



# THE ACORN

SEASON 2025 ISSUE 18

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hey Dragons,

Firstly, Happy Father's Day to all the Dragons Dads, Granddads and other men who play a significant role in the lives of our players.

It was an extremely blustery day and the final game of footy played by our U16 boys was certainly unpredictable! Congratulations to Hamish Cooper on his 100th game – we're so glad your team was able to play in a final so you could celebrate this fantastic milestone. The U16 boys played a fantastic game of comeback footy, reducing the opposition's ability to score in the 2nd half and pumping the goals in the last quarter! Unfortunately the boys weren't able to manage a win, and their season came to an end a little too soon. Well done to all of our teams for a really successful season – it's been a pleasure to watch the development, joy and teamwork across all of our teams and I will now have to find a different way to fill my Sundays until Season 2026.

Thank you to our Sponsors this season; RM Building & Design Group, Harcourts Oakleigh, StoreLocal and Kwik Kopy Braeside, your support is appreciated by all. Also to Grill'd and McDonald's Clayton & Chadstone for their MVP awards presented to our players at every Grub at the Club.

Our last Committee meeting is on Wednesday 17th September at 7:00pm and it would be wonderful to have every team represented. No previous experience required! We will be discussing the set up for Presentation Day, so it would be great to have lots of helpers. Also, if you're unsure of what's involved with being on the Committee, or in any of the roles – such as Secretary – it's a great opportunity to find out more information!

See you all on Presentation Day on Sunday 21st September from 11am to celebrate Season 2025!

Justine Leopold  
President

# GO DRAGONS

### 2025 COMMITTEE / OFFICIALS

President: Justine Leopold  
Vice President: Ross Black  
Secretary: Caz Hayes  
Treasurer: Volker Heinze  
Registrar: Kane Leopold  
Compliance Officer: Vacant  
Property Officer: Emma Hastings  
Canteen Manager: Kai Deorffus  
Sponsorship Coordinator: Phil Sturrock  
Social Media: Christelle Perez

Football Operations Manager: Ross Black  
Team Manager Coordinator: Sharon Stevenson  
First Aid Coordinator: Emily Heverin  
Child Safety Officer: Kathleen Windsor/Christelle Perez  
Boys & Mixed Coaching Coordinator: John McLaughlin  
Girls Coaching Coordinator: John Bernardo  
Junior/Senior Club Liaison: John Bernardo  
Incident Coordinator: Caz Hayes  
Bar Manager: Gab Dunn  
Social Committee: Vacant

General Committee:  
Annelise Scott  
Justin Scott  
Sarah Arnott  
Joel Harrison (U10M)  
Kathleen Windsor (U12M)  
Lisa & Dave Falla (U13M)  
Justine Karauria (U15G)  
Lisa & David Gee (U16B)

## 2025 MAJOR SPONSORS



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## MILESTONE GAMES!

# CONGRATULATIONS

Hamish Cooper, U16 Boys

# 100 GAMES



### DO YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO SHARE?

If you have any photos you'd like included in the next Acorn,  
please email them with a description to Anne at: [a.sturrock76@gmail.com](mailto:a.sturrock76@gmail.com)



## SOCIAL MEDIA



Don't forget to follow us on social media for all the latest news

Facebook: Oakleigh Dragons Junior Football Club

Instagram: [@oakleigh\\_dragonsjfc](https://www.instagram.com/oakleigh_dragonsjfc)



## HOUSE OF THE

*Week*

1278 North Road, Oakleigh South VIC 3167



2 Bedroom 1 Bathroom 1 Carpark

**Harcourts**  
Next Gen Oakleigh

17D Chester Street, Oakleigh

James Grosso  
0458 037 060



Dev Bala  
0424 810 402







## COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED!

We are over half way through the 2025 season, but the Committee is already looking ahead to next season. We are looking to fill the following Committee roles:

### **SECRETARY** (Executive Committee)

Deal with Club mail, take minutes of meetings including AGM, attend League meetings as required. Maintain Club Policies and By-Laws. Liaise with League, distribute mail/correspondence as required within Club and externally, main contact point for Club. Oversee running of the Club along with President and Vice President. Complete corporate reporting requirements to Consumer Affairs.

### **TREASURER** (Executive Committee)

Maintain the Financial Accounts of the Club, including banking. Present timely and accurate reports and budgets to the Committee. Liaise with various Committee members regarding budget requirements and income and expenditure.

Please speak to Justine or Caz to discuss these roles.



**ALL CONTRIBUTIONS WELCOME!**

**For more information:**

[secretary@oakleighdragons.com.au](mailto:secretary@oakleighdragons.com.au)





# PRESENTATION DAY

**WHEN:** SUNDAY, 21ST  
SEPTEMBER AT 11AM

**WHERE:** SCAMMELL  
RESERVE

- \* CLUB AWARDS \* TEAM AWARDS
- \* UNIFORM DONATIONS
- \* CANTEEN \* DRAGONS GIFT



## COACHES' REPORTS

### U16 BOYS TOM NOLAN

The U16s played Cheltenham in the preliminary final at Highett reserve. A place in the grand final up for stakes, Oakleigh looked to reverse the result from their last game against Cheltenham in the last home and away game.

In shocking conditions, Oakleigh lost the toss and were kicking against a strong wind in the 1st quarter. Cheltenham took full advantage and kicked 4 goals, whilst holding the Dragons goalless. The second quarter began and Oakleigh looked to use the wind to their advantage, but Cheltenham were the much better side and kicked a goal against the wind. With the rain coming and Oakleigh becoming frustrated, the Dragons lost their way with the half time siren a welcome break.

After a reset and focus on doing the simple things well, Oakleigh came out in the second half with nothing to lose. It appeared that the new attitude worked wonders as they held Cheltenham goalless and were able to kick a goal into the wind.

At 3 quarter time, Oakleigh were down by 4 goals and kicking with the wind. The Dragons were able to kick 2 early goals in the last quarter and Cheltenham appeared rattled. A miraculous third goal from the boundary put Oakleigh within 9 points. Oakleigh kept attacking and never gave up on getting the win, unfortunately time ran out and was the only way Oakleigh could be stopped.

The Dragons fell short by 8 points, but can be proud of their efforts throughout the season and in their last game. Congratulations to Hamish for playing 100 games.



Pictured below: The U16 boys with their Dad's celebrating Father's Day.







## GRUB AT THE CLUB SCHEDULE

Subject to change during the season depending on game times, your Team Manager will keep you posted.

**Don't forget – Grub's Gone Green! BYO plates and cutlery.**

Date	U8 & U9	U10	U11-U13	U14+	Holidays	Grub at the Club
27-Apr	Round 1	Round 1	Round 1	Round 1	ANZAC Round	U10 Mixed
4-May	Round 2	Round 2	Round 2	Round 2	Community Umpire Round	
11-May	Round 3	Round 3	Round 3	Round 3	Wellness Round/ Mother’s Day	
18-May	Round 4	Round 4	Round 4	Round 4		U9 Mixed
25-May	Round 5	Round 5	Round 5	Round 5	Grill’d Round	
1-June	Round 6	Round 6	Round 6	Round 6	Monash Round	U12M
8-June	No Games					
15-Jun	Round 7	Round 7	Round 7	Round 7		U13 Mixed
22-Jun	Round 8	Round 8	Round 8	Round 8		
29-Jun	Round 9	Round 9	Round 9	Round 9	TS4A Round	U11 Mixed
6-Jul	No Games				School Holidays	
13-Jul	No Games				School Holidays	
20-Jul	Round 10	Round 10	Round 10	Round 10		Committee
27-Jul	Round 11	Round 11	Round 11	Round 11	TAC Round	
3-Aug	Round 12	Round 12	Round 12	Round 12		U11 & U14 Girls
10-Aug	Round 13	Round 13	Round 13	Round 13	IKON Women & Girls Round / Team Photos	
17-Aug	Lightning Carnival	Round 14	Round 14	Round 14	The TRYBE	U15 Girls
24-Aug		Lightning Carnival	Round 15	Round 15	The TRYBE	U16 Boys
31-Aug			Semi Finals	Semi Finals		
7- Sep			Grand Finals	Preliminary Finals	Father’s Day	
14-Sep				Grand Finals		
21-Sep	PRESENTATION DAY, SCAMMELL RESERVE					

