

Ivanhoe Amateur Football Club

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Join the Committee



The Ivanhoe Amateur Football Club is actively seeking members and supporters interested in key Committee roles for season 2018.

The football club has a rich and decorated history. It has been the sporting centre in Ivanhoe for over 108 years, bringing together boys and young men from the local community, to enjoy playing football and forge lifelong relationships.

A lot of work has been done over the past few years to return Ivanhoe to a position of strength, both on and off the field. Some of those goals have been met and some are still to be achieved.

In 2016 the Club initiated a major Strategic Review which forensically examined all aspects of the Club and determined what had been working well and where improvement or major change was needed. Many of these recommendations have been implemented and some ground work put in place for future results on others, but new people with a renewed enthusiasm for the vision created, are needed to complete this work and push the Club to achieve the final elements needed for ultimate success.

Following the Review, we had a number of major achievements in 2017:

- consolidation of the Senior Men's team in Division 1, 2018 will be our 3rd year in this Grade after two promotions in the last 5 years, starting from Division 3. Reserves team also played finals and numbers have been strong;
- the introduction of our Inaugural Women's Team (The Ivies) in 2017, who made the finals in their first year and have had a positive impact on Club culture;
- we returned to Ivanhoe Park with a new Pavilion incorporating modern canteen, social and change room facilities. This also allowed us to rebuild strong relationships with the co-tenants at Ivanhoe Park



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- (Juniors Footy and Cricket) through the creation of the Ivanhoe Sports Club to administer the facilities at Ivanhoe Park;
- an activity based performance budget and our second year of significant profit. Plans are in place to improve on the social functions and act on feedback from members for improvements to operations;
 - re-alignment of our 2 major social functions - the Gala Ball held early-mid season and a revamped Presentation Night which was held in the Social Rooms at Ivanhoe Park;
 - reconfiguration of the Black & Whites as our major coterie and Past Players group, with tiered levels of membership support and financial commitment.

A number of other initiatives will progress in 2018:

- return of our Under 19s team. Leighton Pearce has already been appointed as coach and Jack McDonald has done a lot of work to get a group of players together;
- we have separated the volunteers structure into two streams: the Football Department and Business & Administration, each headed by Vice President positions;
- payment of player Subs/Registration Fees to become part of the VAFA player registration process.

Whilst there are still challenges ahead, there hasn't been a more exciting time to be involved at Ivanhoe and we need a number of new people to fill senior positions including President, Vice President, Secretary and Reserves Team Coach.

There are also a number of support roles to be filled, both on match days and behind the scenes. The more volunteers that are contributing, the easier it will be on each individual.

It is not all hard work, there are many positive rewards from serving the Club on the Committee, including Club discounts, invites to VAFA functions and dinners, participation in forums and conferences to meet prominent people from football and other industries, networking with other Club administrators, sponsors and football representatives.

We would love to hear from past players, family members or current players keen to make a difference. It is critical for the success and survival of this proud club that at least 6 additional volunteers nominate for roles.

A meeting to finalise the Committee for 2018 will be held on 30 November.

To enquire or get involved, please call:

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