

# On The Prowl

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### Game Milestones

#### 50 Games

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## Club News

### Welcome to the first issue of On The Prowl 2015!

This will be the first of two issues this year. The purpose of this newsletter to keep members of the Ipswich Cats AFC informed about the clubs progress. This year has seen many changes and what better way to keep everyone up to date.

The first issue will provide a summary for the year so far and goals towards the end of the season.

There will be stories about the individual teams from the Auskickers to those old guys running around with the masters.

It will provide a chance for our valuable sponsors to advertise their goods and services with many member benefits.

If you have any ideas for the newsletter, drops us a line.

### New Home Grounds 2015

The club has been settling into our new home grounds here at Ivor Marsden sports centre. It sure has been a big change with so much more room for the



players to train & play. The club house and canteen are progressing with most of the trophies and flags now on proudly display throughout the year.

The Ipswich cricket clubs have been very accommodating with our move to our new home.

The ground itself has under gone some work with new goal posts installed, some leveling of the playing surface and relocation of some irrigation lines. AFLQ have plans to further enhance the playing surface during the off season.

### Club News

Our club this year has grown to over 200 players from under 6's to Under 17's and the addition of a Seniors team joining the Masters (over 35s).

The club ran two Auskick clinics earlier this year, one at Brassall State School and the other at Ivor Marsden on Friday & Saturdays. AFL also run programs in local schools

within the region. The Auskick program has proved to be very popular with the kids providing an excellent introduction to the game. There was even a Kinder Kick program for the Under 4's!

At the start of the season it was planned that the club would enter a Under 19's team however due to a few factors this team was upgraded to the Seniors with many previous Cats juniors rejoining the club.

It has been great watching the players train and playing for the Mighty Ipswich Cats.



## Under 6 Lions

There is nothing quite like the enthusiasm of innocent young children playing sport because they want to.

They love their footy and just love to put on the Cats Guernsey each week.

For many, 2015 has been their AFL debut.

Our boys and girls have come ahead in leaps and bounds and are now just as happy to defend as they are to kick goals!

The young Lions are not only learning key skills to improve their football, but they are also learning to be

a team. It makes you proud to see them be good sports each week.

We have been very lucky to have a great group of parents this year that

**“The Lions are full of enthusiasm”**

support and cheer on all of the team and put their hands up to help when needed.

These young players continue to make us proud.

**Andrea Ward-Osborne - Coach**

## Under 6 Tigers

This is my first year of AFL in 26 years since starting with the Marsden Hawks all those years ago and now I have returned to the sport through my sons Zac & Ethan. The boys started the Auskick program at Limestone Park before coming to the Cats playing in the Under 6 & 11's.

We were immediately made welcome at the Cats with friendly people everywhere.

So with the numbers expanding in the Under 6's a second team was

needed and I couldn't resist but to put my hand up to help.

The players have been learning all the basics so far ensuring that all the players are having fun.

The kids are a great bunch.

They have been improving every week with their skills and teamwork.

**The kids are a great bunch**

This team has been a pleasure to coach.

We aim to finish the season by further improving our skills.

The club has been very supportive especially Sean & Andrea.

**Matthew Hogg - Coach**

**Vake Wylie**

## Under 8 Lions

This year due to the growing player numbers we have been able to form a third Under 8's team.

The team is made up of players who have progressed from the Under 6's and players who are new to the game.

These players have been fantastic for the Under 8 Lions team this year.

All the players have been learning new skills and along with the new players have been picking the game

really well.

There are some players who sure can boot the ball a long way and we are working them to improve their accuracy.

Over the

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course of the season so far the team has come a long way working together as a team and improving greatly.

The players always put in 100% and strive to do their best.

**Jarod Stevenson - Coach**

**Vicky Howman**

## Under 8 Tigers

The boys in this years Tiger's team is made up of a mix of old and new, 3 boys have played for the Cats since the very first club U6 team in 2013 formed from our Auskick program, 4 joined the Tiger family last season and this year we have 4 new faces. All terrific young boys who are a pleasure to coach, very enthusiastic about the game and our great club.

The mix of experience within the team is a real positive for the boys with our more experienced boys leading by example and bringing the newer boys into the games and within no time there confidence grows and they are stars in there own right.

Our training nights have so far been

a mix of repetitive handball and kicking drills to try and hone their basic skills base with a game at the end to keep it fun. Games on Saturday morning have always been played in great spirit, with respect always shown for the umpires, opposition and all other volunteers.

The boys started this season where they left off last season and the improvement week in and week out and

has continued at a steady pace.

The emphasis over these last few weeks will be on faster ball movement when their in possession to prepare them a for next season in U9's when the first form of tackling is introduced into their game.

After a 4 week break during the school holidays and a bye the boys are itching to get back into the games and I'm sure they are ready to finish the season strongly.

**Team Tigers - Shane Newnham, Troy & Kim Pankhurst.**



## Under 8 Pumas

What a fantastic season we have had so far. We have been very deliberate in our focus for the team, choosing to concentrate on teamwork, trying our best and having fun. The footy skills of kicking, catching and ball work are being developed through the games and drills we work on at training but all of the skills and talent won't help the kids play if they aren't having fun and playing as a team.

Each week it has been pleasing to see new skills tried out for the first

time. As a coach and parent, it's a great feeling to see a child kick a ball

**"Pumas are about having fun and playing as a team"**

on target for the first time, to actually catch a mark rather than just touch it on the full, to try bouncing the ball rather than touching it on

the ground.

Having unfortunately experienced poor sportsmanship in action early in the season, I'm proud to say these young fellas remembered that the Pumas are about having fun and playing as a team. Each week they try hard and are improving rapidly. Go Pumas!

**Andrew Buchbach - Coach, Glen Parkes**

## Under 9's

At the start of the season the under 9's didn't have a coach so I decided I would give it a go. Since our very first training run the team has been enthusiastically listening new skills and rules required in this age group. Most importantly when we train we have FUN!

Our team is showing improvement in every game since round 1. The team's skills of kicking, marking,

handball and tackling are developing. The team's contested footy is also improving by learning to stay on their man.

These team disciplines have created a team that works for each other and together, something I am very proud of.

**The boys are bringing the fun into games and to training**

This has seen the team being competitive in every game so far although we can't keep score.... I am sure we would be in the finals!

Thank you to all the parents that come watch there boys play & help out.

**Shane Bunker - Coach, Amanda Olver**



## Under 10's

Our Under 10's team this year has a number of leaders with a great core group, which have now been together for almost 4 years.

After a strong start to the season, we came up against a strong Park Ridge team in Round 5 with the boys providing a very competitive game. They gave us a good insight into what we needed to work on at training, such as our talk, ball movement, and remembering to stay on our man.

The team has had some great games, including our most recent against a very strong Sherwood, who we were extremely competitive against. The players really showed how far they have developed as a team and their ability to stand up under pressure was excellent.

Myself, Keegan, and Brett are very proud to be a part of the coaching staff & we thank the parents, and all the players willing to help out with the game day duties, and at training.



**Josh Gallaher - Coach, Brett Gallaher, Brett Weir & Keegan Worner**

## Under 11's

When we kicked off in May, we did not know what we were facing when we took the field. We had eight new players that joined our team, the field we played on was larger and we no longer played in zones so it was an interesting experience that we all learned from.

Since the first week, the positive is that we have seen the team improve so much and it

is great pleasure for the coaches, parents and friends to watch all the kids continue to develop and improve and become a team of friends that unite and play together.

The important thing which we try to continue to tell our kids is that

teamwork is more important than anything else, then the results will happen. We have focused on the following :

- Run and support our team-



- mate by shepherding
- Improve our Tackling, and Kicking
- Encourage and support each other
- Most importantly have Fun

Over the past 9 rounds, the progress of the kids has been great and they will continue to improve through to the end of the year.

Finally a big thank you also to all the parents and volunteers that assist on the week-end. Whether it is ground marshalling, boundary umpiring, running water,

scoreboard marshalling, goal umpiring, time keeping, first aid helper or anyone else that helps. Thank you.

**John Fothergill - Coach, Donna Fothergill, Chris Reidlinger**

## Under 12's

The Ipswich under 12's have come along nicely in season 2015. Early on in the year it was a struggle to get consistent numbers on the training track but by the time the games started our boys were starting to find their groove and train like a team.

This showed through the early stages of the home and away season, with the kids winning 4 out of their first 5 games - the only loss coming to the current top side.

Currently our record stands at 6 wins 4 losses. We are 4th on the ladder and are well and truly in contention for finals with only 4 weeks left.

The cats have gained a little bit of a reputation as a team that plays the game HARD but FAIR. We are one of the strongest tackling teams in the division. We may lack an amount of

size and ball skills but we more than make up for that with our speed and willingness to keep the ball moving forward. Another congratulations must go out to our captain, Nathan Andrews. He was not only selected to represent Darling Downs in the un-



der 12's schoolboys side, but elected by his peers to captain the group. A huge well done to him!

Our goal kicking table is being contested tightly at the top by Hunter Osborne and Kobe Rae. But apart from those boys, it is a very even

spread of goals which goes to show how much our team likes to share the workload around. Well done.

And a personal thank you goes out to all the parents who have helped the team out throughout the season.

Whether it's assisting with the running of the drills at training or with match day roles, bringing fruit to games, driving players to and from games or helping out in the canteen it all helps us in massive ways. There is much more to a team than the 22 players who take the field each week. Everything we have achieved this year could not be done without your help.

Good luck everyone for the rest of the season!

**Shannon Jackson - Coach**

**Kimberly Jackson - Manager**

**Steven Bruce - Assistant Coach**

## Under 13's

For the Under 13's the 2015 finals are almost upon us. The young men of the Under 13s are having a good season.

We are currently sitting second and have beaten all teams in our comp.

Our back line has worked hard all year with Anthony Penn leading the way at fullback. Christian Shepherd running quickly off the half flank our centre line was bolstered with the return of Hugh Cook and a great new to the game player in Jacob Woodrow.

Nathan Adsett impresses every game then add the tall of Joshua Hodgetts, Adam Gersekowski, Drew Harvey and Isaiah Jentz and you see why we are going so well.

Our forward line is combining well to put the scores on the board.

Josh & Tyson are neck and neck for the goal kickers for the season.

The team have come together this year with the team

playing well and gelling together after we started the season short on numbers but now have 18 players each week.

With the finals looming the boys can't wait for Lachlan Skulls return.



This success has been a club effort with great support from the U12s and the U14s teams.

All the parents have been brilliant this season as always helping out on game day Craig Dobie uncle to Ethan has done the goal umpiring all season and does a great job.

Rena managing skills are also impressive.

I wish all the boys the best of luck for the season .

Train hard n Play hard.

**Marty Tottle -Coach**



## Under 14's

The Under 14 team has had a year of adversity both on & off the field however by working together as a team they are a chance of playing finals football.

The team started with 21 players being graded into Div 2 then we lost a number of players to long term injuries such as Zac breaking his ankle at home, good prospect Chris moving back to Northern Territory & Girls star Zoe heading up the Girls Under 15 side.

The team endured major adversity on the sidelines of the Round 1 match against Redlands which the team has been attempting to overcome ever since.

Yet there has been no respite for the team with more long term injuries & illnesses continuing to plague the

team for the season. Jacob has missed most of the season games to injury with Emily & Darcy ruled out for the



season.

These factors contributed to the team being downgraded to Div 4/5.

Despite these setbacks the team has regrouped through the tremendous support of the club with teams such as the Under 15 Girls combining their training routines to help the team out. These factors have helped solidify the team's comradery and their game

structures leading to renewed confidence & discipline in their games. Just last week the boys pushed the leading team all the way, leading at three quarter time before going down to Jindalee/Kenmore.

Remarkably, the team is still in contention for the finals needing to win all three of their final games to make the finals that has been aided by the return of injured players such as Charlie in the forward line with boys extra motivated to win with Jacob expected back by the finals.

A season like this has required the extra support of the club and team members with a special thank you, to all the parents & supporters that have assisted this year. **Sean McComb - Coach, Amanda McComb, Craig Purton**

## Under 15 Girls

What can I say about the Under 15 girls. Great improvement all round from tackling to pressure that is applied every game you cant ask for anything else from a team

From the Captain Sarah Teasdale to the Vice Captains Georgia Ross and Madeline Zarb to every player that is part of the team everyone has contributed.

Currently the team is sitting 6th position with 5 wins and 4 losses & primed for finals contention and I believe the team will go deep into the finals.

Congratulations to our leading goal kicker, Zoe Harwood. She is also the club's leading goal kicker too!

A big thank you goes out to all the parents that help out every week and a special mention needs to go out to Halie and Mel for continuing their



support all season.

With all areas working well on and off the field the girls will show any team how to play footy.

I am proud to call myself their coach.

**Aaron Hayes - Coach,**  
**Hallie Hornsby**  
**#girlsplaytoo**

# Ipswich Cats Club Song

(Sung to the tune of 'From the Halls of Montezuma', 'Marines Corp Anthem' & the 'Adelaide Crows Club Song')

*From the playing fields of Ipswich*

*To underneath Amberley's Flight Path*

*We will fight our battles to the end*

*And surely make our mark*

*We're the Cats from Ipswich Central*

*And we play it hard and fast*

*We're the players dressed in blue & white*

*We're the kids from Ivor Marsden Park*

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## Under 17's

The team this year is in a very competitive division and the boys are putting together a season to be proud of. This season is not necessarily about the results the team has achieved so far but more so the growth of their footy skills and confidence as young men.

The team's resilience to compete hard for each contested ball and disciplines within the game & training track do not go unnoticed by the club & competitors alike.

We have seen the emergence of some

raw talent in players such as Brody Brauer & Aiden Young. Brody has taken over as No1 ruck man and has demonstrated an incredible work rate. Aiden has improved his ball handling skills and overall intensity for the game. The courage of the younger players in this age group is a stand-out including Ben Snell, Shaun Emery, River Kinsella & Jake Parry.



The team is a very knit unit and have supported each other through a very challenging year in terms of results and look forward to finishing off the season strongly with some good performances.

The coaching staff & I have been very proud of the teams efforts this year. We also would like to thank the team's supporters for their help during the year.

**Janie McCullagh - Coach  
Sam Wood**

## Seniors

The Cats formed their 1<sup>st</sup> seniors team in 20 years when it was decided to fold the 19's team to help the 16's – who were struggling for numbers – to form a 17's team. We managed to be accepted into the QAFA (B) Central draw when Springfield folded their senior team. We started the team with about 8 u19 players, support from some 17's players and considerable support from the Masters players. Some ex-players from the Cats u16's teams from 2007 and 2008 were contacted – and a few more numbers joined.

We have had between 18 and 22 players each week – but have been beaten by an average of about 100

very strong competition. The camaraderie has grown every week and the positive vibe is fantastic, despite such big losses and the normal incidents on and off the field. We didn't

### The First Ipswich Cats Seniors Team in 20 Years

play our first home game until Round 9 to help get the ground into a suitable playing condition for the Cats junior and youth teams.

Michael May (Mayzie) joined as seniors coach in mid June – to let Scott concentrate on work a bit more – and over the last few weeks the team has taken another positive step in their discipline, commitment, fitness and “honesty”. Mayzie will attract some more much needed talent to the Club in 2016.

We have had about 50 different players – 17's, Masters and Seniors, play, as well as some support from Sth East Suns players on permit. We have some talented 19's players returning next season from working away and long term injuries, that will further bolster our

growing team. We have resurrected the careers of some talented past Cats youth players, discovered some new talent along the way and seen some of the 17's and 19's Cats players take their AFL to higher levels.

Despite the challenges of a first year

team, at brand new facilities, the players are so excited about finishing off the year as strongly as possible, attracting new players and getting stuck into a solid preseason of fitness, skills, honesty and team building – to make season 2016 the year the Cats seniors “climb the ladder”.

**Scott Salter & Michael May -  
Coaches**



points every game against very strong, well established, Clubs, in a





## Masters

The Masters competition is an AFL competition for the Over 35's where there are slightly modified rules to protect the aging bodies. The games are generally played every fortnight and in good spirit with the old competitive instincts often in the background. These matches are scored however there are no competition points on offer.



The Masters team this year has established a nucleus of a good team with most players being available for every match. The Cats are still hunting for their first win of the season although we have won the last two games on forfeit.

The Cats are led by Sean, when his ribs are OK and ably assisted by club stalwarts Fluxy & Shep showing the way for the new & younger players alike. The teamwork and ball movement has benefited the

boys since they have been training with the Seniors & Under 17's.

The team look forward to finishing the season well with our first on field wins of the season.



**Tom Roderick - Coach**

## Umpires

We had 2 new umpires this year Clayles Doyle & James Box join Tom Rodrick Darcy Fitzgerald & Zac Dunikowski. I had Tom running with the new umpires for the first game to mentor them and must say Tom has done a great job helping the

boys. The start of season seen Zac unable to umpire due to his broken ankle and just as he came back Darcy rule out for the whole season due to medical reasons, The boys are always willing to help out before game in canteen and field set up for day. A great well mannered group of

young men, I would like to thank all of them as if they didn't put their hands up to do this we wouldn't have junior games. I am very Proud of my boys.

**Amanda McComb - Umpire Coordinator**

## Lions



The Ipswich Cats have been lucky enough this season to have players from the Brisbane Lions come to training to help out.

The players participated in team drills such as hand balling & kicking. They also gave tips and advice to

the young cats.

In fact after visiting the Girls Under 15 team they recorded their first win of the season against Carlton, so maybe the girls gave the Lions, some tips of their own?

Thank you Lions!



### Cats @ the GABBA

At the Gabba for Jed Adcock's 200th & Brent Harvey's 400th our Under 10's were the feature match at half time with fellow Auskickers wearing the lions gear in front of over 15,000 people. They were the only winning lions team of the night.

## Ipswich Cats Committee

The Ipswich Cats Committee meets most Wednesdays at the clubhouse after the Juniors have finished training.

The club is run by volunteers and are not paid for their roles.

The great thing about footy clubs is that it brings together a large group of people from all different types of back grounds offering varying skills.

These experiences can be useful for the club!

It doesn't matter if you can help a little or a lot, every bit counts!

Have any questions or suggestions, contact your manager or committee member or come along to a meeting.

## Ipswich Cats Merchandise

The Club has a large range of merchandise for sale. This includes club shirts, caps, socks, training sinlets & more.

Visit the canteen for more information



## Up Coming Events

9th August - Sponsors Day

TBA - Junior Presentation Day

10th October - Youth Presentation Evening

TBA - Club AGM

TBA - Club Xmas Event

TBA - 2016 Sign Ons

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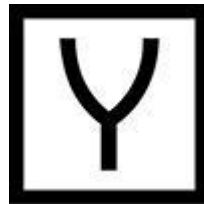
## Ipswich Cats Committee

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<b>Registrar:</b>	Amanda McComb
<b>Registrar Assistant</b>	Andrea Ward/Osborne
<b>Youth Football /Coaching Co-ordinator</b>	David Crossley
<b>Junior Coordinator:</b>	David Crossley

## Other Club Roles

<b>Recruitment &amp; Retention Coord:</b>	Sean McComb
<b>Auskick Coordinators:</b>	Shane Newnham
<b>Umpire Coordinator:</b>	Amanda McComb
<b>First Aid Coordinator:</b>	Kathleen Doyle
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<b>Events Coordinator:</b>	Amanda McComb/Charmaine Anderson/Emslie
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<b>Grants Coordinator:</b>	Rob Dunikowski
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<b>Ground Coordinator:</b>	Sean McComb
<b>Assistant Ground Coordinator:</b>	Vacant
<b>Game Day Coordinator:</b>	Sean McComb
<b>Apparel Convenor (Assistant)</b>	Amanda McComb
<b>Property Coordinator:</b>	Craig McTaggart
<b>Assistant Property Co-ordinator:</b>	Vacant
<b>Junior Player Representative</b>	Darcy Fitzgerald
<b>Youth Player Representative</b>	Tom Roderick

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The Yamanto Tavern & Ipswich Cats AFL Sponsorship Card has some great member benefits, offering a 10% DISCOUNT on purchases at the bistro or bars when you present your card.



Llewellyn Motors have a community program named "**Llewellyn's Local Legends**". This program directs money back local community clubs when you buy or service your car a Llewellyn's.



Amart sports "Community Kickbacks" program donates nominated proceeds back to the club as a percentage of the purchase price. These funds are used to purchase equipment for the club.



Main Event Therapies supporting the club's senior team with a range of massage services including Hot Rock & Cupping. Damien also provides Beauty & fitness services.





# OUR VISION

TO BE VIEWED AS A  
COMMUNITY  
FAMILY CLUB, PROVIDING LIFE  
SKILLS-EQUALITY &  
DEVELOPMENT  
FOR ALL BOYS & GIRLS  
OF ALL AGES  
& DISABILITIES THROUGH OUR  
GREAT GAME OF AFL, IN A  
FUN SAFE ENVIRONMENT ;)

