



NEWSLETTER

Tuesday 1 June 2021

The Brisbane Lions are on a roll, winning seven straight matches to elevate themselves to third on the AFL ladder at the halfway point of the season.

Meanwhile, COVID-19 continues to cause fixturing headaches, with Melbourne amidst another lockdown.

The Club is still forging ahead with planning for events and activities for past players and officials, however we're also prepared to adapt and change as necessary.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Fri 4 JUNE: Historical Society Event
Wilston Grange FC, Stafford
From 6:00pm
[FULL DETAILS](#)

Sat 19 JUNE: VIC Reunion
Marvel Stadium, Docklands
From 3:00pm
[FULL DETAILS](#)



Indigenous Guernsey

The Brisbane Lions' 2021 Indigenous guernsey worn against the Giants last weekend was designed by none other than former premiership star **Chris Johnson**.

As the last player from the Fitzroy era, Johnson's story traces back through the Club's Indigenous, Fitzroy and premiership history.

The clash version (white) of the guernsey will be worn this Friday night against Melbourne.

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

The Long Walk

One of the Brisbane Lions' most unassuming, genuine champions **Michael McLean** led about 300 fans on the Long Walk to the Gabba on Saturday.

'Magic' addressed the enthusiastic throng of Lions faithful before they departed South Bank on a walk of solidarity designed to celebrate the contribution to the game of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander players and keep the plight of Indigenous peoples firmly on the national agenda.

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Joe Johnson's Legacy

Joe Johnson was player #92 on the all-time Fitzroy playing list. A dashing half back turned half forward who starred in defence in the club's 1904 premiership side and in attack when they won the flag again in 1905.

But he was much, much more. He was a footballing pioneer. The AFL's first Indigenous player.

Johnson was the first ever Indigenous player to play senior VFL football, and will forever hold a place in football history.

[CLICK HERE](#) for the full story



Indigenous History

A total of **44** Indigenous players have represented the Brisbane Lions in a senior match throughout the Club's combined 135-year VFL/AFL history (incorporating Fitzroy and the Bears).

A full list of players is provided in the attached image.

The Club celebrated ALL its Indigenous players - both past and present - and vowed to actively address issues of inequality, systemic racism, and instances in which the rights of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples are ignored, denied, or reduced.



Sir Doug Nicholls' Story

The annual AFL Indigenous Round is appropriately named after Sir Doug Nicholls - who played 54 games for Fitzroy from 1932-37. But VFL football was but a small part of Sir Doug's journey.

He epitomised the spirit of reconciliation, was the first Aboriginal person to be knighted, served as Governor of South Australia, and was devoted to the wellbeing of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

[CLICK HERE](#) to watch his story



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Past Players and Officials

Incorporating Fitzroy and Bears

Melbourne Reunion

The Club is forging ahead with plans for our annual Melbourne-based reunion function, scheduled for **Saturday 19 June at Marvel Stadium**.

Entry is FREE for all members of the past players and officials, and \$50 for non-members and guests.

At this stage we're only taking RSVPs (not processing payments) in the event that it DOES go ahead.

So please let us know if you can make it!

[CLICK HERE](#) for full details



Beama, Stakes and Corey

Past players **Brent Moloney**, **Brent Staker**, and **Corey Bell** will be guests at the Historical Society's function in Brisbane THIS Friday 4 June.

The event will be held at the Wilston Grange Football Club (where Moloney is senior coach) in conjunction with the Lions' Round 12 clash with Melbourne - which will be broadcast live on their big screen.

We encourage all past players and officials to join us!

[CLICK HERE](#) to for full details

Remembering 2001

To celebrate the 20-year anniversary of the 2001 season, Lions TV has been going back in time to re-live some of the memorable matches from that season.

Featured recently was the Lions' 33-point win over Richmond at the Gabba - the team's 10th straight on their road to the premiership.

Daniel Bradshaw booted a team-high five goals, while **Alastair Lynch** and **Robert Copeland** added three each.

[CLICK HERE](#) to watch the highlights



Become a member of the
Brisbane Lions Past Players & Officials
(incorporating Fitzroy & Bears)

for just \$20 annually

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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

[CLICK HERE](#) to view the Business Directory



Get On Greg.

Former Bears player **Simon Luhrs** is about to launch a brand new business called 'Greg', which is designed to improve men's lives through physical activity and social connection.

Users of Greg will form a community of likeminded guys eager to get out of the house, get fit, connect with mates, try new things, get advice or reach out after a tough day.

We encourage all past players and officials to help support this innovative new platform, created by one of our own!

[CLICK HERE](#) to learn more

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 recently, including the likes of **Steve Pryor, Don Whitford, John Duckworth, Michael Coates, Wayne Lamb, and Wayne Linton** 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.

