



NEWSLETTER

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Football season is certainly back in full swing!

While the Brisbane Lions senior men's team prepare for their 2022 AFL season opener against Port Adelaide at the Gabba this Saturday night, the Club's women's side are set to commence another AFLW Finals campaign in a bid to secure back-to-back premierships.

Please see below a host of other news items that we feel are relevant for our past players and officials.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Club is planning on hosting reunion events surrounding Brisbane Lions matches in both Queensland and Victoria in 2022.

We will communicate plans to our past players and officials as soon as details have been confirmed with the respective venues.

We look forward to inviting you back to the football at some stage throughout the 2022 season.



'All In' For 2022

The Brisbane Lions will kick-off their 2022 AFL Premiership campaign this Saturday night at the Gabba.

After dropping each of their last two Round One matches (in 2020 and 2021), the team is determined to get off to a better start this season.

Standing in the Lions' this weekend will be fellow premiership fancies, Port Adelaide.

[CLICK HERE](#) to see our Round 1 team

Can They Do It Again?

The Brisbane Lions' all-conquering AFLW side have shown no signs of a premiership hangover in 2022, finishing third at the end of the regular season.

The women will be attempting to make history as the first AFLW team to go back-to-back.

But first they'll need to get past Collingwood in a COVID-postponed Qualifying Final to be played in Queensland.

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In Memoriam

The Brisbane Lions players will wear black armbands this Saturday night as mark of respect for the past players/officials who sadly passed away over the off-season.

They include Historical Society Chairman and Hall of Famer **Arthur Wilson**, former Fitzroy player, Senior Coach, and Life Member, **Graham Campbell**, ex-Brisbane Lions Rookie, **Jeff Cooper**, and long-time Melbourne-based support staff member, **Brian Cleary**.

We will remember them and their contribution to the Club.



Vale Arthur Wilson

The Brisbane Lions mourned the loss of Club stalwart and Hall of Famer **Arthur Wilson**, who passed away peacefully last December, aged 90.

Wilson made an outstanding contribution to the game of Australian Rules Football – and more specifically, to Fitzroy and the Brisbane Lions, with whom he passionately served for more than 50 years.

He will be sorely missed.

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

Vale Graham Campbell

The Brisbane Lions lost another important Club figure earlier this year, with former player, senior coach, and Life Member, **Graham Campbell**, passing away aged 85.

Campbell has the rare of honour of being part of Fitzroy's Night Premiership as a player in 1959, before helping steer the Club to another Night Premiership in 1978 as coach.

He also claimed a WAFL Premiership as senior coach of West Perth in 1975.

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



Corrie Returns

14 years after playing his last game for the Brisbane Lions, **Anthony Corrie** has returned to the Gabba in 2022 to undertake the role of Indigenous Welfare Manager for our AFL and AFLW teams.

Corrie - who played 53 games and kicked 48 goals with the Club in five seasons from 2004-2008, will also work across all areas of the Club continuing the work in our Indigenous Community Space.

Welcome back Anthony!



Queensland Floods

The Brisbane Lions' thoughts go out to all past players and officials who were affected by the recent floods across Queensland and northern New South Wales.

Past players **Claye Beams** and **Ryan Harwood** were directly affected by the disaster, as were current-day members of the Lions' AFLW team, **Emily Bates** and **Emma Zielke**.

The Club also understands that a number of past players around Brisbane and the Gold Coast were active in the community clean-up.

2022 Membership

You can join the Brisbane Lions Past Players & Officials (incorporating Fitzroy and Bears) for only \$20.

With a host of benefits, it's a cost-effective way to stay engaged with your former Club and ex-teammates.

We welcomed some new members over the off-season, including former Fitzroy forward **John McCarthy**.

Further details will be supplied soon on how you can sign-up as a member for this year via a new online portal.



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Bates' Big Year

Star Brisbane Lions AFLW midfielder **Emily Bates** became the first player at the club to be awarded the AFL Coaches Association Champion Player of the Year.

Bates polled 74 votes to take out the Coaches Award ahead of Anne Hatchard (Adel) and Ash Riddell (NM).

"From where we stand, she's the epitome of the Brisbane Lions in how she prepares and how she plays," AFLW coach Craig Starcevich said.

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50-Game Milestones

The Brisbane Lions celebrated three significant 50-game celebrations in the AFLW recently, with Head Coach **Craig Starcevich** and midfielders **Ally Anderson** and **Emily Bates** notching up the milestone after six seasons.

Starcevich became the first ever AFLW head coach to reach 50 games, and is one of just two inaugural coaches still at the helm. On the way to 50, Starcevich has led his Lions to 32 wins, four finals series and a premiership.

[CLICK HERE](#) to read about the achievement

COVID Contingencies

With COVID set to run rampant this season, the AFL has allowed each Club an extended 'contingency list' of players from second-tier competitions to call upon if required.

A number of ex-Lions are among those who may get called upon as top-ups, including: **Corey Lyons** (Adel), **Toby Wooller** (Carl), **Hugh Beasley** (Haw) - as well as some ex-players' sons, including: **Casey Voss** (son of Michael), **Lachlan Johnson** (Chris) and **Bailey Lambert** (Craig).

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