



# NEWSLETTER

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The world is entering an unprecedented age with the COVID-19 virus threatening our way of life as we know it.

The impact is being felt by everyone - including the AFL community. But the game, and society in general, will get through this latest challenge. What's most important is that we all stay healthy and look after one another.

For any past player-related queries or questions, please email us at [pastplayers@lions.com.au](mailto:pastplayers@lions.com.au)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**NB:** All scheduled Past Player & Official events and reunions have been postponed until further notice due to the COVID-19 virus precautions.

All guests who had booked and paid for tickets to the Melbourne Reunion will be contacted in the coming weeks to discuss options.



## Game On!

The AFL and AFLW seasons will continue in the face of the Coronavirus crisis - albeit with some modifications.

The Brisbane Lions fully support the AFL's decision, and look forward to participating in two crowd-less matches in Melbourne this Sunday.

Lions CEO Greg Swann said the Club would be taking precautions to ensure the health and wellbeing of their players and staff.

[CLICK HERE](#) for the full story

## Reunions Postponed

As you can probably respect, all Past Player & Official events have been postponed until further notice due to the concerns surrounding the Coronavirus.

In this current era of uncertainty, the Club will continue to monitor the situation and advise should circumstances change in the future.

Until then, we remain committed to keeping our past players and officials engaged with relevant communication surrounding the Club.



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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## Friends Become Foes

Ex-Hawthorn premiership player **Grant Birchall** will make his Brisbane Lions debut against his former side this Sunday at the MCG.

Birchall will don the #14 guernsey with the Lions - the same number he wore in 232 matches with Hawks from 2006.

The #14 locker at the Gabba carries the names of four ex-Fitzroy 100-gamers who each have a place in club history – Wally Johnson (190 games), Barry Padley (159), Tommy Williams (136) and Mathew Armstrong (132).



## Browny & Bulldog Mural

The Brisbane Lions have unveiled a mural in the heart of Fitzroy featuring past greats **Kevin 'Bulldog' Murray** and **Jonathan Brown**.

The mural was completed by street artist Damien Arena, and is located on the Alexandra Parade side of the Royal Derby Hotel (cnr Brunswick Street) - only a couple of kicks away from the Brunswick Street Oval!

Be sure to check it out next time you're in Fitzroy.

[CLICK HERE](#) for the full story

## Memberships Available

Even though our Past Player & Officials events have been postponed for the foreseeable future, we have still been receiving memberships over the past week.

Thanks to all those who continue to support us in these troubling times.

Some of our newly signed-up past players include: **Steven Stretch**, **David O'Keeffe**, and **Renato Serafini**.

Membership is still available for just \$20.

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





## Lyon Joins Media

Former Fitzroy and Brisbane Bears player **Ross Lyon** will be prevalent in the football media this season, after joining afl.com.au, Triple M, and Channel 9 as an expert commentator.

The former Senior Coach of St Kilda and Fremantle debuted on Channel 9's Footy Classified this month, where he gave valuable insights into the game.

He has also returned to Twitter, and you can stay in touch with his thoughts by following him [@RealRossLyon](https://twitter.com/RealRossLyon)



## Women in Finals

The Brisbane Lions AFLW side will compete in its third finals series in four seasons starting this weekend.

In response to the COVID-19 outbreak, the final two matches of the AFLW regular season were cancelled, with the top four teams from each conference advancing immediately to the final series.

The Lions will face Carlton in an elimination match this Sunday at 1:10pm at Ikon Park.

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

## Vale Warren Robilliard

The Brisbane Lions are deeply saddened by the passing of long-time Clubman **Warren Robilliard**.

Warren maintained a long and strong association with the Club, from back in the Fitzroy days where he was part of the Welfare Committee that looked after a host of players such as **Lee Murnane**, **Glenn Coleman**, and **Brian Brown**.

He continued his support of the merged Brisbane Lions, where he was part of the Past Players & Officials Association, the Gold Lions, and Lion Hunters coterie.



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