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2021 - Déjà Vu 2020

The year didn't quite kick off as planned, with the sudden 5 day Covid-19 lockdown in February, followed by 10 days of restrictions causing a delay to the start of 2021 proceedings, it was looking like 2020 all over again. This caused the postponement of the annual Planning Seminar in February, which has now been rescheduled. For full details refer to the article further in this edition. Fortunately things are back on track and season 2021 kicked off with the first round of the WAFLW on Sunday 21st February against Claremont. It was a hard slog for all the women's teams with temperatures creeping over 35°. The Colts girls were up first and after a tough opening quarter which saw them register just a solitary point, an impressive two goal haul in the second saw them take a 5 point lead into the half. The hot conditions proved too much for the young Swans after half time, with Claremont turning on a 41-point scoring spree to run out winners. The Reserves were up next against last year's Reserves Premiers. It was a tight game for three quarters with Swans going into the last quarter 3 points up. However, Claremont proved why they were last season's champions and kept the home side scoreless in the last to take the victory. Last up were the League, with the teams playing for the Dhara Kerr Memorial Cup. Again it was a tough, low scoring first half with Swans taking the upper hand leading by 8 points at the half. The heat of the day took its toll on both sides with only one point been kicked after half time. Swans were the scorer which saw them win by 9 points. A good start to the season for them. Round two saw the Colts and Reserves take on West Perth away while the League headed to the Port city to play South Fremantle. It was a day to forget for the young Colts, only kicking one goal while their opposition booted 14. The boot was on the other foot in the Reserves with Swans kicking 10 goals to one to come away with the win. The League side also had a dominant day, keeping South scoreless for the first half and only allowing them to score one goal in the second half while booting eight for the match themselves. This see's them sit on top of the ladder with a 2/0 ratio.



Lewis Jetta



Jesse Palmer

On the Men's front, the Football Department has again been busy recruiting over the summer break with the key signings of Victorian pair Chris Jones and Jesse Palmer and local lad Lewis Jetta, who is returning to where it all started after 11 years in the AFL. Chris will fill in the defensive hole left by Denver Grainger-Barras while Jesse will slip into the forward line. Jetta' versatility could see him slot into a utility role. They will add a wealth of



Chris Jones

experience to the playing stock and provide leadership to the list of emerging young talent. Adam says it is exciting to see the talent and knowledge his new recruits have brought with them from their previous clubs. The players have been hard at work on the training track over the summer under the watchful eyes of Adam and the coaching staff. There is a buzz in the air again.

The first game of the year is at home on Saturday 3rd April against last year's runner-ups Claremont. Get down and support the players in their first hit out of the season. Drop into the Swansmen's Lounge and renew acquaintances over a cold drink.

We are putting together an interesting list of guest speakers for our dinner meetings, with League coach Adam Pickering the first cab off the rank. Refer to the **Coming Events** calendar at the end of the newsletter for further details. Please put the dates into your diaries **NOW** so that we have strong support in numbers and a successful financial year for the Club.

We are hoping that all past and recent members of the Swansmen will re-join in 2021 and together with the Judda Bee network, we look forward to an enjoyable and successful year both on and off the field.

Trevor Hoy (President)



MARCH DINNER MEETING

Wednesday 17th MARCH 2021 6:30pm
Past Players & Officials Room Upstairs

GUEST SPEAKER

Adam Pickering – League Coach

Adam will give a rundown on the form of the squad over the summer and his expectations of the competition this year. What will be his assessment after the pre-season games?

We look forward to all members enjoying some good company and a good meal at our first meeting. Why not bring a guest along?

Numbers must be confirmed before Wednesday 10th March 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.

Membership Drive

A reminder for those who have not renewed their membership to please do so. An email will be sent out. Subscriptions have been reduced to \$35 and can be paid by any of the following methods:

- Pay at the Club Office (together with your Club Membership) and add the Swansmen membership
- Pay online via the Club webpage
- Pay at the first Dinner Meeting
- Pay direct to the Swansmen bank account, BSB: 036-080 A/C: 276254, include your name.

Annual SWANSMEN Planning Seminar

The Annual Planning Seminar was scheduled for Sunday 7th February but was postponed due to the Covid-19 lockdown. It has been rescheduled for Sunday 7th March. Lookout for the report in the April edition.

All Swansmen members welcome to attend the Seminar and contribute to our planning for 2021.

Hall of Fame 'Immortal' Inductee

Club Legend John Cooper has been inducted into the Hall of Fame as the second 'Immortal' of the Club. After more than 70 years of service both on and off the field, there is not a more worthy recipient. John has done it all, played, coached and held positions as Treasurer and President of the Club. He was instrumental in getting the Black and Whites back onto the Premiership winning list in the early 80's and bleeds Black and White. We congratulate John on this prestigious award. A full article can be found in the 6th edition of 'The Fighting Swan' and also the Club website.



Hall of Fame Dinner: Saturday 8 May.

CONGRATULATIONS – Ted Martin

Ted Martin has been recognised for over 40 years of service to the Swan Districts Football Club with the ultimate reward – Life Membership. Nominated by Maurice Embley, his record was listed at the recent Club AGM in February and endorsed by the members.

Ted's contribution over a significant number of years is reflective of his passion, dedication, and loyalty to Swans, and included over 40 years' service to the club. He served as a scoreboard attendant for 13 years in the 1980's and 90's, a past member of the Swansmen Committee for 7 years and has been a member of the Past Players and Officials Committee for since 2014. Ted has actively participated as a volunteer for any task called upon – be it for the club, the Swansmen or the PP&O, including BBQ's, busy bees, post-game clean-up, raffle tickets and auction set-up. He received his 10-year Merit Certificate in 1990 and has volunteered his services continuously for the 30 years since. Congratulations Ted – well deserved.



Women's Season Launch and Player Auction

The Women's Season Launch was held at the Club on Thursday 18th February. A good attendance of players and supporters saw the girls receive their jumpers and participate in the Player Auction. 8 groups were up for grabs with a total of \$9380 been collected. The Swansmen were in early again picking up Group 1 for a mere \$500, bargain. Things started to hot up from there with the amounts increasing for each Group. The honour for the highest bid went to Group 6 fetching an incredible \$2000. Group 1 consists of the following Players:



Aimee Ralph	Lily Hayward
Sarah Wielstra	Jacinta Anderson
Olivia Cripps	Ivy Harding
Fiona Boucher	Tannah Lee
Bella Edgley	Tisha Lemoal
Hope Ugle Hayward	Shannon Matthews
Aisling Petit	Emma O'Driscoll

Keep an eye out on the Club website for the weekly results.

Thursday Night – Swans Members Night

The Club Members nights kicked off again on Thursday 18th February. There was a good crowd present as it was also the Women's season launch and player auction night.

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:

League Team Announcements – after training, Adam will announce the senior team.

Chase the Ace – The jackpot as of Thursday 18th February is \$1,075.

Free Members Draw – The jackpot as of Thursday 25th February is \$1,200. 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
Sunday 7th Mar	Planning Seminar	3:00pm	Hodyl' Residence
Friday 12th Mar	SDFC Golf Day	9:30am	Vines Resort
Wednesday 17th Mar	DINNER MEETING 1	6:30pm	Adam Pickering
Thursday 18th Mar	Men's Season Launch	6:00pm	SDFC Function Room
Sunday 21th Mar	SDFC Family Fun Day	3:00pm	Steel Blue Oval
Saturday 3rd April	1 st GAME - SD vs C	2:10pm	Steel Blue Oval
Tuesday 6th April	Committee Meeting	6:00pm	Swansmen Lounge
Wednesday 21st April	DINNER MEETING 2	6:30pm	TBA
Saturday 8th May	Hall of Fame Dinner	6:30pm	SDFC Function Room
Wednesday 19th May	DINNER MEETING 3	6:30pm	TBA
Tuesday 1st June	Committee Meeting	6:00pm	Swansmen Lounge
Wednesday 16th June	DINNER MEETING 4	6:30pm	TBA

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Steve Bakes has taken over the Secretary role from Jim Benson, and Des Hardiman has agreed to take on the Treasurers job.