



NEWSLETTER

Monday 29 August 2022

The Brisbane Lions have qualified for their fourth consecutive AFL Finals Series - finishing the season in sixth place with a 15-7 win/loss record.

It sets up an Elimination Final against Richmond at the Gabba this Thursday 1 September - the third Finals encounter between the two teams since 2019!

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

FRI 16 SEPT

AFLCPP&OA Medallist Lunch

Park Hyatt, Melbourne

From 12pm

SAT 24 SEPT

2022 Toyota AFL Grand Final

MCG, Melbourne

From 2:30pm



Ex-Lions In September

A host of former Lions players will also play a key roles with rival Clubs both on and off the field this September.

Chris Scott, Nigel Lappin and Shane O'Bree (Geelong), **Mark Williams and Gary Pert** (Melbourne), **Lewis Taylor** (Sydney), **Craig McRae, Justin Leppitsch and Jack Crisp** (Collingwood), **James Aish** (Fremantle), **Xavier Clarke** (Richmond) and **Stefan Martin and Josh Schache** (Western Bulldogs) have all played a role with our Club in the past, but will be looking to secure another slice of history with opposition teams during the Finals Series.

Best Finals Moments

The Club reflected on some of the best Finals moments at the Gabba ahead of Thursday night's Elimination Final against Richmond.

These moments include the Bears' one-point thriller against Essendon in the first ever Gabba Final in 1996, **Michael Voss'** courageous comeback against Adelaide in 2003, and more recently the AFLW's 2021 Preliminary Final triumph over Collingwood.

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Another Ashcroft

Will Ashcroft - the son of three-time premiership Lion **Marcus Ashcroft** - has agreed to join the Club as a father-son selection at this year's AFL Draft.

The 18-year-old is regarded as one of the best talents among this year's Draft class.

Meanwhile, **Jasper Fletcher** - the son of former Bear/Lion **Adrian Fletcher** - is also poised to follow in his father's footsteps as a highly-touted member of the Lions Academy.

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Fitzroy Finals Bound

Fitzroy FC have qualified for the VAFA Premier B Men's Division Finals for the first time ever following a resounding win over second-placed Beaumaris on Saturday.

After narrowly avoiding relegation in 2021, Fitzroy finished the regular season in fourth position with a 9-7 record.

The in-form Roys will meet third-placed Old Haileybury in an Elimination Final this weekend, and are just two wins away from advancing to the Premier Men's Division!

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Vale Tony Ongarello

The Brisbane Lions are mourning the loss of former Fitzroy full-forward **Tony Ongarello** who sadly passed away last month at the age of 89.

'Onga' played 131 matches and kicked 247 goals in a career with Fitzroy that spanned nine years (1952-60).

A three-time leading goal-kicker at the Club, he is famous for being the last footballer in V/AFL history to register a goal using the old place kick.

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Past Players and Officials

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Reunion Functions

A big thanks to all past players and officials who attended our QLD-based reunion function last month.

Unfortunately the plans for our annual VIC-based reunion function at the football have been shelved for the time being due to both the scheduling of our Brisbane Lions Melbourne matches (Thursday/Friday nights) and the lack of function room availability at the stadiums.

We'd love to know if our VIC-based past players might be interested in getting together during the off-season!



Premiership Anniversary

The Brisbane Lions will be hosting a private reunion event during the Finals to celebrate members of the all-conquering premiership teams from 2001-2003.

This year will mark the 20-year anniversary of the Lions' nine-point Grand Final victory over Collingwood - the second of three successive flags achieved by the Club.

Plans are also being discussed for a proposed event in 2023 that will bring players, coaches, members and supporters together for a monumental Three-Peat celebration.

Medallist Lunch

Fitzroy Brownlow Medallist **Bernie Quinlan** will headline this year's AFL CPP&OA Medallist Lucheon, to be held at the Park Hyatt in Melbourne on Friday 16 September.

Tickets for this popular event are generally \$150 per person, however the Brisbane Lions Past Players are offering members the opportunity to join the Club's official table/s for just \$80 (we'll subsidise the rest). NB: Limited availability.

If you're interested in attending, please email pastplayers@lions.com.au and we'll book you in.



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

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AFLW Is Back!

The Brisbane Lions have started AFLW Season 7.0 with a bang - defeating Fremantle by 49 points at the Gabba.

With all 18 AFL clubs now represented in the AFLW competition, the 10-round schedule will run until the end of October, with Finals to be played in November.

The Lions will be eager to atone for their Preliminary Final loss to Melbourne last season by adding a second AFLW premiership cup to the trophy cabinet before Christmas.

[CLICK HERE](#) to read the Round 1 match report



Daughters Of The Den

The Brisbane Lions AFLW program will soon be inviting ALL past players (Fitzroy/Bears/Lions) to be part of their new *'Daughters of the Den'* concept.

The initiative is designed to bring the daughters of our past players closer to the Club via private training sessions/clinics and inner-sanctum experiences on game-day.

Regardless of their age or whether they play Australian Rules football or not, we'd love to build better engagement with your daughters. More details will be provided soon, but please email pastplayers@lions.com.au to register interest.

September Extremes

Cam Rayner and **Noah Answerth** will unfortunately be sidelined for this Thursday night's Elimination Final due to suspension. They're not the first Lions to miss Finals after being sanctioned by the AFL Tribunal.

Alastair Lynch famously missed the 2001 Preliminary Final for striking Port Adelaide's Darryl Wakelin, while **Chris Scott**, **Craig McRae** and **Tim Notting** have also missed key matches in September.

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All-Aussie Lachie

Star Brisbane Lions midfielder **Lachie Neale** claimed his third All-Australian blazer last week at the AFL Awards.

Neale, who also earned All-Australian selection in both 2019 and 2020, has been a standout for the Lions this season averaging 30.1 disposals per game.

Charlie Cameron and **Hugh McCluggage** were named in the All-Australian squad of 44 players, but ultimately missed the final 22.

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Coleman Emerges

Keidean Coleman's breakout AFL season in 2022 has been further acknowledged with selection in the AFL Players Association's 22Under22 team.

The talented defender was named on the interchange in the side made up of the competition's emerging players.

Coleman averaged 18.5 disposals with a season-high of 30 against Richmond on the MCG, as well as averaging 6.1 marks this year.

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Past Players' Facebook

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.

Over 100 members have currently joined, but we're encouraging more to get on board and stay connected.

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