

KENSINGTON FLEMINGTON JUNIOR SPORTS CLUB

NEWSLETTER



Welcome to the Winter issue of the KFJSC newsletter

In this issue you will find what our five codes — basketball, cricket, footy, netball and soccer — have been up to.

President's Dinner

While the juniors enjoy the winter season, the older KFJSC members took off their beanies and scarves and frocked up for the annual President's Dinner held at the Bill Vanina Pavilion on Saturday June 2. KFJSC president Matt Hammond welcomed members and guests, who celebrated our club's achievements and caught-up with old friends and made new ones. The guest speakers were Victoria University sociologist Dr Jonathon Magee who spoke about his research on gender diversity in junior sport, KFJSC's Andrew Hollow the trials and tribulations of starting a sport from scratch (boys soccer) and former AFL player Scott Cummings a bloke's view of footy in the 1990s. The President's Life Membership Award for 2018 was presented to Richard Reilly, who gave a sparkling speech. Rich's citation is a reminder that volunteers are the heart and soul of KFJSC.

2018 President's Life Membership Award Citation

"Richard can be rightly thought of as one of the founding fathers of the Kensington Junior Basketball Club. From humble beginnings in 2009, the club has prospered and we now have 13 teams playing in the Westgate Basketball Competition. This is in no small part due to Richard's contribution — he has been president, treasurer, secretary, coach (usually of multiple teams), selector, registrar, recruiting officer and team manager. He was Kensington's representative on the Westgate Basketball Association Committee, also serving as chair of the Association Committee, earning great respect for his knowledge and passion.

Although Richard's reign as basketball president ended in 2018, his dedication to the club has continued as a coach and the chief communications officer. Despite being in America before the start of the season, he bombarded the club with emails, making sure everything was organised for the start of the 2018 Winter season. Landing in Melbourne, he made his way straight to Whitten Oval to coach his under 16s team.

Richard's commitment to KFJSC extended beyond basketball. He was involved in footy and cricket, helping his two sons' teams as scorer, runner, water boy and field and boundary umpire among many roles. He also sat on the KFJSC executive and was the grants and sponsorship officer, securing important and welcome injections of equipment and cash funding.

Generous-hearted and unflappable, Richard sums up the spirit of a volunteer; without people like him, clubs like ours would not exist. Rich is a highly deserving recipient of the President's Life Membership Award for 2018."

Basketball

The winter season is well under way, and follows a successful summer season.

A summer highlight was the boys U16 Division 2 premiership. A closely-fought grand final, Kensington ultimately triumphed over Westgate Kings 34-29. All team members were responsible for this victory, with the following efforts standing out. Alec fought hard under the basket to secure the rebounds we needed, Josh scored solidly with a lot of tough second attempts, Otis kept the pressure on their shooting forwards keeping their scoring opportunities way down, Frank kept a cool head getting the ball safely into our scoring end, Rory fed some excellent passes into our key to push our score forward, Jack's rebounds followed by fast breaks kept the pressure on them, Angus held their 3 point shooter close enough to shut down that risk, Luca put some great drives in just when we needed them, and Jabril dropped a very valuable free throw that put the opposition under pressure that they never recovered from. Yes, a total team effort that delivered the premiership! And now for Division 1 - Go Colts.

We currently have 13 girls and boys teams ranging from U10 to U18, playing in the Westgate Basketball Association. An increase in numbers, especially in the younger levels, means we will have more teams in the summer season, beginning October. We would love more participation from parents, especially to manage and coach teams.

Players train on a Monday night at Flemington Primary School and Tuesday night at the North Melbourne YMCA, Arden St, North Melbourne.

For more information about basketball please contact basketball president Mick Bramich mickbram555@gmail.com.

Soccer

After 10 years of being a girls-only club, Soccer has expanded to include boys; we are now called the Kensington Junior Soccer Club. Highlights:

- We now have 65 boys and six boys teams.
- Girls still very much the majority - over 150 players and 11 teams
- Three girls teams playing at U16 level - the first time we have fielded an A, B and C team in this age group.
- Increased involvement from the African communities, starting with boys, but extending to girls - we have girls from Somali, Ethiopian and Sudanese families.
- Our reputation as a friendly, inclusive club continues to attract players at all age levels

T3 Grassroots provide skills training for the younger teams and have got our boys off to a great start. Juan from Kensington City Soccer Club has been a fantastic asset in goalie coaching.

We would welcome any parents who would like to become involved either on the committee, coaching or as a team manager.

For more information please contact Susan Rushworth (girls soccer) on susankjgsc@gmail.com or Andrew Hollow (boys soccer) on andrewkjbsc@gmail.com

Netball

The 2018 autumn season is well underway and we have nine teams (Kites, Koels, Kestrels, Kookaburras, Kingfishers, Kangaroos, Koalas, Corals, Cassowaries) from U10 to U13 playing at the Parkville netball centre.

A recent highlight for the netballers was a Q and A session with Vixens players Mwai Kumwenda (Malawi international) and Kadie Ann Dehaney (Jamaican international), at the Bill Vanina Pavilion on June 15.

Thanks to the volunteers who helped out at the Bunning BBQ at Highpoint. We raised over \$1200.

We welcome new players and parent volunteers or coaches (even older siblings who play) and look forward to another year of growth. For more information about Kensington Junior Netball Club visit our [website](#) or contact Richard Harper rlharper@iinet.net.au

Cricket

The sleeping giant that is the Kensington Junior Cricket Club has begun to stir.

Team lists from Milo through all the age groups have emerged and the committee is meeting to determine the teams for season 2018/19. In 2017/18 we had two teams (U15 and U17) in the Western Region Junior Cricket Association and the remaining U10, U12 and U14 teams in the North Western Metropolitan Cricket Association. The combination of teams and regions is the first order of business for the club.

This year we are entering an U15 girls team in the North Western Metro Association, which will create a pathway to the senior women's team in the Flemington Colts Cricket Club at Holland Park. We also will have girls playing MILO, U10s and U12s.

The club is identifying a coaching co-ordinator for season 2018/19, and with the assistance of some of our talented ex-juniors, are looking to provide maximum support to the myriad of parents who make their way to the nets on those busy Tuesday and Wednesday training nights. Key dates are:

- Commencement of cricket training 10.00am on Sunday 2 September (all grades welcome);
- First weekend for games will be Western region from Fri night 5 October and North Western Metro from 12 October;
- Cricket launch day, designed to maximise registration and ensure everyone has the right gear, on Sunday 7 October at Holland Park.

There is a call out for those keen to ensure the cricket club grows and maximises opportunities for local kids. We need parents of younger players emerging to support the running of the club. For more information contact Richard Frazer (President of the Junior Cricket Club) on 0408 308 984 or rfrazer.hamb@gmail.com

Footy

Flemington Colts is having a great 2017 season. We have 13 girls and boys teams from U8 to U17, who are all enjoying their footy, even in Arctic condition! We have also been running Auskick on Saturday mornings at North Melbourne (Arden St) and Flemington (Primary School).

Our winter social event this year is Bogan Bingo, on Saturday July 21, Bill Vanina Pavlion, Holland Park. What's Bogan Bingo? Half game, half party – that's how they describe it. One bingo caller calls out the numbers and his budding DJ plays songs from the 80s and 90s that rhyme with those numbers. Throw in some jokes, tributes and spontaneous air guitar competition! More information [here](#).

You can catch up on Colts news on our [Facebook](#) page and [KFJSC](#) webpage. For more information about girls and boys footy contact Flemington Junior Football Club president Luke Hopman luke.hopman@bidfood.com.au

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