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A New Era Begins!

A new coach has been appointed along with an assistant coach. Two former assistant coaches have moved on from the Bulldogs. Times are a'changing!

The appointment of Brendan McCartney as the coach of the Western Bulldogs has been met with much interest, especially as he has previously coached local team Ocean Grove. The fact that he has not previously coached an AFL team seems irrelevant when you consider where he has served his AFL apprenticeship - Geelong and Essendon.

Brendan's speech at the Charles Sutton Medal night on Friday, 7th October emphasized his desires for the Western Bulldogs.

He wants his team to be **ruthless, admired and feared**. He expects them to be **competitive**. He is looking forward to developing the players we have by **strengthening** their bodies, and also to recruiting players who will play **tough, uncompromising** footy. He wants his players to stay and prosper!

The appointment of Shannon Grant, a player known for his toughness, will surely benefit the coaching team. A further assistant coaching position is currently being interviewed for, and it will be interesting to see who is appointed. Rumors are circulating!

Brendan McCartney has accepted an invitation to our End of Year Dinner, so come along and meet the new coach.

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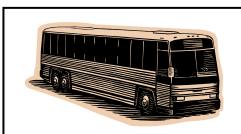
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Charles Sutton Medal Night

Once again a fantastic night was held at the Peninsula, Central Pier, Docklands on Friday, 7th October. Although Season 2011 was not the one players and supporters will wish to remember, there was still cause for celebration as the club rewarded those players who contributed during the year.



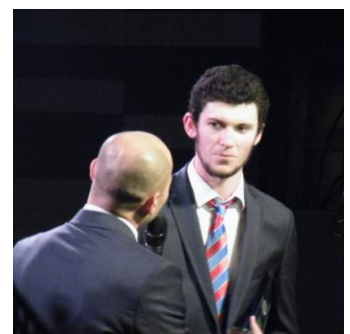
One of the first announcements of the evening was the introduction of the new jumper for 2012, which members had voted on – bringing back of the hoops used over 15 years ago. The jumpers were modelled by Luke Dahlhaus, Mitch Wallis, Liam Jones and Tom Liberatore and were enthusiastically received by all present. The jumpers can be ordered through Bulldog Central. We were then

introduced to new coach Brendan McCartney who spoke of what he expects to achieve at the Bulldogs. He had finally completed chats with all current players just that day, but didn't give any details of those chats! He clearly has expectations as outlined on Page One, and we could not help but be impressed by his forthrightness.



Left: Daniel Giansiracusa, Robert Murphy and Lindsay Gilbee were presented with mementoes of their milestone games achieved during the season. All spoke of the support given by the club and were looking forward to a more successful 2012 under their new coach.

Right: Jarrod Grant was presented with an award for the Bulldogs' Mark of the Year.





Left: Luke Dahlhaus was presented with an award for the Bulldogs' Goal of the Year. It was against Essendon where he passed the ball to Liam Jones, who handpassed it back to Luke who scored a goal. All of the players who played their first AFL games were presented with framed photos. There were quite a number – Tom Liberatore, Mitch Wallis, Christian Howard, James Mulligan, Lukas Markovic, Luke Dahlhaus, Ayce Cordy, Jayden Schofield and who will ever forget Jason Tutt's first game against Port Adelaide!

Liam Jones received the John Schultz Community Award, whilst Will Minson was awarded the Williamstown FC Most Outstanding Western Bulldogs Player at VFL Level.

Right: Luke Dahlhaus and Shaun Higgins posed for a photo. They are hoping to be at the Barwon Bulldogs End of Year Dinner.

The Chris Grant Best First Year Player Award was presented to Tom Liberatore, whilst the Tony Liberatore Most Improved Player Award went to Liam Jones.

The Scott West Most Courageous Player was awarded to Daniel Cross.



Best team player was Dale Morris who struggled to the stage on crutches. He did assure all present he was making good progress and hoped to be running by Christmas.

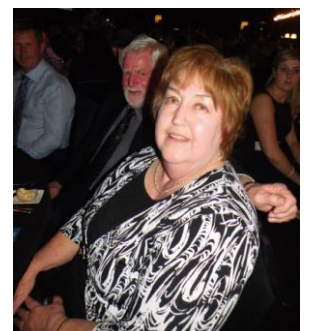
Ben Hudson, Mitch Hahn and Barry Hall all made farewell speeches and drew much laughter. Barry had some interesting anecdotes about happenings in the locker room which can't be repeated here.



The main event of the evening was the awarding of the Charles Sutton medal presented by the great man himself. It was won by Matthew Boyd for the second time. In second place and winning the Doug Hawkin's Medal was Robert Murphy. Third place of the Gary Dempsey Medal was Ryan Griffen.

A great night was had by Barwon Bulldog members who attended the function. Pictured right are Maureen and Arthur Blackwood and Dot Peacock and her husband.

By Dianne Russo



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Barwon Bulldog Inc Committee News

End of Year Dinner

The Barwon Bulldogs End of Year Dinner will be held on Friday, 2nd December at White Eagle House, Breakwater.

Regrettably since the last Bulletin we have been informed that Susan Alberti will be unable to attend as she is a keynote speaker in Canberra and will not be able to get back in time. She has indicated that she would love to come to any other function we may hold in the future.

The good news is that Brendan McCartney and his wife will be at the dinner. We should also be able to announce who other guests will be soon, but there could be some surprises. As usual, with players, we won't know until the last minute exactly who will be available, but both Shaun Higgins and Luke Dahlhaus have indicated they would like to be there.

Please return the ticket application form asap, to help with table seating. It is essential that a **stamped, self-addressed envelope** is included for the return of tickets. If you wish to be seated with friends please indicate that on your form.

Annual General Meeting

This meeting will be held on Monday, 12th December at Geelong RSL. We are always looking for new Committee members, and for 2012 we require a Treasurer. If you are interested in a position, please give it serious consideration. The Committee is a hard working group who also have a lot of fun together. A nomination form is included with this newsletter.

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Barwon Bulldogs Abroad!

Each year members of the Barwon Bulldogs travel overseas and we love to see photos of them wearing their Bulldog gear. Below are photos sent in by Dianne Warwick, Erin Bugden and Joe Stevens.



Dianne and her neighbour Sheila Denton had a great cruise around the Mediterranean visiting Italy, Spain, Corsica and France, aboard the Thomson Dream.

They then went on a tour up to Scotland to see the Edinburgh Tattoo which was great and then all around the United Kingdom.

They also visited the Liverpool Football Club where the picture on the right was taken.



Above and Below Left: Joe Stevens pictured in Las Vegas.

Below right: Erin Bugden in Chamonix, France, with Mt Blanc in the background.



A Barwon Bulldog's Point of View

By Aaron Browne

It certainly is sad to see the end of another season. The end hasn't played out in the same way as the last three years but nevertheless, our emotional investment in the club and the players has not waned. It is an opportunity to reflect on the year, the trials and the shining lights.

Given the trials, the injuries and the loss of Rodney Eade as coach, it was great to see the never give up attitude of the Bulldogs as prominent as ever. I couldn't imagine coming to work each week with a member of my team changed. The process of re-training, building new working relationships and understanding the dynamics takes time. With project Grand Final in mind, and 24 (?) weeks to implement the project, the prospects of success drop dramatically. I now see this as the biggest hurdle faced by the Bulldogs in 2011. Player changes across the entire ground disrupted consistency and predictability, both of which you need to play fast and instinctive footy.

Of course, there is always an upside with all of the turmoil. Some inspirational new players have come into the team. Luke Dahlhaus gave a huge spark which reminded me of Jarrod Harbrow. Just like Jarrod, when the game seemed lost, Luke would shine and apply pressure, speed and skills, to break the lines and the flow of play. Also of note, Jason (King) Tutt was all gold in his first game and is showing quite a bit of promise. Back in defence, it was musical chairs, but I liked Lukas Markovic.

The old guard were good as well. Matthew Boyd seemed to be in everything. Leadership by example has rung true. Many in the midfield played over and above, Daniel Cross and the now departing Callan Ward among those. Barry Hall was pure entertainment for many different reasons and Tom Williams, when he was fit, really stood up in defence with Robert Murphy.

At the end of the day, irrespective of my thoughts or favourites, I know that all of the players put in 100% for the club. Sometimes this doesn't translate on the day, but like in life, even our best goes unnoticed on occasion.

As supporters we understand these highs and lows. We will continue to ride the Bulldogs Express to the game, cast the critical eye and vocalise into the wind from the stands, all the while knowing that win or lose, passion runs deep.

To Mitch Hahn, Barry Hall and Ben Hudson, thank you for the memories. You will be sorely missed.

To Erin, Dianne and all of the Barwon Bulldogs committee, your hard work is appreciated and we are thankful for your effort. It means that we can be a part of every game, make great friends and build on our fond memories.

Regards and a Big Bad Bustling Barry Hall Cheer!

Thanks Aaron – it is great to get some input from our members.



Barwon Bulldogs Inc Committee, 2012

The Annual General Meeting of the Barwon Bulldogs will be held on Monday, 12th December at 7.30 pm at RSL Belmont.

Below is a nomination form for any interested person who may like to join our enthusiastic committee for 2012.

All members are welcome to attend the AGM.



BARWON BULLDOGS Inc.

Western Bulldogs Supporter Group for the Geelong Region

Committee Nomination Form for Season 2012

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The Secretary,
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**within 14 days of the AGM to be held on MONDAY , 12th December, 2011
or hand to the Secretary at the Supporter Group Dinner .**

If you need to discuss any aspect of this nomination, please contact
David Holden (5256 3840) or Dianne Russo (52614952)

The Hoops Are Back – Bulldogs Unveil New Guernsey

The Western Bulldogs unveiled the new playing Guernsey for 2012 and beyond to over 870 Bulldog faithful at the Charles Sutton Medal night.

The new Guernsey celebrates the proud colours of the Western Bulldogs - the Red, White and Blue.

Following a flood of positive feedback about the Guernsey worn by the Bulldogs during our Round 13 win against the Adelaide Crows, the Club provided our dedicated Members and Fans with the opportunity to vote for their favourite Guernsey from a selection of four jumpers including our current strip in July.

Of the 4,000 plus Members and Fans who participated in this online vote, the overwhelming majority of respondents not only identified the traditional Guernsey as their favourite - they also voted for it to become our permanent Guernsey going forward.

Western Bulldogs Chief Executive, Simon Garlick said that the fans had voted, and the Club had listened.

"We see the new Guernsey as the birth of a new tradition - that reflects our connection to our community and commitment to build the Western Front," Garlick said.

"This is as much a nod to our proud heritage as it is a celebration of the Bulldog's bright future as we head into a new and exciting chapter of our football Club".

The next generation of Bulldogs players Liam Jones, Tom Liberatore, Mitch Wallis and Luke Dahlhaus revealed the new Guernsey to a cheering crowd at Peninsula, Docklands.

The Bulldogs would like to thank members and supporters who took the time to provide their views and feedback to the Club.

The Barwon Bulldogs would love to hear your opinions about the new Guernsey. Are you happy to see it's return?



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