

Castlemaine Goldfields Football Club

Junior presentations

Junior Presentations will be held this Saturday, 6 September, at the clubrooms in Chewton. The schedule of presentations is:

U12s - 1pm
U10s - 1.20pm
U11s - 1.40pm
U13s - 2.00pm
U14s Gold - 2.20pm
U14s Green - 2.40pm
U16s - 3pm



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on the day.**

40th Birthday Party

Castlemaine Goldfields Football Club kicked up its heels on the weekend of August 9th & 10th to celebrate turning 40.

Nearly 100 juniors took over the club's home ground at Soldiers Memorial Park, Chewton, on Saturday for a morning of fun, fairy floss, jumping castles and small-sided matches.

That night, around 90 guests attended a birthday "party" at the New Northern at which a club history book was launched and men's and women's All Star teams were announced.

Then, on Sunday while visitors browsed the extensive display of records, articles, old playing tops and other historical items in the clubrooms, the three senior teams put icing on the birthday cake by each winning their match.

As one club stalwart remarked on Sunday evening, "It's been a rich weekend. It's linked the past to the present and given a context in which the club operates in the community today."

Saturday evening's celebration brought together players from across the 40 years since the club formed in 1974.



All-Stars Lyn West (left) and Bridget Woods.

*Please help!!
Club Working Bee / clean up*

*Sunday, Sept 21
at the ground
10.00 am-12 noon*



Original players in that first season, Jim Shepherd, and the Evans brothers, Mick, Bob and Terry, who arrived in Castlemaine from England, were among the guests.

Special 40th anniversary certificates were awarded to the Leversha and Berry families, to club legend Jim Shepherd, Rob Schroeder (president 1998,1999, 2000) and wife Pam (former treasurer), and long-time player, current committeeman and all-round hard worker, Ray West.

Chief organizer of the weekend's celebrations, Robyn Lewis, who along with Mick Evans, authored the club history book which was launched by noted

soccer historian Roy Hall on the night, also received a "thank you" certificate.

Praising the book for its thoroughness and honesty, Roy Hall said that the club could be proud of its place in the local community and he noted its goal of inclusion above winning.

MC for the evening, current club president Ian Flavell, read an excerpt from a 1913 Bendigo Advertiser article reporting a game at Camp Reserve between workers from Thompsons' Foundry.

The reporter observed that soccer was slow compared with "the Victorian game" (Australian Rules) and would not "take on" in Castlemaine.

"The fact that we're here this evening celebrating shows how wrong that prediction was," Ian noted.

One of the evening's highlights was the announcement of the All Star teams.

The women's team featured Lyn West and two of her daughters, Michelle and Christine Duffy, as well

as Linda Newton and her two daughters, Sarah and Becky.

Current players included Jayde Steer, Bridget Woods, Kate Forrest and Iona Muller.

The men's team, on the other hand, featured only two current players, gutsy midfielder Jono Burris



and goalkeeper Tristan Evans (who is overseas).

Many players from the club's sole championship year, way back in 1980, rated spots. These included playing coach, Celly McCluskey, Bob Evans, George Dolphin, Tom Penny, Graham West, Mick Evans, Brian Harding, Peter Noulton and goalkeeper Jim Shepherd.

Women's All-Stars

Playing coaches

Lyn West 1994-2014*

Linda Newton 1994-2001

Forwards

Jayne Bassett 1998-2011, Bridget Woods 2008-14*,
Tanika Wolff 2008-11,
Christine Duffy 2008-13

Midfield

Emily Leversha 2001-2008, Danni Lowry 1995-2002, Michelle Duffy 2004-2013, Sarah Newton 1994-2004

Defenders

Jayde Steer 2000-2014,
Lauron Gowty 1996-2012,
Kate Forrest 2010-2014, Becky Newton 1998-2010

Goalkeepers

Kythera Watson-Bonnice 1999-2002,
Iona Muller 2009-14*

Men's All-Stars

Playing coaches

Head/playing coach - Celly McCluskey 1979-81

Assistant/playing coach - Terry Attwood 2002-13

Forwards

Bob Evans 1974-86, George Papadimos 1986-94, Nick Burris 2002-11,

Jean Lucchesi 2003-06, John Gunter 2002-12*



Midfield

Peter Richardson 1981-2007, George Dolphin 1980-87, Jono Burris 2002-14*,
Tom Penny 1979-89, Scott Doty 2002-13, Joel Huzzey 2007-11

Defenders

Graham West 1980-2012, Mick Evans 1974-83, Brian Harding 1976-82,
Peter Noulton 1974-82, Tim Richardson 1999-2008, Dave Gunter 2006-09

Goalkeepers

Jim Shepherd 1974-85

Tristan Evans 2006-14

Goldfields Men Fuelled by Coffee Basics

Castlemaine's men's soccer teams have recently been looking resplendent in new orange outfits courtesy of sponsorship from local coffee roasters Coffee Basics.

Owners Elna Schaerf-Trauner and Edmund Schaefer, who have been supporting local young soccer talent in recent seasons, have now thrown their support behind the senior teams.

Senior men's coach Terry Attwood and player Angus Maclaurin approached Coffee Basics this season after the business had sponsored Angus' former team, the Spring Hills Stallions, in Melbourne in 2013.

Edmund and Elna did not hesitate to lend support. The new outfits, which give the Division 1 and 2 Castlemaine teams the look of the Dutch national team, are part of an exciting season for the teams, which are playing in the Ballarat & District Soccer Association for the first time after switching from the Bendigo league.

The new outfits have also arrived as the club celebrates its 40th anniversary.

In addition to the Coffee Basics logo on the front of the shirts, the club has placed the logo of local charity Orphfund.org on the sleeve.

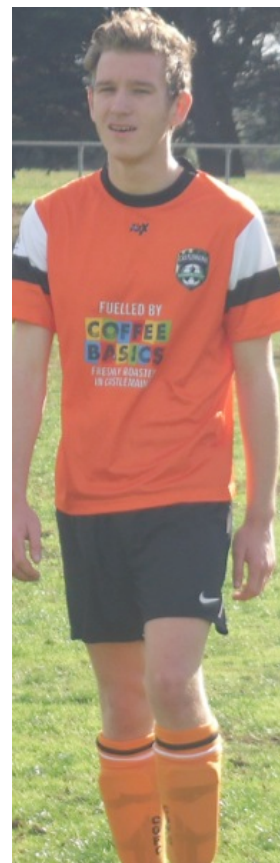
This is a grassroots charity established by first team player Steve Argent. The charity helps abandoned, orphaned and vulnerable children around the world, regardless of race or religion. It is run 100% by volunteers.

A newly framed Coffee Basics-sponsored senior team soccer shirt can be viewed when you enjoy a cuppa at Coffee Basics' Coffee

House and Roastery in Halford Street, Castlemaine.

RIGHT:
Jesse Berry-Smith wears the Coffee Basics-sponsored new outfit with pride.

BELOW, LEFT:
The Division 1 men, flanking joint coaches Glen Springgate and Terry Attwood, don the strip for the first time.



Club History Launched By Roy Hay

The following address was given by football historian Roy Hay at the Club's 40th birthday celebration at the New Northern. Roy is author of "A History of Football in Australia"

Castlemaine Goldfields Football Club celebrated its 40th birthday with a full house of past and present players and supporters at New Northern on Saturday evening. Club legend Jim Shepherd, who turned 80 this year, was named goalkeeper of the All-Star team. A most modest and unassuming man, he played with South Yarra and South Melbourne in the 1950s, but I would not have learned that he was offered a trial for Australia's Olympic Games team in 1956, if his wife Bernadette had not told me quietly. 'Jim had an infected finger, which eventually needed treatment with penicillin so he was unable to play in the game,' she said. The club also launched both its 40th anniversary history, written by two former presidents of the club, Robyn Lewis and Mick Evans, and a complete statistical record of the club by Steve Delmenico. *The World Game in Castlemaine* is a model of what a club history should be. We don't have many good club histories in Australian football and even fewer tell the story of a country club like



Castlemaine Goldfields Football Club. Fewer still try to tell the whole story of the defeats and the difficulties and periods when the club struggled just to survive. This book is the real deal, because it does not gloss over the struggles and hence the successes when they come are all the sweeter. And it sets the club in its local environment. It reflects a specific local pride in what the club has done for generations of people who have played, supported, administered and watched the game. Reading the book, there is a clear sense that this is more than a football club, it is a local institution with a broad social role in bringing up generations of youngsters to play their sport in the right spirit, which means giving as much to the game as you take from it.

The sense that this is a family club and a club of families was reinforced when the All-Star teams were announced. Some of the younger award winners were not present to receive their plaques. Sarah Richardson is playing futsal (indoor soccer) in Italy, for example. So their mothers and fathers—some of whom also won awards in their own right—picked up the plaques on behalf of their offspring. Peter Richardson, Sarah’s father, and former player, coach and club secretary of the club, and two mums—Angel Jasna and Linda Newton—were among those who did so.

Football in Castlemaine has a very long history, not just in Association football (soccer) but in Australian football and at least one writer, Sean Fagan, wants to claim in rugby as well. There is no doubt that through the Butterworth brothers it did have an influence on the early days of what started as the Melbourne code and became Victorian and later Australian rules. The early pages of the club history show the research that Robyn Lewis and Mick Evans and other contributors did on the many attempts to develop football in Castlemaine before 1974 when this club began its formal and continuous existence.

What happened here is not untypical. Just this week the *Geelong Advertiser* published a facsimile edition of the issue of 6 August 1914, the day the First World War broke out. Tucked away on page 6 is a brief note about ‘introducing the home game (soccer) to this district’. This was just one of five separate times the game was said to have been played for the first time in Geelong. So false starts, lack of memory, and struggles to get going and stay going are very common and it is good to be reminded that this game needs care and attention and commitment if it is to survive and flourish.

My evening finished up in the company of Martin Myles, son of journalistic legend, John ‘Shocker’

Myles. Martin plays in the second team at Castlemaine.

On Sunday it was time to see the women, reserves and seniors in action at their home ground in Chewton where they have multiple pitches and a refurbished set of clubrooms. Jayde Steer opened the scoring for the women against Sunbury United. The star of the women’s team, Lyn West, has been a role model in the club for many years and still leads by example. Her corner kick led to the first goal and her commitment and distribution was first class. The women ran out winners 5-0. The men took on Victoria Park in the Ballarat League, the reserves winning 5-1 and the seniors 2-1. So that meant a clean sweep for Castlemaine Goldfields FC. They should



Football historian Roy Hall with current player Martin Myles.

have an anniversary celebration every weekend!

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