



PAST & PRESENT PLAYERS & OFFICIALS

MEMBER NEWSLETTER

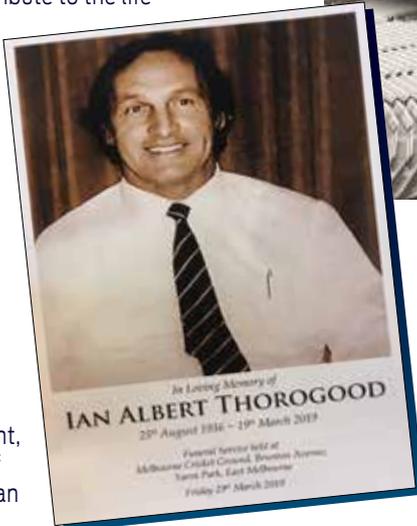
MAY 2019 EDITION

VALE IAN THOROGOOD

On Friday, 29 March 2019, a memorial service was held at the MCG (Members Dining Room, 2 pm) to pay tribute to the life of our past player and friend, Ian Thorogood.

Glen Bartlett and Jackie Emmerton represented the Melbourne Football Club, while Rod Grinter, John Ahern and Lynda Carroll represented the MFC P&PP&OA.

Past teammates of Ian's were also present, with John Lord one of those who delivered an address.



We were all honoured to hear from Ian's family and friends, gaining insight into his rich and rewarding life. From family and business through to football and fishing, it was a privilege to have known him.

At the end of formalities, members of Ian's family released 26 red and blue balloons into the stands.



Vale Ian Thorogood

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Since hanging up his boots in the AFL at the end of last season, Cameron Pedersen has been keeping himself occupied – to say the least.



Still a member of the MFC P&PP&OA committee, Pedersen has left the suburbs with his wife Sarah and three daughters, and has headed to Phillip Island,

where every day is full of activity.

Not only is he teaching at Newhaven College – where daughter Charlee is in Grade 2, while Ruby is in Grade 1 (Lucy, aged three, is in kinder) – Pedersen is also playing for and assistant coaching Phillip Island Football Club.

Away from schools and football, there's even more going on for the family, with part ownership of Citrus and Vine restaurant, and building of a new house in Cowes.

'It's very busy!'



ROUND ONE, 2019

Round One in the Harrison Room was a huge success for the MFC P&PP&OA, complete with past players and officials, family groups and friends, all set for a great day at the game.

It was a fantastic atmosphere, with nearly 150 in



the room, and much anticipation for the season ahead. As P&PP&OA Chairman Rod Grinter said in his pre-game address, 'One of the most important roles of this group is to provide support and benevolence, and the number of people in the room today show that it's happening.'

While the result on the ground didn't go the way we had all hoped, with Port Adelaide taking the honours by 26 points, it was a great chance for those in the room to catch up, and to re-establish connections.



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BARASSI DINNER

On Friday 24 May, we once again take the chance to gather at Queen's Hall Parliament House to honour the best of our club, and to present the Ronald Dale Barassi AM Medal. This is one of the most highly regarded occasions on our calendar, and limited seating is available.

See email for booking details, or contact **Spike Harris – spike.w.harris@gmail.com** or 0411 235 073

We look forward to sharing a special evening with you!



FAMILY & FRIENDS MATCH DAY FUNCTION

Join us for Round 10, on Sunday, 26 May 2019
in the HARRISON ROOM, Level 2, Ponsford Stand,
(city end, behind the goals) MCG



MELBOURNE VS GWS GIANTS



Also celebrating Spike Harris ~ 30 years of involvement with the MFC

NO COST FOR MFC P&PP&OA MEMBERS • FAMILY AND FRIENDS \$30 PER PERSON
(children under 12 free; does not include ground entry)

Room opens at 12.00 pm • Game starts at 1.10 pm

Canapes served before the game and at half time.
Reserved seats provided • Drinks at bar prices

Bookings - contact Spike Harris – spike.w.harris@gmail.com or 0411 235 073



AFLPA RESOURCES

Don't forget that if you are a past player, and have played one game or more at senior VFL/AFL level, you qualify to be part of the AFL Players' Association Alumni. This gives you access to a wide range of benefits and services. The MFC P&PP&OA works closely with the Alumni, ensuring that our past players are looked after in times of need.

The Alumni can advise you regarding the following areas:

- Health and Wellbeing
- Financial Prosperity
- Continued Education
- Social Connections

And, through the AFL PLAYERS' AND HARDSHIP FUND, Alumni members can access care relating to:

- Lifetime Health Care
- Football Ending Injury
- Delisted Injury Player Payment
- Past Player Hardship
- Hospital Excess Reimbursement

Further details can be found via <http://www.aflplayers.com.au/alumni/> - or call Brad Fisher (AFLPA Alumni Manager) on (03) 8651 4366.



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