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## Season Over Already

It seems like only yesterday that the 2020 season started and now it's all over bar the shouting. That's the year that was 2020.

On the Women's front, the league side finished 4<sup>th</sup> on the ladder and played old foes East Fremantle in the Elimination Final. In what was described as atrocious conditions, the girls started slow to trail by 13 points at quarter time. Keeping East Freo scoreless for the next two quarters saw the Swannies lead by 14 points at the last change. Unfortunately, the opposition found another gear, and some favourable umpiring decisions I'm told, in the last term keeping Swans to a solitary point while kicking 3.3 to win by 6 points. Congratulations to the League girls for making it into another Final series. Unfortunately, the Reserves and the Colts didn't fare so well only winning a game each for the season and both finishing second last on the ladder. We wish them better luck for 2021.

The Men's League side finished on a positive note winning three of their last four games and finishing third last on the ladder, only two games out of the top four. The win against Perth in the last home game of the year was a standout effort and no doubt the best performance of the year. The signs are there and hopefully with good recruitment, an uninterrupted pre-season and a normal start to the season we will see the Black Ducks contest finals in 2021.

Like the women, the men's Reserves and the Colts sides did not fare so well either, with only a win and a draw for the Reserves and two wins for the Colts, meaning they both finish last on the ladder. We also wish them better luck for 2021.

## Auction Success

The annual Swansmen Auction was an On-line only event this year due to Covid-19 and ran for the entire month of September. With over 180 items up for grabs, there was a chance to bag a bargain or two. The last hour saw some hectic bidding on various items with **Anonymous** been the successful bidder on more than **ONE** item. The gross result was in the vicinity of **\$33,500**, an outstanding effort for the year that was.

I would like to thank all those suppliers and donors who contributed to the Auction in what has been a trying year, their support is greatly appreciated.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank from the Club, Jeff Dennis, Peter Hodyl, Ross Leipold, Jen McBride and Jess Belladonna, and from the Swansmen, Des Hardiman, Tim Outred, Maurice Embley, Neville Bassett, Jim Benson and Darryl Crotty for their efforts in organising the Auction.

**Trevor Hoy**  
**(President)**

## **OCTOBER DINNER MEETING**

*Wednesday 21<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER 2020 6:30pm  
Past Players & Officials Room Upstairs*

**GUEST SPEAKER**

***On the Buses***

### ***The Bus Preservation Society of WA***

Hear the story of the history and restoration of Perth buses from the Bus Preservation Society of WA based at Whiteman Park. A sample of their restored buses will be on display in the car park, so please take the time to step inside and 'pull the cord' and reminisce when you were a teenager!



***Numbers must be confirmed before Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October by one of the following methods:***

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

Please note, that if you RSVP 'Yes' to a dinner and do not attend the Swansmen still have to pay for your meal.

### **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.

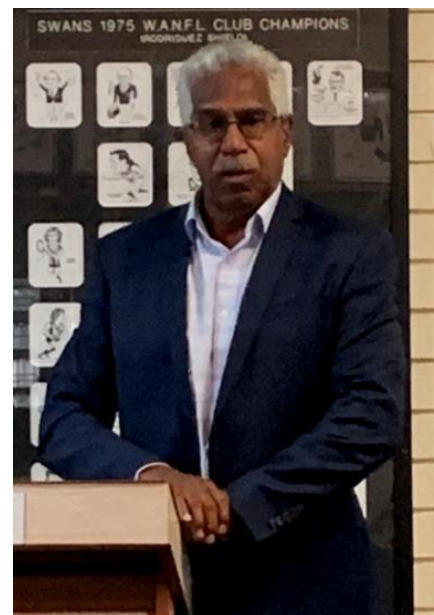
## ***Notice of AGM***

*In accordance with the Constitution please note that the  
Annual General Meeting  
of the Swansmen will be held at the November Dinner Meeting at the Club on  
**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2019***

*All positions on the Committee will be declared vacant and those wishing to nominate are asked to notify the  
Secretary by Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2020*

## September Dinner Meeting

- **Guest Speaker John McGuire** gave a brief summary of his life growing up in WA and stated he was a proud Balladong Noongar elder. He grew up in the country towns of Quairading and Kellerberrin and is one of 11 siblings. John was home schooled until he won a scholarship to Guildford Grammar and was very appreciative of his family for his great upbringing. Upon graduating, John started working for the State Government and for the last 15 years he has worked at Sandfire Resources. He endured many a racial slur in his early days in Quairading and won every fight by 250 metres. His dad once saw him push a player at half time and told him never to that again. His dad said to take it as a compliment if he was abused as it meant he was playing well. He noted the better he played the more he got. His mantra when vilified was to say to his opponent that a lot of people are here today watching, and a black fellow is kicking your arse. His dad was a legend who gave him confidence. John was a talented all-rounder excelling at both football and cricket. He played football with East Perth from 1973-1979 and at Perth from 1980-1983. He totalled 112 League games. He played cricket at Mt. Lawley for 23 years playing in 249 games and at Willetton for 18 games. He won five flags, and six ODI's and his highest score was 199. He is the second highest run scorer in Pennant cricket – scoring over 12,000 runs. The other person ahead of him played in the 1920's. He was in the State Cricket Squad and captained an aboriginal team for Australia in the 1988 Centennial celebrations in England. He also won an Advance Australia Award in 1992.
- **Denver Grainger-Barras** gave an insight into his life thus far. Growing up in the hills he attended Gooseberry Hill Primary School and then transitioned to Helena College for years 8 and 9 before moving to Darling Range SHS in year 10 where he completed his ATAR. He played for Kalamunda JFC in his junior years and has been involved at Swans since the age of 12. He made his League debut in 2019 but injured a shoulder and missed most of the year. He is looking forward to the prospect of been drafted into the AFL and doesn't have a preference of where he goes to.
- The dinner raffle was drawn by Guest Speaker John McGuire with Bob Hutchinson taking out the prize.



## Hodes – you call that a beard!



**Club President, Peter Hodyl** seen getting some tips from Jim Benson and Phil Spencer in the race to see who is going to be Santa at the Swansmen Christmas lunch this year.

## Fundraising for 2020

**BONANZA CASH Raffle** - Tickets are all but sold. **Winners will be drawn at the October Dinner.**

**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 For more details contact Trevor Hoy or Des Hardiman.

## Thursday Night – Swans Members Night

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

**Chase the Ace** – The jackpot as of Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October is \$4,530.

**Free Members Draw** – The jackpot as of Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October is \$1,900. The lucky member must be in attendance and claim the prize within 2 minutes – otherwise a jackpot of \$100 is added.

## Coming Events

Date	Event	Time	Venue/ Guest
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	DINNER MEETING 4	6:30pm	Bus Preservation WA
Saturday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	McSherry Medal	7:00pm	Mandoon Estate
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	Swan Medal	7:00pm	Mandoon Estate
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	Committee Meeting	6:00pm	Swansmen Lounge
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	DINNER MEETING 5	6:30pm	AGM

## Vale

**Joe Lawson** (3.6.34 – 13.9.20)

Life Member, former Captain, Swan Medallist, Premiership player, Team of The Century full back and played 235 league games. Joe was a member of the original Swans Businessmen's Association in the 1970's and then the Swansmen in early 1980's. Sympathy to Irene and the family on the loss of a true Swans Legend.

**Ian Hall – 'Hally'** (18.4.45 – 19.9.20)

A real 'black&white' man! Long time Swansmen member. Served on the committee between 1985 and 1989 and was a strong contributor to the annual auction over many years. As Laurie Hurley so eloquently put it in his death notice ..."*obnoxious, opinionated, Collingwood supporter. Other than that, a damn good bloke.*" Condolences to Margaret and all his family and many friends in the Swansmen.

## Committee 2020

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