

FITZROY JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

Community Club of the Year, 2002
Community Participation Initiatives Award, 2003



Fun, Fitness, Participation

Fitzroy Junior Football Club is a thriving community sports club focussed on fun, fitness, and team participation. We have over 320 registered player members and almost 1000 parent members. The club was created in 1993 to:

- operate a sports club for residents of Fitzroy and surrounding areas; and
- provide equal opportunity for community participation and recreation for boys and girls from a variety of socio-economic and cultural backgrounds and sporting abilities; and
- provide a sense of community spirit and cooperation in the broader Fitzroy community.

In 2005 we have boys and girls in 14 Australian rules football teams from under 10s to under 17s (Colts) competing in the Yarra Junior Football League.

Club Patrons

- Alistair Lynch** – Fitzroy champion and current Brisbane Lions full forward
- Kevin "Bulldog" Murray** – Fitzroy legend, 1969 Brownlow medallist, AFL Hall of Fame
- Bill Stephen** – Fitzroy champion player, coach and captain. AFL Life member
- Robert Walls** – Carlton and Fitzroy champion, coaching legend, Age columnist and television commentator
- David Parkin** – Champion Hawthorn player, Fitzroy coach, Carlton premiership coach, and AFL Hall of Fame coach
- Dyson Hore-Lacy SC** – President of the Fitzroy Football Club
- Laurie Serafini** – Fitzroy champion and Brisbane Lions Board member
- The Hon. Bill Sykes, MP** – Fitzroy champion and Victorian Parliamentarian
- Stefano De Pieri** – Fitzroy fan and Culinary legend
- Jeff Richardson** – ABC Radio Coodabeen champion
- Moira Rayner** – Special Counsel, Council for Equal Opportunity
- Red Symons** – Rock legend and media personality

Community Awards

The Fitzroy Juniors and Fitzroy Reds Football Club (Under 19 and Senior Teams) were joint winners of the 2003 Community Participation Initiatives Award. This followed our proud acceptance of the 2002 Community Club of the Year award. In both instances special mention was made of the club's pro-active efforts to support "at risk" sectors of the community.



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Home Grounds & Training

Brunswick Street Oval, North Fitzroy (Melways ref. 2C C2), is the traditional home of Fitzroy Football Club. Football has been played there for over 100 years. Home games and training also occur at Ramsden Street Reserve, Clifton Hill (Melways ref. 2D C3).

Most teams train for one hour, twice a week. Training focuses on building physical fitness and skill development within a supportive team environment. Parent involvement in coaching and support is encouraged.



Fitzroy Merchandise and Memorabilia

A comprehensive selection of Fitzroy merchandise is available from the Brunswick Street Oval canteen/shop on Sundays throughout the football season.

The full range of Fitzroy gear and memorabilia including jumpers (adults and childrens sizes) heritage jumpers, caps, ties, Weg premiership posters, lapel badges, membership tickets, etc is available from The Fitzroy Shop, suite 7, 463 Main St. Mordialloc, or on-line from www.fitzroyfc.com.au

Pathways

The Fitzroy Reds Football Club offer an excellent career path for graduating junior players into the Victorian Amateur Football Association (VAFA). All Fitzroy players, parents and friends are encouraged to sample the family friendly atmosphere of senior footy at Brunswick Street Oval each Saturday afternoon. For more information visit www.fitzroyreds.com.au.

Female players can graduate to Victorian Womens Football League teams such as Melbourne University or Darebin. For more information visit www.youthgirls.footballvic.com.au and www.vwfl.org.au. Players can also graduate to AFL Development Squads such as the Oakleigh Chargers. For more information visit www.oakleighchargers.footballvictoria.com.au.

Club Competition

Fitzroy plays in the Yarra Junior Football League (www.yarrajfl.org.au). Most away games are in suburbs such as Ivanhoe, Hawthorn, Richmond and Doncaster within 15 minutes of Fitzroy down the Yarra River/Eastern Freeway corridor.

All matches are on Sundays, beginning April 3rd, with breaks in school holidays. Younger children play in the mornings and older age groups in the afternoons. Active involvement of parents and grandparents is strongly encouraged. Finals take place in August.

2005 Membership Fees

Fitzroy's fees are kept very low by maintaining a high level of parent involvement at training, Sunday matches, and all off-field activities.

Membership fees for the 2005 Season (March to September 2005) are \$120.00 for primary school students and \$150.00 for high school age groups. Application and payment forms can be downloaded from www.fitzroyjuniorfc.com.au

The club provides each player with a Fitzroy jumper. Players need their own socks, boots, mouthguard and shorts – Fitzroy (or North Melbourne) Blue for home games and white for away games. Fitzroy socks are available through the club shop.

Membership fees are inclusive of all charges and levies for coaching, training and playing of matches. There are no additional charges and Fitzroy does not prevent players from participating because of genuine financial hardship.

Auskick

The Auskick program is for boys and girls aged 5 to 11. It provides an introduction to football through appropriately modified activities and rules. Fitzroy encourages and supports young players to participate in both Auskick and club activities.

For more information contact an Auskick Coordinator or visit www.aflauskick.com.au

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