



West Brunswick Amateur Football Club Inc.

Affiliated with the Victorian Amateur Football Association

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Home Ground – McAlister Oval, Park Street, Parkville

President: Benjamin Lichtenstein

Secretary: Matt Holmes

Senior Coach: Angus Hamilton

Senior Premierships: 1960, '80, 2002, '08, '14, '15

Premiers & Champions: 1976, 2015 (Res)

Reserves Premierships: 1989, '98



Season 2016

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Adjusting to the difficult fixturing...

Over the past four years the VAFA have somehow managed to develop a fixture for the grades we compete in with two additional weekends where we don't play matches, in addition to the actual weeks where all grades do not play.

The VAFA have always had the Queen's Birthday weekend as a non-football weekend (except for those selected to play for the representative teams) and more recently have included another weekend where more representative football is played, being one month after the Queen's birthday break. These two weeks are in the middle of the season and all VAFA clubs use the time to rest some of their players who may have niggling injuries or the like.

For West Brunswick however the story is a little different. In 2014 we were in "Division D4", an eleven team grade, in 2015 we were promoted to "Division D3" and had St Francis Xavier Club drop out of the grade at the start of the season to play in the Club XVIII, and in 2016, where we are in the stable "Division D2" we had the Monash Gryphons drop out of the competition after the fixtures had been released. These withdrawals of clubs means we get two extra weekends without footy, making it very difficult to generate momentum.

On the other hand knowing how these non playing weekends can be managed creates opportunity to set the season into blocks of three or four weeks, where the club can set themselves against particular opponents, knowing there is a week off after the last match in a particular block.

Over the past month the Seniors and Reserves have played the teams at the top of the table, and have come away with a very pleasing four wins from five games. This places both teams at second on the ladder and in a very good position for this

weekend's non football round. It gets a bit messy over the next two weeks as we play Richmond Central (currently the bottom side) followed by a Bye.

Results:

Seniors:

The last five rounds:

Over the last five rounds West has played last year's D3 grand finalists, Emmaus St Leos (the Animals) where they won by 27 points, next up were top of the table St Johns (the Eagles) with West going down by 20 points. The Queens Birthday break was followed by a clash against Eltham Collegians (the Turtles) winning by 56 points, Yarra Valley Old Boys (the Bushrangers) where the Magpies won by 6 points and the final game in this block was against Preston Bullants (the Bullants) where we won by 15 points.

The games have been about grinding out a victory rather than a dominant performance. Importantly we have now played all teams in the grade and are confident we are more than capable of playing better football, as well as winning the games that shape up as an arm wrestle from the start.

The Current ladder at Round 12

	Wins	Loss	Byes	%	Pts
St Johns	10	1	1	179.8	44
West Brunswick	9	2	1	129.6	40
Preston Bullants	8	3	1	133.9	36
MHSOB	7	4	1	108.7	32
Yarra Valley	5	5	2	107.7	28
Emmaus St Leos	4	7	1	110.9	20
Eltham Collegians	3	8	1	81.0	20
Bulleen					
Templestowe	2	8	2	70.3	16
Richmond Central	0	11	2	41.5	8

Reserves

The last five rounds:

The Division D2 reserve grade teams range from very competitive to sometimes a walk in the park. Whilst the senior team is up against some very solid competitive teams, the reserves have had a mixed bag of opponents.

The Round 8 clash v Emmaus St Leos saw West win by an impressive 130 points, and the following week against St John's, who's senior team had beaten all before them, it was a win to the Magpies by 98 points. After the Queen's Birthday break, the Round 10 match v the Eltham Collegians saw West notch up victory by 154 points, and the following week v Yarra Valley the victory was by 46 points. The final match in this block against Preston was a loss by 13 points.

With victories appearing to come easily, the reserves players can become complacent, and the Bullants seized on our lack of pressure to set up our second loss for the season. The Unicorns are the benchmark team, whom we play in round 18.

Reserve ladder at round 12.

	Wins	Loss	Byes	%	Pts
MHSOB	11	0	1	453.2	48
<i>West Brunswick</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>380.0</i>	<i>40</i>
Preston Bullants	8	3	1	140.8	36
Yarra Valley	6	4	2	108.1	32
Bulleen Templestowe	5	5	2	84.9	28
Eltham Collegians	3	8	1	50.2	16
St Johns	3	8	1	47.7	16
Emmaus St Leos	2	9	1	56.6	12
Richmond Central	1	9	2	31.5	12

Thirds

There are six clubs with teams in this grade of the competition, and of those six, two clubs dominate; Old Geelong and West Brunswick. The last match played by this team was the third clash against the Cats this season, with top of the table honours going to the victor.

West Brunswick won the game in fairly heavy conditions and are at the top of the ladder. There is no doubt the finals will be contested by the Magpies and the Cats, with firmer grounds likely to enable plenty of run from the teams. Will West be able to get their side together in sufficient

manner to match it later in the season? Only time will tell, but for the moment lets be happy at the top.

Club VXIII ladder as at round 12..

	Wins	Loss	%	Pts
<i>West Brunswick</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>366.8</i>	<i>44</i>
Old Geelong	10	2	392.1	40
Monash Blues	6	6	110.0	24
Monash Gryphons	4	8	58.0	16
UHSOB - VU	3	9	49.2	12
Swinburne	2	10	30.7	8

Forthcoming Social Functions:

The Party Bus

The fun begins before you actually get onto the double decker.

West 2000

Sunday 31 July 2016
Ransford Oval, Royal Park
Theme: "Let's go to Rio"

The 2016 fixture:

The full season's fixture is available on the club website and can be accessed any time.

July 9		No Game	
July 16	v	Richmond Central	Away
July 23	v	Bye	
July 30	v	Bulleen Templestowe	Away
August 6	v	St Leos	Home
August 13	v	St Johns	Home
August 20	v	MHSOB	Away

Noticed That...

- Reserves co coach Angus Campbell made a comeback into the Thirds team over the past couple of weeks. Gus has been sidelined with a shoulder injury and thought a comeback might be easy.
- With the reserves team scoring so impressively over the past we have seen Rich Benjamin leave the game with a few 'bags' of goals.

- The Ball held in June saw the 'Lads from Daylesford' dress to impress, a challenge for something better ahead for the West 2000.
- Great to catch up with quite a few of the older former players at the match on May 21st. Plenty of golden moments and stories following a few frothies made it a great day.

Golden Magpies

Thanks to the following who have become golden magpies for season 2016 now number 35 members.

Raph	Touzel
Rod	Touzel
Frank	Gertdz
Peter	Guatta
Heather	Guatta
Rod	Calander
Brian	Fletcher
Gary	Armstrong
Arthur	Ozols
Sam	Peitsch
Scot	McNamara
Dave	Hayton
Charlie	Wakefield
John	Haysey

Apologies to those who may have paid directly into our club bank account but have not been formally thanked in the Birdsnest. Please send me an email so as this can be rectified..

Whenever somebody makes a payment to the club account it is important to ensure a name is added to the payment. This is because the Treasurer needs to have a chance to reconcile payments from a considerable number of other sources and match GM payments.

Club Bank Account

Bendigo Bank

Account Name:

West Brunswick Amateur Football Club

BSB: 633-000

Acc No: 136422383

Current Sponsors

We are pleased to announce the continuation from 2015 of our major sponsor for the upcoming season:



We encourage all players to support our major sponsor by having any required radiology scans (MRI's, Xray's, CT Scans and Ultrasounds) at your nearest Capital Radiology

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Benjamin Jewellers

The club is looking for sponsors in any form. If you would like to promote your business in the Birdsnest, website or around the club get in contact with Chris Germon (cgermon@gmail.com). We can get you promoted in many wonderful ways...posters, tickets, t-shirts, special dedications, small ads on banners of milestone games, inside the inner sanctum etc.

Looking for Volunteers

We are looking for volunteers to help out around the club – in any capacity. Casual once off basis or a few Saturdays during the year. Jobs include time keeping, goal umpire, running the boundary, match day manager, scorer, helping in the canteen on a Saturday or perhaps cooking up a pot of bolognaise for the boys for Thursday night selection. Contact: Wendal Vagg if you can assist in any way.

Keeping in Contact

The club's has a linkedin Group – West Brunswick Amateur Football Club
If you've changed your email address send an email to the club westbrunswick@gmail.com to update your details

WEST 2000 Sunday 31 July 2016

Want to win \$1000? How about some spot prizes of \$50? Make sure you swing on down to the clubrooms for this year's *Let's go to Rio* themed West 2000

Ticket price includes Ocker's famous BBQ lunch and beer/wine/champagne/soft drink from 11:00am-4.00pm. There will also be other spot prizes and activities throughout the day.

For non-players wanting tickets/raffle books - make sure you contact the club at westbrunswick@gmail.com

This event will be held at the Ryder Oval pavilion (and surrounds) this year, following extensive lobbying of the soccer club to ensure we do not have a venue clash on the big day.

The ticketing price is \$30 each, a book of 5 tickets is \$125 and **ticket price on the day is \$40.** There is a 'Money back guarantee' to every ticket holder who scores.

Should you want to purchase your ticket in advance, and avoid the 'at the door surcharge' you could pay directly into the club's bank account, details listed above.

The club also has an eftpos facility should you turn up on the door with only your plastic.

In the original launch of this event in 1982, the promotional material at the time claimed that the price and what you got for it from the ticket made it the best value for money function in Australia. It was a big claim, but many have attested it to be true even after all these years.

This year is the *35th anniversary* of this function and it has been the source of many great 'club moments' including the 'dash for cash, the traditional concluding 'game' at sunset.

At this stage we do not know if there will be any football games going on at the grounds on the day, but there is always plenty of chaps who get along early to start their day.

Why not come down for a couple of hours and there will be plenty of fellas from our many football eras around on the day and available to share ale with you.

Poster Competition

To give the West 2000 some promotion, the club conducts a poster competition to highlight the more artistic side of the playing group. Appointed at the discretion of the President, Benjamin Lichtenstein, the judging panel for the West 2000 posters is yet to be named. This ensures there is no pre poster judging corruption as well as allowing every entrant equal opportunity. If it gets too hard we may need to rely on the traditional 'clapometer' first used in 1993 to decide the eventual winner.

The poster **must list the details of the event, date time, location** and be 'appropriate' in attracting/promoting the event to potential ticket purchasers Victorian laws have decreed that official entries are kept to an M+ rating or lower.

Posters should be ready to view by Thursday July 28th where they will be judged after training. The winning poster's author will win a six pack of Mountain Goat stubbies, the official beer supplier of the event.