



# NEWSLETTER

Monday 2 May 2022

Time is flying! Somehow our calendars have ticked over to May and we're already one third of the way through the 2022 AFL home-and-away season.

With public COVID restrictions seemingly behind us now, there has been plenty happening both on the field and behind-the-scenes at the Brisbane Lions.

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

The Brisbane Lions sit second on the AFL ladder having won six of their first seven matches this season.

In fact, it's the Club's best start to a season since 2002.

This Saturday night against West Coast at the Gabba, the Lions will be hoping to emulate the feats of both the 1996 Bears and 1983 Fitzroy sides by winning seven of their first eight matches of the season.

[CLICK HERE](#) to read our Round 7 match report

## New Members

A big thanks to all those who joined the Brisbane Lions Past Players & Officials in the past couple of weeks.

Some of our newer members include the likes of ex-Lions **Richard Hadley**, **Trent Knobel**, and **Phil Smith**.

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.

[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:

• Health and Wellbeing • Financial Prosperity • Continued Education • Social Connections

Find out how you can join by contacting AFLPA Head of Alumni **Tim Harrington**:

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## Farewell 'Elmsy'

It was no surprise to see a huge crowd turn out to pay their respects to long-time trainer **Kevin Elms**, who sadly passed away last month.

It was terrific to see such a large number of past players and officials from generations of Fitzroy and Brisbane Lions teams in attendance, including **James Wynd, Jason Baldwin, Simon Hawking, Chris Johnson, Martin Pike, Luke Power, Michael Voss** and countless others.

**Jonathan Brown** played a key role in the funeral service as one of the pall-bearers.



## Kevin Murray Stand

The grandstand at the Brunswick Street Oval will officially be known as the **Kevin Murray Stand** at Fitzroy FC home VAFA matches moving forward.

It's a terrific acknowledgement for a true Club Legend, who played his first ever match at the venue on 7 May 1955.

All Past Players are invited to attend the official unveiling of the Kevin Murray Stand THIS Saturday 7 May when Fitzroy host the University Blacks at the Brunswick St Oval.

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

## Round 7 Heroes

Back in Round 7 of 1991, Bears defender **Martin Leslie** had a career-high 38 disposals in a game against Melbourne at the MCG.

It remains the most disposals ever recorded by a Brisbane player (Bears/Lions) in a Round 7 match.

Current Lions midfield star **Lachie Neale** finished just one disposal shy of achieving this mark with 37 touches against the Sydney Swans yesterday evening.

[CLICK HERE](#) to read some more Round 7 history







# Past Players and Officials

Incorporating Fitzroy and Bears

## Brighton Homes Arena

The Brisbane Lions' new home - the Brighton Homes Arena - is expected to be operational by the end of the 2022 AFL Premiership Season.

Once completed, the facility located in Springfield will replace the Gabba as the Club's new state-of-the-art training and administration base.

We look forward to taking our past players and officials on a tour of the facility soon!

[CLICK HERE](#) to view the Photo Gallery



## Another Three-Peat

Congratulations to ex-Fitzroy players **Kevin O'Keeffe**, **Chris Waterson**, **Neville Taylor**, and former Reserves Team Manager **Rob Allen** who claimed their third successive title at the Combined Past Players & Officials Golf Day held at Settler's Run last Friday.

**Ken Woolley** and **Norm Harper** were among the other past players/officials who participated at the annual event.

Hopefully the 'Dream Team' can return in 2023 for a crack at four-in-a-row. That's to say the Combined Past Players invite them back to play...

## Ossie On Board

The Club is pleased to advise that former Fitzroy Captain and 2019 Hall of Fame inductee **Richard Osborne** has attended recent meetings with the Combined AFL Past Players & Officials Association as a delegate of the Brisbane Lions (incorporating Bears and Fitzroy).

He has joined **Ken Woolley** in helping present some ideas for better engagement with past players and officials.

All past players/officials are encouraged to email us at anytime with feedback/ideas - [pastplayers@lions.com.au](mailto:pastplayers@lions.com.au)



Become a member of the  
Brisbane Lions Past Players & Officials  
(incorporating Fitzroy & Bears)  
for just \$20 annually

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## Reserves Flag Returned

Fitzroy's 1974 Reserves premiership flag will soon be on display in the Historical Society Museum housed at Marvel Stadium after it was returned to the Club last week.

The reserves premiership team featured a host of famous Fitzroy names, including **Chris Smith**, **Renato Serafini**, **Shane Molloy**, **David McMahon**, **Norm Dare**, and of course coach **Graham Campbell** - to name but a few.

The Historical Society will host a Museum Open Day soon in Melbourne to unveil its latest items.



## Dead-Eye Fort

Brisbane Lions ruck recruit **Darcy Fort** apparently set a new record yesterday for the most consecutive goals to start a career before kicking a behind.

Fort's second-quarter goal was the 12th of his career without a blemish, which is apparently the most ever recorded (at least since 1999).

He surpassed Essendon duo Zach Merrett and Will Snelling, as well as former Swans/Crows player Ryan Fitzgerald, who were previously tied on 11 apiece.

## Fitzroy Flashback

Lions.com.au recently had a look back at Fitzroy's biggest ever win and score against neighbouring rivals, Collingwood, back in Round 7 of 1985.

**Bernie Quinlan** kicked four goals, while **Richard Osborne** and **Shane Halas** booted three apiece.

Centreman **Billy Lokan** earned the three Brownlow votes, with ruckman **Mark Scott** (two votes) and **Paul Roos** (one vote) rounding out the best players.

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



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