



Vin's Buses - It was a gloomy hill's winter morning, but past Stirling ruckman, Vin Pistola, very kindly donated his time and a bus from his fleet to take our group to the Adelaide Oval.

Club Effort - A Grade players, Joel Van Paridon, Sam Miles, Sascha Oehrli (back turned) and Alex Weeks, working on match day as do all levels of the club on a roster basis.



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Read all about the Mt. Lofty player who is now working in Television. See page 3.

Adelaide Oval Tour



The 26 people who attended the LLG's tour of Adelaide Oval on Saturday 11 July, pictured on the Telstra Plaza under the statue of Champion Barrie Robran.

LLG Progress and Plans

The Adelaide Oval Tour was a very enjoyable experience to add to the success of this year's annual reunion which featured past champions and the captains of the four 2014 Premiership Sides. Support to the club in various forms by members of the Lofty Legends Group has also been appreciated, be that assisting with BBQ's, doing maintenance around the club or attending matches. While not an LLG project, it has been wonderful to see the work on refurbishing the club, project managed by Ian Deans under the direction of the club committee and assisted by people such as John Coventry and Geoff Crocker to name a few. The ongoing work in so many areas by Life Member and club secretary, Jill Dawes, is particularly appreciated by the Lofty Legends Group.

Plans are underway for next year and we would welcome your suggestions or attendance at one of our relaxed meetings - please call any of us on the numbers listed on page 4.

Last Home Game - this Saturday 16 August

We invite all Lofty Legend Group members to join us at the final home game against Hahndorf. Please also check the Courier for finals participation.

2015 Club Magazine

The Club will be producing this new and exciting publication, available to all. Contact helen.hewitt@outlook.com or call Helen on 8398 4290 by 31 August.



More from the Adelaide Oval Tour



Top Left - one of our 2 groups in front of the magnificent oval and stands.

Middle Left - volunteer tour guide Neil Smith explaining the workings of the iconic Adelaide Oval scoreboard.

Bottom Left - introduction to the tour in the foyer area in front of the stunning "Bradman Collection".

Top Right - braving the elements in front of the Sir Donald Bradman Pavilion

Middle Right - Gareth Bevan and Bev Bowman, both avid Crow fans, in the Iconic Adelaide Oval Scoreboard showing how popular Eddie Betts has become.

Bottom Right - Kathy Hampton and part of the group in the impressive Sheffield Shield Room.



Around the Club



Top Left - Co-Captain and 4 times A Grade Premiership player, David "DK" Stevens celebrated his 150th A Grade match on Saturday 13 June after an injury interrupted season.

Bottom Left - Jonno Downes played his last game against Echunga and was chaired off by B Grade Captain Ben Pohl and the team. Jonno has epitomized the term "Great Clubman" since a knee reconstruction interrupted a very promising football career. While struggling against adversity to extract as many games as his body would allow, Jonno has been a very hard working club committee member to whom The Lofty Legends Group is very grateful for the work he did towards setting up the LLG. We wish him all the very best as he moves to Los Angeles in his employment as an Engineer.

Top Right - Tom Johnson is pictured in action in one of his senior games earlier this season and he is, in fact, the dapper man also pictured on the front page of this edition. Tom is very determined in everything he undertakes and after gaining outstanding results at University, is now a Television Journalist with Southern Cross TV, reporting from Broken Hill. The LLG is extremely appreciative of the excellent work Tom has done for us in assembling great digital productions of the history of Mt.Lofty and its heritage clubs. The video produced earlier this year is a real credit to Tom - see it on the club's web site at: www.mtloftydevils.com.au

Bottom Right - former Club Captain and Premiership Player, Matt Stapleton also played his 150th A Grade game this season and has made a great return after missing the best part of 2 years following serious injury. His strength, skills and team contribution have been a terrific addition.



Football Progress



Earlier this season, the Senior Colts team welcomed Port Adelaide Football Club players Brad Ebert, Kane Mitchell and Cameron O'Shea to Heathfield as part of the Power's community program. The Port boys had a chat to the players prior to training, imparting some knowledge which will hopefully spur the Devils on towards another finals appearance.

The Central Division Challenge continues!

The 2015 season has certainly been a big challenge for the club in its return to Central Division and with a good overall performance, the club will again compete in Central in 2016. While Club Coach, Bruce Dawes continues to have his players develop an attacking, disciplined approach and with many young players making their debut, there is no doubt that very serious injuries to key senior players has played a major part in performance. The list of serious injury in both A Grade and B Grade has been exceptional, culminating in Co-Captain, Mail Medallist and twice Best and Fairest, Sam Miles, having a knee reconstruction 3 weeks ago.

While the A Grade will not be playing in the finals series, each of the B Grade, Senior Colts, Junior Colts and Mini Colts are currently in the top five. The B's and Mini Colts are guaranteed to play finals while the Senior and Junior Colts will need to finish the minor round with good performances to also participate.

The club's development of junior footballers, with the highest number in the HFL, will continue to serve the club well. The number of players from last year's Senior Colt's Premiership side who have tasted A Grade football this year, has been impressive and they will no doubt develop further over the next few years. Dedicated coaches, officials and parents throughout the club are working to build a club which will again be strong at all levels.

It is very encouraging to see the efforts made to have Mt. Lofty continue as a respected community sporting club with a strong focus on success in all aspects of our great Australian game.

Beef and Burgundy Night – 6.30pm Saturday 22 August 2015 at the club– Contact Jill Dawes on 0419 703 043.

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