

# Association Newsletter

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## 2018 AFL MASTERS WA UPDATE

Happy New year to all the WA AFL Masters out there - we hope you've had a great festive break. I'm sure some keen clubs have already begun training which brings to light the house keeping that needs to be done at club and association level.

- **House Keeping**

Club & Committee Details:

By now most clubs should have held their AGM's and have settled on their club committee for the coming year. If there have been any changes it is important to keep your club details up to date on our existing club registration system.. To do this click on the club button on the Associations home page of <http://wamastersfooty.com.au>. You will need to know your club logon details. If you do not know this then please contact Geoff Ahearn ([geoffrey.ahearn@uqconnect.edu.au](mailto:geoffrey.ahearn@uqconnect.edu.au)) or James Hunt ([aflmasterswa@gmail.com](mailto:aflmasterswa@gmail.com)) and we can provide access for you.

Club Contacts:

It is imperative that each club has at least 2 contacts for the association to send communications to during the year. Depending your club structure this would normally be a President/Chairman, Vice President/Chairman and a club Secretary. An email address and a contact number should be provided.

JLT club Insurance

At the beginning of every year it is mandatory and very important for every club to renew its JLT club insurance. The process is simple and begins by clicking on the JLT Insurance link on <http://wamastersfooty.com.au>.

This leads you to a page with some simple instructions to follow. Please tick this box in your pre-season admin function ASAP.

Whilst on the subject of insurance and pre-season, if clubs co-ordinating scratch matches amongst themselves they should let the board know so as to ensure it is sanctioned for the purpose of insurance.

- **Recruitment strategies**

If your club has plans for a public outing to recruit players then remember the Association has several banners and

other paraphernalia to help you with the cause. If you'd like to know what is available and how you can get your hands on it then please contact Nathan Dixon [presafmasterswa@gmail.com](mailto:presafmasterswa@gmail.com) We've also received some communications that refer to the areas we all need to target to get recruits - The Product (modified AFL); The Market (mostly ex players); and Personal Improvement (get some personalized skill sessions into your training). The content of the email will be put up on the website for all to see and glean something from in their own time.

- **Footyweb (Sports TG)**

With the Sports TG (now referred to as Footyweb) motion being accepted at the AGM there will need to be a bit of pre season work done to get all clubs up to speed (separate communications to follow from James Hunt). In doing so the board would like to remind clubs that in taking up Footyweb, it's primary purpose at this stage is to replace the existing registration and team sheet system. It is not envisaged at this stage to be replacing the existing web site (although it will be linked via the WA AFL Masters website). Nor is it intended to be used as a means for match day communication. The Board is looking into both of these matters separately.

- **Umpires**

Every year we rely on the commitment of a small group of guys who are prepared to put the effort into being an umpire during the season for the benefit of all of us. Every year we need people to take up this role and would really prefer to have each club provide an umpire. This year, following the retirement of a few of our long serving umpires we really are looking to some new people committing to the cause. The good is, for those who may have not been aware it is a paid gig. The board still needs to confirm the amount but the last few years the amount has been \$65. You can put your hand up for 1, 2 or more games depending on scheduling. So what are you waiting for? The first step for newbies is to get their Level 1 Umpiring accreditation. A link is provided on the website. Once you've completed it let

Rob Cox know and you will be included in the pre-season umpire briefing. If you think this could be something for you contact our current umpires co-ordinator Rob Cox [rob.cox@police.wa.gov.au](mailto:rob.cox@police.wa.gov.au).

- **Radio Show**

The Masters Radio show on 91.3 has been a central part of increasing our exposure within Perth. Whilst it is a great service to our wider audience it does cost the Association money to be a part of the Sport FM family. This year we are looking to place a sponsor front & centre of this program. If you know of a company that could benefit from this type of exposure then act quickly and get in contact with our current Sponsorship co-ordinator Leon "bluey" Fallon [lkfallon@bigpond.com](mailto:lkfallon@bigpond.com).

- **Board Elections**

The results of the board elections have already been released, but for those that may have missed them...

*South West Representative:*

Mick Osborn, Elected un-opposed

*Sitting members re-elected:*

Nathan Dixon, Keith Edwards & Rob Cox

*Newly elected members:*

Rob Steele, Andy Mather & Darren Eiffler

For those members that left the board in the last year (Cobber Rogers, Ken Rowe, Anthony Barnett, Graeme Dix, Craig Perks & Ex GM Colin Hudson) we thank you for service to AFL Masters WA.

- **Board Conflict of Interest**

Each board member, as part of good governance and diligence has declared any conflict of interest they may have at our first Board meeting. At the beginning of a board meeting, as part of the Board Meeting process and based on the agenda, where a conflict potentially arises the applicable Board member(s) will be excluded from the decision making process. This process is in line with the WAFC and all other affiliates.

Should there be any concerns please contact the Board Administrator.

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#### • **2018 Draft Metro Fixture**

Keith Edwards has been working hard to try and lock in the fixtures for 2018. This is somewhat difficult to do through the club and Association AGM's as well as the holiday period. If clubs could be vigilant in responding to requests at this time of the year it should make locking in fixtures early a bit easier. The board hopes to be able to get fixtures out before the end of January so as to allow clubs to plan their resourcing requirements.

#### • **2018 Country Fixtures**

It would be appreciated by the board that as country regions sort out their fixtures that they forward them to us so they can be added to the website and to Footyweb when it is up and running. It would be great to include any one off fixtures so that we can promote them accordingly on the website, Facebook, Newsletter and Radio show. First cab of the rank is the Wongan Hills Carnival organised by the Wheatbelt Boomers to be held on the 7th April (see attached Flyer). Other carnivals are highlighted in the "Save the date" section below.

#### • **Sponsorship**

The committee has been working hard on getting Sponsors but if ANYONE has any leads they think might be worth following please contact someone at the board or Leon Fallon directly on the details provided above. In the meantime the Board welcomes back our regular sponsors (Burley Sekem and Minuteman Press), as well as a few new ones:



Insurance 4 Footballers opened its doors in February 2014 with the goal of protecting as many amateur footballers across Australia as possible. Our reach continues to grow as we speak to more and more clubs and footballers; educating them about the importance of having the right personal insurance while playing football. You can expect these

guys to be giving your club a call or dropping by on a training night during the season.

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✉: [info@insurance4footballers.com.au](mailto:info@insurance4footballers.com.au)

☎: 1300 763 633



Cranetech Australia has also come on board for the year. They have comprehensive experience in repairing, installing and servicing all makes of truck mounted cranes, tail lifts, and tyre handlers. Cranetech Australia are well placed to assist you with selecting the right piece of equipment for your application. Cranetech Australia operates from a fully equipped modern facility based in Malaga, Perth Western Australia. Make sure you get in and see the guys at Cranetech and support the newest Sponsor of AFL Masters WA.

🌐: <http://www.cranetech.com.au/>

✉: [andy@cranetech.com.au](mailto:andy@cranetech.com.au)

☎: 08 9248 4004

#### • **Returning Sponsors**

Of course the board is always happy to see our sponsors return and to that end we welcome back the regulars:



Returning as our provider of on field apparel Burley Sekem have been supporters of the AFL Masters WA for several years now. Not only do they give us a great deal on club playing gear and other apparel, but they provide discounted footballs as well as providing the prizes for the weekly quiz on the Masters Radio show.

<http://www.sekem.com.au/>



Also returning again as a sponsor is Minuteman Press of Welshpool. Minuteman Press is your local printing and copying centre. We are locally based in Welshpool and service the lo-

cal community. We specialize in full colour printing and copying services as well as graphic design and finishing services. We can also produce high quality colour copies and digital prints. And don't forget to ask about our mailing and direct mail marketing capabilities.

<https://www.minutemanpress.com.au/print-shop/welshpool/#>

Stay tuned for more announcements in relation to our sponsors in future Newsletters.

#### • **Save the Date :**

- 24th March - Radio Show commences
- 25th March - Metro Opening Round
- 7th April - Wongan Hills Carnival
- 2nd June - South West (Busselton) Carnival
- 2nd June - Mid West (Jurien) Carnival
- 8-10 June - Bali 9's
- 4th August - Kalgoorlie Carnival
- 30th Sep to 7th Oct - National Carnival (Coffs Harbour)

#### Dates TBA:

- Karratha 9's Carnival
- Newman Vets Celebrity Game
- By-Law Review (in line with the new Constitution)

#### Contact AFLMWA:

New addresses will be on the way for all board members but in the meantime please contact us via the board administrator:

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See you on the park!!

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