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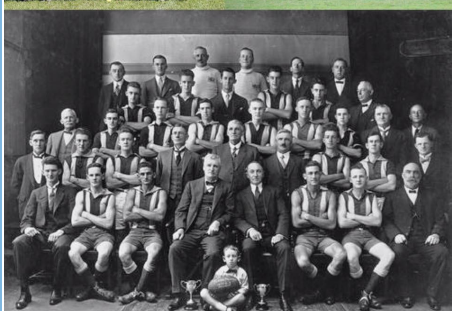


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## BUILD ON THE EAGLES LEGACY

### *Opportunity to lead the club as President*

We are currently looking to appoint a person to the role of Club President. This is a key role to drive the club's continued success.



Our club's proud history extends back to the 1920's. We are offering a unique opportunity to be a part of that history and part of a team that takes the club to the next level.

The candidate need not be an existing club member and experience in a comparable role is desirable but not essential.

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Thank you



## Half time check-in

We're over half way through the season and we hope you're enjoying playing and watching the games. Thank you to everyone for volunteering your time, energy and experience to help with everything it takes to keep the games playing.

This is your club and, as we are a new committee, we'd like to check-in with you and see how we're doing. Junior players should have received an email with a link to a quick electronic survey. We'd really appreciate it, if you could spare 2 minutes to fill it in and provide some feedback so we can make improvements at the club and to our performance as your committee. For seniors, please feel free to come and chat with us or send us a quick email. We're already getting some very valuable feedback and making improvements.

The first stage of the clubhouse refurbishments have been done and we are working to finish off the building by talking with state and local Government and AFLQ to secure the funding. We hope you're happy with how it is looking, the building is really starting to shape up and we're looking forward to putting in the finishing touches — canteen and bar, flooring, and a fresh paint job. We want to support our club community, so let us know if your business would like to quote for these tasks.

Could you be our next President? Or do you love organising? Perhaps balancing numbers in spreadsheets is your thing? Key committee positions will be open at the Annual General Meeting on the 10th of October - please consider how you might support the growth of your club in one of the committee positions

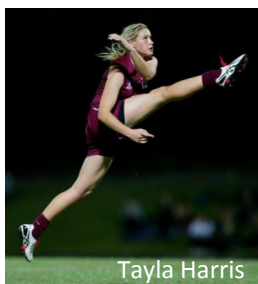
To those players who are suffering from an injury, we wish you all a rapid and complete recovery.

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

*Your Committee .*

## REPRESENTATIVE FOOTBALLERS!

Congratulations to Ally Anderson, Tayla Harris, Reuben William (U18) and Sam Klose (U18) who represented Queensland this year in the National Championships. The women defeated New South Wales/Northern Territory 11.9.75 to 4.4.28 and Ally was named Best on Ground. Reuben and Queensland's Under 18s were also winners 8.12 (60) to NSW/ACT 2.10 (22).



Tayla Harris



Ally Anderson



Reuben William



Sam Klose

## Key dates!

**JULY 30th** Junior and Youth Team Photos | **JULY 31st** Senior team photos | **OCTOBER 10th** Trophy Presentation - Juniors and Youth | **OCTOBER 10th** Annual General Meeting | **NOVEMBER 7th** Eagles White Water World Fun day |



## Reuben William selected for AFL draft camp!

Zillmere Eagles boy, Reuben William, is playing impressive football and is under consideration for the 2015 AFL Draft. He is one of 76 players throughout Australia who will attend the four-day testing at Etihad Stadium in October. His performance at the Brisbane Lions Academy and the State Under 18 National Championships has caught the attention of selectors.

Reuben, now 17, started his AFL career with the Mighty Zillmere Eagles at the age of 9. He played all his junior and senior footy with Zillmere. When not representing the Brisbane Lions Academy, Reuben plays for the Brisbane Lions NEAFL side. We wish Reuben all the best



## Eagles to compete in USAFL Nationals!

The Zillmere Eagles Female High Performance Program will be travelling to the United States in 2017 to compete in the 2017 USAFL National Championships.

The Zillmere Eagles will be the first ever international team to play in the USAFL Nationals and the invitation from the USAFL is great recognition for the professionalism, level of performance and the quality of our Zillmere's Female Football Programs.

Look out for our major public announcement about this fantastic initiative in the coming months.

Go the Eagles!



## Eagle girls fly high



Maddi Byrne was selected to play for Queensland's Under 16 schoolgirls, and Anna van de Weil was named as a shadow. Well done to both!

Queensland tied for second with NSW and Western Australia.



## Seniors flock back to the nest

The Eagles Senior Men's team is steeped in history, much more than many realize - history that has been filled with many a success story. After a hiatus of several years, the playing group was resurrected by a number of 'old boys' in 2013.

That same legacy continues again in 2015 with the return of more Eagles boys. Leading the way is Coach/player Ben Long. Joining the Eagles back in 2000 *Longy* continued with the club through to 2006, leaving to embark upon his coaching career.

## Multicultural participation in AFL



Our own Vera Fitzgerald has been selected as an AFL Multicultural Community Ambassador.

The AFL Multicultural Program is a national program that focuses on the engagement and participation of new migrants and refugees into Australia's game. Vera is here to help Multicultural families with any questions regarding all aspects of their footy. You can contact Vera on 0402 291 017 for more information.



KEY MESSAGES – Multicultural Community Ambassadors

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AFL AUSTRALIA'S GAME



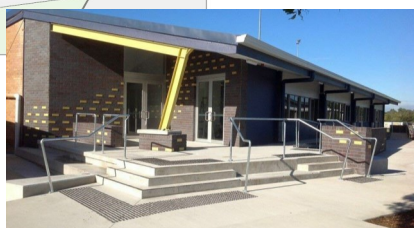
*Longy's* coaching philosophy is about relationships with players, providing an environment of hard work and mateship and coaching players to reach their potential. He is determined to create a welcoming, inclusive and successful culture at the Eagles. No one can argue with his philosophy – it's paying dividends with finals now within reach.

Ben has been joined by Eagle old boys *Matty & Mitch* Smith, *Duce* and *Crooksy*. All the boys have made significant contributions to the Eagles of old, as players and/or committee members - their footy know-how and historical contributions are priceless. Add to this the amazing calibre of players that have come on board this year and one can't help be in awe of their accomplishments to date, all the while making sure everyone is enjoying their footy on and off the field!

If you've yet to see the seniors in action – get down to The Nest this Friday night, 31st July – you won't be disappointed!



## RENOVATIONS



The clubhouse has come a long way - the real thing looks even better than the artist's sketches. Thanks to the investment by Brisbane City Council and AFLQ we now have new toilets, walls, ceiling, windows repaired, new electrical wiring and plumbing, fans, lights, fire alarms, an impressive entrance, disability compliance, etc but there's still more work to be done to make it functional.

Due to the age and state of the building and the current compliance requirements, the first stage of renovations had to be rescoped to focus on several structural issues to bring it up to code. This has meant that our anticipated bar and canteen wasn't completed in this first phase. Whilst this is disappointing, we now have a great base to build on.

We're working with BCC, AFLQ and the State Government to secure additional funds to finish it off so we can move in. We had site visits with Members of Parliament, state and local government agencies and the CEO of AFLQ to seek their support in giving us a functional clubhouse.

We will be applying for multiple grants including \$100K from Get playing (Queensland Government), \$100K from Brisbane City Council, \$100K from Holden Home Ground Advantage and a range of other sources, including securing club sponsors.



**You can help** the club too. Just log in at <http://www.piazzadoro.com.au/locallove/> and in 50 words or less say why our club deserves \$10K—the more people that enter, the greater chance we have. Thanks!

Also, Thank you all for your patience, it has been a long time coming and it's great to see the improvements that have already been made — it will be worth the wait I'm sure.

If you have any questions about the refurbishments or would like to offer services or tender for work please contact Liz O'Brien directly on 0404 610 637 or [zillmerejuniors@aflj.com](mailto:zillmerejuniors@aflj.com)



## Did you know.....

### AFL is good for your physical and mental health?

The top five benefits include:

1. Lowers stress and depression
2. Better sleep and relaxation
3. Improves memory and learning
4. Boosts creativity
5. Enhances wellbeing

Read more at <http://www.aflplayers.com.au/article/5-reasons-why-exercise-is-good-for-your-mental-health/>

*Note: some references to adult content listed in full article*

## Roaring success with the Lions

The Juniors were fortunate enough to be joined by Brisbane Lions' players Claye Beams and Nick Robertson for a training session. Our players had some great questions for Claye and Nick and picked up a few pointers with some skills training.



**THANKS  
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**BUN'N'OVEN**

*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. **Contact Sharyn at david.mason6@bigpond.com**

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—Bunnings will be donating plants and labour to landscape around our renovated clubhouse—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 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@afbj.com and we'll discuss your options.*

**"You're never a loser until you quit trying."**

**– Mike Ditka**