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## Welcome to 2017

### PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Dear Coaches, Players, Volunteers, Members, Families, Supporters, Sponsors and the Forest Hill Community

A new club committee was formed at the AGM in October, and I welcome some new faces to the committee. This year we will celebrate our 50<sup>th</sup> Year with an Anniversary ball to be held at the Karralyka theatre on 24<sup>th</sup> June, more information will be posted in coming newsletters, but think about who you would like to invite and get your tables together.

We are pleased to have a great working relationship with the juniors and are looking forward to them breaking new ground with the introduction of two girl's teams for 2017 in Under 12 and 14's.

As the club President I am extremely pleased at the level of support, energy and professionalism so many club members instinctively display on a regular basis. The amount of volunteer hours that is applied to our club from a vast array of people with different focus points all contributing to one cause is simply amazing. This is why I'm appealing for club orientated people to step forward and consider providing a few hours

per week or hours spread over the course of the year depending on what role you can take on. These roles would mainly be within the football season to give the club extra capacity to push us to another new and improved level.

Since the AGM, the Executive and Committee has been meeting on a regular basis to streamline our collective energy.

As in all clubs we rely on volunteers who put their hand up to help, we are seeking volunteers in the following areas

- Club Sponsorship
- Trainers
- Ground Operations
- Fundraising
- Social Events
- Community engagement
- Social Media,
- Club uniform/apparel
- Canteen
- Barbeque (Home Games)
- Membership
- Team Manager (Reserves)
- Goal Umpires
- Umpire escort
- Raffle Sellers
- Gate
- Boundary Umpires

The strength of our club is determined by the level of support we can generate off-field, membership numbers, sponsors, volunteers and community engagement all play a big part in who we are as a club.

This year we will see the introduction of the Zebra 200 Club and we are looking to everyone taking on the role of driving our membership upwards. The club requires your support to increase our membership and sponsorship revenue for 2017 and beyond. You may be someone with a particular skill or someone who just wants to give back to the club and can only offer a few extra hours a week, any help is welcome.

You will not need to spend many hours around the club or involved in committee meetings (unless you would like to do so).

We have a range of membership levels depending on the requirements of the member. Likewise, sponsorship packages are in place and everyone involved at Forest Hill is encouraged to target potential sponsors.

For example if we could attract and appoint people in the areas as listed above it would enable our club a greater opportunity to realize our full potential and lighten the load on the ones who already are committed.

The executive, general committee, coaches and on-field leadership group have a real desire toward operating at our optimum in 2017.

By doing so we will give our club every opportunity to be highly successful both on and off the field. We are looking for people who wish to provide their time and help our club gain greater traction with these critical areas.

Success comes with sharing the load as a team.

Martin Stillman our Senior Coach and the VP Football Michael Creak have worked tirelessly over the summer recruiting and there will be a number of new faces at Forest Hill.

Everything that I see, hear, read and feel in our club strongly suggests we are in for a wonderful 2017 season. What will make it an even better place is for all people directly, remotely or seldom involved with our club to make a concerted effort and become more involved with whatever extra capacity you have as we lead into the 2017 season. Your contribution could be the difference that takes our club to new heights!!

I challenge all readers to think about what you can do to make a difference.

Please call me direct to discuss any ideas, concerns or how you can help out in 2017.

**Wayne Coleman/President**

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## ZEBRAS NETBALL

After a successful season last year and unfortunately just missing out on the top prize we are again wanting to field netball teams if you know of anyone that is interested please contact Jarrad Hills on [jarrad.hills12@gmail.com](mailto:jarrad.hills12@gmail.com) or speak with Jarrad at training, we have many new players at the club and this is a perfect way to introduce your girlfriends, wives or family members to Zebra Netball.

## GRANTS

The FHFC would like to thank Carlisle Homes for the opportunity to apply and also receive a grant of \$4000 which will be used to buy much needed equipment for the football department.



## *The club as a whole in 2017 has one objective and that is a senior premiership*

### OUR LEADER SHIP GROUP ANNOUNCED



Adam Ziegerink, Ryan Fisher, Gavin Willoughby, Lucas Gibbons, Nick Pincott, Jake Davis

**18<sup>th</sup> March – Mount Waverley Venue TBC**

**25<sup>th</sup> March Canterbury Venue TBC**

**1 April Boronia at Boronia**

Currently we have 65 players training at Forest Hill

### LOCK THIS IN AND GET YOUR TABLES ORGANISED

## FOREST HILL FOOTBALL CLUB IN SEASON 2017 Est. 1967



You are invited to help us all celebrate the Grand Occasion  
The evening will be a celebration of:

**Teams of Each Decade**

**Teams of the 50 years: – • Senior • Reserve • Junior**  
as well as plenty of other Special Announcements.

**Karralyka Centre**  
Mines Rd, Ringwood East

**Saturday 24 June 2017 – 7pm til 12pm**

2 Course meal including Beer, Wine & soft drink  
\$100 per Head OR  
\$950 per Table of 10 (paid in full at time of booking)  
include names of people wishing to sit with on the evening

To Book Your Tickets Go To:

**[www.trybooking.com/MGQL](http://www.trybooking.com/MGQL)**  
**[www.trybooking.com/215395](http://www.trybooking.com/215395)**

FOR MORE INFORMATION – Email: [50fhfc@gmail.com](mailto:50fhfc@gmail.com)

## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Joseph McLelland on the arrival of his baby son. Another Zebra in the making.

## INTERESTING FACTS ON AFL

### Size doesn't always count

James "Nipper" Bradford holds the honour of the shortest footy player ever in the VFL/AFL and at 155 cm and 53 kg, managed a very credible 24 goals in a 16 game career at Collingwood and North Melbourne in the 1940s. But the aptly named Jack "Skinny" Titus proved to be one of the greats of the game. At just 175 cm and a bit over 60 kg, Titus who wouldn't be considered a potential talent in the modern AFL, was one of the great forwards at Richmond in the golden era of the 1930s.

### Largest comeback ever

Essendon managed a 69-point comeback against the Roos, to win 171 to 159, in Round 16 of the 2001 Season at the MCG.

### The longest ever suspension was 99 weeks!

Carlton players Doug Fraser and Alex Lang were found guilty of bribery in 1910 and suspended for 99 weeks. In third place was Fred Rutley of North Melbourne. He had a hell of a game against Geelong in 1925, where he was reported an impressive total of 6 times in one match: 2 kicking, 3 striking and 1 melee, for a grand total of 89 weeks' suspension.

### Most hard-done-by-the-umpires story of the AFL

You can't get any more hard-done-by than Ted Whitfield of South Melbourne, who was suspended for 19 matches for attempted striking in the 1945 Grand Final against Carlton. These days you could escape with a nice little fine or three for that kind of behavior, just ask Alistair Lynch.

## INFORMATION

This newsletter can only be as good as the information that I am provided with. At this stage I will send the newsletter out at the end of each month, if you have anything interesting that you would like to include please email me at [foresthill@efl.org.au](mailto:foresthill@efl.org.au)  
Many thanks Gayle