

# West Coast Junior Football Club

## Mid-Season Newsletter 2017

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Hello there,

I hope that Season 2017 at West Coast Junior Football Club has been great fun so far. This is the second of three Club newsletters planned for the year.

For up-to-the-minute news, remember to follow us on Facebook and Instagram ([west\\_coast\\_jfc](#)).

### Dates for the Diary

2 and 9 Jul 17 - no footy ... but note that Auskick and matches are scheduled for 16 Jul 17

13 Aug 17 - Auskick Gala Day

20 Aug 17 - Auskick Season Wind-up

27 Aug 17 - City to Surf (home fixtures for this week and one on either side will be played away)

27 Aug 17 – last scheduled fixture for Years 3-6

31 Aug 17 - Coach and Manager Wind-up

3-17 Sep 17 – finals for Years 7-9

10 Sep 17 – Season Wind-Up, Trophy Presentation, and AGM for Years 3-9

A reminder that the **Season Wind-Up, Trophy Presentation, and AGM** on 10 Sep 17, in the week leading up to Grand Finals, will follow the same format as last year: food trucks, formal trophy presentations in front of other players and parents, a (quick!) AGM, and a bar. Feedback from attendees last year was very positive.

Please note that, in order to encourage an 'all of Club' atmosphere, photographs and trophies will not be issued to enable separate team functions.

### Girls' Football – Expressions of Interest

We hope to be able to field a team in next season's Claremont District girls' competition. There are two year groupings: years 4-6 and years 7-9. Our guess is that we are more likely to be able to find enough girls for a year 4-6 team, but ... well, it is only a guess.

*If you have a daughter interested in playing footy in 2018 – even if they are unsure about whether or not they would like to join a team – can you please send a note to our Vice President, Kent Morison ([vice-president@westcoastjfc.com](mailto:vice-president@westcoastjfc.com)), in the course of the next two weeks, letting us know your daughter's name, school year (this year), and level of interest (very keen on joining a team, keen but not sure, just interested in learning a bit more about footy)?*

Depending on the response, we intend to organise some 'Welcome to Footy' clinics and social events for girls interested in joining our Club.

## School Holiday Clinics

Claremont Tigers District are running football camps during the school holidays: see <http://www.tigersdistrict.com.au>. Community Sports Camps, who aren't affiliated with our Club, are running a football camp, too: see <https://communitycamps.com.au/camp/football-camp-claremont/>

## Lost Property

It is a startling fact that kids - and even some parents! - lose stuff. We have a Lost Property bin at the canteen if you would like to get some back.

## Lanyards and Vests

A reminder to volunteers in all competition years to wear the appropriate lanyards and vests. Both are compulsory. The lanyards provide a 'quick and dirty' summary of what each volunteer role entails.

## Photographer

We would like to update our image library, and are looking for the services of a photographer. If you are able to assist, or know of a professional who can offer their services (at no or minimal cost), please contact Jodi Mills at [merchandise@westcoastjfc.com](mailto:merchandise@westcoastjfc.com).

The photos are used for documents such as sponsorship brochures and Auskick Gala Day programs, and for use on our website and Facebook page. At registration, you are asked for permission to use pictures of your child for such purposes. If you would like to update this information please contact Jodi.

## Auskick Gala Day Sponsorships

The Club's Auskick Gala Day is a fantastic day for kids and families, to be held this year at City Beach Oval on Sunday 13 Aug 17. It is also the major annual fundraiser for our Club. Over 2000 players and their parents from 13 Claremont District clubs will attend. As such, it is an excellent opportunity for potential sponsors to reach a large number of parents, families, and friends, predominantly from the Western Suburbs. Sponsors of the event will receive the following benefits this year:

- Prominent display of Company logo on the Gala Day program, distributed to parents.
- Prominent location allocated for company signage to be erected for the full day.
- A warm, fuzzy feeling that comes from supporting a community event (as opposed to a cold, hard-hearted feeling of heinous guilt).

We would be happy to provide a copy of last year's program for reference. All that we need from you is your company logo, mission statement or short description of services, contact details (including web address) ... and just \$500 for a gold sponsorship. A tax invoice will be provided.

Please contact our Sponsorship Coordinator, Justin Dyson, at [Justin.Dyson@srblaw.com.au](mailto:Justin.Dyson@srblaw.com.au)

## The State of Play

The Mighty West Coast Saints suffered badly in a recent re-grading of teams in Years 7, 8 and 9. All of them lost competition points accumulated up to and including Round 5. On the back of a strong season, our Year 7s were promoted a division, which has meant a much higher standard of footy. The Year 8s were second in the top division until losing their points, and are now 'mid-pack.' Our year 9s, who are short of numbers but pushing on regardless, forfeited a win and a draw. We are shaken (and just a little bit vexed), but not stirred, and will fight hard to qualify for finals.

## Committee Positions

In the next week or so, I will be writing again, to seek your assistance in filling positions on the Committee. I will provide more information in that note but, in the meantime, do please give some thought as to whether you might be able to contribute some of your time to helping the Mighty West Coast Saints.

## And finally ...

... do please have a look at this little video. Football brings out the passion, and we still have a few parents who are doing the wrong thing. Perhaps this little reminder will help: <https://www.playbytherules.net.au/let-kids-be-kids>

Good luck for the remainder of the season to all of our teams, and we look to seeing you around City Beach Oval.

**Cliff Stagoll (President) and the Committee of West Coast Junior Football Club**

