

A TRIBUTE TO JOEL NORFORD

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Joel Norford

'A free spirit with a generous heart'

Members and supporters of DFNC were deeply saddened with the news that former player, Joel Norford, had passed away in December 2020.

Joel was a 'larger than life character' who, as a player and member at Pier Street, gave much to rebuild and reshape the football club. Joel first played with Dromana Thirds (on permit from Mornington FC Thirds) in 2000; and in 2001 he was cleared to DFNC.

Joel was a 'never-say-die' midfielder who played with passion and nerve. In the period 2001-2006, he played 17 Senior XVIII games and also amassed many games in the Reserves.

In 2001, Joel won the Senior XVIII 'Best Team Man' award and took out the 'Most Consistent Player' trophy for the Reserves in 2003. Joel was a popular club man who made a lasting impact at Dromana; and, in the positive manner, in which he (and his friend and team mate Snowy Allen) promoted the club in recruiting new players to Pier Street was a major factor in the club's successful rebuild in those challenging years.

Following his retirement as a player, Joel took a keen interest in the affairs of DFNC and was always warmly welcomed on his return to the club rooms.

Joel will be greatly missed; and his contribution, in the toughest of times, will always be remembered and valued. All members of DFNC would like to convey their sincere condolences to the Norford family at this time of immense sorrow.

**'Joel Norford - Never to be forgotten at Dromana FNC'
R.I.P.**

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