

Dear Fellow Rammers,

Many changes throughout the club and what a difference a few wins make. The atmosphere around the club could not be more positive and great to see so many numbers attending the first two games of the season home and away.

We all know we cannot rest from here as we build up to rounds 3 and our huge round 4 clash at home Vs Forest Hill. The committee is planning a big day with the local derby as both teams should be well placed in the top 4 by then. I urge all supporters to get along that day bring family and friends as we have our ladies day Spanish theme upstairs and a super clash for all supporters.

This week sees us play a night game at Fairpark with the U/19's kicking off at 2:50 PM, The reserves at 4:55 PM and the seniors at 7:00 PM. The U/19's have had a tough start to the season playing the top team twice as the fixture falls but looking to open their account this week. The ground is at Manuka road Ferntree Gully.

For those that have been up to the club they will also see many changes as we have fixed the lighting upstairs to make it brighter as well as pulling down the junior clubs honour board for more natural light. I have had many positive responses for the new Senior and junior clubs honour boards as we have moved into the digital age by updating to the current year as well as all past history. This was a priority to get it right for future and I thank the current committee members who have discussed the options for a long time to appease all members. We have also included some more tables and a big thanks to the Joker jackpot boys for their generous contribution. Dicko, Paddy and Macca do a power of unsung work around the club, we are very grateful for all this.

This year we have worked hard to get new sponsorship as well as retaining our loyal base who have served us over the years. Our major Platinum sponsor again for the third year in a row is <u>Elite</u> <u>Construction</u> Jason Cooks building company. We appreciate Jason's ongoing support for the club.

Go Rams Steve Worner President <u>New sponsors for 2018</u> Beacon Lighting – 110 Burwood Hwy Jamison Airtools – 15 Royton St East Burwood Simax floors Schnitz restaurant – Burwood One Shopping Centre

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## Senior Match Report

With a new season comes renewed hope and with a list of 57 players and around 30 new faces we are confident that we've done the work to be very competitive in 2018. Taking on Coldstream in round 1 in front of a big Rams crowd it was a pretty scrappy game with lots of stoppages and a real contested footy battle. We went into the half time break a couple of goals in front with still a lot of room for improvement. We finally broke the game open late in the last quarter getting a 6 goal lead only to have Coldstream get 3 late goals which saw us win our first game of the year by 17 pts. Gilleno with 8 goals was fantastic up forward with Scotty Davis and Kanga controlling the midfield. Great scenes after the game with the change rooms packed full of supporters singing the song. Well done great start.

Round 2 saw us take on the highly talked about Glen Waverley Hawks which was going to be a good test for us. While we controlled most of the play in the first half we just couldn't put pressure on the scoreboard as we held a 2 goal lead at half time. Our second half was much better as we were able to get the ball out to our runners and we started to take control of the game. 3 quarter time we were 4 goals up and things were looking good. Extending our lead out to 6 goals in the last quarter we finally ran out winners by 4 goals. Our midfield again dominated with Brett Kay leading the way while Gilleno kicked a bag of goals kicking 5 and Max Wills dominating at centre half forward with 7 marks and 4 goals. Browny was also awesome for us down back playing on a very good player and getting the job done. We couldn't ask for a better start to the year having 2 wins from 2 games with hopefully a lot more to come. Well done.

Senior coach

Stuart Wynd.

Reserves Match reports & U/19's NA in this edition

## 'First Ladies Lunch of 2018'

Saturday April 28 Join us for a Spanish themed lunch of Paella, with Sangria, range of activities and great company!







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A great day is planned for our first ladies lunch in 2018, with flamenco music to set the Spanish mood.

Enjoy a sangria on arrival followed by authentic paella and a wonderful dessert buffet bar. Drinks can be purchased at the bar.

Great raffle prizes and the opportunity to break the piñata will add to the fun; all whilst we support our boys in their second home game for the season.

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