



ELTHAM JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

NEWSLETTER
28th February 2007



WHEN WILL THE SEASON START? 6th MAY?

The club has held a number of meetings with the Diamond Valley Football League (DVFL) and the Nillumbik Shire Council.

The senior football season has been put back to 5 May 2007. We had a meeting with the DVFL on Monday (26th) and the view given was that the season would start on 15 April.

The problems for the DVFL are:

1. no junior delegates meeting has been held since December 2006;
2. all office holders (including admin position) have been removed and replaced (in the interim) by AFL Victoria staff.

The Eltham Junior Football Club has advised the DVFL that we would prefer the league to announce a 6th May start date, which is much more realistic. This allows us to have practice games in April and should see the season only reduced by 2 games. No practice matches are permitted by order of the council prior to April.

It is now my understanding (after some late calls today) is that the junior season will start on 6th May. There is a possibility of games on Queens Birthday weekend.



GROUNDS FOR 2007

Plenty Park

The Club has secured Plenty Park for the 2007 season. The ground is located off Yan Yean Road. Division 1 Under 11's, 13's, 15's & 17's will play their home games at Plenty. A number of Under 10 games will be played at the ground as well.

Susan Street

All other sides will play their home games at Susan Street. See related story on repairs to the ground. Training will be conducted at the Susan Street ground.

Eltham High School

A small number of Under 10 & 11 games will be played at the Eltham High School. Some training sessions will be conducted at the Eltham High School ground.

2007 COACHES

The Club is proud to announce the following coaching appointments:

U17	Steve Petty
U15	Steve Russell
U14	Mitchell Poulton
U13 Red	Gary 'Soapy' Vallance
U13 Black	Trevor Sproat
U12 Red	Jim Hunt
U12 Black	Ian Patrick
U11 Red	Phil Karslake
U11 Black	Mars Cavillucci
U10 Red	Pat Bullock
U10 Black	Dave Campbell

The Club has decided that Division 1 sides will be known as the Red Side with Division 2 & 3 sides known as the Black side.



DANIEL CURRIE KICKS GOALS AT THE SWANS



Eltham's Daniel Currie played for Sydney in the opening round of the NAB Cup against the Western Bulldogs.

Whilst he had limited opportunities, Daniel did take a nice grab and goaled.

Daniel also scored against Collingwood in a practice match the week prior

For more information on Daniel at the Sydney Swans use the following link:
<http://sydneyswans.com.au/default.asp?pg=players&spg=playerprofile&personid=359306>

Daniel wears the number 35 Guernsey.

SPONSORS – 2007

Sponsorship packages are still available from the club.

Email the club at elthamjuniorfc@hotmail.com or call Alan Sheehan on 0408 940 636 to find out more.

Support the organisations that support your Club.

ELTHAM'S AFL CAPTAIN



The Club wishes to congratulate former Eltham Junior Adam Simpson on his reappointment as Captain of the Kangaroos for the 4th year.

Adam has played 242 games for the Kangaroos since joining from Eltham in the 1993 AFL Draft (no.14 overall).

For more information on Adam at the Kangaroos use the following link:
<http://kangaroos.com.au/default.asp?pg=players&spg=playerprofile&personid=14037>

UNDER 14'S BLACK – COACH REQUIRED

We are looking for a coach for our Under 14's Black side. Mitchell Poulton has been appointed as the Red (Div 1) coach and has responsibility for the entire squad. We require someone to coach the 2nd side and assist Mitchell at training.

Anyone who may be interested please contact Andrew Burns on 0411 513 366 or email him on: aburns@frigrite.com.au



REPAIRS TO SUSAN STREET GROUND

The drought has taken its toll on a number of grounds and our Susan Street ground is no exception. This was not helped by the council's decision to place carnival rides for the Eltham Town Fair on the ground. With Central Oval under reconstruction, the Eltham Cricket Club has used Susan Street for training and matches. This has added to the surface problems.

As a result, there are a large number of bare patches on the surface and weeds. Unless work is carried out now, the ground would be unplayable come June/July.

The Club has approached the Nillumbik Shire Council and has gained approval for the following works:

- Spray out all broad leaf weeds.
- Supply & apply 350kg *Turf Starter* fertilizer.
- Break hard surface with spike aeravator or similar.
- Supply & apply 400kg *fine leaf rye* seed blend with TR-50 over seeder.
- Mow grass weekly at 40mm height. 6 cuts.
- Fertilize after four weeks.
- No use of oval for six weeks after grass germination.

The Club wishes to thank Jim Marchbank from **Sportsgrass** for his expert advice and assistance.

The club also wishes to thank Gavin Jordan and the staff at Nillumbik Shire Council.



CENTRAL OVAL UPDATE



Work has been delayed for a number of reasons at Central Oval

As a result the Nillumbik Shire Council does not believe that the ground will be ready for use until December. This is a major blow for the Eltham Cricket Club who may have to play a 2nd season away. This may result in Susan Street having more cricket games again next cricket season. We hope that work can recommence as soon as possible



REGO DAY NEWS

Many thanks to everyone who helped at Registration Day on Sunday 18th Feb.

218 registrations were processed and over \$5,000 worth of club merchandise was sold.

It's not too late to register to play for the mighty Panthers. Call Deb Mallard on 9439 4556 or Michelle Maher on 9439 1293 or email the club at elthamjuniorfc@hotmail.com

CLUB MERCHANDISE

Club Merchandise will be on sale at Sunday night club functions (dates to be advised shortly).

The club has new style polar fleece, polo shirts and bags, plus our club shorts, rain jackets, caps and socks.



If anyone wishes to purchase merchandise please call Helen Smith on 0408 596 917 or by email on H.Smith@bom.gov.au

DVFL AUDIT

The club is saddened by the news that DVFL funds have been stolen. AFL Victoria executives have taken control of the DVFL as an investigation is held into the theft of more than \$40,000.

The Eltham Junior FC fully supports AFL Victoria and the interim administration that has been appointed to the DVFL board until the special general meeting on 2nd April 2007, and will continue to support the future league management team.

Social Committee

Anyone who wishes to join our Social Committee please contact Alan Sheehan on 0408 940 636 or by the Club's email elthamjuniorfc@hotmail.com

TEAM MANAGERS REQUIRED

Anyone who may be interested in being Team Managers for 2008 should contact the Team Manager Co-ordinator David Finnie on 0414 533 025 or by email at djf.mel@clasquin.com



TRAINERS CO-ORDINATOR REQUIRED

Anyone interested in assisting the junior club by acting as Trainers Co-ordinator or acting as a trainer in 2007, should contact Alan Sheehan on 0408 940 636 or the club at elthamjuniorfc@hotmail.com



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ELTHAM SENIORS

The Senior's have been training hard since the start of January and the coaches Phil Maylin, Darren Stanton and Brett Wheatherald have been putting the hours in and the players have responded well.

Over 60 players have committed themselves on a regular basis at training almost half of this number are eligible for the under 19s.

Like the rest of the DVFL our concern is the weather and the conditions of the grounds and how this affects our season.

The players continue to train as though the season will start on time but realistically we like most believe that this won't happen.



Great news for the Panthers is the signing of former Eltham Junior Chris Varsamakis who was unlucky to miss out in the AFL draft. Paul Currie has nominated Eltham as his local club if he is not required by the Coburg Tigers.

Off the field the seniors are organising our first social event on Thursday 19th April to welcome our sponsors and members into the coming season. Details will be finalised shortly.

Eltham Football Club Membership Tickets will be on sale soon for \$60.00. This allows entry to all 18 home and away games.