



In house ladies' group of the Hawthorn Football Club
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REMEMBERING JOHN KENNEDY SNR ▶

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How sad we all were to hear of the passing of John Kennedy Snr on Thursday. Whilst not unexpected it is still such a shock that he has left us, thankfully peacefully, to join his beloved Dulcie. So many wonderful words and memories have been written by our Club leaders and so many in the media, I don't think we can express our sorrow better than the many superlatives used about this great human being.

On Friday about 22 of us on Zoom shared so much love - remembering the Kennedy Family, we grieved together and all felt we had lost a relative, such was the esteem we held him. We recalled our dear friend Dulcie who was a delight joining us at many morning coffees. She was so proud of John's achievements, John always humble did not seek recognition or glory, but Dulcie loved it for him!

So many remember this tall man when we were toddlers, unaware that he would become the icon he did. The foundations set by John internally still live on even in today's world, at our club and hopefully always.

One special thing I read was "that wherever Hawthorn Football Club goes, John Kennedy (statue) goes with it". How comforting and fitting!

Our sympathy has been sent to John Kennedy Jnr, Bernadette, Maureen and indeed the whole Kennedy Family. We share their loss and thank them for sharing John with us all.

Jeff Kennett summed up the man John Kennedy perfectly:

THE MAN IN THE BROWN COAT WITH THE HEART OF GOLD

Ladies!

We are at the end of June – some footy – more Covid cases in Victoria – its not the most positive situation for sure. If any of you are feeling isolated or lonely or overwhelmed – all of which is understandable, **please let us know**. We have many members and committee only too happy to call you or visit you.

We also have a lot of fun on Fridays on Zoom – after our win against Richmond, it was hilarious, with the overall feeling “what a shame we werent at the golf club to annoy Dean”. I have spoken to him but he felt the Tigers did not play well at all..... That’s fine by us - let them think we ARE TOO OLD AND SLOW and that we only won as they werent at their peak!!!!

What a game it was, led by the big smile and energy of Isaac, Big Boy, Jack popped in for a few goals, Shaun Burgoyne – gosh that’s 4 of the oldies isnt it. I would rather have them on our side. Havent heard about Ricky, he certainly got a big hit didn’t look good going down did he - at the very least he will have a shiner.

I know it is not Hawthorn related but did any of you see the Carlton game? So thrilled that Marc is playing well and was in the best 4 for Carlton – he deserves this success and we can only hope he continues.

The North game was not a great spectacle but winning is pretty important in these times.

MONTHLY MORNING TEA:

We have been in constant contact with the golf club – they are as frustrated as we all are, as you can imagine. We are really hopeful we can have a morning coffee at the end of July but of course this depends on what happens between now and then. They can seat 20 with social distancing but this could change. We will keep you updated.

SPONSORED PLAYERS UPDATE:

We have had phone calls from Ricky Henderson and Will Day to thank us for sponsoring them this year.

Will is a delightful young man and he hopes he can meet up with us all this year sometime, he spoke of the difficulty moving to Melbourne then home to Adelaide during lockdown. He had been training really well – UNTIL..... Reports from the club out of the recent practice matches about Will “*he has adapted very quickly to the Hawthorn way of defending – he’s played two very solid games*” Think he is a good choice as a sponsored player.

Ricky also rang to say thanks and hello, then he joined us on Zoom one morning. He is getting back to how he played last year despite a nasty blow to the head the other week.

The Football Club also delivered our 3 sponsored players signed jumpers and the scarves – Jack Gunston being the third player. These are pretty special this year – being the odd season that it is – don’t think we will see another season like this one – lets hope not anyway.

Our club has had some “firsts” with the snow last season and now Covid disrupting the season, apart from the implications Australia wide and world wide. It will be a year to remember for sure.

HAWTHORN WEBSITE:

I hope you all saw our update ON the FRONT PAGE of the website, there was a photo of Andrea Dillon and if you click below on the heading it takes us to the update.

Thanks to Anne-Marie for supporting us with this!!! I wish they would update that whole site I have asked them to but they are short staffed of course.

Frances sent us this wonderful poem, do you remember reciting this at school? It is timely to remember that we really do live in the best country in the world. Thanks Fran

My Country

The love of field and coppice,
Of green and shaded lanes,
Of ordered woods and gardens
Is running in your veins.
Strong love of grey-blue distance
Brown streams and soft, dim skies-
I know but cannot share it,
My love is otherwise.

I love a sunburnt country,
A land of sweeping plains,
Of ragged mountain ranges,
Of droughts and flooding rains.
I love her far horizons,
I love her jewel sea,
Her beauty and her terror-
The wide brown land for me.

The stark white ring-barked forests
All tragic to the moon,
The sapphire-misted mountains,
The hot gold hush of noon.
Green tangle of the brushes,
Where lithe lianas coil,
And orchids deck the tree-tops
And ferns the warm dark soil.

Core of my heart, my country!
Her pitiless blue sky,
When, sick at heart, around us
We see the cattle die-
But then the grey clouds gather,
And we can bless again
The drumming of an army,
The steady soaking rain.

Core of my heart, my country!
Land of the Rainbow Gold,
For flood and fire and famine,
She pays us back threefold.
Over the thirsty paddocks,
Watch, after many days,
That filmy veil of greenness
That thickens as we gaze...

An opal-hearted country,
A wilful, lavish land
All you who have not loved her,
You will not understand-
Though earth holds many splendors,
Wherever I may die,
I know to what brown country
My homing thoughts will fly.

by Dorothea Mackellar



MEMBERS PHOTOS WITH SCARVES:

Thanks to ladies who joined this, the photos look fabulous and Olivea is putting a collage together. We did not think it appropriate to send to the club this week, but will do so for next weeks game

BEANIE DONATIONS:

Many of you will have seen the photo of Judy Shiel on our FB page with the first delivery of beanies etc to go to Buchan. Last week she collected approximately 30 beanies, scarves and woollen gloves to go next week.

Thanks to Barbara Causon for donating **a big box** of beanies and posting them to us, caring and generous donation from Barbara – many farmers will be most grateful this winter!!!!!! See photo at end....

FAN ZONE ON CHANNEL 7

Thanks to Justine Scott for being our Fanzone fans for the Richmond game – it's a bit of fun and keeps our name out there at the club. If anyone else is happy to join this please let Lyn know. Jenni, Nicky and a few others are down for our next call to cheer!!! Its only on the Channel 7 games.

CHRISTMAS BOXES FOR FIRE VICTIMS:

Thanks to Judy Shiel who has made some cards in packets to add to the boxes – lovely cards for Christmas and birthday and gifts – great idea. Also Christmas wrapping paper, bags and more.

We collected two big boxes of decorations from Ethel last week – thanks Ethel lovely to see you. We will use these to make up new decorations or just use as they are.

Kath arrived Thursday with about 6 boxes of goodies, her lovely knitted decorations we have all received over the years, gift cards, reindeer food bags, serviette rings, so many lovely things. Thanks Kath, Judy and Ethel, the spare room is looking like a storeroom – which is fantastic!!

I have been in touch with Sharon McEvoy who is so thrilled we are still doing this despite Covid. She is not sure we can help everyone in need, but knowing how generous our Thornbirds are I never say never! As we get closer we will know if there are children in the family – a small gift can be added to decorations – little extra touches like that - so the recipient knows we care for them.

We have also collected some of the new Coles Hawks shopping bags to put some goodies in. We will put tags on these with The Thornbirds name on and hopefully put a smile on Hawks supporters doing it tough, for Sharon to hand out.

We are happy to collect donations from you please contact Jenni or Lyn!

THINKING OF YOU:

All our ladies who are living alone, we send special love to you – if there is anything members can do please let us know, a phone call, a visit, shopping. We have many members happy to assist during this very unsure time we are in.

Margaret Murray wants to be the bionic woman, soon to undergo a knee reconstruction. Good luck Margaret we are thinking of you. We do miss that big smile of yours, but it wont be long before we can SEE each other again, not just on Zoom.

ZOOM FRIDAYS:

Last Friday we had around 22 on Zoom which was great. Justin Reeves popped in early to say hello and see if we needed anything or had any problems. Thanks Justin this is so special and our members sincerely appreciate that you say hello and reassure us we are “doing well” as a club.

We then welcomed our special guest Emma Race – what fun we had then ladies! Emma is very honest and down to earth isn't she? Her passion for womens sport showed through and her love of the HFC as well, being 4th generation supporters. Shame Andy had to ignore his heritage but he did don the brown and gold in 2008 we did hear – as Emma said that is his only imperfection.

Ladies asked questions and told stories which was well received. Thanks Emma – it was a fun time with you and you are welcome any Friday, you have the link feel free to pop in!

Anne-Marie as always joined us, she is such a busy lady but always puts aside time on a Friday morning, we are sincerley grateful for her unwavering support at Board level as well.

We also thank Peter Haby for visiting as well, so comforting sharing our loss of John Kennedy with him too.

HEALTH NOTICE:

Many may not know that Anne-Marie is also an extremely busy physician and we always ask her updates on Covid and health issues on Zoom.

This week she suggested it is now appropriate to wear a mask when out shopping, as the virus is so unpredictable and as we have seen easily spread in close contact.

She asked us to remind you ALL:

To be vigilant, use the hand sanitizer at shops, wear gloves, don't touch doors, trolleys etc without washing hands.

Wash hands regularly of course.

DO NOT KISS OR SHAKE HANDS – this is so hard isnt it – unless you live in the same house!

SOCIAL DISTANCE.

Anne-Marie wears a mask herself, she went on to tell us she has a Hawthorn one, a very swish brown and gold satin, she wears this over the surgical mask. She modelled it and all thought it was great so we have ordered some of these from her dressmaker they will be \$10 if anyone would like one? Contact Olivea or send the money to our account and we will get them out to you. olivea.sutton@hotmail.com

Happy Birthday



A couple of Big Occasion Birthdays this newsletter:

June – congratulations Judy Halsted on a wonderful “milestone” birthday and

July - congratulations Helen Greenfield on YOUR special birthday!

Happy birthday to anyone else who is enjoying Covid birthdays – its different to say the least!



SOME OF THE LAST LOT OF BEANIES TO GO!

We left some flowers at the John Kennedy statue



It is always great hearing from you the members sharing your lives. On Friday an email came through from Di Kendalll, a memory appeared on her Facebook page and she thought she would share it. It depicts who WE are at Hawthorn at the family club. Di's Mum at the football with one of her favourites and ours. Thanks Di for sharing this with us all....such a lovely memory of your dear Mum.

