



# West Brunswick Amateur Football Club Inc.

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Senior Premierships:

Premiers & Champions:

Reserves Premierships:

1960, '80, 2002, '08, '14, '15

1976, 2015 (res)

1989, '98

## Season 2017

### The Birdsnest Vol 47 No.4 Club crosses half way mark with flying colours.(black & white)

We have now commenced the back half of the season and in every grade in which we compete the club is looking at finals, either as top order sides or a part of the four, with our Seniors, Reserves and Womens teams in the top two.

Just to change things around a bit, I will list our VAFA highest ranked team first.

#### Womens Teams

##### Womens Development Division 1

##### Round 7 v Ormond.

In this Division the Magpies hold top spot on the ladder and the Ormond team the bottom. But the women's football is not as clear cut between the teams as sometimes the men's, but the Magpies dominated from the start to win comfortably in the end.

<u>West Brunswick</u>	2.2-14	7.8-50	8.9-57	10.14-74
<u>Ormond AFC</u>	0.2-2	0.2-2	0.2-2	1.2-8

**Goal Kickers:** L. Jago 3, K. Krithararis 2, B. Walsh 2, S. Kenny, C. Smith, A. Cater

**Better Players:** L. Jago, K. Krithararis, E. Burry, B. Walsh, R. King, G. Macpherson

##### Round 8 v Old Haileybury.

Old Haileybury were only one win behind the Magpies before the game, holding fourth spot on the ladder. They were slow to get started but altered their defence around after quarter time and were able to reduce the Magpies forward potency.

The Magpies fought hard but were simply inaccurate and couldn't gain any scoreboard pressure after half time.

<u>Old Haileybury</u>	0.0	3.6-24	4.6-30	7.7-49
<u>West Brunswick</u>	1.3-9	1.4-10	1.6-12	2.6-18

**Goal Kickers:** L. Jago, A. Davison

**Better Players:** E. Burry, L. Conwell, E. Irving, S. Kenny, C. Wortmann, M. Cadd

## Results Round 10 & 11

### Seniors:

Round 10 v Bulleen Templestowe.

For no obvious reason the Magpies tend to struggle against the Bullants, whether it's at our ground or theirs. In the opening term, the Magpies were sloppy with their handball, allowing their opponents to build pressure and to move the ball around on their terms. This pattern continued up until the final break, where the home side trailed by a goal.

Whilst there was a slight breeze favoring the Magpies end, it was not as significant as the players beginning to get clean hands and consequently space where they could make magic happen. Seven goals to three was enough to do the job.

<u>West Brunswick</u>	1.3-	5.5-	9.8-	<b>16.11-107</b>
<u>Bulleen</u>	3.1-	5.3-	10.8-	<b>13.11-89</b>
<u>Templestowe</u>				

**Goal Kickers:** S. Devlin 3, R. Hartwig 3, B. Warner 2, S. Fleming 2, P. Carroll 2, B. Irving 2, B. Simpson, C. Thomson

**Better Players:** W. Sadler, E. Lloyd, C. Millar, C. Mitchell, A. Schipp, T. Stokes

### Round 11 v Eltham Collegians

The ball use by the Magpies improved slightly on the previous week and it was against a more credentialed Turtles outfit. There was a breeze favoring one end

which made some of the kicks seem a bit longer than the defenders anticipated. This allowed the Turtles to steal a couple of goals against the flow of play. It was an even low scoring affair, but the Turtles were a side in the four playing for finals, so they were throwing everything they had at the game. In the end it was the Magpies class that held true, finishing with twenty three scoring shots to fourteen, the result flattering the Turtles in the end.

<u>Eltham</u>	2.1-13	5.2-32	8.5-53	<b>9.5-59</b>
<u>West Brunswick</u>	3.3-21	6.5-41	8.7-55	<b>10.13-73</b>

**Goal Kickers:** S. Devlin 2, S. Fleming 2, N. Arnold, B. Irving, T. Stokes, L. Martin, D. Ferrier, D. Muscat  
**Better Players:** E. Lloyd, J. Malseed, C. Millar, C. Mitchell, T. Stokes, A. Schipp

## Reserves

### Reserves v Bulleen Templestowe.

The power held by the Bullants over the Magpies senior team in no way resonates down to the reserves. The opening term saw the Magpies blow their opponents out of the water, kicking seven unanswered goals.

Eleven goals kicked in the first half, followed by another eleven in the second half showed how dominant the Magpies are and they are worthy to be holding the top position on the ladder.

<u>West Brunswick</u>	7.3-	11.5-	15.12-	22.19-151
<u>Bulleen Temp</u>	0.1-	0.1	0.1	0.1-1

**Goal Kickers:** J. Beer 4, D. Muscat 4, C. Naldrett 3, K. Oppelaar 3, R. O'Kane 2, N. Arnold, J. Malseed, B. Wynne, B. Smith, M. Brown, S. Wood  
**Better Players:** J. Malseed, S. Herben, A. Jones, B. Smith, D. Fitzpatrick, H. Paez

### Round 11 v Eltham Collegians

The Turtles reserve team is fourth on the ladder, behind the top three in West Brunswick, MHSOB and Prahan Assumption. This should have been a contest between the dominant top side and possibly one of the contenders.

The two goals kicked by the Turtles in the third term were due to some good running by one of the Turtles players who managed to break the lines and kick goals. That was the last thing seen from him.

<u>Eltham Collegians</u>	0.0	1.0-	2.2-	2.2-14
<u>West Brunswick</u>	4.0-	9.5-	12.7-	18.9-117

**Goal Kickers:** M. Booth 4, S. Herben 3, K. Oppelaar 3, R. Benjamin 3, C. Naldrett, B. Lichtenstein, B. Kline, P. McDonald, J. Cross

**Better Players:** M. Booth, D. Fitzpatrick, A. Forbes, A. Jones, S. Herben, B. Kline

## Thirds Ladder

The Magpies are in fourth position and are up against very good competition each week. They held onto a draw last week against Caulfield so they are in the mix, with the draw likely to be a factor.

Williamstown	10	1	0	210.70	40
Caulfield	7	2	1	246.56	34
P E G S	8	3	0	151.40	32
<b>West Brunswick</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>180.14</b>	<b>30</b>
Ormond	7	4	0	142.81	28
Marcellin	6	5	0	95.82	24
Old Geelong	3	8	0	74.67	12
Therry Penola OB	3	8	0	54.93	12
Kew AFC	2	9	0	42.48	8
St Mary's Salesian	1	10	0	34.93	4

## Club XVIII

The Clubbies have a tough draw over the next month, up against Box Hill North and Chadstone. The season is only played over fifteen rounds, with the last home and away game scheduled for August 5 where we play Box Hill North at home. The current ladder gives the best picture of what's happening in this grade.

Box Hill North AFC	10	9	1	217.24	40
Uhs-Vu Afc	11	9	2	205.45	36
Chadstone	10	7	3	177.87	32
<b>West Brunswick AFC</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>112.60</b>	<b>24</b>
Monash Blues	11	6	5	97.72	24
Monash Gryphons	10	4	6	81.20	16
Westbourne	10	1	9	37.98	4
Swinburne University AFC	11	0	11	28.96	0

## Noticed That...

- The umpire v the Turtles should have zipped instead of zagged when the Turtles player kicked the ball in his direction and caught him square in the face, knocking him off balance and into another world.
- Tickets for the West 2000 are currently being distributed, so don't be backward in coming forward to get yours. See Bingle.
- The cold mornings and early starts for the teams has seen the club beanies as the must have fashion accessory this season.
- The lack of rain has also meant the lack of mud and last week saw training in the rain for the first time this season.
- Great to see more supporters at our games. If you see new faces around say hello and share the cheering.
- Benno 'the Prez' Lichtenstein proposed to Sheena Sexton, committee member & apparel co-manager, for her hand in marriage last week....The vows will conclude in August 2017. Congratulations and best wishes to the lovely couple for their future together.

## Golden Magpies

Thanks to the following who have become golden magpies for season 2017.

Peter	Guatta
Heather	Guatta
Hal	Suleyman
Brian	Fletcher

This year the membership fee is still \$50!! So far this season we have 42 golden magpies, the contribution goes a long way in helping the football club provide first class services to our players and take some of the pressure off fees.

### Club Bank Account - Bendigo Bank

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## Current Sponsors



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## Club Partners

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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 please contact Chris Germon ([cgermon@gmail.com](mailto: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.

## Keeping in Contact

The club's has a LinkedIn Page – West Brunswick Amateur Football Club .

If you've changed your email address send an email to the club [westbrunswick@gmail.com](mailto:westbrunswick@gmail.com) to update your details.

## Our Website

With more people around the club than ever before is it any wonder our website is being updated more often? Some photos from

Saturday's game are on there as well as lots of other stuff.

Go to [www.wbafc.com.au](http://www.wbafc.com.au).

Should you have something to say or whatever, you can also contact the club on [westbrunswick@gmail.com](mailto:westbrunswick@gmail.com).

## The 2017 fixture

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

While the matches shown below are for the Seniors and Reserves teams, the rest of the teams move around a bit with the VAFA claiming they have done everything they could have to fit the whole lot together.

<b>Round 12</b>	July 15 v MHSOB	Away
<b>Round 13</b>	July 22 v Hawthorn	<b>Home</b>
<b>Round 14</b>	July 29 v Old Paradians	<b>Home</b>
<b>Round 15</b>	August 5 vPrahran	Away
<b>Round 16</b>	August 12 v Glen Eira	<b>Home</b>

The **Thirds** team is playing against different opponents than the Seniors and Reserves, but have been drawn home games when those two are at home. So for the season their Home & Away status is the same. So for any home games there will always be three matches for the remainder of the season.

The **Womens** team are playing in Development Division 1. Their next three weeks sees them playing at home, then away, and finally with the Seniors, Reserves & Thirds on Saturday July 29.

The **Club XVIII** draw is opposite to the rest of the club, playing in an eight club competition up from six teams the previous two seasons. Their next four games, also against vastly different clubs than West, Home, Away v UHSOB (so it's almost a home game), Away and finally home

## WEST 2000 Sunday 23 July 2017

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Want to win \$1000? How about some spot prizes of \$50? Make sure you swing on down to the clubrooms for this year's *The Internet* 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](mailto: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. See the last edition of the Birdsnest regarding the difficulties faced by the club in setting the date for this years event.

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 **36th 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 guys and gals who get along early to start their day.

Why not come down for a couple of hours and there will be plenty of people 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 groups. 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 20th 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.

### Reflections of my first West 2000

When I joined the club this season I was asking a few of the boys about the clubs off field social activity. Being new to the club I wanted to make sure I attended the functions and get to know the blokes a bit more.

They told me about the various events, the Annual Ball, the nights at the Sponsor hotel, and few of them mentioned a function only by its name, the West 2000. And with the mention was the comment.

"And don't miss it"

At the time I didn't take too much notice and focused on my footy and getting along to training. Over the past four or five weeks there was considerable function promotion, ticket distribution and a concerted effort to get all the players along.

"Come boys and girls, get behind the West 2000, this is our major fundraiser for the year" spruiked the president

"What can I expect for my ticket?" I asked

"You get a few beers, a feed and a chance to win \$1,000" came the standard reply. "And by the way, there is a dress theme this year about the internet". In preparation I chucked on my costume the and wandered down to the Ryder pavilion around 11:30. I cannot remember what I expected but I was instantly blown out of the water.

There were people all over the park, music blaring from the p.a. system and a big crowd on the 'Members Area' outside the clubrooms door. Below them were BOAG's marquees covering tables and chairs, providing cover from the brilliant sunshine. A casual look at the makeshift bar and I

saw the beer flowing constantly, at 11:30 AM. What?.

"Don't just stand there, get your wrist band and get into it".

Well the next few hours flew by as I talked to all and sundry about the footy, home, and the country. When the hunger pains came the bbq was a feast of chicken, steak, burgers, snags and about four or five salads.

They started the draw and read out everybody's names, tossing the 'losers' out to the crowd. By this stage things were getting a bit hazy, with beer continuing to flow as yet another barrel was tapped. There was an auction for tickets to enter the last ten places in the draw, as well as kicking competitions, coin tossing and a host of other things.

The draw was done, the winner getting lots of howling, jeering and whistling and I thought the day was over. But No. Around 5:00pm there was an 'invitation' to enter the dash (nude), on Ryder Oval, running 80 metres from one soccer goal to the other.

Around twenty five blokes joined the 'dash' and I was told my moment in history awaited. Seemed like a good idea at the time, but as my lungs were bursting after the run, we went back to get our clothes...which were not where we had left them. It was getting bloody cold by now, and I hadn't had a beer for what seemed like an hour but was about twenty minutes.

I hurried back to the rooms and figured my clothes would turn up later. I needed to have that last beer. The day was probably the fastest party I could remember, and it left me with a great feeling of achievement that I had survived my first West 2000 and didn't make a fool of myself.

And when I saw the blokes at training a whole new world was explained, particularly the parts I'd forgotten.



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