



NEWSLETTER

Thursday 21 April 2022

For the first time since 2019, the AFL Premiership Season has survived it's opening month without lockdowns or last-minute fixture changes.

Other COVID-related issues still linger, however, with clubs forced to manage player and coach unavailability due to infections and close contacts.

Please see below a some of the latest news from the Club that is 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.

A special 20-year anniversary function is also being coordinated for those individuals who were part of the Lions' 2002 premiership triumph.



Promising Start

After the first five rounds of the 2022 AFL Premiership season, the Brisbane Lions sit third on the ladder with a 4-1 record - the team's only loss coming at the hands of Geelong at GMHBA Stadium in Round 4.

Joe Daniher (pictured) has kicked the equal most goals in the competition (16), while **Lachie Neale** looks to be back to his Brownlow Medal-winning form.

The Lions face the SUNS this Sunday at Metricon Stadium.

[CLICK HERE](#) for a preview of Sunday's game

Membership

All ex-players and officials from Fitzroy, Bears, and the Brisbane Lions can sign-up as a member of the Brisbane Lions Past Players.

Membership is just \$20 and includes a range of benefits - including free admission into our annual reunion functions.

NB: Club Life Members automatically receive membership to the Brisbane Lions Past Players as well.

We appreciate your support.

[CLICK HERE](#) for details on how you can sign up



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

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Vale Kevin Elms

The Brisbane Lions are mourning the loss of long-time trainer and Life Member, **Kevin Elms**, who sadly passed away on Easter Monday.

The funeral for 'Elmsy' will be held at the Joyce Chapel Fawkner Cemetery next Wednesday 27 April at 11:45am.

The Club extends its sincerest condolences to Elms' wife Alice, his children Tracey, Bill and Kevin Jr, and all past players/officials who had the pleasure of knowing him.

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



Vale Tom Reynolds

The Brisbane Lions are also mourning the loss of former Club Director - the Honourable **Thomas Reynolds** - who passed away last month aged 85.

After a prominent political career with the Victorian State Government, Tom was elected as to the Lions Board in 2001 and spent six seasons (and three premierships) as a Club Director. He also sat on the AFL Hall of Fame selection committee.

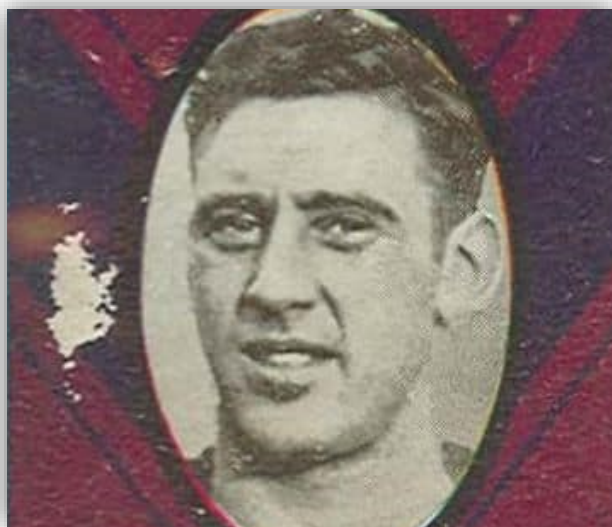
He remained a passionate Fitzroy/Lions member and advocate right until his passing.

First Club 200-Gamer

In the lead-up to Lachie Neale's 200-game milestone last week, **Peter Blucher** published a terrific feature on Fitzroy's **Frank Curcio** - the first player in Club history to reach the double-century.

Francis Eduardo Curcio, known simply as Frank, was a man with an unlikely mix of elite talents. He was a tough as nails Fitzroy footballer and an acclaimed bass violinist. And he did both especially well.

[CLICK HERE](#) to read the full feature on Frank Curcio



Reunion Functions

The Club is close to finalising details surrounding our annual past player and official reunion functions for 2022.

Full details will be distributed once confirmed.

Members of the Brisbane Lions Past Players receive free entry into these events, with guests/partners welcome at cost price.

Plans are also in place for a special 20-year premiership anniversary function - likely to be held in Melbourne during the AFL Grand Final week.



Lohmann Debuts

The Brisbane Lions blooded their first AFL debutant for the season last Thursday night when **Kai Lohmann** lined up against Collingwood at the Gabba.

Lohmann became the 1,472nd player to represent the Club (Fitzroy and Bears included).

He donned the #1 guernsey made famous at the Club by the likes of **Kevin Murray** (Fitzroy), **Paul Roos** (Fitzroy), and **Richard Champion** (Bears/Lions).

[CLICK HERE](#) to watch Kai's post-match interview

Round 6 Memories

A 19-year-old **Jonathan Brown** officially 'arrived' on the AFL scene in Round 6 of 2001 when he booted seven goals against Geelong at the Gabba.

Another memorable Round 6 included the Brisbane Lions' first match for premiership points outside of Australia, when they faced St Kilda in Wellington (NZ) on Anzac Day.

The team's victory over the Saints also gave Hall of Famer **Justin Leppitsch** his first win as Senior Coach.

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AFLW Heartbreak

The Brisbane Lions came agonisingly close to a fourth AFL Grand Final appearance in 2022, but ultimately fell 4 points short against Melbourne in the Preliminary Final.

The match was made even more significant as it was the first competitive AFLW hit-out played at the MCG.

Sadly the narrow defeat brought an end to the team's dream of back-to-back premierships.

There's no doubt the disappointment will fuel the team's desire as the approach the next AFLW season.



Bates' Highest Honour

AFLW star **Emily Bates** was awarded the AFLW's highest honour - the AFLW Best and Fairest - at the W awards held in Melbourne.

Bates becomes the first Lions AFLW player to receive the prestigious award and only the 11th player in the Club's history (AFL or AFLW) to win their respective competition's Best and Fairest medal.

She also claimed her third Club Best & Fairest award.

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Flashback - Leon Harris

Lions.com.au recently had a look back at for Fitzroy player **Leon Harris'** debut match with Fitzroy against Essendon at Windy Hill in Round 5 1979.

Harris remembers it well. Fitzroy won 25.22 (172) to 10.16 (76). **Bob Beecroft** kicked seven goals, **Bernie Quinlan** six and **Max Richardson** four.

Garry Wilson topped the possession count with 34 and **Graeme 'Gubby' Allan** had 32.

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