

# Presentation Day 2003 Newsletter



**Fitzroy Junior  
Football Club**

- Community club of the Year, 2001
- Community Participation Award, 2003

## Players, parents, supporters and friends. Welcome!

Today is a day to celebrate the season; relive the great matches won, lost and drawn; affirm the efforts of officials, and recognise the achievements of all players.

Inside this issue of our newsletter a description of each club award.

In addition, every player receives a participation award. And from the Under 11 age group upward, coaches have chosen three special awards for each team:

- Best and Fairest
- Second Best and Fairest
- Coaches Award, to highlight special qualities of endeavour in a player.

The Fitzroy Committee welcomes you to the historic Brunswick Street oval for the Season 2003 presentations. We hope you enjoy the day.

We look forward to seeing everyone back at Brunswick Street and Ramsden Reserve for Season 2004.

Go Roys!



Premiers 2003  
Under 11 Brown  
Under 12 Green

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### 2003 Committee

- *President*  
Steve Turner
- *Secretary*  
Joan Eddy
- *Treasurer*  
Chris Konstantindis
- *Football Manager*  
Ian Shepherd
- *Club Director*  
Joe Nieuwenhuizen

**Coaching Director**  
Ron Gauci

## Alan Moore Champion Team of the Year Perpetual Shield

The Alan Moore Shield was created in 1997. It recognises the most successful Fitzroy team of the season, according to the teams placement on the ladder, and/or progress in finals.

If more than one team was (for example) to make the grandfinal and win (or indeed, both lose), both teams share the Shield.

### ALAN MOORE

Alan was the first president of Fitzroy Junior Football Club from 1992 to 1998.

Alan's son, James, was one of the first players to reach 100 games (we think James played something like 2 years in the Under 11s when he was 8, then went back and played another 2 years in the Under 10s and occasionally filled in for the Under 15s!!).

Alan's most significant legacy to the club was his vision of an inner-urban community-based football club for kids that was participatory, fun and would welcome any young person wanting to play, regardless of 'talent'. Alan's involvement with Fitzroy Football Club was pivotal in the establishment of the Junior club, his love and passion for the ROYS was a driving force to see the guernsey back at the Brunswick Street Oval. He was also responsible for inception of the Fitzroy BBQ, now famous for its kransky throughout the Yarra League.

**WINNER:** (continued back page)

## Michael Wright Club Person of the Year Award

This award recognises outstanding contribution to the ongoing development of Fitzroy Junior Football Club.

Nomination requires at least 4 years of service to the club in either administration or coaching.

### MICHAEL WRIGHT

Michael was part of the club's first group of parents in 1992 that got it all started. He was the club's first Secretary (1992-1998) and second President (1998-2001). In between he did all the jobs from sweeping out rooms, to ground markings, to the famous bbq.

Michael enabled the club to form systems to manage one of the fastest growing junior sporting clubs in Melbourne and his office in Carlton was basically the engine room of the club's administration in its first 9 years. The award also pays tribute to the fantastic contribution of Anne Armando who worked in Michael's office and gave great support to the club over many years.

Michael's son Clancy was amongst the first Fitzroy players to reach 100 games. Michael has been an integral part of developing the principles that underpin the culture of junior sport at Fitzroy—a community-based football club that values the participation and enjoyment of any child who wants to play the game, and is committed to developing young people as people, not just footballers. Michael is also very committed to the club as an opportunity for families to come together in their local communities in a way that is inclusive and supportive.

Club people nominated for this award need to demonstrate a commitment to these same values.

### WINNER: Avril McQueen, Under 13 Green Team Manager

Avril has been Team Manager of this group of players since 1999—5 years!

She launched herself into the role right from the start of her time with Fitzroy, including volunteering for a club committee role in the same year. Avril served on the committee for 4 years.

In 2003 the fabulous Under 13 Greens made it to the Grand Final. Avril and her family's commitment to Fitzroy began with her eldest son Bill, back in 1996 as part of what was then the Collingwood Juniors. Collingwood merged with Fitzroy in the mid-1990s.

Avril admits to a dark chapter in her relationship with the club, when the family defected to Kew Rovers for one season. Avril now says "we quickly realised what a huge mistake that was and came back to where we always belonged in the first place!"

We are extremely grateful she did. Avril has contributed an enormous amount to the club in her time here, including key roles in relation to media, publicity and event organising—plus her team management responsibilities.

Her enthusiasm and unlimited optimism has been a constant source of encouragement and energy. We hope that Avril, Max, Bill and John are around the club for some years yet. It's terrific having Avril as part of FJFC and we are honoured to name her as Club Person of the Year in 2003.

### PREVIOUS WINNERS

? *Janiene Hart, 2002*

? *Omar Merhi, 2001*  
(inaugural award)

### Special Thanks to...

- All Coaches, Team Managers and game day officials for a fabulous season on and off the field.
- Lisa Gye (Under 10 Gold) for the Website—definitely the best one in the league.
- [Name] (Under 14) for the Newsletters—organising, researching, writing and publishing material. And the regular late Friday nights putting it all together.
- Lisa Patience (Under 13 green and Under 15) for a fabulous trivia night and successful chocolate fundraiser
- Ginny Lewis (Under 10 Gold and Under 13 Green) and Jeff Richardson (Under 11 Brown) for the mid-year Team Report Night.
- Ron Gauci (Coaching Director) for his ongoing contribution to football development in the club; it shows!
- David Ryan (Administration) for taking the club's admin systems and communication with officials, sponsors, the league and members to a whole new level.
- Kerry Winchester (Canteen Manager) for keeping the food coming, increasing the variety (soup's a big hit!), and maintaining the best bbq in the league.

# James Doughney Club Champion of the Year, 2003

“The Doughney” (pronounced Dorney) recognises an outstanding contribution and talent on the football field. It has been awarded since 2001.

The overall record of players is taken into consideration, including on-field conduct, inter-league representation, and off-field behaviour.

Nominees must have played with Fitzroy for at least 4 seasons; displayed on-field leadership and team play; demonstrated commitment to fair play; have not been suspended (in the year of nomination) by Fitzroy, Yarra League, or any development squads; have not been found guilty of any reportable offence (in the year of nomination).

Winners have typically been recognised by the Yarra Junior Football League, and included as finalists in the League Best and Fairest selection in the current or previous seasons. Likewise, they have been amongst the Top-5 in the Fitzroy Best and Fairest players in the current or previous seasons.

## JAMIE DOUGHNEY

Jamie has a passionate commitment to the all-round development of players. As a coach and administrator since its inception in 1992 he continually emphasised the importance of fair play, team play, and striving to do the best you can at all times.

A coach for 4 seasons (Under 10s, 11s, and 13s), Jamie was also Treasurer for 3 years, Secretary for 2 years, and the club's first Player Advocate.

After retiring as a team coach, he continued to assist at training sessions and on match-days as required, filling the roles of goal umpire, bbq chef, trainer, etc.

Jamie's sons, Tim and Lachlan, were amongst the first Fitzroy players to play 100 games.

## WINNER: Guneyt Ozusen, Colts/Under 17

Guneyt has been a consistently brilliant player since moving to Fitzroy (from Mildura) in 1997. He has an impressive and rigorous off-season training regime, including training with senior amateur sides.

In 1999 he captained the Under 13s, to the finals. In 2000 he was co-captain of the Under 14 Brown Premiership team. He was awarded Player of the Match in the Grand Final for a dynamic role in the centre which included kicking 5 goals.

In addition, Guneyt's achievements include:

3rd Best and Fairest in Yarra Junior Football League, 2000

1st Best and Fairest for Fitzroy Under 15s, 2001

Yarra Junior Football League Interleague Teams, 2000, 2001

Calder Cannons selection, 2001, 2002

Equal 1st Best and Fairest for Fitzroy Colts, 2003

Top Fitzroy vote-winner in Yarra Junior Football League Best and Fairest, 2003 (13 votes—equal 9th overall)

Described by Yarra Junior Football League officials as a “naturally gifted player with exceptional talent”, Guneyt's football story is all the more amazing because of a background that did not include growing up in an aussie rules football culture. Above all, he and his family's dedication to the FJFC has been very important to Guneyt and we commend him for it.

We wish Guneyt the very best in his future and his football, and congratulate him on being the recipient of the FJFC Club Champion Award in 2003.

## PREVIOUS WINNERS

? *Milos Zika, Colts 2002*

? *James Dau, 2001*  
(inaugural award)



# Colts Under 17 Top Age Player of the Year, 2003

Created in 2003, this award recognises the “something special” contributed to the team by an individual player in their final year of junior football.

It can be awarded to any top age Under 17 player, regardless of their length of time with Fitzroy.

## PREVIOUS WINNERS

? *Michael Louis-Gleeson.*  
2002 (inaugural award)

### WINNER: Stephen Bombaci

Stephen came to Fitzroy in 2002 at the recommendation of the Preston Bullants VFA side. Travelling from Reservoir for training and for games his father has been a great support.

He has been an automatic choice week in and week out for the first eighteen and is a very classy on-ball player; a natural left footer he has great courage in and under the play and is very hard at every contest.

Paul Monaghan (coach: 2002, 2003) describes Stephen as “a terrific role model for the team with a great attitude at training and throughout every game”. Stephen was equal 1st Best and Fairest Colts player in 2003 and it has been a real pleasure having him at the club. We wish him every success in the future. Congratulations Stephen!

## Alan Moore Champion Team of the Year Perpetual Shield (continued from front page)

### TWO WINNERS!!

#### Under 11 Brown

- Coach: Jamie Croft
- Team Manager: Graham Lanphier

Under 11 Browns have a great mix of players with one or two years experience coming together in season 2003. And what a season it has been! We would like to acknowledge the contribution of Paul Patcas who coached this group in their one or two years in the Under 10s and continues with his great support.

Special congratulations to Jamie Croft for coaching a side to a flag in his first year! The experience is best summarised by Jamie (see below). We are absolutely thrilled for the team on their achievement and applaud all the players on a great year. We hope we see you all in the Under 12s in season 2004!!

*What a finals series. We finished 4th, had not won against the other finalists, but believed we could. Each game was a classic, played by both sides with courage and determination. We came from behind to win all three. The semi by 5 points, the preliminary by 1 point. In the Grand Final we were still 1 point down with 6 minutes to play. Three goals in 4 minutes and a thoroughly deserved Premiership flag was our reward for sticking to the plan... play team football and be true to the Royboys song “always fight for victory, always see it though”. Well done lads, Premiers in 2003—Jamie Croft, Coach.*

James Bate, Jordan Batten, Alexander Croft, Timothy Dartnell, Samuel Delanty, Luke DeNittis, Richard Earl, Justin Galligan, Callum Gogerly, Jason Hewitson, Jason Hoang, James Hodson, Michael Kruger, Hugh Lanphier-Walsh, James McGee, Phi (Anthony) Nguyen, Dan Nguyen-Pham, Carlos Olson, Dylan Patcas, Chris Pistevos, Dominic Pound-Palmieri, Blake Richardson-Gray, Oscar Sago, Finlay Wilkins.

#### Under 12 Green

- Coach: John Dunton
- Team Managers: Debra Ives & Louise Atwood

Under 12 Green have had a huge year! The start was pretty topsy turvy, with a wholesale movement of player lists between grades, a smattering of first time players to the club, and a coach in his first year. In fact, a first-time coach is something both Shield winners have in common!

All in all it has been a fantastic achievement by this group of players, coach John Dunton, his support crew, and all the parents.

We are very excited by their premiership success this year and look forward to a wonderful Under 13 season with them in 2004. Well done everyone.

Jonathan Anderson, Adam Biggs, Tom Biscaro, Duncan Burry, Nick Demelis, Elliot Dunton, Mike Edgar, Will Gairns, Lessy Hodgkinson, Jack Hunt, Ned Hunt, Zac Hutterer, Jackson Ives, Robert Kalnins, Timothy McDonald, Paddy McQueen, Abdul Nachar, Felix Nagorcka, Sean Oakes, Tom O’Byrne, Corey Robinson, Declan Ryan, Julian Turner, Matilda Van Riel.

## PREVIOUS WINNERS

? *Under 17 Colts, 2002*

? *Under 12 Green, 2001*

? *Under 14 Brown, Under 12 Brown, Under 10 Gold, 2000*

? *Under 12, Under 14, 1999*

? *Under 10, 1998*

? *Under 12, Under 13, 1997*