AUFC Chairman's Update - March 2024

We are sad with the passing of one of our own #20 **Dr Tim Proudman AM** on the 22nd Feb 2024 aged 62. The Blacks Football community was well represented at his funeral. He was a great A grade tackler who cared about his plastic surgery patients both here and in Bhutan. I always learn things at funerals; Tim ran a marathon on every continent including running his last in minus 10 celsius in the Antarctic post his brain cancer diagnosis.

The **Blackers 60's Crew** had an early lunch this year at the Cathedral Hotel thanks to Peter "Railway" Crossing. (pictured above) They have a couple of lunches planned each year and if you would like to join in on the next luncheon then please contact Peter by email peter.crossing27@gmail.com

The **Dr Fred "Chocka' Bloch AM Scholarship** donations are still open and are still tax deductible. This scholarship is very desirable for a student to make educational ends meet and still get the chance to play elite football at the Blacks. More info on this link. Make Chocka smile here;

Dr Fred "Chocka" Bloch Scholarship Fund

Chocka Bloch doing his "Chariots of Fire" show (3rd from left, Geoff Harcourt 2nd from left)

Become a **Blacks member for 2024** as the gateway is open for a grey donation, a bob neil donation, a Blacks player supporter donation, a VP donation or even a superb NS Gunning donation (and be recognised for ever more).

Tax Deductible Donation and become a **Blacks member for 2024**.

Donate and be recognised here; Blacks 2024 Membership

2024 LONG LUNCH

Please set aside time for the **Blacks Famous Long Lunch** Friday April 12th Cathedral 1230 to 1630. We have guests including no less than the Premier #47 **Peter Malinauskas** with others to follow. It is the day before our first game and includes presentation of our AUFC Ken Lucas and Fred Bloch Scholarship awardees. (note this is the week after gather round)

We have a $30 lunch discount for paid up 2024 members. You can even donate your membership at the same time you pay for lunch and we will process your donation for you.

LUNCH TICKETS VERY LIMITED. Book HERE and NOW https://www.trybooking.com/CQADM

Our season kicks off for men and the women on **Sat April 13th.** The Men's A grade may be up against the newly elevated Flinders Park at Bob Neil #1. Stay tuned for confirmation of the fixture.

Ben Adams at work and ready for round 1. A player of great character every week. We have many really good young players joining us at the Blacks in 2024 and we are excited. They will be led by seniors Mitch Marini and the returning Brodie Borg as on field leaders.

The AUFC have a new Head Women's coach **Paul Sherwood**. He is a Hall of Famer from Glenelg and easily fits the great person requirement at the Blacks. Might anyone consider helping the women footballers (and Paul) with skills training by having a kick and a catch with them on Monday and Wednesday evenings at 6pm training. No age limit and might actually have some fun too!

The **CB Sangster Clock** is going back up on top of the grandstand. It was removed a few years ago when the University put its logo in its place but now the logo is about to change with the uni merger that is underway. The 100 year old plus clock has been restored by Nev Sharley (AU Engineer) now aged 95.

Here is the grandstand as it was in 1938 with the CB Sangster Clock in place

The **2023 Blacks Book** is a comprehensive review of 2023. Charlie has kindly put it together with assistance from big sister Gigi Dadds and will be loaded here next week;

https://uniblacksfc.com.au/written-history/annual-reports/

The **AUFC AGM April 16th** 7.30pm Long Room Park 12 grandstand.

Link to AGM 2024 agenda, 2023 past minutes, 2023 financials and proposed constitution amendments are here;

https://uniblacksfc.com.au/aufcevents/

ZOOM link for those remote for AGM will be on the website soon as well

Chairman offer

The AUFC Chairman (ok it is just me) would like to offer a walk through our updated facilities and organise a chat with the head coach (men or women) for new boom recruits or player sponsors (suggest meet their player at training or for any Vice President (to chat about the weather, the price of meat, the importance of biodiversity in the world or whatever they would like). Just email me at chairman@uniblacksfc.com.au

Ever thought of helping in some way back at the Blacks? Goal umpiring, helping on the bar or BBQ, time keeping, being a team manager, anything really. Have a chat with the GM Glenn, President Dadds or myself. Please do not be shy as we need about 100 volunteers to get us through the season. It will pay you back in spades.

AUFC lost contacts and updates.

If you want to update your contacts or subscribe to the weekly substandard of match reports (and more) then let the chairman@uniblacksfc.com.au know.

For those who have played more than 50 games that we have lost touch with please check here for them as you may be able to assist with locating them.

Please let the Chairman know of any leads please. We have a few champions lost in the wilderness lacking meaning and purpose in life. Bring them home to the Blacks.

Blacker's Sponsor appreciation.

Sincere thank you to our corporate sponsors who without them we would cease to function. Support them to support us by visiting our Blacks shop on line. We welcome Kieser Physiotherapy at Norwood in as a platinum sponsor for 2024. Great to see Di Marzo Consulting joining the sponsor group. Thanks Dimma.

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Peter Sharley - Chairman #39

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