

# FOOTNOTES

NEWSLETTER FROM THE FOOTMEN CLUB INC. ABN A0026188U

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## The Footmen Club Inc.

P.O. Box 384,  
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## Office Bearers

### PRESIDENT

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## Life Members

Frances Cosgrave

Ashley Crow

Jean Dowling

Lal Duo

Alan Francis (Deceased)

Robin Gardini (Deceased)

Graham Gathard (Deceased)

John Green (Deceased)

Terry Harris

Norm Murphy (Deceased)

Neil Paterson

Daryl Stephens

Tony Wright

## President's Report

### Throw on a Footy Scarf

Meet recently retired AFL Umpire Gavin Dore at lunch on Thursday 13th September. Come dressed in your footy gear or at least a footy scarf, to the Croydon Golf Club (booking details below) and listen to a story or two about what it's like to be an AFL umpire. Gavin began his AFL umpiring career in 1986 and by 2004 had notched up 300 AFL matches including many finals, grand finals and the AFL Centenary Grand Final. This meeting is a must for all footy lovers. Remember, you must book by Tuesday 11th September.



### Annual General Meeting

About five years ago the Club almost folded. There were many reasons why. Most of the current committee got together and kept the Club going for several months before Ashley Crow put up his hand and became President for three years followed by myself for the past two years. We've worked really hard to broaden the public profile of our Club, to increase our membership substantially and to help the community. But now we are a bit tired, and we really need some new committee members to give us another burst of enthusiasm and to keep the Club growing. Give me a call on 9720 5606 to say 'yes'. YOUR help is needed! We can vote you on at our AGM on Thursday 13th September, which is also our special footy lunch.

### Car Party!

Sip on a beer or a glass of bubbly at The Footmen/EVRC Car Party to be held immediately after lunch on Thursday 13th September. After more than 12 months of research, discussion and negotiation, we are finally handing over a brand new Holden Barina to EVRC (Eastern Volunteer Resource Centre) on the putting green outside the member's lounge – no stiletto heels please! This car will provide transport for the needy to attend essential appointments and will provide us with on

the road advertising - The Footmen Club inc and our web address, etc, will be written on most panels. This is your Footmen fundraising at work.

### New Venture

Following up on an article in the local paper, The Footmen are exploring how to best form a partnership of support for The Dining Room, an initiative of Connection Community, affiliated with Church of Christ in Victoria and Tasmania. They are involved in many community based programs such as The Dining Room.

The Dining Room operates every Tuesday night to serve the homeless and disadvantaged in the Croydon area, a sit down dinner so that there was more opportunity to get to know who we served, as well as to be able to develop more meaningful relationships with those who come and dine with us each Tuesday evening. It has been an ongoing program for 18 months. The sit down dinner is very popular and the group need more funding to be able to operate more effectively.

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## Croydon Golf Club – Members Lounge

12.30 for 1.00 pm  
September 13

### Meet Retired Umpire Gavin Dore

Another excellent luncheon – bring a friend, preferably two – what a great opportunity – bring more! only \$35 per head for a most interesting guest, great company, two courses including pre-lunch drink and two bottles of wine per table (above this we ask our members to contribute for extra wine).

### WE LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR COMPANY

Please call Aleisha, at Remington Wright,  
on 9725 2600 to book your seats

# President's Report (continued)

## Footmen Website

[www.footmen.org.au](http://www.footmen.org.au) We'll be up and running later this year. Work is well underway. Peter Feeney and Natalie Thomas are putting the site together for us. We do need some photos from the past to put on the historical page so please pass them onto me.

## Golf Day

Our major fundraising event for the year is just 3 months away. Lal Duo is masterminding the event, but that doesn't mean the rest of us can slack off! We need you to find

major sponsors, large and smaller raffle prizes, and to find players.

I've noticed that this event seems to be almost totally male. Nothing wrong with that, but just think how much more money we would raise if you invited some free spending females – you all know how we love to spend money!!

Phone any of the committee for entry forms.

Go the Pies!

*Lorraine Bambrough-Kelly*

*July '07 Luncheon,  
Erin Spithill - Eastlink*



*The July luncheon featured an interesting presentation and update of the Eastlink project, its enormity, engineering and expected completion date. Pictured with Footmen President Lorraine Bambrough-Kelly, is Eastlink Public Relations Representative, Erin Spithill*



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# Notice of AGM

The Footmen Club Inc.  
Notice of Annual General Meeting  
to be held at the Croydon Golf Club (Members Lounge)  
Dorset Road, Croydon  
on Thursday, September 13 at 1.15pm

## AGENDA

Apologies  
Minutes of previous AGM  
Annual Reports  
President's Report  
Nomination of Auditor for 2007  
Nomination and election of office bearers for 2007

There will be ten vacancies on the Footmen committee, which need to be filled at the AGM on September 13 - CAN YOU HELP YOUR CLUB?

Attached is a nomination form, please consider serving a term on the committee.

Nominations can be sent to the Secretary, Ashley Crow, at PO Box 384, Croydon, 3136  
or fax: 9735 7577

For any volunteers, we will provide a proposer and seconder for your nomination. The club needs a full committee to enable us to prosper. Please consider!

## FootMen Club Inc. Committee Nomination Form

*I wish to nominate for the committee of the FootMen Club Incorporated in the following capacity  
(tick one)*

- President**  
 **Secretary**  
 **Treasurer**  
 **Committee (six vacancies)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed by: \_\_\_\_\_

Seconded by: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

## The Footmen Club Contact Form

Name: .....

Address: .....

Suburb: .....Postcode: .....

Phone: B.H. ....A.H. ....

- Please update my address in the mailing list.  
 Please remove my address from the mailing list.  
 Please add this name and address to the mailing list.

This form has been included to help correct any errors that we have in our mailing list. The Footmen Club is always interested in encouraging new members and keeping local community groups and services up to date with our activities. If you know someone that may be interested in receiving our newsletter then forward their name and address. Of course, if for some reason you no longer want to receive a copy of the newsletter, please let us know.



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## Grants Committee Report

The Committee has been actively seeking to enlarge the focus of the Club's grants policy to embrace longer term support partnership arrangements with appropriate charities, eg the Eastern Volunteer Resource Centre and Melba Support Services, in addition to continuing our specific purpose welfare grants within the local communities.

We have also made application to the Australian Taxation Office for endorsement as a Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR), which would enable us to broaden our fundraising capabilities and further develop our charitable activities. Regrettably our initial application has been refused by the ATO on the technical grounds that our Constitution does not spell out with sufficient detail and clarity a number of matters relating to our objectives, non-profit clause, and dissolution arrangements. Our Committee will review the Constitution (which dates back to 1976) with a view to proposing appropriate amendments and additions to comply with the DGR requirements, which will be put to the members for adoption.

We are disappointed but not disheartened, however, as the ATO has provided us with examples of appropriate wording for inclusion in the Constitution, and has also advised us that legislative amendments to relevant laws which came into effect on 12 April 2007 would improve our prospects of success, should we re-apply.

Our members need to be aware of the importance of the DGR issue, not only from the perspective of enabling us to attract donations from members and benefactors but also that DGR status is an essential prerequisite for applications to philanthropic institutions for funding grants.

The Committee will keep members informed of further developments.

*Malcolm Thompson*  
Grants Committee Chairperson

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Would all members please diarise the following meeting dates for 2007

**SEPTEMBER 12 AGM, Gavin Dore -**

*We are proud to present Gavin Dore, former AFL Umpiring Great  
Wear your footy gear and enjoy an excellent luncheon!*

**NOVEMBER 15 Footmen Club 28th Golf Day**

**DECEMBER 13 Christmas Luncheon**

Much effort is being made by your committee to provide guest speakers and entertainment – please make the effort to support your club!