends, both old and new.

Following on from an impressive turnout at the Annual General Meeting, club members have appointed a new committee.

Club President: Chris Healy
Club Secretary: Tami Dunn
Club Treasurer (Acting): Ashleigh Hales
Football Operations: Brett Zeidler
General Committee member: Mark Peters

Please come and say hello. We look forward to celebrating all your successes both on and off the field. Thank you for your continued support.

Your Committee,

Chris, Ashleigh, Tami, Brett, Mark and Liz

An Eagle soars into the Lion's den

Our own Eagle boy, Reuben William, has been drafted to the Brisbane Lions! He was kind enough to answer a few questions for us and has some great advice for our young players.

How important was club footy for you for how you fell in love with the game?

The club played an important part when it came to loving the sport because of the atmosphere and friendliness of everyone one around it. I absolutely loved being around the club because of this and as my love for the club grew, as did my love for the sport

What advice do you have for young Eagles aspiring to reach the AFL?

Always go into your next training session or game thinking how you're gonna get the best out of yourself and try to set some goals for yourself. They don't have to be big goals, they can be as simple as providing more talk at training. Also try and work on your skills whenever you can, grab a mate or brother/sister and spend 5-10 minutes having a kick. Most of all, be confident in yourself and enjoy yourself

When did you decide that you wanted to play AFL professionally?

I've always wanted to play AFL professionally, I think it's every kids dream to, but it wasn't until around the age of 16 that it became a genuine possibility

What is your favourite part about being a Zillmere Eagle?

Being able to say hi to anybody no matter who they are, cause everyone around is so friendly

What's your fondest memory of the club?

The under 14 and 16 premierships with all of my mates

Apart from being drafted to the Lions, what has been the highlight of your footy career so far?

Winning the under 18 championships



Club Champion for 2015

Zillmere Eagles had a great 2015. Every team, from youth through to seniors competed in finals football—an amazing result for the club!

We also brought home two championship pennants: the Under 16s boys; and the QWAFA women were both champions in 2015!!



The club also won the coveted Club Champion of the year (AFLBJ) for 2015 and Ashleigh Hales, coach of the Under 17 girls, was awarded youth coach of the year.

A year to be proud of and we're looking forward to building on our successes in 2016.

Walk it out



Did you know that one lap around the Zillmere Eagles' oval is 500m—that means that 10 laps is 5km!

On training nights, why not join the others doing laps—it's a great way to meet new people and is fantastic for your physical health and wellbeing.

Senior Men's ready for 2016 season

We're looking forward to a great season in 2016. The majority of players from last year have returned and we've seen half a dozen new faces turn up. Training night numbers are the best we've seen for February which bodes well for the team and the season.

Our coaching and leadership team for 2016 is:

Head Coach: Ben Long

Assistant Coach: Brent Burton

Captain: Matthew Smith

Vice Captain: Brodie Agosta

Old boys (and girls) may remember this classic jersey. We're pleased to announce the design will be making a comeback this year. The senior men's team will be decked out in the blue and white heritage jersey for the season in honour of AFL's 150th year.



The team will also be kitted out in brand new training singlets thanks to sponsorship from Burto's Bricklaying and Classic Tree lopping.

The Alpha Cup round 1 will be at the Zillmere Eagles home games on the 5th March from 11:30 to 7:30pm—a great day to watch. If you can help out on the day, give Maurie a call on 043001216, it's a great way to raise money for the club and promote the club.

Come down to the clubhouse on the 18th March 7:30 to watch the Zillmere Eagles go up against the Nauru Chiefs - Nauru's national team. Australian rules football in Nauru dates back to the 1930s and quickly established itself, along with weightlifting, as the national sport of the country [1]. It's sure to be a great game so come down to the nest to support your club and team mates.



Senior Women flying the flag in 2016

We've had a fantastic preseason training period with the return of our QWAFA premiership team as well as some new recruits across both levels of footy.

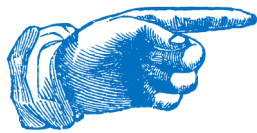
We've got great plans for footy in 2016 with the Female's Flash Footy tournament kicking off on the 27th February at Bond University, Gold Coast.

Jacob Simmons-Bliss returns as Senior Coach, supported by Brendan Terry as Development Manager, Jorja Jones will lead the back line again and Jay Anderson leading the forwards. Our new mid-field coach is Grant Davis who brings a wealth of experience from his time in QAFL at Sandgate.

We're building our youth girls teams for our female football pathway and are looking for players in all ages, but particularly the under 11s and under 13 age groups. Bring down your sisters—they'll love it!



Please Notice This



CLUBHOUSE RENOVATIONS

Phase 2 is about to commence—construction of a bar and canteen in the clubhouse! Your committee has secured another \$100K+ grant to put toward construction and fitout of a bar and canteen in the clubhouse function area. Thanks to the Brisbane City Council for the funds and their continuing support for the club. Members got a taste of the renewed facilities during the Annual General Meeting on Junior presentation day. It's a great space and wonderful to see it packed to capacity with our growing club community. The chairs we sat on were bought with money from a grant awarded the year before, soon we'll be able to bring in the tables and benches that go with them.



AFLQ's regional office has moved into the front of the clubhouse building which means we have regained access to the Kevy Jones Rooms which hold the change rooms as well as office space. The planning is underway to fitout the old office space with a uniform 'shop', a training and boardroom and a gym for the Eagles. Insurance money from the 2015 February floods will be put to new flooring and we are chasing another grant for the gym fitout.

Insurance money will also be used to replace the damaged scoreboard with a new LED scoreboard that will be capable of showing video as well.



It's great to see the nest being rebuilt.

Register to play

We are starting to pull together the team lists but we need to finalise the numbers—if you haven't registered yet please go to www.zillmereeagles.com.au and click on the player registration button.

ZILLMERE EAGLES REGISTER HERE!



WORKING BEE

February 21st 9am– 2pm

Many hands make light work

Do you like hanging out with old friends and making new ones? You are invited to help prepare the club for the coming season.

With enough people pitching in to help—it won't take long.

There are a few key tasks you can sign up to:

- Grounds and garden clean-up
- Canteen cleanout
- Uniform shop preparation
- Screwing together the new furniture

Bring a hat, and gloves and extra tools if you have them. If you can help either email zilmerejuniors@aflbj.com, or call Chris Healy on 0412 584 565 or turn up on the day. Just nominate for 2 hours, or stay until 2pm.

Thank you so much for helping—it's great to see everyone pitching in to make your club even better.

Did you know.....

Your club gives you more than just a great game



Research by La Trobe University has shown that AFL football clubs:

- are 3 times more useful for developing **social** networks than work, education or other community group networks;
- help people **develop skills** in public speaking, problem solving, decision making, conflict resolution, and dealing with people from diverse backgrounds;
- greater physical and mental **health**;
- greater level of **wellbeing**;
- provide individuals, particularly those aged 15-24, with significantly increased chances of securing **employment** via the social networks provided by the club;
- football clubs are considered the **hub** of a community; and
- a football club's **reach** is significant and extends beyond the players, coaches, administrators and volunteers within the club; for every 1 player, football clubs reach 10 people in their community.

Read more at <http://www.aflvic.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2015/02/Latrobe-Value-of-a-Community-Football-Club-Final-PDF.pdf>

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Thank you so much to our valued sponsors, your support of our club and community is greatly appreciated and is making a difference.

Thank you to our volunteers!

Thank you to everyone who helps out around the club—your contributions make it possible for the games to play and our club to function.

We are all volunteers here at the Zillmere Eagles and we are all dedicated to providing a safe, friendly and enjoyable environment to play football and develop friendships. By participating and helping out around the club—every little bit helps and we grow our club and community.

There are many ways our volunteers are involved in our club community. There are game day roles where you can get to be part of the action or support on the sidelines, there's those that coach or manage, serve on committees, fundraise and bring in much needed income through the canteen—thank you to you all.

If you want to get involved more and make a difference—there are lots of options that can fit in with your schedule.

There are fun days in the canteen — we have made it easier with a price scanner and cash register for those who don't enjoy maths under pressure, an Eftpos machine and lovely supportive people for company.

Do you have media or design skills? Event management? There are many ways to help out the club that you can do in the comfort of your own home, in front of the soft glow of your computer.

We'll also have working bees throughout the year—come down and get dirty and be proud of the effort you have put in to making our club great.

Thank you for all you do, we really appreciate it.



Interested in sponsoring the club ?

We are offering sponsorship packages for your business with the Zillmere Eagles. Our football ground is a high exposure site with over 50,000 local and regional visitors to the field throughout the year. Our facilities are undergoing considerable renovations and we are one of the fastest growing clubs in the area, including the largest club in Queensland for female participation.



We draw our players from over 160 suburbs in the greater Brisbane area. Our field not only caters for our training and games but is also used for high-performance development programs, finals games, school programs (including regional AFL and cross country), Auskick and AFLQ shares the site with us. This provides excellent exposure for your business and the opportunity to provide much needed support for your local community and club. We also produce electronic and printed newsletters, web-based promotion, posts to a dedicated twitter, facebook page and a youtube channel. We can profile your business numerous ways.

Sponsorship can be for the broader club or targeted towards the juniors, seniors men or women.

If you're interested in sponsorship please call Liz on 0404 710 637 or email us on zillmerejuniors@aflbj.com and we'll discuss your options.

"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much."

Helen Keller