



NEWSLETTER

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Despite dropping two of their past three matches against Hawthorn and Fremantle, the Brisbane Lions still sit second on the AFL ladder with a 9-3 record.

In fact, it's the equal best return from any Brisbane Lions team after 12 matches since the 1997 merger - matching the Club's feats from 2002 and 2004.

Please find below some of the relevant news items and that might be of interest to our past players and officials.

UPCOMING EVENTS

SUN 26 JUNE

Historical Society Museum Open Day

Arthur Wilson Room, Marvel Stadium
From 11am - 1pm

SAT 23 JUNE

Reunion Function (QLD)

RD 19 - Brisbane Lions v Gold Coast
Venue TBC, The Gabba
From 5pm (match starts at 7:10pm)



Finals Come Early?

The Brisbane Lions' clash against third-placed Fremantle in Perth last Sunday was the first of three straight matches against fellow top five sides.

The Lions will host fifth-placed St Kilda this Saturday night at the Gabba before heading to the MCG in Round 15 to face reigning Premiers and ladder-leaders Melbourne.

The schedule presents a great opportunity for the Lions to test themselves against some of the other Finals aspirants ahead of a difficult run home to September.

Kevin Murray Stand

Fitzroy FC recently unveiled the new 'Kevin Murray Stand' at the Brunswick Street Oval, in honour of the Club Legend, games record-holder and Brownlow Medallist.

The stand will be recognised at all future Fitzroy FC VAFA home games at the famous venue.

Although Murray's health precluded him from attending the official unveiling, a host of former Fitzroy players turned out to celebrate the occasion.

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Indigenous Guernsey

How good did the Brisbane Lions' 2022 Indigenous guernsey - designed by triple premiership star **Darryl White** - look in Rounds 10 and 11?

"It was an honour to get the call up and an honour to represent my people on the guernsey for the club that I played for," White said.

"I finally got my chance and I absolutely love it and hope everyone else does as well."

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20-Year Reunion

It was great to see 2002 premiership player **Des Headland** in Brisbane recently as part of the Club's activities surrounding Sir Doug Nicholls Round.

During his time at the Gabba, Headland was reunited with the 2002 Premiership Cup that he helped deliver to the Club.

"Geez I missed you darling it's been 20 years," he tweeted.

To help celebrate the 20-year anniversary of the Lions' 2002 premiership triumph, the Club will be coordinating a private reunion function for players and officials later this year.

In Memoriam

The Brisbane Lions recognise the contributions of former Fitzroy player **Gordon Proudfoot** and President **Frank Bibby** following their recent passing.

Proudfoot, who played five senior matches with Fitzroy from 1954-55, passed away aged 92. He was the 701st player to represent the Club in a senior game.

Bibby (pictured) spent five seasons as Fitzroy President from 1976-80, and was awarded Club Life Membership.

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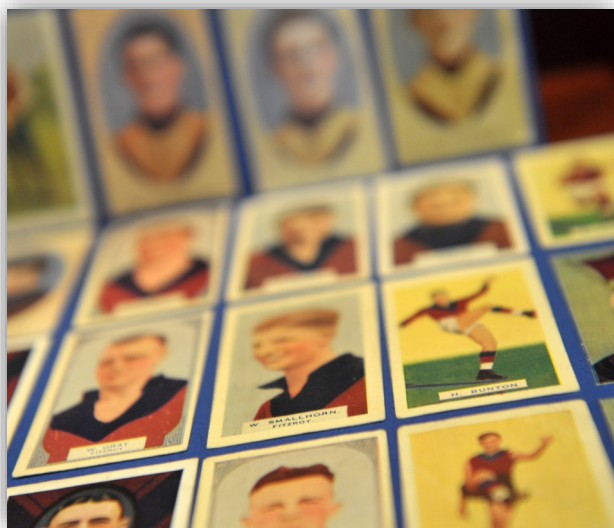
QLD Reunion Function

The Club can confirm that it's annual reunion event in QLD will be held on **Saturday 23 July** surrounding the team's Round 19 clash against Gold Coast at the Gabba.

An official invitation with full details will be sent to all past players and officials soon via email.

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

We are also hoping to lock in a date for our VIC reunion function once the AFL fixture is finalised.



Museum Open Day

All Past Players & Officials are welcome to visit the Fitzroy-Brisbane Lions Historical Society Museum housed at Marvel Stadium on **Sunday 26 June** from 11am-1pm.

The event will be the Museum's first public Open Day since it was closed over COVID. A range of new items will be unveiled for the first time, including a Haydn Bunton guernsey and Fitzroy's 1944 premiership cup.

If you would like to attend the event, or would like further details, then please email pastplayers@lions.com.au

Bell of Broadbeach

Former Bear **Corey Bell** proudly watched from the sidelines as his son Mitch Bell made his long-awaited senior debut with Broadbeach in the QAFL State League recently.

A former member of the Gold Coast Suns Academy, Bell's persistence finally paid off after spending two years trying to break into the high quality Broadbeach side.

Bell went on to play a 50-point win over Morningside in his QAFL debut. Our best wishes for mitch, and the entire Bell family, for the remainder of the season.



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Legacy Contributions

A big thanks to all those Brisbane Lions Past Players & Officials who have contributed towards the Club's new home at Springfield via the Lions Legacy Project.

More than **\$5,000** has been contributed collectively by this group, with particularly generous donations from a couple of past players from Fitzroy and the Bears.

Please email bstaker@lions.com.au if you would like to contribute towards the Past Player & Officials' donation.

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Facebook Community

If you're a Facebook user, we strongly encourage you to join the official Brisbane Lions Past Players & Officials page.

The page is **private** (for past players and officials only) and can provide a forum for you to share stories, communicate with former teammates/colleagues or keep up-to-date with other news and events.

A total of 96 members have currently joined, but we're hoping to build on this

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Membership Pins

Thanks to all who have continued to support the Past Players & Officials by becoming an official member. Membership is just \$20 and includes a range of benefits - including free admission into our annual reunion functions.

It has come to our attention that a number of our new members never received their membership pin (or it was lost/stolen in the post). If this is the case, please email us and we will send you another. We appreciate your support.

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