



In house ladies' group of the Hawthorn Football Club  
October 2020

## **CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR JACK and WILL!!!!**

*How exciting was it to watch the PCM last week, whilst it was different for many of us, that is the nature of the beast of Covid – but didn't the IT team at Hawthorn excel – well done to them all!*

*There would have been uproar had Will not won Best First Year Player – he has had a stellar season and is one of those players who will carry us into a successful future. Well done Will.*

*Then as the voting continued we were all nervous, text messages going between members and by the final round I think we all felt exhausted and more than a little worried! Of course Tom would have been an amazing worthy winner after 12 months out of footy and that unbelievable broken leg just how good is he!!!*

*BUT for us - one eyed #19 supporters we were over the moon when Jack won the Peter Crimmins Medal. Well done Jack an extraordinary season under unimaginable conditions. So proud of Jack and his speech afterwards was incredible – so passionate and from the heart. Last year we enjoyed the spoils with Ricky Henderson who was second – so it was so disappointing to not be there cheering loudly for Jack. But we are proud that we have sponsored Jack from his arrival at Ricoh – he has been an exciting player to watch and we've enjoyed many nights with him also. Congratulations to proud parents Mandy and Ray – there were a few tears on the night – and why not! Mandy has shared so many memories with us on Jack's footy journey so we all feel their joy! HOW good was it sharing it with Mandy on zoom on Friday – thanks Mandy.*

*Congratulations of course to The Chad! Don't we just love him and what a wonderful reward to be 3<sup>rd</sup> in the PCM so pleased for him – he gives his all every week. Well done Chad.*

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### **RICKY'S RETIREMENT:**

*Prior to the PCM we all learnt that Ricky had decided to retire, it was perhaps likely but it was no less sad and so disappointing for him. I wonder had the season been normal and he hadn't sustained that injury if he would have played on – but that's hindsight and we have to say farewell to one of the nicest sponsored players we have had.*

*I know last year when he came to our night he won so many of your hearts – such a pleasant, easy going man who spoke normally and with warmth. ( Despite being worried about the imminent birth of his son!!!). He joined us on zoom earlier in the season – nothing was a problem for him. I am sure he will join us next year to give him a proper farewell and thank you.*

*When I contacted him to say how sorry we were he asked me to pass on his sincere thanks to all Thornbird ladies for the amazing support he received while at Hawthorn. He appreciated being sponsored by us. We will miss him. x*

## THANK YOU'S:

*To Justin Reeves, Alastair Clarkson, and all the staff who left Victoria to be in the hub and support our players and their families we say a huge thank you. It hasn't been an easy time and with little reward on field it would have been difficult to keep positive all these months away.*

*Having to stand down staff was devastating for them and all decisions were made to ensure the longevity of the Hawthorn Football Club.*

*To our players who really just left Melbourne in 48 hours for one month which became 3 months we also express our thanks. No one would have even guessed what was ahead and our boys did the best they could under the circumstances. We remain proud, passionate and loyal always. Bring on 2021!*

## HFC BOARD:

*What a challenging time they have had and what uncertainty lies ahead.*

*Thanks to you all for your solid leadership and sensible management through these times – none of you signed up for this but you have been amazing!*

*Personally I think we should all be grateful that Jeff will be staying on as President (unless someone challenges him!! Haha) – the next 12-36 months are going to be extremely difficult to work through. The Club wishes to remain a stand alone club but we need to be certain we are not disadvantaged because of this.*

*Jeff I believe is the person who will stand up and make sure we are not left behind. He has a very strong board supporting him as they work **united** through whatever comes our way. Listen to his speech on PCM night, his enthusiasm was catching and his positivity infectious!*

*Good management by this board is what has kept us in the position we are – whilst they have delayed the Kennedy Centre as a whole, they will start by working on the facilities for the Womens football which they see as a priority.*

*The Thornbirds are most grateful for the support from the Board, especially from Anne-Marie and I hope all members support our board and do what we can to keep our Club where it deserves to be.*

## ZOOM:

*These mornings continue to bring much laughter to those who attend – it is really pleasing to hear how much ladies have enjoyed the catch ups and learning more about each other. What a fabulous party we will have when we are allowed to get together so many new friendships have been made!!!!*

*Justine decided no more pregame zooms until we won again – of course now there are no more games!!! Thanks Justine they were great fun and the competitions on the social media also – you have been amazing with your support and enthusiasm. You have been a breath of fresh air.*

*Irenes birthday party was a fun day with cake, candles, hats, flowers, singing - it is amazing what you can do on zoom!*

*Mandy joining us after Jack's PCM win – we are never sure who will pop in and say hello.*

*We have arranged a special event for grand final eve morning zoom with Dan Eddy – more information following.*

Happy  
Birthday



Special birthday wishes to Kay Osborne in October – the Claytons Grand Final Day!!! Hope it is special Kay.

Also to others having birthdays in September and October we send greetings to you also.

### Christmas Boxes for Fire Victims.

Our boxes are ready to go as soon as we can move more than 5km from home!!! Sincere thanks to Judy Shiel, Kath Youlten (her donations were incredibly generous and a plenty!), Olivea Sutton, Ethel Stanley, Debbie Mynott, Lyn Mynott, Trish Aird, for their generous donations and support with this project. See photos on last page of newsletter.

Personally I'd also like to thank and acknowledge my cousin who lives in Geelong, Jenni Hunter, she made masks and sold them in her area and donated the money to The Thornbirds for our fire victim boxes - \$150 which is outstanding. Jenni's family are involved in Geelong Amateurs (NOT connected to Geelong FC!!!) and she works hard raising funds for their club, so this makes her donation even more generous. Thanks Jenni.

As a side Jenni is making Christmas masks if anyone is interested, these funds are for the amateurs NOT Geelong itself – for their annual ladies day for womens cancer charity!!! The masks are \$7.00\* and the tree shaped serviettes are \$6.00\* each all profits to their cause. Both are fully washable of course! Let Lyn know if you wish to purchase anything, they are lovely of course I have some – well come on ladies it is Christmas!!!! \*This includes postage\*.



## MASKS:

We still have our beautiful masks available for sale – we are trying to raise funds with the sale of these so we if you know anyone who would like one they are \$15 (plus postage \$3 up to 4 masks normal delivery).

They are a lovely gift for family or friends and we will be wearing them for a while yet – we will send on to Jack, Ricky and Will now they are back in town!

Ours are unique not like the usual ones out there – add some bling and they look fabulous and very unique! Betty Leonard proudly wears hers on her daily walks – thanks Betty for letting us know!

Contact Olivea or send the money to our account **033-326Account number: 372622** and we will get them out to you. [olivea.sutton@hotmail.com](mailto:olivea.sutton@hotmail.com)

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## SPECIAL GUEST FOR ZOOM FRIDAY 23 OCTOBER 10am.

This is our usual zoom meeting, but we would like to invite partners, husbands, friends to join us to chat with Dan Eddy – about his latest book Crimmo and his future two books about Huddo and HFC. If you have not heard Dan speak, or even if you have - please join us you'll be in for a treat. The time just flies with this interesting author and being GF weekend a nice way to recall the 1971 and 1976 Premierships in particular and of course Crimmo. Dan has invited a couple of other premiership players so who knows who will log in – make sure you do though!!

Everyone is welcome and please feel free to invite your family and friends for fun, facts and even a prize or two just for attending! We will use our normal zoom log in to save confusion which is:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8069874798?pwd=Q1VCYmpVUjlyRjQvTVAwWUtxZ1gxUT09>

Meeting ID: 806 987 4798

Passcode: 5CknaV

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## SAD NEWS.....

It is with great sorrow that I share with you, the request by Mike Warren to inform you, that he is in palliative care. For those who may not know, Mike was married to – much loved - Thornbird member and former president Gaby who passed away a few years ago. Mike has worked at the football club over a number of years and was incredibly supportive of The Thornbirds and was known to many through his work in the museum, the foundation, in house groups and at events around the club.

Mike had found new happiness in his life and married Gayle only last October and they were preparing their next stage to live in Queensland before Covid and this latest news.

Mike wanted his Thornbirds to be informed – so brave – again so sad that Covid will deny any of us to visit he and Gayle during this dreadful time. We will keep up phone contact and send your wishes to them both. Lyn



## **ANNUAL MAJOR RAFFLE:**

Another challenge for us during Covid – but as we have not been able to raise funds this year – we are going ahead with this virtually – wish us luck!

Of course Jack's jumper is an extremely valuable item after last week, Ricky's being his last and of course Will as first year player.

So we have decided to raffle all 3 jumpers this year and we will be opening this up to others in the hope of recouping money for sponsorship next season. Will may not wear #30 next season so rather than keep his for next year we have taken this course. Hopefully we can sponsor Jack and Will next year so will no doubt have more jumpers then.

Paid up 2020 Thornbird members who are lucky winners, will receive the pure wool sponsors scarf and a copy of the photo of the player with their jumper as a bonus and by way of thanks to you for continuing your membership. (photo below)

We do have a coffee maker but as delivering this will be difficult at present we will carry this over until next year, as well as other goods we have.

SO: Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20 please direct debit to our account, then EMAIL Olivea, once your money is credited the number of tickets will be printed and put straight into the barrel. We will draw this on our weekly zoom meeting on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October.

Bank details : **033-326 372622 (Westpac) The Thornbirds Committee** **TICKET SALES OPEN UNTIL 28/10**

Then email or text Olivea – [olivea.sutton@hotmail.com](mailto:olivea.sutton@hotmail.com) or 0438 198 315 with how many tickets you have purchased! Good luck.



**1<sup>st</sup> prize**



**2<sup>nd</sup> prize**



**3<sup>rd</sup> prize**

**Below are the boxes for the Fire Victims, the photos do not do these justice. Each family will receive the table additions, the handmade cards and gift cards, knitted, crystal, candle decorations – 35 decorations per box. A serviette holder and serviettes, plus the serviette rings. Tea-towels and dish cloth for each family! Plus gifts of various kinds in each box in the Hawks shopping bags. A wreath inside if small or on the top if large, then cartons wrapped in Christmas paper and bows.....**

**THANK YOU ALL.....**

## Christmas Boxes Photos:



Cards handmade by Judy Shiel ↑  
Knitted by Kath 14 per box



Table additions  
bottle openers, wine  
corks, hats,  
serviette rings  
cutlery holders

Cartons ready to wrap/bows



Deb's Dymons

