



Leopards Junior Australian Football Club Inc.

Calamvale – Home of the Leopards

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Thank you to everyone that attended our AGM on the 6th November 2004 a great night that we all enjoyed. Shane Hackles hosted the trivia night, which was hotly contested between all the tables, thanks Shane for providing us with an interesting and fun filled night of trivia.

As of next year the club will officially be known as the "CALAMVALE LEOPARDS" this will help build our identity within Calamvale and surrounding areas, also making it easier for other clubs, players and their parents to know where we are located in Brisbane. There has been some concern over the name change; the fact is we will always be the "LEOPARDS" that will never change!

Also at the AGM a new committee was formed for 2005, the nominations are greatly appreciated.

2005 Committee:

President: Claude Sansiveri
Vice-President: Bob Trapnell
Registrar: Russell Waugh
Secretary: Michelle Conlon**
Assistant Secretary: Vacant
Treasurer: Brendan Selby**
Assistant Treasurer: Alan Mckenzie

Football Operations & Equipment:

Brendan Selby, Bob Trapnell, Shane Hackles & Fred Meddings.

Newsletter/Public Relations:

Russell Harris, Ian Patterson, Angela Dale, Russell Waugh, Derek Gray.

Sponsorship/Fund Raising & Canteen:

Cathy Selby, Donna Meddings, Ian Patterson, Camille Gray.

Building & Grounds:

Murray Bell (links), Shane Hackles, Ray Mazzaletti, Bob Trapnell.

Webmaster:

Russell Harris

** These positions have been temporarily filled until someone can take over the positions. Please contact the committee if you are interested.

Thank you to last years Committee on a fantastic year most of them have nominated for the 2005 Committee, which is great for our club all of last years knowledge and know-how will be a huge benefit as we start a new and exciting footy season.

I hope to see you all in 2005, it promises to be a very exciting year for the club as we continue grow and achieve further success. I would like to wish everyone at the Leopards a Very Merry Xmas and all the best for a safe and happy the New Year!!

Claude Sansiveri
President 2005



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WE NEED YOUR HELP, WE WANT YOU!!

SECRETARY AND ASSISTANT:

Thank you to Michelle Conlon for her outstanding job as Secretary, unfortunately Michelle is unable to be Secretary in the New Year and we desperately need a volunteer to take over the role.

This position involves handling all the correspondence for the club. The position of assistant would involve taking the minutes and present a typed version to be distributed before the next months meeting.

TREASURER:

As our club grows the need to keep accurate records of our financial situation is of great importance. The club is seeking someone with bookkeeping and accounting skills to take over this position. To get hold of funding and grants we need to keep accounts up to date to prove we are viable and long-term organisation.

SUB-COMMITTEE:

We have sub-committees to help spread the duties involved with running the football club from:

1. Fundraising/Sponsorship.
2. Grounds/Maintenance.
3. Newsletter/Media.
4. Football Operations: which includes umpiring, first aid, teams and coaching.

This is all part of a successful club, if you can help out and volunteer in any area please contact the club.

CANTEEN COORDINATOR:

The canteen is the major fundraiser for the club. As the coordinator it would be your responsibility to order and replace stock and form a roster for teams to operate the canteen at training, on game days and special events family day (Leopards run) etc...

COACHING STAFF:

New coaches are required for next year; full training and accreditation will be paid for by the club if you are interested in coaching please let us know. We cannot have a team without a coach!!

Could last years coaches contact the committee please, and let us know what age groups you would like to coach. Along with the early start to training comes the need to appoint positions to kick things off for the training sessions.

Coaches:

The primary requirement for this is for Coaches. If you, or someone you know is interested in coaching a team in 2005 and you haven't already indicated you interest by completing a Coaches application form please contact the club ASAP.

Junior Football Coaches (U12 to U16) need to be decided in the next 2 weeks. Auskick Rules Coaches (U8 to U10) we hope to have in place before the sign-on weekend.

The first of the training sessions is scheduled for February 26th/27th with a second session for usually held mid season for those who missed out.

Managers:

This year it is very important that every team has a manager, the coach needs your support so they can concentrate on coaching and developing the team. The manager for the team must relay information to the team (newsletters and fundraising events etc...) and assist the coach on match days (team sheets, armbands etc...). All managers will be trained by the club. It is the Manager who looks after things off the field, here is a summary of the role:

1. Be a vital link between the administration and team (players).
2. Responsible for the smooth running of the team's administration.
3. Attendance at training as well as matches.
4. Responsible for team sheets on match day, arranging goal and boundary umpires if not already appointed.
5. Check that the team sheet is signed by First Aid Attendant and that stretcher is in place.
6. Maintain liaison with Coach.
7. Distribute notices and communication from administration.
8. Confirm with registrar that all players are correctly registered with the league.
9. Liaising with runner and trainer.
10. Report to the Umpire after the game for umpires all clear and collection of reports.

First Aiders:

Each team will again be asked to provide a First Aider for their home games. Again, training will be provided to those who volunteer if required. If you already have the following qualifications training won't be required:

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| 1. Nurse | 5. Ambulance Officer |
| 2. Sports Trainer | 6. Sports Trainer Certificate Holder |
| 3. St Johns Officers | 7. Doctor |
| 4. St John Ambulance Certificate Holder | 8. Basic 1st Aid Certificate (Minimum) |

NEWS FOR 2005

Auskick:

Bob Trapnell has advised that the Calamvale Leopards Auskick program will commence at 4:30pm on Friday afternoon, February 11th 2005. It is expected that Auskick 2005 numbers will potentially double the 2004 numbers so don't miss the action and excitement. If you would like to be involved, please note this date down.

Sign-On Day:

The club decided not to hold their traditional EARLY sign-on days usually held in November following the AFLBJ's decision not to hold an Official Early Sign-on again this year. The only 2005 Sign-On weekend has been scheduled for Sat 12th/Sun 13th of February. This will be again held at the Calamvale Oval with a secondary location being considered at Yeronga.

Club Football:

The Football Operations Sub-Committee has decided on dates for the commencement of training for the 2005 season. The most significant change from last year is that training will start earlier in the year with the hope of improving on last years great performances by all age groups.

Junior Footy:

U16's down to U12's will commence training at 4:00pm on Wednesday, January 5th. This training will also include U11's for grading purposes and preparation for Junior Football. The club will attempt to contact all registered 2004 players prior to this date to discuss the plans for the 2005 season. As you can imagine this will take some time, if for some reason we don't get to contact you please come along to the training and we can fill you in there.

Auskick Rules:

U10's down to U8's will commence training at 4:00pm on Wednesday, February 16th. This is the first Wednesday after the Sign-On weekend.

Club Rooms:

As you will all be aware now the completion of the Club Rooms has been a major project for the club that has already had a major impact on the feel and vibe around the club. Unfortunately this project has left the club light on funds despite receiving a Grant which covered a substantial amount of the cost.

There are some things that still need to be done including the fit-out of the Office and First Aid rooms that are currently being used for storage.

One bonus for the club has been the successful Grant application jointly submitted by the Leopards, the cricket club and the soccer club for a 6-bay storage shed which will be used for storage by the 3 organisations. The facility is likely to be placed where the Shade-Cloth area is currently located.

Club Future Developments:

Last year a Grant application was made to fund the installation of lighting which would allow to Leopards to train and play matches under lights. Unfortunately we recently received notification that this application had been rejected. While this was a disappointing result for the club, it became apparent in the last week or so that funding may be available from another source for this project to go ahead. This has not been confirmed yet but the committee is confident that the outcome will be a positive one and would be a huge bonus.

Ground Improvements:

Much has been said about the condition of the ground but the fact remains that our ground is in better condition than many of the well-established football grounds in the competition, however our aim is to further improve our ground.

During the off season work is being carried out on the ground by the cricket club which require a higher standard of turf in the outfield than is necessarily required for football. The surface will also be top-dressed before Christmas which will improve the ground and promote some much needed new growth.

It is also hoped that additional council funding will become available within the next couple of years to rectify the irrigation problem we currently experience for watering.

Web Site Re-Development:

The Leopards undertook a re-development of the web site deciding to produce a site from scratch including the web address itself, which is www.leopards.com.au and is currently active. The site will be maintained with current and up-to-date information including all current newsletters.

Those who received the newsletters via e-mail in 2004 should be pleased to know that the e-mail will simply contain a notification that the newsletter is available and a link to the web page where you can view the newsletter will be provided. All newsletters will still be available in PDF format from the website.

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