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Premiers St. Marks 1909, 1912, 1914, 1915, 1920, 1921, 1923, 1927, 1937, 1939

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St. Marks—Port Football Club Centenary Calender of Events

25th April 2009 - 1997, 1998 & 1999 three in a row reunion. Please see Jamie McNamara, Jamie Keane or John Murphy for further details.

9th May 2009 - Initial Hall of Fame Announced

June Long weekend Celebrations

5th June - Book Launch

6th June - Centenary Celebrations after the match against Solomontown

7th June - Family Day at the Club

8th June - Brunch and farewell

19th June - 100 years to the day since the first game. Birthday Celebrations.

18th July — Port Football Club Past Players & Officials Association 39th Annual Dinner.



Our Centenary logo has a clover on the football and this represents the Irish Catholic heritage of the St. Marks Football Club. If you visit <http://www.portfc.com.au/content/view/272/41/> you will see a close up of the 1915 St. Marks Premiership photo which shows a clover drawn on a football.

Football with Donny Depalma

Dear Player, Member and Supporter,

2008 was a year to savour. Having all three teams in the Grand Final was fantastic and showed we continue to be at the forefront as a Football Club. Winning the Reserves and the League Premierships at home produced experiences and feelings that will always be part of our lives. The one point win in the League side will be talked about for a long time. Winning back to back was very special and as a result it proved to be a great advertisement for SGL football in Port Pirie.

Firstly I wish to take this opportunity to thank all our supporters. We appreciate the effort they have made during games and after in the clubrooms. Our success is just rewards.

I also would like to thank Stephen Murphy and the Board and Management of The Port Football Club for their continued support. They have given the coaching and playing staff all the rock solid support we need whilst at the same time never once tried to influence or second guess us for selections and match day related activities which allowed us the freedom to concentrate on the on field results. Success starts at the top with management and stability where we believe we are leaders in this area, which in turn flows down to other areas.

Thanks to all the members of the footy committee who again worked hard. Establishing a strong players list has been our priority. The results of our hard work were evident when all three of our teams made it to the Grand Final. This is a positive sign of our depth and a great pointer toward our future.

Special recognition to all our players in all three grades. Many who started training in December in 2007. Their commitment and dedication has been outstanding. Sometimes we do not appreciate the amount of time and effort that the players put in. On behalf of Matty Ganley, Graham Hoile and the whole club I thank each and every player for their contribution in 2008.

As in previous years I have again reflected on the whole year and have identified some highlights:-

- The fantastic support and effort of Matt Ganley as Assistant Coach and Reserves Coach
- The great effort of Sharky as runner and his assistance during trainings
- The build up week before the Grand Final
- The injuries to key players on the Thursday of Grand Final week.
- The Grand Final Day playing at home
- Our three teams making the final and the great atmosphere this brought



- The thirds gallant in defeat
- The Reserves winning
- The League playing a courageous and tough final quarter to win back to back
- The feeling and euphoria when we heard the final siren to win by one point
- Grand Final Night and the events of the following week.
- The fantastic commitment of players who travelled each week – Jordan Coombe, Michael Burford, Josh Keain, Chad Parrish
- Normy Wombats match winning goal in the dying minutes of the Grand Final
- Terry Hall winning the 1 % ers and Best team Man awards and Matty Kendall Recorder Medallist
- Smiley winning the Best & Fairest award and all other trophy winners
- The many new players introduced to the club
- The enthusiasm, commitment and discipline of all players
- The wonderful effort of Jamie Keane keeping Stats each week- much appreciated
- Geof Keane and his outstanding effort and support as team manager and Doggy for his effort
- The fantastic leadership of Ben Luteria, Andrew Fleming, Brodie Mudge and Michael Burford
- Our loss to Lions but the way we responded especially as people started to write us off!!
- The positive numbers at the club after games especially kids, wives and girlfriends.
- The overall positive feeling around the club at training and after games
- The support from members and supporters
- Johnny Rafanelli and his Junior Committee, the success of our Junior teams
- The fantastic work of all our volunteers
- The success of the Band 'Sideshow' well done to Flemo and helpers
- The Past Players Show
- Presentation Night
- The family Day at Bangor – Thanks Ricky and Sue
- The first Crab Crabbing Day and drinks at Bonz Snr house
- The Thursday night meals after training – well done Neville, Jenny and helpers
- Lewis Johnston being selected by Sydney in the AFL
- Graham Hoile and his Senior Colts

The ongoing commitment of Brooka, Jules and all helpers – the work of all trainers

In three years as Coach I have enjoyed the camaraderie, the friendships, the challenges and the experiences.

You just love seeing a player blossom, getting to know some of the players outside of footy, and helping a younger player get through some of life's challenges outside of footy.

And we are hoping that this year will be the best year yet. We will have a theme of Glory and Honour in 2009. Glory being to continue our success in all games with a goal to winning three in a row in the League side and back to back in the Seconds. Honour being to respect past traditions, cultures and players and acknowledging the significance that history has played on our current team.

Success comes with hard work and many helpers. Without leaving out any individuals I wish to thank all those who helped in any way. We have many volunteers who continue to work hard for our club. I hope that our premiership will be just rewards for their efforts.

We are also very fortunate to have wonderful sponsors who contribute so much to our club. I wish to personally thank Martin and Trish Hunter, TJ, Steven and Kylie Pisani, Mick and Sue Tattoli, Ricky and Sue Connor. Their contribution was much appreciated.

Our premiership becomes part of history and it is a strong reminder of all those who have been before us. I feel privileged and honoured to be part of this fantastic club and fully respect the history we have created.

I believe we are a Family at the Port Football Club. We continue to be a friendly and welcoming place for all including wives, children, friends, and girlfriends. We share experiences and feelings and develop relationships that are everlasting.

I am obviously looking forward to another exciting year. We will be celebrating our Centennial Year which will provide us with incentive to do our best. We will need to work even harder as we now have become the hunted. I am as motivated and excited as ever. My hunger to experience another premiership is undeniable.

I am very optimistic and excited about the future for all involved in the Port Football Club. I thank you for taking the time to read my letter and look forward to seeing you at our club in 2008.

We represent you. We are part of you. We hope to see you!

Glory and Honour in 2009

Yours in football,

Don DePalma, Coach, Port Football Club.

2009 Coaches: League, Don Depalma - Seconds, Matt Ganley
Thirds Graham Hoile



PORT JUNIORS IN 2008

The Under 15's were coached by Maurie Rafanelli. They had a very good season winning a lot of games with a number of new players. They played in the Grand Final and went down to Sollies (the one that got away). A lot of help came from Mick Murphy, Jamie McNamara, Noel Brooke, Neville Thomson and Darren Ramsay. The Don Rafanelli Medal was won by Cody Brooke who also won the Under 15 Allchurch Medal. Under 15 Leading Goal Scorer was Sam Mayes with 54 goals.

The Under 13's finished top and were coached by Paul Keane. They had a very good season capping it off with a good win in the Grand Final. Norm Wombat was voted BOG in the Grand Final. The Walsh Medal was won by Sam Clarke.

The Under 11's coached by Corey Finlay had an excellent season. The John Rafanelli Medal winner was Thomas Dickeson. This was a hotly contested Medal with lads such as Alexander Young, Tyler Athanasos and Billy McGowan having a great season.

The Little League had heaps of fun coached by Adam Magor and Jamie McNamara. Thanks to all umpires and helpers through out the season. To John Rafanelli we thank you for your fundraising - BBQ's etc. To Bob Sard, John Anderson & Tony Mavillio thank you for your help. Coaches for 2009

Under 15's Maurie Rafanelli & Kym Arbon

Under 13's Paul Keane

Under 11's Adam Magor

Under 9's Jamie McNamara & Brian Dickeson



Congratulations to Lewis Johnston who was picked up at number 12 by the Sydney Swans in the 2008 draft. Lewis is pictured prior to training at the Port Oval whilst back in Port Pirie over the Christmas holiday break.

A membership jackpot draw has been reintroduced on Thursday nights. Starting at \$100 the weekly draw will jackpot by \$50 each week if the member is not present to a maximum of \$2,000. All members must be financial to win .

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STATEWIDE CINEMA PRESENTS

Movie under the Stars

Where: Port Oval

When: 21st February

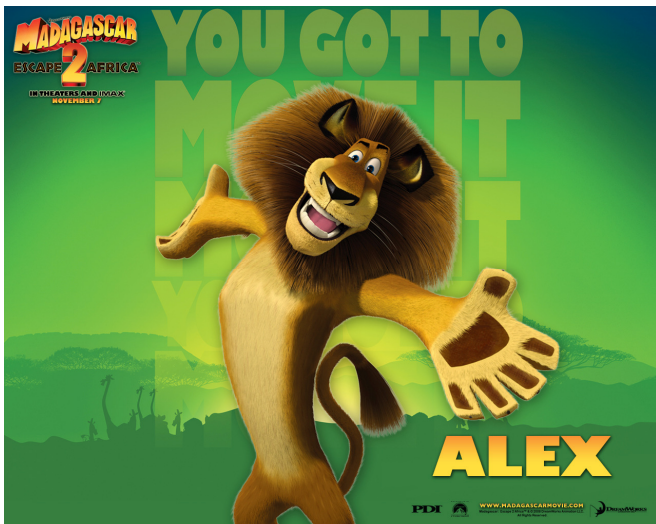
Time: From 7:30 – Movie starts at sunset

Cost: \$10 Adult, \$8 Child, \$40 Family

Tickets at Club

Free Sausage Sizzle 7:30-8:30,

**Popcorn, Face Painting, Glow Sticks, BYO – Chairs, Rugs
PG Rating**



No BYO Alcohol
No Glass on oval

**Meals
Available in
the Club
6.00pm
to 7.30pm**

**LUNCHES
MONDAY TO FRIDAY**

**FREE BIRTHDAY CAKE FOR
ANY BOOKINGS OF 8 or
MORE.**

**SPECIALS from \$8.00 GREAT
CHOICES AVAILABLE FROM
THE MENU**

*Friday Teas 6.00pm to 7.30pm
Meals after games*

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Celebrating a century

As well forecast, a special book will be launched mid-season to commemorate the centenary of the St. Mark's-Port football clubs – *The Green Team*.

From the first time the men in green took the field, on June 19, 1909, in the Port Pirie Churches' Association, to celebrations in 2008 when the A-grade and seconds achieved a magnificent double, the book captures some great moments.

However, the real challenge, according to Ashley Porter, who was commissioned by the club to write the book, was to embrace the whole ethos of St. Mark's-Port. "It's not just about the games won and lost," he said.

"Determining what approach to take on this huge task of doing 100 years of club history justice started with determining why Port was so special. Some may suggest it is because of its people, but then, other clubs could also name those from the past and present who are so loyal and serving, and some clubs have been just as successful.

"The entire approach in *The Green Team* goes much deeper and is more personal. It's more about people than records, and a club as a whole. It is a unique story that hopefully reaches the heart of every member and makes them feel proud to have been involved.

"Among the challenges of presenting 100 years of club history was not focusing too much on one side or an era at the exclusion of others whose contribution may have been just as great, but perhaps the team was not as successful. And, of course, it is impossible to mention everyone who has so diligently served St. Mark's and/or Port.

"However, it is hoped that, included within the 50,000-plus words, everyone feels included, certainly appreciated. It is not a book purely on the on-field success, but the triumphs against adversity, the lighter moments and indeed the people who have left an indelible mark of honour on this club."

The Green Team is designed to present the club in the past and present, and certainly to give future players and members a valuable insight of how the club came to be about, its ethos and people.

A tentative date for the book launch is June 5th. Porter said the book could not have been possible without the tremendous contributions, time and enthusiasm of so many people within and close to the club.

Why the title? Porter said green was the common denominator of both St. Mark's and Port. "Some may feel that the "Green Men" – as the team was often referred to in the early years – smacks of chauvinism," he said. "The first working title was "The Churchyard Dogs" referring to the St. Mark's days and then adopting the Bulldogs nickname. The board could have ended the book after writing the title!

"There are a lot of people with character in this book, and I hope members see it as informative, entertaining, and most of all, doing justice to a magnificent club. The biggest reward from this project has been meeting so many great people in the club, and I guess that sums up what Port is all about."

YOUR CLUB SUPPORTING YOUR COMMUNITY

The Port Football & Community Sporting Club over the last year has given either financial support or a donation of goods to the following community groups and individuals: The Sporting Association of Port Pirie - Port Pirie Rifle Club - Risdon Hockey Club - Port Netball Club - Solly Cats Softball Club - Port Pirie Bowling Club - Life FM Christmas Party for Special Children - Make a Wish - Port Basketball Club - Spectres Basketball Club - Port Volleyball Club - Port Pirie Swimming Club - Port Pirie Combined Service Club's - Burnell's Boxing Gym - Port Pirie Tennis Association - Port Pirie Ministers Association - Wandearah Cricket Club - South Port Cricket Club - St. Mark's College - Riding for the Disabled - Port Pirie Camp Quality - Port Pirie Golf Club - Port Pirie Cricket Association - Boystown - Relay for Life - Boystown - Port Pirie Netball Association - Cancer Council - St. Joseph's - Priya Pavri - Southern Flinders Motorcycle Club - Lifeline - Mid North Education Centre

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I wish to renew my membership for 2009 _____

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to have my name on a membership listing which will be displayed at the Club.