



NEWSLETTER

Wednesday 22 January 2020

Happy New Year to all our past players and officials from Fitzroy, Bears, and the Brisbane Lions.

We hope you enjoy our new-look newsletter for 2020, designed to keep our past players and officials informed on the relevant news, events and updates from around the Club and the AFL.

If you have anything you might like to include in a future edition, please email us at pastplayers@lions.com.au

UPCOMING EVENTS

17-24 JAN: Tassie Training Camp
Various venues in Hobart

Mon 9 MAR: VIC Family Fun Day
9:30am - 12:30pm @ Venue TBC

Fri 19 APR: AFL CPPOA Golf Day
From 8:15am @ Settlers Run Golf Club



State of Origin Returns

Earlier this month, the AFL announced that a landmark State of Origin match will be played to raise funds for the Australian bushfire disaster.

Three players from each Club will participate in a special match that will pit Victoria's best against a team of All Stars at Marvel Stadium on Friday February 28.

All money raised will boost a Community Relief Fund set-up to help rebuild facilities ripped apart by the national crisis.

[CLICK HERE](#) for more information

Draftees' History Lesson

The Brisbane Lions' four newest draftees - **Keidean Coleman, Brock Smith, Deven Robertson** and **Jaxon Prior** - took a private tour of the Historical Society Museum at Marvel Stadium earlier this month to learn more about our Club's unique and rich history.

It's a critical part of our new players' induction process that they understand the background of Fitzroy and the Bears, and how the two clubs merged to form the Brisbane Lions.

[CLICK HERE](#) to read the full story



AFL Players' Alumni members get access to a range of benefits, services and support surrounding:

• Health and Wellbeing • Financial Prosperity • Continued Education • Social Connections

Find out how you can join by contacting AFLPA Alumni Manager Brad Fisher:

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Numbers up for Draftees

Some of the Club's most celebrated guernsey numbers have been handed down to our new Lions draftees, including:

#1 - Paul Roos, Richard Champion, Kevin Murray

#2 - Chris Johnson, Kevin Murray, George Coates

#18 - Frank Curcio, John Blakey, Craig Lambert

#45 - Brad Gotch, John Gastev, Scott Harding

[CLICK HERE](#) to see who was allocated what



Past Player Reunions

The Club is still in the process of finalising dates and venues for our annual Past Player & Official reunions for 2020, to be held again in both Melbourne and Brisbane.

There is also the potential of hosting **two (2)** events in each state this year, depending on room availability.

The matches that have been loosely earmarked for the QLD reunions include our games against Gold Coast (Round 1) and West Coast (Round 21) at the Gabba.

Stay tuned for more information...

Past Player Membership

Have you signed up as a member of the Brisbane Lions Past Players & Officials Association yet?

Membership is just \$20 annually, and includes a range of benefits including FREE entry into our reunion functions.

All funds received go directly back to servicing, supporting, and subsidising our past player events and initiatives.

Life Members of the Club automatically receive life membership of the Past Players & Officials.

[CLICK HERE](#) to sign up today!



Welcome Sons of Guns

The sons of some former Club greats spent some time at the Gabba last week as part of the Brisbane Lions Academy's Father-Son program.

Levi and Will Ashcroft (sons of three-time premierships player **Marcus Ashcroft**) and Jaspa Fletcher (son of former Bear/Lion **Adrian Fletcher**) were invited to get a taste of the professional football environment.

The Club will no doubt be following their progress closely in the hope that they can potentially follow in their famous fathers' footsteps in the future.



Best Game-Winners

As we enter a new decade, Lions TV felt it appropriate to reflect back on some of the Club's most memorable game-winning moments of the past 10 years (2010-2019).

The video highlights some unforgettable moments featuring players such as **Brendan Fevola**, **Jonathan Brown**, **Niall McKeever**, **James Polkinghorne**, **Lincoln McCarthy**, and of course the passage of play that led to **Ash McGrath's** game-winner in his 200th game.

[CLICK HERE](#) to watch the video

Wanted: Fitzroy Photos

The newest addition to the Fitzroy-Brisbane Lions Historical Society Museum at Marvel Stadium features individual headshots of *nearly* all senior players that played with Fitzroy from 1897-1996. It's truly a sight to behold.

But there are still 193 photos that are yet to be sourced, largely of players from the earlier decades.

If you think you might be able to help the Club find these rare images to add to the display, we will happily provide you with a list of the photos we're trying to track down.



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Brisbane Lions Past Players & Officials
(incorporating Fitzroy & Bears)
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Past Players Golf Day

The 2020 AFL Combined Past Players' Golf Day is being hosted at Settlers Run Golf Club in Cranbourne on Friday 17 April from 8:15am.

Last year, it was the Lions' team of **Chris Waterson**, **Kevin O'Keeffe**, **Neville Taylor** and **Rob Allen** that claimed first prize. I suspect the foursome will be eager to again line up and defend their title.

Be sure to get your group together for a fun-filled day.

[CLICK HERE](#) to view the event flyer



Fitzroy FC in the VAFA

The Fitzroy Football Club (incorporating the Fitzroy Reds) boast a number of men's and women's teams in the largest community football competition in Australia - the Victorian Amateur Football Association (VAFA).

The Roys host their home games at Fitzroy's spiritual ground, the Brunswick Street Oval, and are currently seeking support ahead of their 2020 campaign - by way of players, coaches, and members.

[CLICK HERE](#) to visit the Fitzroy FC website

Keating and Merrett

With less than three weeks until the 2020 AFLW season kicks-off, Brisbane Lions AFLW Assistant Coaches (and ex-Lions players) **Clark Keating** and **Daniel Merrett** gave fans an exclusive insight into their coaching practices by agreeing to be mic'd up at a recent training session.

Former Bear **Craig Starcevich** will sit at the helm of the AFLW side for the fourth straight season, while fellow ex-players **Brent Staker** and **Simon Black** are also involved.

[CLICK HERE](#) to watch the video



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