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Another One Bites the Dust

My how time flies as another year is rapidly drawing to a close.

All major fundraising is now complete and the Annual Report is feverishly being compiled and the account sheet reconciled ready for the AGM in November. Things are looking good to handover a **VERY, VERY, VERY, VERY** healthy cheque to the Club.

The Men's Medal night was held at Mandoon Estate on Friday 4th October. A great night was had by all with Mandoon putting on another excellent evening. Sandover Medallist Nik Rokahr topped off his maiden season winning the Swan Medal with 129 votes with Jye Chalcraft, 113, runner-up and Nathan 'Doc' Blakey, 82, third. Leigh Kohlmann won the leading goalkicker award with 53 goals. Ayden Cartwright won the Jack Hickling Award for Most Outstanding Player On and Off the field. Ayden also won the FA Bonny Sweetapple Memorial Award for the Reserves Fairest and Best with Luke Taylor runner-up and Brodyn Fitzgerald third. Otis Harvey romped in the Colts Fairest and Best by 67 votes with Luke Cotellessa runner-up and Lukas Andrews third.

In the Club Awards Women's chaplain Karen Van Namen won the PJ Memorial Award for Best Club Person and the Ken Ball Memorial Players Shield went to Gary Seaton. We congratulate all the winners on their Awards.



Jye Chalcraft, Nik Rokahr and Nathan Blakey



Club President Peter Hodyl, Ayden Cartwright and Reserves Coach David McKay



Club President Peter Hodyl, Otis Harvey and WAFL Talent Manager Hayden Coble



Leigh Kohlmann and Swansmen President Trevor Hoy

Indy and Ayden Cartwright



Trevor Hoy (President)

NOVEMBER DINNER MEETING - AGM
Tuesday 19th NOVEMBER 2024 - 6:30pm for 7.00pm start
Past Players & Officials Room Upstairs

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

Tuesday 19th November 2024

*All positions on the Committee will be declared vacant and those wishing to nominate are asked to notify the
Secretary by Friday 15th November 2024*

Numbers must be confirmed before Tuesday 12th NOVEMBER 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.

October Dinner Meeting – Away Dinner

- The October dinner was held at the Odin Tavern, with a good time had by all who attended. Greg Walker and his staff put on a good feed and there was plenty of laughs from the joke-off. Due to the calibre of the jokes a winner could not be chosen.
- **G**reg Walker took time out from his hotel duties to give a run down on the Odin Tavern since our last visit two years ago and what other ventures he has been involved in.
- The dinner raffle prize was won by Neville Bassett.

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 31st October is \$5,950.

Free Members Draw – The jackpot as of Thursday 31st October is \$1,300. The lucky member must be in attendance and claim the prize within 2 minutes – otherwise a jackpot of \$100 is added.

Fundraising for 2024

Wine Wall - the wine wall draw took place at the Members night on Thursday 24th October. 49 cartons all up were sold with the prize draw for a bottle of 2006 Penfolds Grange going to Dave Kelly. Big thanks to Des for co-ordinating, Darryl for his constant harassment of the Swan Valley wineries and Maurice for spending our money wisely. Also, thanks to Des, Jim, Gary and Roy for the unpacking, repacking and labelling the cartons on the Tuesday morning prior. Thanks also to those Swansmen who donated wine for the cause.

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**

Coming Events

Date	Event	Time	Venue/ Guest	Guest Speaker
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	Kappy's	

Swansmen Annual Xmas Lunch



Swansmen Annual Christmas Lunch

Sunday 8th December
12:00pm

Kappy's Italian Trattoria
120 Swan Street, Guildford

Great way to finish off a successful 2024 and enjoy the festive season

Put the date in your diary.

Committee 2024

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Swan Medal Night Highlights



Gary Seaton's sister Leisa receives the Ken Ball Memorial Players Shield from Co-captains Jesse Turner and Brandon Erceg



Bev Boyle receives the PJ Memorial Award for Best Club Person, on behalf of Karen van Namen, from Club President Peter Hodyl



Tony Notte receives a memento of his record breaking 300 games from Club President Peter Hodyl



Ross Fitzgerald and his Guests. Guess who?