



SWANSMEN

ON THE BALL !

THE NEWSLETTER OF SWANSMEN INC.

A COTERIE GROUP OF THE SWAN DISTRICTS FOOTBALL CLUB INC.



SWANSMEN

2024 **ISSUE 7** - September

Correspondence to: swansmen@gmail.com

Camera Tower Enclosure Installation

The Swansmen were tasked with installing an enclosure over the camera tower on the west side of the Sponsors Lounge. This took place over four days, Monday 26th – holes drilled, Tuesday 27th – steel delivered and erected, Wednesday 28th – sheeting delivered and installed and Friday 30th August – installation completed. DZ Constructions delivered the steel, provided the scissor lift to access the top of the tower and drilled the holes in the existing platform to allow for the enclosure to be installed. I would like to thank Adam Drabarek and his team for their support in the installation. A big thanks to **Joe Paterniti**, scissor lift operator and T/A and as always builder extraordinaire **Gary Cox** for their help over the three days, your support is much appreciated. I would also like to thank those Swansmen who made the effort to come down and lend a hand, Jason Donald, Des Hardiman, Rod Greene and Ross Wheldon.



All hands-on deck ready to install the first column. From left, Rod Greene, Gary Cox, Joe Paterniti and Trevor Hoy (photo by Ross Wheldon)



Joe Paterniti moving the scissor lift into place for install of the west face steel

Refer to the last page for further photos.

Men's Football

At the end of the regular season the Colts finished fourth and played Perth in the Elimination final at Lane Group Stadium Mandurah in the first week of the finals. In a hard-fought game, the young Swans fell over the line by two points and will play West Perth in the First Semi Final.

The Reserves fought hard in the last game of the season. After been 23 points down at the last break they kicked 2.4 to one point in the last quarter to go down by eight points. They finished in 8th spot.

The League consolidated third spot on the ladder and a Qualifying Final against Peel Thunder with an impressive 55-point win over Perth in atrocious conditions at Steel Blue Oval in the last game of the season. The trip down to Mandurah to play Peel in the Qualifying Final was a memorable one with Swans keeping Peel to 2.6 after quarter time and kicking 7.4 to win by 17 points. Great effort. The win was unfortunately soured by the knee injury to co-captain Jesse Turner. They will now play East Perth in the Second Semi Final.

Trevor Hoy (President)

SEPTEMBER DINNER MEETING

Tuesday 17th September 2024

6:30pm for 7.00pm start

Past Players & Officials Room Upstairs

GUEST SPEAKERS

Members with a story to tell



Marc Hocking

Cyber Security Architect

What is it?

Ross Fitzgerald

And a Never Ending story



Numbers must be confirmed before Tuesday 10th September by one of the following methods:

RSVP via the online link at [RSVP](#) or phone Trevor Hoy on 0405 453 042

August Dinner Meeting

- Reserves players Luke Taylor and Brodyn Fitzgerald gave an insight into their football journey thus far and what brought them to Swans.
- The Guest Speaker for the night was Max George, SDFC and WAFL goal kicking legend. Interviewer extraordinaire Des Hardiman put the tuff questions to Max which he answered with truth and wit.
- The dinner raffle was drawn by Max George with Harry Evans taking out the prize.

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:

Team Announcements – updates to the men's teams.

Chase the Ace – The jackpot as of Thursday 29th August is \$4,085.

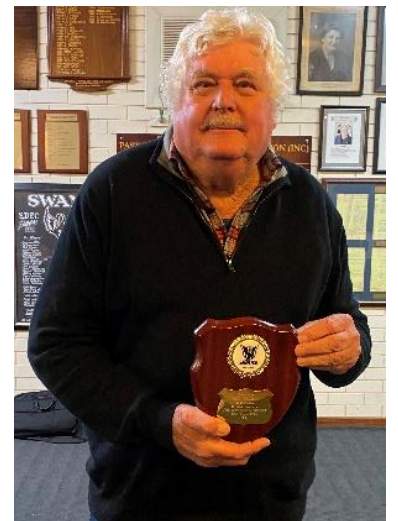
Free Members Draw – The jackpot as of Thursday 29th August is \$1,400. The lucky member must be in attendance and claim the prize within 2 minutes – otherwise a jackpot of \$100 is added.



Luke Taylor addressing the Members



Fines Master Graeme Higgins strutting his stuff



Max George with his Guest Speaker shield #291

Fundraising for 2024

The Retravision Auction - ended 7.37pm, after overtime bidding, Thursday 29th August and what an excellent result. Over \$125500 was raised from successful bidders, outstanding. Watch this space in the October edition for the final result with the nett result to be around \$70k.

Wine Wall - tickets are now on sale. This is your opportunity to purchase a carton, 12 bottles, or more if you like, of good quality mixed red and white wines for the meagre price of \$150. Each carton purchased will receive a ticket to go into the draw for a bottle of 2006 Penfolds Grange valued at \$1200.

Some of the wineries included are Arlewood from Margaret River along with local West Swan wineries Kosovich and Sittella's.

For further details contact Trevor Hoy or Des Hardiman.



Sponsor A Picket - This is your chance to share in a unique piece of Western Australian sporting history. The sponsored picket could be a birthday gift, memorial remembrance for a loved one, personal favourite spot, or just a tribute to the great memories over the years at Bassendean Oval. Your choice of location around the ground. **Only \$150.00**

The Player Auction Leader Board - the current standings for the Men's teams (League after Round 19, Reserves and Colts after Round 20) are as follows:

| GROUP | NAME | EARNINGS |
|--------------|-------------------------|-----------------|
| 1 | Sullivan Logistics | \$3412.20 |
| 2 | Swansmen | \$2302.20 |
| 3 | Directors | \$1613.60 |
| 4 | Authentic Purpose | \$1336.10 |
| 5 | Midway Ford | \$832.50 |
| 6 | Dave Cianciosi | \$1706.10 |
| 7 | Celebrations Maida Vale | \$1110.00 |
| 8 | Thomas Gatter Law | \$988.05 |
| 9 | Iron Mine Contracting | \$1110.00 |
| 10 | Sullivan Logistics | \$1685.55 |

Coming Events

| Date | Event | Time | Venue/ Guest | Guest Speaker |
|--|-------------------|-------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Tuesday 18th September | DINNER MEETING 7 | 6:30pm | PPOA Room | Members Night |
| Tuesday 1st October | Committee Meeting | 6:00pm | Swansmen Lounge | |
| Friday 4^h October | Swan Medal | 6:30pm | Mandoon | |
| Tuesday 15th October | DINNER MEETING 8 | 6:30pm | Gloucester Park | N/A |
| Tuesday 5th November | Committee Meeting | 6:00pm | Swansmen Lounge | |
| Tuesday 19th November | DINNER MEETING 9 | 6:30pm | PPOA Room | AGM |
| Sunday 8th December | Xmas Luncheon | 12:00pm | TBA | TBC |

Committee 2024

| | | | |
|------------------------|-----------------|--------------|--|
| President: | Trevor Hoy | 0405 453 042 | president.swansmen@gmail.com |
| Vice President: | Tim Outred | 0403 337 996 | timbo63@live.com.au |
| Secretary: | Steven Bakes | 0477 666 775 | secretary.swansmen@gmail.com |
| Treasurer: | Des Hardiman | 0448 792 832 | hardiman.des@bigpond.com |
| Committee: | Neville Bassett | 0402 318 846 | njb@westarcapital.com.au |
| | Jim Benson | 0405 713 978 | jamesbensonlidholm@gmail.com |
| | Darryl Crotty | 0422 375 456 | dcrotts@icloud.com |
| | Kim Doust | 0410 570 723 | kim.doust@gmail.com |
| | Maurice Embley | 0431 663 977 | maurice.embley@hotmail.com |
| | Steve Grech | 0406 167 110 | steveandjulie@inet.net.au |
| | Mark McNair | 0481 815 647 | macka66666@gmail.com |

Camera Tower Enclosure Installation Photos



Gary Cox, Joe Paterniti and Trevor Hoy get ready to start sheeting the west wall (photo by Des Hardiman)



Gary Cox and Joe Paterniti add the final touches



The finished product