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2018 - New Season, New Faces, New Direction

After some backroom haggling over the Xmas break the three vacant executive positions on the Swansmen committee were filled. Graeme Higgins has gone around again as Treasurer, aided by some backup from Des Hardiman. Steve Bakes has stepped in as Vice President to replace Maurice Embley and I have taken the reins as President from Des Hardiman. Although Maurice and Des have stepped down from their executive positions they will continue on as committee members for 2018. I would like to take this opportunity to thank both Des and Maurice for their tireless commitment to the Swansmen cause over the past few years and look forward to their input and valued assistance in 2018.

The year kicked off with a busy bee in January to install the new access stairs and the annual Planning Seminar in February. These events are covered in separate articles in this edition.

On the football side, the club welcomes new league coach Adam Pickering, new reserves coach Daniel Wulf and new colts coach Greg Harding. He couldn't stay away.

The players have been hard at work on the training track under the watchful eyes of Adam and Daniel. Although drafting of some key AFL experience didn't quite go the clubs way they did manage to pick up the services of Rhys Palmer and also ex East Perth player Steve Payne. Adam is also excited by the development of our young players from last year.

On a club front, they have released their Values Handbook and 5 year Strategic Plan. CEO Jeff Dennis has been hard at work promoting these to all the coterie groups within the club. Copies of these are available from reception.

The first game of the year is Saturday 31th March against Perth at Lathlain Park. Get down there to support the players in their first hit out of the season.

The first home game is Saturday 7th April against the reigning premiers Peel Thunder. Drop into the Swansmen Lounge, check out the new access stairs and renew acquaintances over a cold drink.

We are putting together an interesting list of guest speakers for our dinner meetings with the new coach first cab off the ranks. Refer to the **Coming Events** calendar at the end of the newsletter for further details. Please put the dates into your diaries **NOW** so that we have strong support in numbers and a successfully financial year for the Club.

We are hoping that all past and recent members of the Swansmen will re-join in 2018 and together with the Judda Bee network, we look forward to an enjoyable and successful year both on and off the field.

Trevor Hoy (President)



MARCH DINNER MEETING

Tuesday 20st MARCH 2018 6:30pm
Past Players & Officials Room Upstairs

GUEST SPEAKER

Adam Pickering – New League Coach

Adam will give a rundown on the form of the squad over the summer and his expectations of the competition this year. What will be his assessment after the pre-season games?

We look forward to all members enjoying some good company and a good meal at our first meeting. Why not bring a guest along?

Numbers must be confirmed before Tuesday 13th March by one of the following methods:

RSVP via the online link at [RSVP](#) or phone Dave Cianciosi on 0430 068 092

Invite a Guest

We ask all members to RSVP to the dinners early and we ask that you endeavour to bring along a guest so that we get good numbers and increase our profile.

Membership Drive

A reminder for those who have not renewed their membership to please do so. Subscriptions are still only \$40 and can be paid by any of the following methods:

- Pay at the Club Office (together with your Club Membership) and add the Swansmen membership
- Pay online via the Club webpage
- Pay at the first Dinner Meeting
- Pay direct to the Swansmen bank account, BSB: 036-080 A/C: 276254, include your name.

Annual SWANSMEN Planning Seminar

Sunday 18th February saw a good attendance for the Planning Seminar held at Graeme Higgins place in the Sorrento. 15 members were present for a productive afternoon.

Some key ideas from the seminar were:

- Annual AFL Grand Final Raffle to be run by Swansmen. 200 tickets, to be drawn in late August.
- Auction - in co-operation with the club. Big gala night/dinner 18th August, as well as online.
- Club 20 project.
- Recruitment Drive - Incentives.
- Utilise half of Swansmen lounge for small groups at home games.
- Count-Me-In Round - Swansmen to support CMI again.
- Thursday Nights – Members Night. Swansmen to continue with the Chase The Ace (starting jackpot of \$100 kindly donated by club legend John Cooper).
- Ladies night - involve players from the women's teams.



New Lounge Access Stair Installation

The new access stairs into the Swansmen lounge were installed over the weekend of 20th/21st January. Trevor Hoy and Garry Ames did some pre-works on the Saturday, installing anchor bolts, digging holes and placing levelling blocks, to enable an easy run the next day. Sunday saw the big rigs come out to help lift the steel platform and stairs into place, mix concrete and tighten nuts. Installation went smoothly and without a hitch. No lost time injuries were recorded and work was completed early. A job well done and a huge improvement.

Thanks to Peter Bacon, Dave Cianciosi, Maurice Embley, Rod Greene, Peter Hodyl, Trevor Hoy and Mark McNair for providing the muscle, Steve Bakes, Neville Bassett and Jim Benson for their project management skills, Ray McNair for his photographic expertise and Graeme Higgins for rocking up just in time to crack the top off a coldie and give his seal of approval.

A big thanks to Garry Ames and Trevor Hoy for putting in the extra day for pre-works.

A special thanks must also go to Vale Steel Construction in Bellevue who supplied, fabricated and galvanised the steel for a very, very, very good price.



At the start of the day



Garry Ames hard at it under the watchful eyes of Rod Greene and Peter Bacon



The finished product



The motley crew of installers

Thursday Night – Swans Members Night - 1st Night 8th March

All Club Members and Supporters are invited to Steel Blue Oval on Thursday nights to watch the team train and then join in the following activities in the main bar:

League Team Announcements – after training, Adam will announce the senior team

Chase the Ace – The Swansmen will run the Chase The Ace jackpot draw

Free Members Draw – Major random Members lucky draw to win \$1,000. Must be in attendance and claim the prize with-in 2 minutes – otherwise a jackpot of \$100 is added.

THE Swansmen Game Day Experience - New for 2018 (Maximum 25 people)

Organise a group and enjoy a day at the footy in the comfort of the Swansmen Lounge. Various packages available include but not limited to:

- Admission
- Football Budget
- Swansmen stubby holder
- Reserved Seat in the Swansmen Lounge VIP area
- Drinks – various drinks packages available
- Lunch – various food packages available
- Half time snacks – various food packages available
- Access to upstairs after the game

Contact Trevor Hoy for further details.

Coming Events

Date	Event	Time	Venue/ Guest
Thursday 8th Mar	1st Members Night	5:00pm	Members Draw + Chase the Ace
Friday 9th Mar	Dane Swan Lunch	11:30am	SDFC Function Room
Sunday 11th Mar	BUSY BEE & BBQ	9:00am	Swansmen Lounge
Friday 16th Mar	SDFC Golf Day	11:00am	Vines Resort - Lakes Course
Tuesday 20st Mar	DINNER MEETING 1	6:30pm	Adam Pickering
Thursday 29th Mar	Season Launch	5:00pm	Main Bar
Saturday 31st Mar	1 st GAME - P vs SD	2:10pm	Lathlain Park
Tuesday 3rd April	Committee Meeting	6:00pm	Swansmen Lounge
Saturday 7th April	1 st HOME GAME - SD vs PT	2:15pm	Steel Blue
Tuesday 17th April	DINNER MEETING 2	6:30pm	Glen Foreman (Wally Foreman Book)
Tuesday 15th May	DINNER MEETING 3	6:30pm	Josh Catalano (Chef, Catalano's Seafood)

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