



NEWSLETTER

Thursday 13 May 2021

There's been plenty happening around the Club since our most recent Past Players & Officials Update, headlined by the Brisbane Lions women's side claiming their maiden AFLW premiership!

Meanwhile, the senior men's team sits 5th on the AFL ladder after Round 8, on the back of four straight wins.

Please see below our latest headlines relevant to our past players and officials.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sat 19 JUNE: VIC Reunion

Marvel Stadium, Docklands

Time TBC

Stay tuned for further details

Fri 20 AUG: Historical Society Dinner

Veneto Club, Bulleen

From 6:30pm

Stay tuned for further details



Queens of the Jungle

It was a case of third time lucky for the Brisbane Lions women's side, who claimed their first ever AFLW premiership with a hard-fought win over Adelaide in the Grand Final.

It was due reward for Coach **Craig Starcevich** and his team, who had twice previously lost the AFLW decider by 6 points.

Kate Lutkins was awarded the best on ground medal with a phenomenal performance in defence.

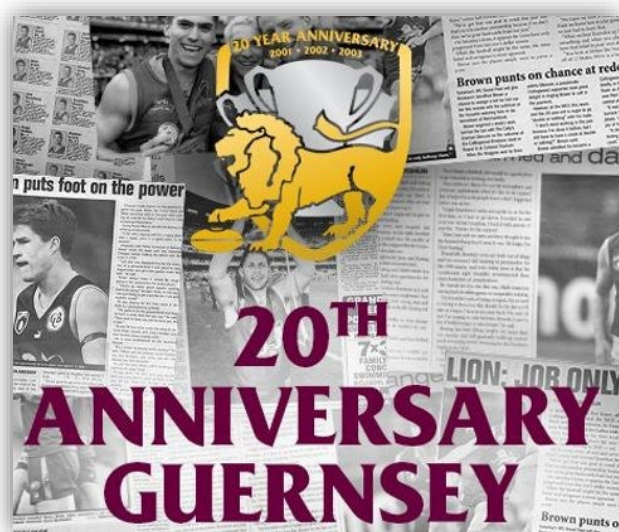
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Anniversary Guernsey

Back in Round 5 against Essendon at the Gabba, the Brisbane Lions donned a special guernsey to commemorate the 20-year anniversary of the Club's 2001 premiership triumph.

The jumper featured a image of the premiership-winning team, with the MCG as a backdrop. The premiership players' names also featured in the number, and the game details and score are included on the inside of the collar.

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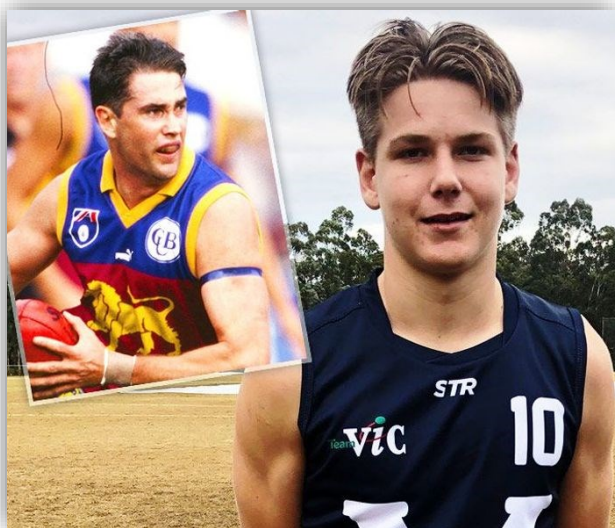
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Reunion Functions

Thanks to all those Fitzroy/Bears/Lions past players and officials who attended our reunion function at the Gabba last month at the Essendon game.

Our annual reunion function in Melbourne looks set to be held at the Round 14 clash between the Lions and North Melbourne at Marvel Stadium. Invites will be sent once the fixture is confirmed.

The Club is also planning a separate get-together for the 2001 Brisbane Lions players and coaches, to be held in Melbourne during Grand Final week.



Father/Son Prospect

Will Ashcroft - the son of triple-premiership-winning Brisbane Lions star **Marcus Ashcroft** - is developing into a potential AFL draft prospect.

Scouts are already raving about the 183cm midfielder, who has impressed with his professionalism and commitment.

Ashcroft isn't eligible to be drafted until 2022, but can choose to nominate the Lions under the father/son rule should he desire.

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

Two New Debuts

Jaxon Prior (#20) and **James Madden** (#42) became the latest players to represent the Club in a senior match - taking the total number of players to 1,467 (incorporating Fitzroy, Bears and Lions).

Prior, the son of former Essendon defender Michael Prior, has inherited the #20 guernsey most notably worn by Brownlow Medallist **Simon Black**, while Irish recruit Madden dons the #42 worn most prominently by **Justin Clarke** and **Tristan Lynch**.



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Fitzroy's Final Season

2021 marks 25 years since Fitzroy played its final season in the VFL/AFL, and plans are currently in motion to bring the 1996 team back together at an event in Melbourne.

It may not be the most celebrated time, but it remains a significant year in our now combined Club's history and we feel as though the players and staff should be acknowledged as such.

We're hoping to track the majority of players down and get a decent turn-out later in the year.



Merger Book Launch

Writer **William Westerman** will be officially launching his new book, *Merger*, on Wednesday 2 June from 6:30pm at the North Fitzroy Arms Hotel.

As the title suggests, the book is based around Fitzroy's 1996 season and the events that preceded, and followed, the announcement of the merger.

If you're interested in attending the launch of *Merger*, please email Ben at info@melbournebooks.com.au by 21 May as attendance is limited.

Past Players Membership

The Brisbane Lions Past Players & Officials has reached record membership levels in 2021, but there is still plenty of room to grow.

A big thanks to all those that have signed up recent, including the likes of **Shane Morrison, Tom Kavanagh, Peter Keays, Gary Lazarus, Danny Craven** and **Paul Broderick** to name a few.

[CLICK HERE](#) to sign-up for just \$20 and help us continue to fund all our past player and officials activities.



DID YOU KNOW...?

Eight Fitzroy players headed North to help form the newly merged Brisbane Lions side in 1997, while a further 14 players from Fitzroy's 1996 team went on to play a senior AFL game with other Clubs.





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Lester's Life Membership

Brisbane Lions Vice-Captain **Ryan Lester** will line-up for his 150th senior AFL match in this Saturday's QClash against the Gold Coast.

Lester will, in turn, automatically qualify for Club Life Membership given he has also spent more than a decade at the Lions.

He becomes the first player in combined Club history to wear the #35 in 150 matches.

[CLICK HERE](#) to read about his milestone



Golfers Go Back-to-Back

The Brisbane Lions made it back-to-back victories at the AFL Combined Past Players & Officials Golf Day held at Settler's Run in Melbourne last month.

The team of **Rob Allen**, **Neville Taylor**, **Chris Waterson** and **Graeme Williamson** defended their title from 2019, and already have their sights on a Three Peat in 2022!

A big thanks to the other participants who represented the Club on the day, including **Ross Thornton**, **Ken Woolley**, **Norm Hillier** and **John Hayes**.

Business Directory

The Brisbane Lions have commenced production on a Business Directory designed solely for our members of the past players and officials group to advertise their business or service across this network.

So whether you're looking for a builder, lawyer, or real estate agent, we recommend you browse the directory and support your fellow Lions where possible. You can be part of the Directory by emailing pastplayers@lions.com.au

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