



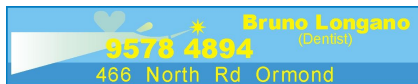
# The Bear Facts

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## President's Report

Welcome to all players, parents & supporters of the Caulfield Bears as we commence season 2008 in what promises to be a terrific year for the Bears.

This season, we will have 170+ registered players playing in our teams and a further 80+ kids involved in our Auskick program. That's a combined total of 250+ kids from within our local community pursuing their chosen sporting activity which is a statistic we can be proud of.

Our U16 team kicked off proceedings last Sunday with a handy win and they look as though they will continue their good form from last season. Coach Bruce Haley has his charges well-drilled and with some exciting new players in the squad, they will be looking to improve on their Preliminary final finish of last season.

All other teams kick off this Sunday and we have a full-book of games at Koornang Park. Good luck to all teams for your match and entire season. Details of each match are shown in this newsletter.

## Ground condition

You may have noticed the condition of the playing surface at Koornang Park is not so good - unfortunately the old girl hasn't been getting much of a drink and the grasses that are not drought-tolerant (such as rye grass) have died off and left bare sandy patches.

A few years ago, the council laid sods of santa-anna couch (which is a drought-tolerant grass) but unfortunately these sods have not been watered consistently enough for them to take hold and spread, as expected (these sods are the lines of green grass that are visible on the playing area).

So what we have at the moment for a playing surface are lines of santa-anna couch plus some areas of buffalo/kikuyu grasses and lots of bare sand which is certainly not an ideal surface for Australian football.

We are currently in discussions with our council to seek a remedy to the condition of the playing surface. I will keep you informed of developments of these discussions.

## Information Sessions

Each year, we produce an 'Information Booklet' which will soon be released to all players & parents. This booklet provides useful information on our club and we ask all players to read this booklet. We also conduct Information Sessions to discuss the contents of the Information Booklet as well as view some videos regarding racial/religious tolerance and appropriate behaviour at junior sporting venues. Much of the information is common-sense and we ask every player and at least one parent to attend one of the sessions.

Each session should take 1 hour.

Details of these sessions are:

### U9, U10 & U12

Thurs 24 April 2008 (6.00pm start)

### U11

Wed 23 April 2008 (6.00pm start)

### U13

Tues 22 April 2008 (6.00pm start)

### U15

Tues 22 April 2008 (7.30pm start)

### U16

Wed 23 April 2008 (7.30pm start)

If you are not able to attend the session relevant to your team, please feel free to attend any of the other sessions.

We will provide a sausage sizzle to fill empty tummies and the bar & canteen will be open for trade.

Our new social co-Ordinator, Angela Checcucci has some great information to share about future functions at the club. ...a great read on p4. Welcome Angela!

# @ the Bear Cave

(plus continued President's report)

## 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

2008 marks the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first game of Australian football. We will be celebrating this anniversary on 11 May 2008 which has been designated by the AFL as the 'Community Football Weekend' – more details of these celebrations will follow in next week's edition of "The Bear Facts".

**Also, if you can name the 2 teams to play in the first-ever recorded match of Australian football, you will win a Caulfield Bears cap. First correct entry to be emailed to me at [staity29@bigpond.com](mailto:staity29@bigpond.com) will win the prize.**

## Merchandise

We have a new range of club merchandise which will be available for sale at our Family Night functions. Items for sale are:

Club Jackets	\$50.00
Fleecy Tops	\$45.00
Sports Bags	\$35.00
Polo Shirts	\$30.00
Beanies/Caps	\$15.00

Please see me or Chris Bugden to make a purchase. If you are not able to make a Family Night function and would like to purchase an item of merchandise, please give me a call or visit our canteen on match days.

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## Sunday – 20th April 2008 - Matches

### HOME GAMES - BLUE shorts

10.00am --- U10s -v- Beaumaris Gold

11.15am --- U11s -v- Dingley Red

12.45pm --- U12s -v- Dingley

2.30pm --- U16s -v- Mordie Brae

(\*definitely just provisional at this stage!)

### AWAY GAMES - white shorts

[9.00am --- U9s -v- St Pauls](#)

McKinnon Reserve, Tucker Road  
McKinnon  
Melways: 68/G11

[1.20pm --- U15s -v- St Pauls](#)

McKinnon Reserve, Tucker Road  
McKinnon  
Melways: 68/G11

[3.00pm --- U13s -v- St Pauls](#)

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# Pizza Night at the Cave This Sunday!

## Have your Pizza made to order by Smokin' Doughs'

the original mobile wood-fired oven catering specialists

# 9" size for only 5 Dollars!

Liz and Mark Beech are the proprietors and proud parents of Jack from the U16s. Support them as they support us.

## FAMILY NIGHTS @ 'THE CAVE'

'Family Nights' are held at our club-rooms (The Cave) on Sundays from 4.30pm – 7.00pm and are a great way for you to socialise with other parents within our club as well as hear each team provide a report on their day's match.

Bar & Canteen will be open

– all welcome.



# @ the Bear Cave

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## NEWS FROM THE SOCIAL CO-ORDINATOR'S DESK

Hi all I would like to introduce myself, I am Angela (Remo's Mum Under 11's) and I have been given the role of Social Co-ordinator for the Bears in 2008.

I have big "L" plates on for this role but here goes:

### Functions:

The first.....

## Come to the Bear Cave for a night of

### MUSIC TRIVIA

(with a handball of sport)

When: Saturday May 17pm

Where: Bear Cave

Time: 7.30pm for 8pm start

Tables: Of 6 or 10 (Numbers will be limited)

BYO: Nibbles, food, yummy stuff

Drinks: Available to purchase from The Growler's Bar.

Cost: \$15.00 per head

So reserve your table **NOW**

There will be door prize, silly games during the night with prizes, a raffle, music and more!

To book your table contact me on:

E. [angiec888@hotmail.com](mailto:angiec888@hotmail.com)  
0411 423 531

*Donation of items for prizes/auction would be greatly appreciated.*

### OTHER ITEMS:

## Bear's Promotions:

### YCG HAIR

Thanks to Pauline Dewar of YCG Hair who most generously donated the Promotional Board that has been up on Koornang Road (opposite our ground) for the last few weeks.

Pauline's donation has helped to increase awareness of our Club, especially the player and Auskick Registrations night. As we know any additional exposure/advertising to further promote our Club is always welcome.

Drop in and see Pauline & her team at YCG Hair, 249 Koornang Road, Carnegie or call on 9563 6006.

These gals are really innovative, Pauline is an Aust Champion Colour, Design and Cut winner. They are a cool bunch who listen and are fully up to date with current trends.

I am hoping that we can keep the board, so anyone interested in hosting exposure for the Club should give me a call.

### BARRY GARDINER MEATS

Barry and Aldo have long been providers of the Bear's BBQ requirements. (Did you know they now also sell fresh seafood).

They are now also offering a LOYALTY PROGRAMME to the Bear's Community.

So how does it work?

Visit Gardiner's Meats at 121A Koornang Road, Carnegie  
(Tel: 9571 6070)

Make your purchase and ask for your receipt to be stamped for the Bears.

Next time you are at the Bear Cave drop your receipt in the box

provided. Once a week we will tally up the receipts and return them to Gardiner's who will kindly provide a % of the total back to the club in the form of free meats for our BBQ's.

### Finally:

Just a couple of words on our Family Nights.

These nights are a great way to get together and meet the Bear's community, celebrate our wins and commiserate our losses and importantly to generate income for the club.

Each of these nights is presented by one of our teams:

Key points to remember:

- With a bit of co-ordination your team can make these nights a hit. Yep we all know about the sausage in bread, dips etc etc. There is so much more you can do, get a theme going. Last year we had Pizza's, Spit Roast, Souvlaki and Asian just to name a few. Obviously the old sausage in bread still works (hey even just some onion and coleslaw helps). The main things to remember are to:

- Make your night something our families want to come to;

- Feed them all well, particularly the kids (you don't want to go home and have to cook all over again).

- Use your contacts for Auction items, keep them interesting and varied.

Remember all the money you raise goes to the club and ultimately your kids.

Have a great game on Sunday and if anyone has some ideas regarding social function please let me know.

Go Bears!



# the Under 16

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## MATCH REPORT – U16

### Scores:

**Caulfield 14 14 98**

**Vs**

**Beaumaris 4 9 33**

**Goalkickers** Athanassiou 3,  
Gullan 3, Nicholson 2, Spanos 2,  
Streker 2, Wolmsley 1, Duhau 1

### Best Players

Freeman, Nicholson, Thomson,  
Caine, Streker, Grech, Duhau,  
Beech, Athanassiou

### Match Report

The new look bear cubs took on fellow 07 finalist at Koornang Park to open the season.

Match day captain Niki Porebski won the toss and kicked to the Koornang Rd end.

The Bears dominated the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter but a lack of cohesion up forward and some inaccurate kicking kept our lead to 4 goals.

Kicking into the breeze in the 2<sup>nd</sup> term we played our best footy for the game, running in numbers and sharing the ball with onballers Dec Freeman and Hugh Nicholson especially dominant and feeding off the service given by our new ruckman Aisea Valenti.

We took an 8 goal lead to the half time break but Beaumaris came out and played a very physical 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter in which some of our boys copped some heavy knocks but we kept persisting although with so many new boys

playing their 1<sup>st</sup> game for the club we still lacked cohesion.

New recruit Gaby Irons was exciting in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half with his run and carry whilst our defence held up well all day.

A pleasing 1<sup>st</sup> up win as we had boys who barely knew each other, we can look forward to this team coming together and playing exciting footy this season.

Next Match to be held on

Sunday 20.4.08

**Caulfield v Mordi Brae**

at Koornang Park

- 1 Dimi Spanos
- 2 Hugh Nicholson
- 3 Josh Fisher
- 4 Tim Carman
- 5 Jayden Duhau
- 6 Lucas Walmsley
- 7 George Angelopolous
- 8 Charlie Athanassiou
- 9 Gaby Irons
- 10 Liam Grech
- 11 Declan Freeman
- 12 Niki Porebski
- 13 David Gullan
- 14
- 15 Jack Beech
- 16 Scott Newton
- 17 James Mreljue
- 18 David Convery
- 19 Lachlan Caine
- 20 Miles Thomson
- 21 Josh Wood
- 22 Callum Perry
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- 24 Aisen Valenti
- 25 Ashlin Streker
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