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Past Players and Premiership Reunions Day

“Round 6 Club Notes”

Today we welcome Scoresby to Kings Park for the first time ever when we play our first game against each other since 1955. Today is also the Past Players Day Function with everyone welcome into the rooms between 1pm and 2pm for food and drinks before watching the senior game and catching up with old friends. The football club also recognises the achievements of the 1996 Reserves, 1986 U16's and 1975 U15's Premierships. Good luck to Luke Leslie who makes his senior debut today as well as Corey Daniel playing his first game for the club in the U19's. Last week the seniors continued their good early season form against Heathmont who were also undefeated to stay undefeated, while the U19's held on for a close win against an also undefeated side. The reserves also having a big win capped off another good day for the club. Congratulations to Fletcher Dodds and Darcy Wilson on making their senior debut's with both performing well. The U19's had another U17 player in Patrick Whelan play his first game to make seven U17's boys who have now gotten a taste with the senior club this season. The Div. 4 Netball side had a loss last week and had the bye last night, while the Div. 5 side had a bye last week and played The Basin last night; after three games into the season both teams are currently sitting fourth on the ladder. **Toyota Good for Footy night was on Thursday night with Jake Stringer and Nathan Jones appearing; great seeing all the junior and senior teams out on Kings Park together. Thanks to FTG Toyota and everyone who helped make the night a success.** Great to see Josh Begley continue his outstanding form this year being named best after kicking 5 goals in Eastern Ranges loss to Bendigo Pioneers last Saturday, this Sunday Corey Wakefield joins Josh in the Eastern Ranges side that takes on Gippsland. **The Vets still fourth on the ladder after three games had their first loss of the season going down against Wantirna South last Sunday and will enjoy a break this week after two games in a row; anyone interested in playing please contact Jason Zinnow on 0411 079 829.** Club Memberships now available as well as Player Sponsor opportunities which includes Club Membership. **Neil Thompson is again running the King Club; contact Neil on 0400 921 357 and get on board this important coterie group of Upper Gully.** Andy Neville is again in charge of the VIP area for this season; contact him on 0418 546 260 if you have a group that would like to watch the game from behind glass with Upper Gully Hospitality thrown in. Don't forget to support our sponsors and especially our major sponsor **Ferntree Gully Toyota**; contact club vice-president Dean Wilson on 0412 312 672 to help get you a great deal on your next Toyota purchase; **this weekend Ferntree Gully Toyota also has a sale on**, check out the attached flyer. **The 5K Draw is coming up on 28th May starting at 6:30pm; Tickets \$110 which gets two people entry, contact the club for tickets.** Other functions coming up are the Ladies Race Day on the 9th July and the Ladies Night on the 16th July; more details soon. Get down to the Royal Hotel between 5:30pm and 6:00pm on Thursday's for the Meat Tray Raffle; special thanks to James Hume (Upper Gully Life Member) for running this raffle as well as Boococks Meats and the Royal for their support. **Remember also that the Royal Hotel is still honouring the Club Rewards Cards; so please present it for a discount for yourself and help the club financially.** Don't forget to check out the website; <http://www.uftgfc.sportingpulse.net> for all the latest news and photos from around the club. **The Club has put out a new Calender for this season which is available at the club; thanks to Craig Bridle and Dwayne Stangherlin for their efforts as well as Bull as always for the printing.** Thank you to all our sponsors for 2016 and especially our Major Sponsor **Ferntree Gully Toyota** and our Gold level sponsors **LPS Waste Services, FTG Motor Group, Frawley Signs, Action Events and Mystique Printing.** Anyone wanting to contribute to this newsletter please email uppergullynews@hotmail.com

Good Luck Today Upper.....Go the Red and Blue!

“Junior Club”

The juniors have their Family Night at Kings Park this Sunday while this week the U9, U12, U13 and U15's are at Dobson Park with the others playing away; as well as the U12 girls who are against Knox at Schultz Reserves starting at 9:30am.

The juniors also have **YOBBO LOTTO** coming up Sat 18th June at the Kings Park Rooms.



“Norm Griffiths 1917-2016 RIP”

Upper Gully early this season lost one of its last remaining links to the formation of the footy club with Norm Griffiths passing away at the age of 98. Norm attended the very first meeting of the Upper Ferntree Gully Football on the 14th October 1948 at Allens Tea Rooms, when he was elected as a committee member. Subsequently, Norm was named as Upper Gully Football Club's inaugural Captain and Coach in 1949 before handing the reins over to Alec Cody early in the season. After retiring at the end of the 1953 season having played around 70 games, Norm became President for the 1954 season, which saw a lifelong friendship made with our first Premiership coach in Frank Lowrie who also started as coach during 1954. Norm continued as President until 1956 even making a comeback to the footy field during that season, finishing his playing career at Upper Gully with around 85 games. For Norm's contribution to the establishment of the Club he received a Life Membership at the Club Ball in 1952. Norm's brothers, Roy, Bill and Lawrie also played for Upper Gully during the early fifties, while Norm would go on to make many friendship's contributing and supporting Upper Gully over the following 60 years, including attending most reunions over the past decade.

“Peter Ward 1954-2016 RIP”

The Upper Ferntree Gully Football Club was shocked by the sudden and recent passing of our dear friend Peter Ward. Wardy died from a stroke on the 14th April. His family have been heavily involved in the Upper Ferntree Gully Football Club, with all three boys Adam, Ben and Josh playing for the Club, Peter himself was our current Reserves Team Manager, a job he has performed since 2012, as well as interchange steward since 2011 and his wife Andrea our Head Trainer since 2010. Peter was always quick with a comment or a joke, used to good effect hosting Ladies Race Day functions and made the corner near the bar his own drinking his Melbourne Bitter Cans. He will be sadly missed by all associated with the Club.

“Dawn Parker 1951-2016 RIP”

Upper Ferntree Gully Football Club extends its deepest sympathies to the family and friends of Dawn Parker who passed away peacefully a couple of weeks ago after a long illness. Dawn was heavily involved with the Footy club during the nineties performing the timekeeper's role as well as being on the committee between 1995 and 1996. Dawn's partner Steve Whyte was also involved with the club performing many varied tasks while Dawn's son Jason played with the club. Jason started at the Bluebirds before continuing with the U16's and U18's at the senior club, he then went on to play 2 senior and 68 reserves games between 1990 and 1996.

“2016 Milestone's”

Round Five First Senior Game – Fletcher Dodds and Darcy Wilson **First U19's Game** – Patrick Whelan (U17's)

Round Four 50th Game – Well done to Jamie Lovat who played his 50th game for the club against Boronia, Jamie arrived from Ferntree Gully in 2013 and has become a reliable defender for the reserves over the past 4 seasons.

First Club Game – Jonathon O'Carroll (U19's), Nathan Thornbury and Ricky McClusky (Reserves), Aaron Douch, Simon Johnson, Robert Campbell and Amir Attalla (Vets) **First Senior Game** – Jake Cawsey

First U19's Game – Liam Milburn, Liam McKernan and Matthew Graham (All U17's players)

Round Three First U19's Game – Rory Bailey, Travis Strange and Josh Westcott (All U17's Players)

Round Two First Club Game – Sam Greene (U19) and Hamish Puddy (U19)

Round One First Club Game – Ben Haddock and Brad Kelleher (Seniors), Ben Libbis and Liam O'Carroll (Reserves), Josh Gillespie (U19), Tim Weir (Vets) **First Senior Game** – Paul Caruso **First Reserves Game** – Nick Croft

First U19's Game – Josh Eyres, Josh Gillespie, Ari Mylantos, Conrad Dickson

First Vets Game – Brad Weinert, Mick Clancy, Shannon Graham, Josh Maroney, Saidi Kipyego

“Round 6 – 14th May vs. Scoresby at King's Park”

Head to Head

Seniors - Upper Gully **2** to Scoresby **1** (*First Game in 1954, Last game in 1955*)

Reserves - Upper Gully **0** to Scoresby **1** (*Only Game in 1953*)

Under 19's – First Game against Scoresby

Seniors First Game vs Scoresby – 15th May 1954 at Talaskia Road

Upper Ferntree Gully	2.0	9.2	11.3	14.6
Scoresby	3.3	3.1	6.2	7.10

Goal Kickers: Gordon Stratton 6, Jack King 4, Cyril Heron 2, Frank Lowrie 1, Alan Morse 1

Best Players: Jack King, Jim Sheers, Alan Morse, Gordon Stratton, Frank Lowrie, Laurie Griffiths

Reserves Only Game vs Scoresby – 13th June 1953 at Brenock Park

Upper Ferntree Gully	1.1	1.2	3.2	3.3
Scoresby	2.3	8.10	12.14	18.17





20th Anniversary

1996 Reserves Premiership

Captain/Coach – Keith Stocker

Upper Gully 7-14-56 d. Doncaster 3-12-30

Adam Wilson (1996, 14 Games 8 Seniors 4 Reserves), **Andrew Dunstan** (1984-1987 & 1991-1997, 154 Games 145 Senior 9 Reserves), **Andrew Lee** (1993-2014 311 Games 61 Senior 250 Reserves), **Brad Neil** (1996-1997 19 Reserves Games), **Brad Wiseman** (1993-1996 68 Games 57 Senior 11 Reserves), **Chris Spillane** (1992-1997 73 Games 15 Senior 58 Reserves), **Damien Lowe** (1995-2002 & 2014 102 Games 16 Senior 86 Reserves), **Darryl Joyce** (1988-1998 186 Games 23 Senior 163 Reserves), **Dave Shields** (1989-1996 & 1999 118 Games 17 Senior 101 Reserves), **Dean Wale** (1988-2000 184 Games 72 Senior 112 Reserves), **Heath Wilson** (1996-2010 214 Games 56 Senior 158 Reserves), **James Campbell** (1996-2007 170 Games 22 Senior 148 Reserves), **Keith Stocker** (1994-1998 & 2002-2003 103 Games 27 Senior 76 Reserves), **Leon Johnson** (1995-2000 67 Games 6 Senior 61 Reserves), **Mark Bailey** (1986-2003 & 2013 249 Games 104 Senior 145 Reserves), **Mark Taylor** (1996-1997 30 Games 14 Senior 16 Reserves), **Matt Bailey** (1991-1999 & 2003-2004 131 Games 26 Senior 105 Reserves), **Paul Seamer** (1990 & 1996-2000 53 Games 13 Senior 40 Reserves), **Reece Dunne** (1993-1996 49 Games 45 Senior 4 Reserves), **Rob Davey** (1984-1999 189 Games 50 Senior 139 Reserves), **Simon Walker** (1988-1997 138 Games 78 Senior 60 Reserves), **Tzar Tairua** (1996-1999 51 Games 18 Senior 33 Reserves)

Both the U15's in 1976 and U16's in 1986 followed up with Premiership success as part of the senior club after the previous year winning Premierships under the Bluebirds Junior Football Club Banner
The Junior Premiership players are listed below with their Upper Gully Senior Career in brackets.

40th Anniversary

1976 Under 15's Premiership

Coach – Bob Halliday Captain – Mick Winters

Upper Gully 17-11-113 d. Mulgrave 6-9-45



H Voss, S West, J Parker (1979-1981 ? Games), **Phillip McMahon**, **Mick Winters**, **Gary McAllister** (1979-1986 138 Games), **Barry McGhee** (1979-1983 50+ Games), **Jamie Halliday** (1980-1987 97+ Games), **Dave Leatham** (1979-1998 258 Games), **D Jennings**, **Mick Nealon** (1979-1989 95+ Games), **Anthony VanTilburg**, **Anthony Barton**, **Frank McGowan** (1982 3 Games), **Robert Sheers** (1981-1982 2 Games), **Mark King**, **Brett Bray** (1979-1994 203 Games), **Barry McGowan** (1981-1982 23 Games), **D Dix**, **A Harrison**, **A Hawkins**, **S Diamond**, **P Sporton**



30th Anniversary

1986 Under 16's Premiership

Coach – Murray McAllister

Captain – Peter Milner

Upper Gully 9-12-66 d. Lilydale 8-6-54

Shane Grant (1992-1998 49 Games 4 Senior 45 Reserves), **Darren Lawrence** (1991-1002 95 Games 23 Senior 72 Reserves), **Brad Simpkins**, **Fred Rossi**, **Rob Flory**, **Brett Barker** (1988-1998 37 Games 24 Seniors 13 Reserves), **Dean Wale** (1988-2000 184 Games 72 Senior 112 Reserves), **Dean Skelton** (1988-1991 42 Games 4 Seniors 38 Reserves), **Jason Banes** (1986-2007 270 Games 239 Seniors 31 Reserves), **Brett Birkett** (1990 6 Games 1 Seniors 5 Reserves), **Rowan VanRaay** (1987-1999 100 Games 98 Seniors 2 Reserves), **Rod Butcher**, **Simon Binks** (1988-1993 67 Games 60 Seniors 7 Reserves), **Glen Barker** (1987-1993 91 Games 85 Seniors 6 Reserves), **Glen Barnekow**, **Rhys Van Der Heyde**, **Peter Milner** (1988-1997 113 Games 95 Seniors 18 Reserves), **David Dunstan**, **Terry Stringer** (Lewis) (1987-2002 211 Games 150 Seniors 61 Reserves), **Peter McKindley**, **Mark Chiarilli**, **Elvi DiDonato** (1988 & 1992 3 Games 1 Senior 2 Reserves), **Paul Murray**, **Gary O'Keefe**

If anyone can supply further information for any of the listed players please contact Andy Lee (0419 539 863)

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