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Welcome to an exciting new Season - 2017

The Swansmen are up and running for Season 2017 following a successful Planning Seminar in February and the annual clean-up and busy bee last week. These events are covered in separate articles in this edition.

The players have been hard at work on the training track and we look forward to the return of some AFL experience, plus the development of our young players from last year.

First match – AT HOME, this Saturday 18th March. Drop into the Swansmen Lounge and renew acquaintances over a cold drink.

We are putting together an interesting list of guest speakers for our dinner meetings and attached to this newsletter is our calendar of events to May 17th. Please put the dates into your diaries NOW so that we have strong support in numbers and a successfully financial year for the Club. Future dates re the calendar of events will be advised.

We are hoping that all past and recent members of the Swansmen will re-join in 2017 and together with the Judda Bee network, we look forward to an enjoyable and successful year.

Des Hardiman (President)

MARCH DINNER MEETING

Tuesday 21st MARCH 2017 6:30pm

Past Players & Officials Room Upstairs SDFC



GUEST SPEAKERS:

Greg Harding – the Coach

Jeff Dennis – the CEO



Greg 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 first game?

Jeff Dennis joined the Club as CEO in early February and brings a great deal of sporting and commercial experience to the position. His most recent position was as Business Development Manager for the Housing Authority of WA, but has been General Manager, Commercial for the National Basketball League and CEO of both the Perth Glory Football Club and the Allia Venue Management. We look forward to hearing of his plans for the position and past Glories!

We look forward to all members enjoying some good company, a good meal at our first meeting. Why not bring a guest along? League players will be in attendance.

Numbers must be confirmed before Sunday 19th March by one of the following methods:

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

Annual SWANSMEN Planning Seminar

Sunday 19th February saw a good attendance for the Planning Seminar held at Des Hardiman's place in the Kingsley heat. 15 members were present.

Some Key Ideas from the Seminar:

- Annual GF Raffle to be run by Swansmen. 150 tickets, to be drawn in June/ July.
- Auction to be on-line. Perhaps not a dinner this year. Poor results last 2 years.
- NEW Investment Incentive Club. 20 participants. More details later.
- Recruitment Drive. Flyers to be available in bar.
- Lounge pick the Margin or Raffle
- Count-Me-In -Round to include a back to Basso day. Swansmen invites to support CMI.
- Thursday Nights – Members Night. Swansmen to run Chase The Ace and support



The Swansmen Shield

One tradition that continues with the Swansmen dinners, is to present our guest speaker with a Swans shield in appreciation. How long has that been the case? Well at least 25 years. The Swansmen President dropped into to see our former Club Bar Manager – John (and Heather) McCue recently, and noticed the attached shield proudly displayed.

“Presented in appreciation by the Swansmen 1991 John McCue”.

John was guest speaker back in '91 and has promised to come to a dinner again this year.

Colin Minson also mentioned recently his Shield held pride of place at home following his guest appearance with us last year.



Swans Golf Day & Player Auction

The Swansmen were well represented at the Swans Golf Day at the Vines on the 10th March. A great day was held with our President – Des Hardiman winning a Nearest to the Pin with this great shot on the 13th hole.

The Swansmen were successful in bidding for Group 1 in the annual players' auction for \$2,200. Our group comprises Dave Ellard, Matt Rogers, Levi Ridley, Ben Holman, Jonathon Armstrong, Meava Walker and Tyler Ipsen. The prize if your player wins the League best player each week is \$391 and \$130 for the Reserves.



Busy Bee

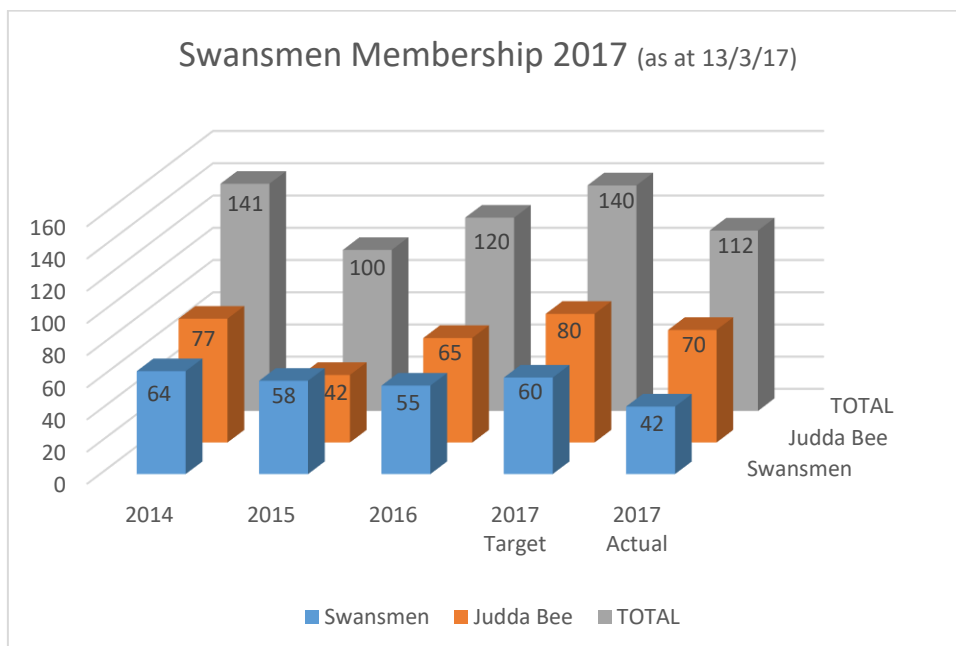
Thanks to *Des Hardiman, Steve Bakes, Dave Cianciosi, Garry Ames, Trevor Hoy, Ray McNair, Eric Benson, Maurice Embley, Neville Bassett and Mark McNair* (all pictured below) for helping at the busy bee. Also in attendance was Ted Martin and Terry Hall. Good results were achieved - before the BBQ came out !!



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 at the first Dinner Meeting or
- Pay direct to the Swansmen \$40, include name, to: BSB: 036-080 A/C: 276254



Coming Events

Date	Event	Time	Venue/ Guest
Sunday 12th March	BUSY BEE & BBQ	9:00am	SDFC
Thursday 16th Mar	Members Night	5:00pm	Raffle Draw, Chase the Ace
Saturday 18th Mar	(1 st HOME GAME) SD vs PE	2:15pm	Steel Blue
Tuesday 21st Mar	DINNER MEETING 1	6:30pm	Greg Harding/ Jeff Dennis
Tuesday 4th April	Committee Meeting	6:00pm	Swansmen Room
Tuesday 18th April	DINNER MEETING 2	6:30pm	Keith – Why Collect Stamps ?
Tuesday 2nd May	Committee Meeting	6:00pm	Swansmen Room
Tuesday 16th May	DINNER MEETING 3	6:30pm	TBA
Tuesday 20th June	DINNER MEETING 4	6:30pm	TBA

Thursday Night – Swans Members Night

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:

Swans from the Past – re-live the 1982 Grand Final on the big screen.

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

Player Interviews and Milestones – Greg Harding will introduce a player to the crowd

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

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

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.

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