



TIGER TALK

THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE
DROMANA FOOTBALL & NETBALL CLUB

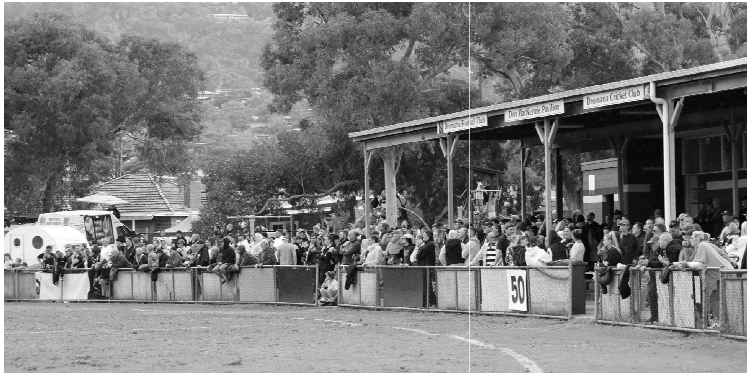


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WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING



A large crowd witnessed our win on Good Friday against Red Hill. Great effort by Canteen Manager **Theresa Stelling** and her band of helpers who fed the hungry hoards. She thought it was one of the biggest crowds she could remember in her 40 years at the club.



Jay Hutchinson did a great job as the auctioneer for the players' auction, raising a good amount for the club with bidders keen to secure a winning group.



WHAT'S COMING UP

2023 DROMANA FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB GOLF DAY

Proudly supported by the Dromana Football Netball Club Coterie Group



When:
Sunday 7th May, 2023
Where:
The Valley Golf Course
Times:
7:30am for 8am shotgun start
Cost:
\$320 for a team of 4
including lunch
Format:
Team Ambrose
Dress Code:
Bright coloured golf attire

For more information contact Steve Ware on 0400181442.
Team registration forms can be emailed to
sponsorship@dromanatigers.com.au
Registrations close Sunday 23rd April, 2023



Our annual ANZAC Day BBQ breakfast was served by weary but willing workers **Val, Noel, Ros, Andrew, Geoff, Judi** and **Mick**.

Generous donations by **Dromana/Red Hill RSL, Bakers Delight** (bread) **Christine Hunter** (home made ANZAC biscuits) and **Mick O'Loughlin** (sausages) together with our hungry and thirsty customers raised a good amount for the club. Following the march, **Ros** and **Andrew** laid a wreath at the Cenotaph on behalf of the club. Thank you all.

EDITORIAL:

Welcome to our first edition of Tiger Talk for 2023. You will notice a different design and that some of our regular features are missing. This has been caused by some unusual circumstances. I do hope you still enjoy our newsletter and remember if you have photos, articles or items of interest, please contact Vicki for inclusion in future editions.

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Photos in this edition from **Julianne Harris, Brian Longmore** and **Gaye Coltery**.

Tiger Bites



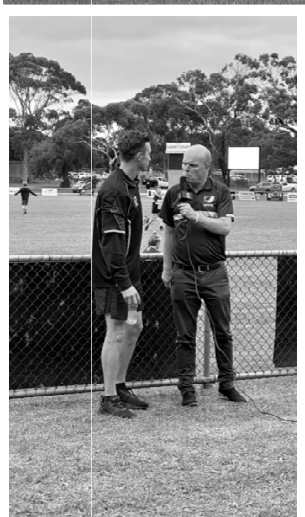
In March we bid farewell to the old scoreboard thanks to **Ron Hunter** with help from Andy McCullough, Bobby Williamson, Mick McLoughlin, Michael Hunter, Thomas Lambiris, Christine Hunter, and Angelo Smarrelli. Thanks also to "Rock & Redgum" for donating the top soil to fill in the holes.



In April Rhys Collier and Payton Harris, daughter of trainer Julianne, represented MPJFNL in Tasmania and New Zealand.



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SEASON 3 -TIGER LOTTO WINNERS SO FAR

The 1st draw for Season 3 was held on 4th February 2023.

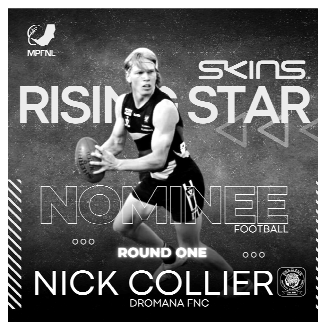
- WEEK 1 - ROGER McMILLAN #45
- WEEK 2 - JAN, WORK AND JIMMY #4
- WEEK 3 - IMELDA NOONAN #16
- WEEK 4 - STEVE KERR #13
- WEEK 5 - GEOFF BLIGH #32
- WEEK 6 - VICKI HOLT #9
- WEEK 7 - PETER GAYFER #6
- WEEK 8 - VICKI HOLT #9
- WEEK 9 - BRUCE COLLINS #10
- WEEK 10 - VICKI HOLT #9
- WEEK 11 - PAM KERR #23
- WEEK 12 GEOFF BLICH #32

For any queries contact Ron Hunter on: 0409 336 479

Judi Betts #76 won the first \$500 home game draw.



Baby and children's jumpers are now available by order only to **Zac Muschialli**. Also new apparel this season includes puffer jackets and vests.



CONGRATULATIONS!

Well done to Rosebud FNC on their ANZAC Day tribute and their superb jumpers and to the winners of the ANZAC Medals **Billy Quigley & Hinemoa Coller**.

On the day, 2 of our netball teams won and all 3 of our football teams got the points.



PLAYER HISTORY UPDATE NO:1

100 CLUB GAMES OR MORE FOR DROMANA FNC. Compiled by Roger Spaul.

The table below is the first of a series that will be published in 'Tiger Talk' during 2023 regarding the playing history of current** players (and those who played at least **one** game with DFNC in 2022). 'Club Games' simply means the combined total of games played in Thirds, Reserves and Seniors teams at DFNC **Note: These records are calculated up until the end of the 2022 season.**

NAME	SENIOR GAMES	RESERVE GAMES	THIRDS GAMES	TOTAL CLUB GAMES
JAY HUTCHINSON	133	49	31	213
TERRY WHEELER	174	4	0	178
BILLY QUIGLEY	125	1	29	155
JACK QUIGLEY **	51	67	36	154
ADYN MUSGRAVE	63	59	31	153
SAM GEURTS	141	0	12	153
TOM CARTER	23	75	51	149
SHAUN CLARKE *	116	3	28	147
DAN MARCHESANI	81	22	44	147
BRAEDEN DENNIS	113 TBC	26	0	139
NICK WEARNE **	1	85	47	133
REECE WILDE	78	5	49	132
DAN GEURTS	102	2	22	126
DEAN WAUGH	87	7	20	114
SAM WILLIAMSON**	21	55	30	106
LIONEL GAINSFORD	0	88	18	106

NOTE: All players are kindly reminded that these are not the official MPNFL figures and often discrepancies arise between league and club records. Players are asked to check their own records; and see Roger if are any inaccuracies in the figures above. It is a good idea for players to keep a tally of games played and cross check with MPNFL records at regular intervals. Thank you-Roger: April 2023.

THE SCOREBOARD

FOOTBALL RESULTS

ROUND 1 - GOOD FRIDAY V RED HILL AT HOME
 SENIORS: DROMANA 10.10.70 def RED HILL 6.8.44
 RESERVES: - RED HILL 17.8.110 def DROMANA 4.5.29
 UNDER 19'S: RED HILL 7.9.51 def DROMANA 5.9.39



ROUND 2 - V BONBEACH AWAY
 SENIORS: DROMANA 13.13.91 def BONBEACH 8.3.51
 RESERVES: DROMANA 7.7.49 def BONBEACH 4.5.29
 UNDER 19'S: BONBEACH 8.11.59 def DROMANA 4.9.33



ROUND 3 ANZAC ROUND - V ROSEBUD AWAY
 SENIORS: DROMANA 14.9.93 def ROSEBUD 4.9.33
 RESERVES: DROMANA 9.7.61 def ROSEBUD 7.4.46
 UNDER 19'S: DROMANA 11.21.87 def ROSEBUD 1.3.9

NETBALL RESULTS

ROUND 1 - GOOD FRIDAY V RED HILL AT HOME
 A GRADE: RED HILL 40 def DROMANA 32
 B GRADE: DROMANA 38 def RED HILL 33
 C GRADE: DROMANA 39 def RED HILL 21
 D GRADE: RED HILL 50 def DROMANA 32
 UNDER 17'S: RED HILL 68 def DROMANA 15



ROUND 2 V BONBEACH AWAY
 A GRADE: DROMANA 57 def BONBEACH 50
 B GRADE: BONBEACH 43 def DROMANA 35
 C GRADE: BONBEACH 68 def DROMANA 36
 D GRADE: BONBEACH 34 def DROMAN 31
 UNDER 17'S: BONBEACH 35 def DROMANA 20

ROUND 3: ANZAC ROUND V ROSEBUD AWAY
 A GRADE DROMANA 54 def ROSEBUD 36
 B GRADE: DROMANA 34 def ROSEBUD 23
 C GRADE: ROSEBUD 27 def DROMANA 26
 D GRADE: ROSEBUD 33 def DROMAN 22
 UNDER 17'S: ROSEBUD 25 def DROMANA 18



PLAYER PROFILE - JAKE AARTS by Roger Spaul

The news that Jake Aarts had been cleared to play with Dromana FNC captured the interest of football followers far and wide; and the story hit the sporting headlines in the metropolitan and local media. As can be imagined, such a signing sent a ripple of excitement through the township; and the Tigers supporters greeted Jake's decision, to cross to Pier Street, with unbridled enthusiasm. The fact that the Tigers had gained such an accomplished AFL footballer underlined the fact that DFNC had become a 'destination club' in community football.

Jake Aarts (born 1994) first came under notice in school football where he was standout for St Xavier's College Beaconsfield. He 'caught the eye' of knowledgeable observers with his skills, courage in heavy traffic and ability to create opportunities for his teammates. There was much to like about Jake's brand of football; and following his outstanding performances for Beaconsfield (Casey-Cardinia FL) he was signed by the VFL club Bendigo in 2013. Bendigo (which is no longer affiliated with the VFL) was a fertile breeding ground for many current / recent AFL footballers such as Austin Jones (also from Beaconsfield), Jake Carlisle, Stewart Crameri, Jake Stringer, Bachar Houli, Michael Hibberd and Jake Melksham.

VFL football presented Jake with the chance to 'hone his skills' and he played 33 games with Bendigo mainly as a midfielder. He kicked ten goals; and his impressive performances also signalled that he was ready for the next level. Consequently, in 2015 Jake was listed with Richmond Reserves. It was an extensive apprenticeship but Jake played with spirit and flair (and a degree of patience); and received the honour of being a member of the VFL team's leadership group.

In all, Jake played 79 VFL /Reserves Grade football games with Richmond and booted 76 goals. During his time with the Tigers' VFL team his coaches included: Tim Clarke (98 games with Hawthorn (2000-2008) and Craig McRae who is currently making such a strong impression in leading Collingwood FC. to new heights. Jake's dedication and perseverance paid off; and in 2019, he was chosen by Richmond FC at number 15 in the AFL Rookie Draft. It was a most warranted reward for his resolve on the track and gritty endeavours at VFL level.

It had been a long journey from Beaconsfield to AFL ranks for Jake. He was 25 years and 210 days when he made his debut for the Tigers in Round: 5 2020 at the MCG for the clash against Melbourne. On that memorable day in his career, Jake played alongside Dustin Martin, Jack Riewoldt, Tom Lurch, Trent Cochin, Dion Prestia, Shane Edwards and an emerging young player named Liam Baker (ex-Subiaco WAFL) who would, within a short space of time, become a highly rated utility player at Punt Road.

Note: 1 In season 2020, Jake was given jumper number 39 which had been previously worn by Nathan Drummond (ex-Mooroopna-GVFL). It is not widely known that Nathan's great-grandfather, Thomas Taylor Drummond, was a former champion of Collingwood (1916-1922).

Note: 2 Round: 5 in 2020 was a most unusual start to Jake's AFL career as there were no spectators permitted in the stands at the MCG that day (i.e. because of COVID -19 lockdown protocols).

Jake played 14 Senior XVIII games in 2020, 21 games in 2021 and seven last year for a total of 42 games and 34 goals. Using the available statistics, arguably, Jake's finest outing for Richmond was against Fremantle in Round 15, 2020 when he received one Brownlow Medal vote for his display as a running forward. Jake also created a lot of comment for his dashing exhibition against Essendon in the Dreamtime clash at the Perth Stadium (i.e. COVID-19 venue) in June 2021.

For those who enjoy football statistics, Jake's figures make interesting study; and highlight his willingness to share the ball and provide chances for his teammates. In short, Jake was a creative and unselfish player for Richmond FC.

Games	Goals	Kicks	Marks	Handballs	Tackles	Disposals	1%	Inside 50's
42	34	213	90	193	100	406	31	69

As football followers know, statistics cannot tell the whole story of Jake's impressive career but, without a shadow of doubt, DFNC has acquired the services of a most dedicated and accomplished footballer. Everyone extends a warm and hearty welcome to Jake, his family and friends; and it is hoped that he enjoys his time at Pier Street. Welcome Jake and good luck in 2023 and beyond.

OUR VALUED SPONSORS FOR 2023

Thank you to these businesses who have generously agreed to sponsor our club in 2023

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BECOMING A SPONSOR

If you have been a sponsor in the past and you wish to continue, or if you are interested in becoming a new sponsor, there are numerous sponsorship packages available.

Our aim is to provide value to our sponsors, resulting from brand exposure, business awareness and targeted social media presence. On-going acknowledgment of our sponsors is paramount. We aim to help our sponsors generate more business through promotion of your brand to our wider community based audience. In return we aim for our sponsors to feel the satisfaction and rewards of supporting grass roots community sports.

The Club provides a safe, competitive sporting outlet for our local sportspeople. In 2023 we are also launching a Business Network Directory that provides another opportunity for the club to promote our club sponsors in a new and innovative way. This directory will be circulated through various platforms, providing all members and supporters an easy way of accessing the many services offered by our generous sponsors.

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Our full list of sponsorship opportunities are outlined in a booklet available from the club. We have a range of packages that we feel meet the many requests of our community; however, we also have flexibility to tailor packages to suit your individual or business's needs. All sponsorship opportunities offer the potential for associated tax benefits. Please note that if you proceed with any sponsorship opportunity all tickets to events, including raffle tickets, are fully transferable. We would love to welcome you on board at our community, family based club and to promote your business in return. For all information contact **Steve Ware** on 0400 181 442 or contact us at sponsorship@dromanatigers.com.au

PLAYER SPONSORSHIP

For the 2023 season we have decided to expand on our player sponsorship opportunities. Player sponsors are a pivotal part of allowing our players to play a game they love for free or a minimum cost. We have a variety of options that best suit the needs of you and/or your organisation. These range from as little as \$100 with various benefits to you and your business including advertising, membership tickets, apparel, raffle tickets and much more depending on your level of commitment. If you don't know of any players then the club is happy to arrange contact details or other means for you to work out who you would be interested in sponsoring for the season.

2023 DFNC

PLAYER SPONSORS FUNCTION



RSVP by scanning
QR code below



When:
Saturday 29th April, 2023

Where:
Dromana Recreation Reserve
social rooms

Times:
Function will commence at
half time of the Senior
Football match at
approximately 3pm and
run until 4pm

Inclusions:
Snacks and refreshments will be
provided

Who is it for:
Anyone sponsoring a DFNC player
in season 2023.
Non-sponsors can attend for \$10pp

For more information contact **Steve Ware** on 0400181442 or
via email to sponsorship@dromanatigers.com.au

The History Page - by Roger Spaul



FAMOUS FOOTBALL FAMILIES - THE RUSH FAMILY - By Roger Spaul

The famous footballer and administrator Bob Rush (1880-1975).

The Rush family name has some meaning to Dromana Football Club because in 2003 John Rush played five Senior XVIII games (and numerous Reserves XVIII matches) with the club. John was an amiable and popular player who travelled from the city each week to don the 'Hoppers' guernsey. John's family is a remarkable story in the history of Australian football. The most famous member of the Rush family is Robert 'Bob' Rush who was born in Richmond in 1880; and was recruited from Parade College to Collingwood in 1889. Bob went on to play 142 games (one goal only) with the

Magpies. He was a member of the Collingwood premiership teams in 1902-03; and was awarded Life Membership in 1909. Bob was inducted into the CFC Hall of Fame in 2008.

While Bob was a reliable and stout-hearted defender, his contribution to Collingwood as an administrator was unparalleled; and a major factor in the success of the Magpies during the Jock McHale dynasty.

"Only three men had stands named after them at Victoria Park.

Only a handful has official club trophies that bear their names.

*And only one man has **both** – Bob Rush. Those dual honours speak*

volumes for the contribution Bob Rush made to the Collingwood Football Club

in a remarkable career that stretched more than 50 years." Source: 'Collingwood Forever' website.



One of Bob's memorable highlights, during his five decades at CFC, was the day, in 1930, when he coached Collingwood to a premiership (due to the fact that Jock Mc Hale was being bed-ridden with illness). According to Michael Roberts, the Historian at Collingwood FC, Bob's address at half time that day was said to have *"...made the hairs stand on the back of heads...it was amazing stuff."*

Four of Bob's brothers also played VFL football:

- Bryan Rush played with Collingwood (1913-14); and although he only played 17 senior games with Collingwood he was selected to represent NSW in 1924.
- Gerald Rush played 15 games for Richmond in 1920.
- Kevin (Richmond 7 games in 1923-24).
- William (aka 'Leo') played for Melbourne (1911-12).

GREAT TIGER VICTORIES - 1998 V SORRENTO By Roger Spaul

This important victory was achieved over Sorrento on April 18th 1998. In those years, Sorrento and Dromana had hit 'rough patches' in their respective histories; and both clubs were 'fighting like fury' to survive, remain competitive and climb the Nepean FL Ladder. Younger readers may find it hard to believe that both Dromana and Sorrento were 'cellar dwellers' in those days of local football.

The clash, between the traditional rivals created keen interest and, of course, the usual friendly banter. The Pier Street Oval looked 'a picture' and the fine weather aided a sizeable attendance. Injuries and late withdrawals from the DFC line-up impacted heavily; and the team went into the game without David Labbozetta, Glenn Kendall, Steve Kerr, Dustin Douglas and Andrew Rowler. Young Aaron Jarman was a last minute inclusion that day. Such a major reshuffle and the loss of key men must have been frustrating for Steve Scagliarini who was DFC's Senior XVIII Coach that season.

The line-up looked something like this:-

BACKS	SIMON MORRICE	TROY PARKER	JEREMY GARDINER
H'BACKS	DENNIS OATES	LUKE LAWLOR	TIM LANYON
CENTRE	CASEY LANDRIGAN	DAVE JORDAN	BRENDAN TRIGG
H'FOR'DS	CHRIS VEALE	DAMON QUIGLEY	JASON SULLIVAN
FORWARDS	DAN NICOLLE	CRAIG COMPTON	BRETT DUNN
RUCKS	ROB THODAY	JEFF HILTON	MATT BREEN
1/C	JARRET LEAH	ANTHONY HAZELDINE	AARON JARMAN

The game was played with spirit and vigour as both sides jostled for supremacy. The team captain, David Jordan, gave a sparkling display in the centre; and the former Melbourne and St Kilda forward Jeff Hilton created numerous chances with his creative play and accurate disposal. The first half was an 'arm-wrestle'; and it wasn't until Damon Quigley (Billy's Dad and ex-Melton utility) and Craig Compton 'broke the shackles' and 'nailed' a combined tally of seven goals that the game swung in Dromana's favour. Young Casey Landrigan kicked an important goal and Dan Nicolle (former Under: 18 captain) booted two majors in an impressive performance. Casey together with Dave Jordan and Brendan Trigg provided constant drive from the midfield.

Dromana held the 'whip hand' in the last term; and as the clock ticked down the forwards enjoyed the space and the lack of defensive pressure by the Sorrento defence and ran out convincing winners by 48 points.

Final scores: Dromana 14.13 (97) defeated Sorrento 7.7(49)

Goal kickers for Dromana: Compton 4 Quigley 3 Nicolle 2 Jordan 2 Oates Landrigan Hazeldine

Best players for Dromana: Jordan Hilton Veale Trigg Morrice and Leah.

The above triumph was Dromana's only win that season. There will be some readers who will remember those perplexing years at Pier Street when the players worked hard against formidable odds without tangible rewards. However, on that day, the Dromana faithful was well pleased with the efforts of all the players especially the emerging youngsters such as Dan Nicolle, Casey Landrigan, Aaron Jarman, Troy Parker and a very brave ruckman named Robbie Thoday.

Note: In 1998, Andrew Rowler took out the Senior XVIII Best and Fairest award and Dan Nicolle won the goal kicking trophy.