



Another Year Over

It is hard to believe that another year is drawing to a close. It seems like only yesterday that I reluctantly put my hand up to fill the role of President, and I haven't regretted the decision.

2018 has been a very successful year for the Swansmen, especially on the fundraising front. Over \$80,000 was raised through:

- Thursday Members Night, Chase the Ace and Raffle Wheel - net \$22,000 (at the end of October);
- AFL Raffle \$11,500 (thanks to Peter Snow for coordinating);
- Auction \$30,500 (thanks to the Committee, Ross Leopold and the Club staff and all the donors);
- Home Game Winning Margins \$2,800 (thanks to George van der Meulen and Brian Negus);
- Club 20 Investors \$6,000 (thanks to all investors);
- Membership subs, Lounge Bar Sales, monthly dinner meetings and fines.

This was an outstanding achievement by all involved and they should be proud of their efforts.

These funds were returned to the Club through the annual sponsorship of the Count-Me-In Round table; a payment towards the memorabilia room; a contribution to the kitchen ordering system; a Player Auction purchase; the Leading Goal Kicking Award and the end of season donation.

The monthly dinner meetings were successful again with approximately 30 in attendance each month and over 70 to the Ladies Night, with a healthy injection of new members during the year. We heard from coaches, players and a diverse range of entertaining guest speakers including – Adam Pickering, Chris Egan (sports historian), Josh Catalano (celebrity chef), Glen Foreman (The Wally Foreman story), Jonathan Beal (ABC News & Swans tragic), Michaela Carr (TV & radio presenter & motor neuron disease supporter) and Shane Beros (Swans and V Swans champion). A big thanks to Des Hardiman for organising the guest speaker list for 2018 and look forward to a wide range of speakers for 2019.

The Xmas Lunch was held at Villa Da Vinci in Ballajura on Sunday 9th December. 34 attendees were treated to a four course Italian feast, with everyone going home a few kilo's heavier. The Secret Santa present was exchanged for a monetary donation. \$400 was raised that will be donated to the Parkerville Children's Home. I would like to thank all those who attended, for their generosity to a worthy cause.

The relationship with the Club has also grown stronger in 2018, with their assistance in the Auction and Thursday Night Members Nights being of valuable importance to the fundraising efforts. Both parties are keen to forge a stronger relationship in 2019 for the betterment of the Club.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the 2018 Swansmen Committee for all their support over the last year, without whom, I would not have been able to have survived the year. A special thanks to my predecessor, Des Hardiman, whose guidance and mentoring has been immeasurable.

Finally, I would like to wish you and your families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and look forward to a bigger and better 2019, ON and OFF the field.

Trevor Hoy (President)

Thursday Nights – Swans Members Night

The Members' nights will re-commence on Thursday 14th February 2019. All Club Members and Supporters are invited to Steel Blue Oval to join in the following activities in the members bar:

Chase the Ace – The starting jackpot will be \$2,680

Chook Raffles – Win meat packs, chooks and wine plus more.

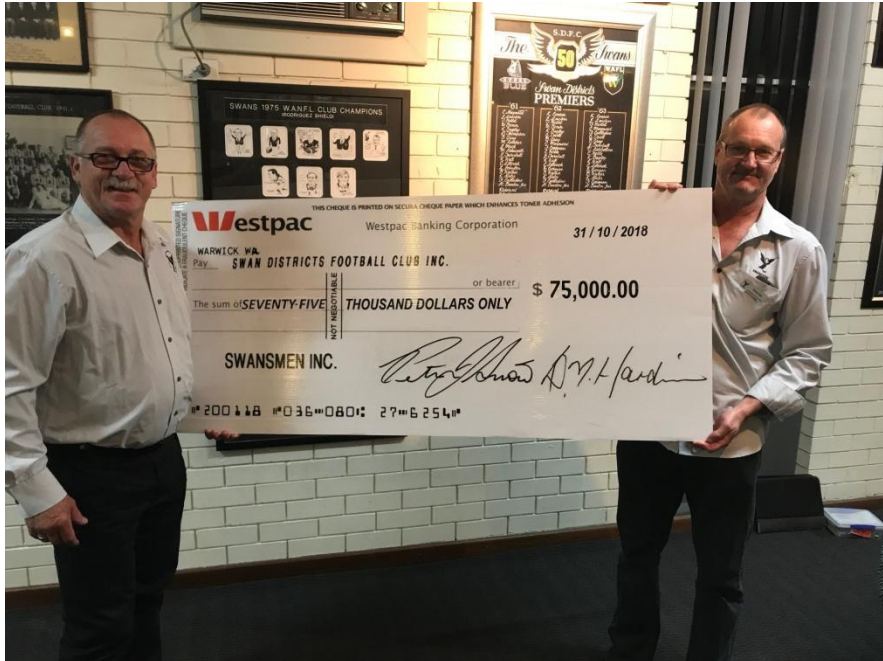
Free Members Draw – The starting jackpot will be \$1000. The lucky member must be in attendance and must claim the prize within 2 minutes, otherwise \$100 is added to the jackpot.

The Members draw jackpot did not go off on the last night, so each member present was given a ticket into the consolation draw for \$1,000. The lucky member was Jodie Bain, Mitch Bain's mum - a deserved winner.

Joan Sidebottom had the chance to take home the 'Chase the Ace' jackpot but unfortunately drew out the 5 of hearts so the jackpot will carry over to 2019.

November Dinner Meeting

- The Swansmen yearly contribution cheque was presented to Club President Peter Hodyl. After a very successful year; an amount of \$75,000 was handed over.



- Andy Holmes, Mark and Ray McNair were thanked for their contributions to making the Thursday night members night such a great success.
- Club President Peter Hodyl acknowledged the great work of the Swansmen for 2018. He noted the Club would turn a good surplus again this year and the budget, although always tight, was in place for next year. He also complimented our CEO Jeff Dennis for a great year and asked everyone to chase any likely sponsors for the Club in 2019.
- League coach Adam Pickering echoed Peter Hodyl's thoughts. He noted the loss of some good players in 2018 and beyond and some likely draft selections. He noted some returning and new players like Leigh Coleman, Jessie Glass-McCasker, Shane Kickett, Toby Stevens, Dylan Smith and Aiden Clarke.
N.B. Adam predicted correctly that Jarrod Cameron, Harry Edwards and Tobe Watson would be drafted. Andy Holmes spoke about the performances in the 2km time trial, which Jessie Turner won, and the improvements from Matt Riggio, Josh Cipro and Corey Gault. Seven players broke seven minutes. The coaching staff are almost set but a mid-field League coach was still to be appointed.

- **AGM**

A brief summary of the Presidents report was given. A full version is available on the Swansmen page of the SDFC web site.

The Treasurer's Report was summarised. It was noted that we have a healthy balance after the cheque was presented to the Club and several members congratulated the committee on a great year.

Thanks was extended to the outgoing committee for their outstanding efforts in 2018. A special mention went to retiring Committee members Eric Benson, Dave Cianciosi and Peter Snow.

Election of Office Bearers for 2019 – The following were elected unanimously and unopposed in block.

- President: Trevor Hoy
- Vice President: Steve Bakes
- Secretary: Jim Benson
- Treasurer: Graeme Higgins
- Committee (3-6): Garry Ames
Neville Bassett
Maurice Embley
Des Hardiman
Mark McNair
Tim Outred

- The dinner raffle was won by Norm Kirkup, who kindly donated it back, with Rod Greene taking home the prize.

Carpet WANTED

We are still looking at replacing the 35-year-old carpet in the Swansmen Lounge. If anyone is aware of any large refurbishment where good carpet is being replaced, we would love to obtain it at a bargain price (\$0).

Membership 2019

As we look forward to the new football season, we hope all Swansmen and Judda Bee sponsors renew for 2019.

Membership remains at \$40 and is eligible to all financial Swans members. Payment can be made by any of the following methods:

- Direct to the Club with your 2019 Renewal (Tick the Swansmen box).
- Direct Deposit to the Swansmen by BSB: 036080 A/C# 276254 (Please include your name in reference).
- Payment to the Treasurer at any time.

Happy Christmas

On behalf of the Swansmen Committee I would like to wish you all a Happy and Joyful Christmas and a safe and prosperous New Year.



2019 Coming Events

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Venue/ Guest</i>
<i>Tuesday 5th February</i>	Committee Meeting	6:00pm	Swansmen Lounge
<i>Thursday 7th February</i>	SDFC AGM	6:30pm	Presidents Lounge
<i>Thursday 14th February</i>	First Members Night	5:30pm	Members Lounge
<i>Sunday 17th February</i>	Swansmen Seminar	3:00pm	Peter Hodyl'
<i>Sunday 17th March</i>	Swansmen Busy Bee	9:00am	Swansmen Lounge
<i>Tuesday 19th March</i>	DINNER MEETING 1	6:30pm	TBC

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