



Club Newsletter



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WELCOME BACK FAMILIES OLD AND NEW

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Presidents Message

As the incoming 2017 President, I would like to welcome all returning families back to Bullcreek Leeming JFC in what I hope will be another successful season on and off the field for all our ages.

For those around the club I haven't met before, I'll provide a brief introduction. I commenced coaching in 2013 when my sons started in Auskick. In 2014 I took over as Auskick Coordinator, a role I held until 2016. I played juniors at BLJFC with my brothers and my father coached for over 10 seasons. I'm proud to be taking on the role of President in the 40th season of our great club.

My previous involvement in football includes committee roles at other clubs and life membership of the WA Police Football Club. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the outgoing committee for their dedication and the returning committee members for their ongoing support. Our club won the 2016 East Fremantle District Junior Club of the Year, a credit to the hard work in the background to make the club tick over.

BLJFC is fortunate to have the support of several generous sponsors that help us provide a great football environment at the club. Special thanks to our major sponsor, LJ Hooker Leeming for their ongoing support as our major sponsor. It's the support of our sponsors that helps us make our great game one of the most affordable junior sports. If any parents know of potential sponsors through their work or social interactions, the club welcomes the opportunity to make contact and run through our sponsorship package options.

As many would be aware, there are some changes for the Year 8's and Year 9's in 2017 with their inclusion into the Fremantle Conference model. This will see teams play across both South and East Fremantle Districts. This does result in greater travel distances for some games, but a greater diversity of football will be available. The club continues to maintain a strong relationship with the Bullcreek Leeming Amateur Football Club.

We are fortunate to have a successful amateur club collocated with us at Beasley, providing an ongoing football journey for those that wish to continue their football post juniors at their local club. BLJFC has a strong history of providing a great football environment for female juniors, with males and females playing in mixed teams. With the development of female teams, the club would like to seek expressions from anyone interested in joining our club in an all-girls team, competing in the all-girls competition. If you have a child who is interested, please contact our club registrar.

New merchandise options are being explored by the committee such as a hoodie top. We hope to have these ready to purchase before the first game of the season. I encourage all parents to spread the word about registration particularly for our Auskick age group. The Pre-primary parents are usually a bit slower to register, given many are new to school and are unaware that Auskick is available. If you do know parents, teachers or persons of influence in the Auskick age group, please help our great club by keeping a positive message about the benefits of Auskick. Our club runs a program that is differentiated from other clubs as we include mid-week training, games with AFL jumpers and set teams. Thanks to all the members of BLJFC for continuing to support our club.

Steve Dobson
President-Bullcreek Leeming JFC



Important Information

- Play AFL Day - Sunday, 19th of February 2017 from 9am-1pm.
 - Great opportunity to purchase Club apparel and merchandise.
 - **Game Guardian** will be attending on the 19th of February from 9am-11:30am to professionally fit your child's mouth guard. Please see attached flyer for further information and costs.
 - Please ensure your child/ren have registered by the 19th of February. Any late registrations may miss out and result in disappointment.
- 2017 is the Club's 40th Anniversary, so keep an eye out for upcoming Club events.
- Bullcreek Leeming Junior Football Club won **Club of the Year** for 2016.

Club Sponsorship

By Rod Peake

Sponsors Wanted for 2017

As we commence another year, the Club is again looking for sponsors to help provide valuable funding which enables us to maintain competitive registration fees for the kids and improve the Club's equipment, facilities and the overall experience for our members.

There are range of sponsorship opportunities available to suit every budget. We can also tailor something to suit your individual business needs. With around 500 members our Junior Footy Club is one of the largest in the district and we can provide our sponsors with regular brand exposure to hundreds of people in the local area.

For more information visit the Club website at www.bljfc.com.au or contact our Sponsorship Coordinator, Rod Peake on 0427 984 921 or rodpe@murray.wa.gov.au.

Member Business Directory

In the coming weeks, the Club will be launching an online downloadable business directory to help promote Club member businesses and other local businesses. The directory will provide a presence on the Club website and be promoted in Club Newsletters. With support levels ranging from \$100 and \$500 per/annum the directory is an economical way to promote your business. Initial listing will be valid until the end of 2017.



Meet your Committee

Hi all, some of you may have seen me around the Auskick and junior footy games over the last few years as I've either been assistant coaching, coaching or hanging out with my 2 boys teams since they started playing footy at the Club 8 years ago. For those who don't know me, I'm a footy tragic from way back and I've been talking up Richmond for as long as I can remember, and much like every other year, I reckon they're looking pretty good for next year.

I'm a huge believer in the teamwork and community lessons that comes from being involved in a footy club, not to mention the fun that the kids have running around with their mates and getting fit. From what I've seen within the club so far, the coaches, families and committee supporting them push the good sportsmanship and teamwork values and my kids have benefited from this. So I'm pretty happy to support the club as registrar this year and hopefully I can continue the good work that has been done by the people who have already made this such a successful club.

If you see me around, feel free to introduce yourself. Anyone who's met me before will tell you that I'm happy to talk about kids, footy, and Richmond. As I get more involved in the club, I'll also be happy to talk about what the committee is working on as well.



John Baines, Club Registrar



Steve Marley,
Auskick Coordinator

Hi my name is Steve Marley and as you can tell by the photo, I am a bit of a Hawks supporter!

I have been a member now for over 10 years and have a great passion for our great game! I started at BLJFC in 2016 where my twin boys William and Thomas started their football life playing in the under 8's Auskick. As their coach, I could directly experience how much fun and excitement the kids have playing football.

At season end, I signed up to be on the committee. With Steve Dobson moving into the Presidents role, leaving the Auskick coordinators position vacant, I was asked to fill that role. I take on this with great pride and look forward to another quality year with the BLJFC.

Hi my name is Jodie and my husband, Phil, and I have two active boys, Simon (9) and William (7), both who play for BLJFC and go to West Leeming Primary School. Originally from Melbourne, we came over to Perth for a 'short-term' contract over 10 years ago, and now consider Perth our home.

At the end of the 2016 season I joined the Committee as Vice President and I'm excited about the ongoing growth and development of the Club. It is wonderful to be part of such a strong community of parents and carers, who all share the same purpose of making football fun and engaging for our players, and for all family members.

I am a founding Director of Red Emu Advisory and we work with teams to optimise their performance.

If you see me around Leeming, or around the Club, please come and introduce yourself – I enjoy meeting new people!



Jodie Williams, Vice President