



ON THE BALL !

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Annual General Meeting elects new Committee

The Annual General Meeting on November 18 saw Football Club former Director Peter Snow elected unopposed as President of the Swansmen Association in place of the retiring Dave Abbott. A special vote of thanks was given to Dave who had taken on the role reluctantly in the absence of other volunteers for the position.

Past President and 2009 Vice President Rod Greene was elected Treasurer in place of Bob Hutchinson who felt that, after many years in the role, it was time to step back a little to just a position on the new Committee. Doug McArthur was elected Vice President and Jason Abbott was re-elected Secretary. Rounding out the 2010 season team will be other Committee members, Colin Trigg, Neville Bassett, Graeme Ashworth, Roy Jewell and Ian Thompson.

Santa says thanks to the Ladies

Santa made his customary visit to the Swansmen's annual partner's "Thank You" luncheon at Villa da Vinci in Ballajura. The venue was chosen by retiring President Dave Abbott so he could walk home - although a number of guests took the opportunity to join him and Maria poolside until early evening.

The meal was great (although a little too great in quantity) and one course less would have been more than adequate. As a consequence much of the mud and cheesecakes was left. A good time was had by all.



Rod (Santa) Greene was happy to reward Bianca and Valda Lovelock with presents for being very good girls during the 2009 season (at least according to Ron L.)

KEY DATES FOR 2010

Dates for members of the Swansmen (and prospective members) and partners to put in next year's diary NOW are:

Date	Times	Event	Venue
Sat 6th February	2.30-5.00 5.00-8.00	Annual Seminar followed by Dinner with Partners	3 Stoneykirk Loop Kingsley
Sun 8th August	12.00-4.30	Annual Club Auction	S.D.F.C.
Sun 28th November	12.00-4.00	"Thank You" Luncheon	A Mystery Venue

Different format for Annual Seminar

As part of a plan to increase the Swansmen's funding contribution to the Football Club in 2010, much of the pre-planning of the traditional events and programs has already been undertaken. This will allow the Annual Seminar on 6th February to focus on new ideas and projects that the Swansmen could undertake in the coming year(s) to ensure that the Club's off-field results support on-field success.

Rod seeks a senior seat

Swansmen Past President **Rod Greene** has put his hand up to serve on the Football Club Board. After many years of enthusiastic involvement in our coterie group, Rod is seeking to make an even bigger contribution at the senior level. A successful business proprietor for more than 30 years and former bank Johnny for 10 before that, Rod has demonstrated a Nike-like attitude to most things he tackles. However, while we wish him success in his quest for the Board seat, we will be looking for a new Treasurer for the Swansmen. Any volunteers?



Swansmen Past President Rod Greene

Swansmen answer Nicole's (Steel Blue) House Call

A request from **Nicole Graves**, Swans' Manager for Pilbara Community Development seeking assistance with items for Steel Blue House was answered promptly by the Swansmen. Our commitment to Nicole is to provide good quality donated items or purchase new appliances for the house before the boys return in late January.

So far a 6-burner Jackeroo barbeque in good condition and with two gas bottles has been acquired and a food processor donated.

We are still on the look out for a blender, sandwich toaster, vacuum cleaner and a couple of two seater lounges before the boys return in the new year.



Committeeman Colin Trigg prepares a 6-burner barbeque for delivery to Steel Blue House as a Swansmen donation

If you can help with any of these items (in good condition) contact Peter Snow on 0402 448 896 or via [**president.swansmen@gmail.com**](mailto:president.swansmen@gmail.com)

Nicole's email to Swansmen President Peter Snow says it all:

"This is more than I was expecting and thank you and your member for the continued support of youth development in our club. The players that benefit from these items are also very grateful and look forward to hearing from you in the new year.

Please extend our thanks to your members and I wish you all a safe and happy holiday season."

Swansmen go online (at least for banking)

Part of a plan to streamline our accounting system has seen the Swansmen move to online banking so that payments can be made by Electronic Funds Transfer eliminating the time consuming issuing and countersigning of cheques.

Dinner Meeting Dates for your 2010 Diary

As if you don't remember !! – Dinner meetings are 7 pm on the **THIRD WEDNESDAY**

WEDNESDAY	17th March	21st April	19th May	16th June
21st July	18th August	15th September	20th October	17th Nov (AGM)

Season's Greetings from the President & Committee