



Dear Members,

We hope you all had a fantastic Australia Day this week. Did you enjoy some lamingtons, pavlova, lamb, or are you waiting for a meat pie at the 'G'? It won't be long to go until footy season is back and you can enjoy another season of 'Aussie Rules' – yet another culinary delight to be consumed, unique to our incredible country!

Even though the sun is still shining, we are excited to announce that **Pre-Season Training** begins next week from 1 February. Our ovals are booked each Monday and Wednesday from 4pm – 8pm at Dorothy Laver Reserve (exact details on the pre season training schedule can be found on our website). So dust off your boots, it's time to stretch your hammies and get amongst the new season. You're welcome to bring a friend and show them what our great Club and game is all about.

On the note of showcasing our Club, Ashy Redbacks will be hosting a stand at the **Ashburton Twilight Festival** on Saturday 28 February from 12pm – 7pm. We are encouraging everyone to get involved by helping out on the stand or come and visit on the day. Handball competitions, refreshments and free face and nail painting are just some of the fun things to enjoy. If you would like to help us to organise the day, drop us a line at: [communications@ashyredbacks.org.au](mailto:communications@ashyredbacks.org.au)

In this month's newsletter, we will introduce you to your 2016 Committee. These are the volunteers that are busy working behind the scenes on managing registrations, organising footy operations, updating our digital properties including setting up an online merchandise capability (as well as introducing new line items), co-ordinating our social calendar and much, much more to make our season as successful as it can be, both on and off the field. If you have any ideas on how we could improve the season ahead, let us know. We would love to hear your feedback.

On that note, let's all enjoy the exciting events we have coming up in February. And don't forget to #dustoffyourboots

Ashy Committee  
#AshyRedbacks

## Registration Day – Sunday 7 February



Have you noticed our promo boards around our neighborhood or have you spotted a flyer in your favourite local store? We are spreading the word about our great Club and we would love you to do so too.

On **Sunday 7 February from 9:30am – 11:30am**, we will be hosting a Registration Day so that all players can come get a mouth guard fitted by Sportsguard Mouthguards, grab a uniform and stock up on merchandise. Our Registrar, Paul Allen, will be onsite and happy to answer any questions you may have

about registrations or you can reach Paul at anytime on [registrations@ashyredbacks.org.au](mailto:registrations@ashyredbacks.org.au)

Where possible, we encourage all members to register online before Registration Day, by going to the [Sporting Pulse](http://SportingPulse) website.

2016 registration prices are \$230 for the 1<sup>st</sup> child and \$210 for additional children.

(Note: All children must be registered at the same time to obtain the multi-child discounts).



Did you know that prices for Sportsguard Mouth guards start at \$65.00? And did you also know that if you have Private Health Insurance, they are fully claimable under Item 151?

To get the maximum protection for your mouth, teeth and jaw, come and see a team member of Sportsguard Mouth guards for a fitting on Registration Day. Within 4 weeks, you will have your custom-made mouth guard ready for the season ahead.

[www.sportsguard.com.au](http://www.sportsguard.com.au)

## Important Calendar Dates...

Feb 7

Registration Day,  
Clothing and  
Mouth Guard  
Fitting

9:30am – 11:30 am  
Burwood Reserve

Feb 28

Ashy Redbacks Stand  
at the Ashburton  
Twilight Festival  
12pm – 7pm

High Street, Ashburton

Mar 6

Registration Day,  
Clothing and  
Mouth Guard  
Collection

9:30am – 11:30am  
Burwood Reserve

Apr 15

2016 Season  
Launch – Everyone  
welcome,  
entertainment  
galore!  
From 5pm onwards  
Burwood Reserve

May 1

Family Club Night  
All age groups  
invited.  
5pm – 8pm  
Burwood Reserve

May 28

Ashy Redbacks  
Major Social Event  
Watch this space....  
The Lincoln, Toorak

## 80 sleeps until Round 1 begins on Sunday 17 April



### Pre-Season Training Starts Next Week #dustoffyourboots

Join us for Pre-Season Training at Dorothy Laver Reserve, Dunlop Street, Ashburton. Sessions will be held each Monday and Wednesday from 1 February to 30 March. Session times for different age grades do vary so please check our website for all the details. If you have any queries about pre season training, you may contact [footyops@ashyredbacks.org.au](mailto:footyops@ashyredbacks.org.au)

#### Girls

Girls will be training from 5:00pm – 6:15pm each Wednesday commencing 3 February at Dorothy Laver Reserve East, access via Saxby Road. For more information contact [girlsfooty@ashyredbacks.org.au](mailto:girlsfooty@ashyredbacks.org.au)

So dust off your boots, bring a drink bottle and get ready for action! Parents, please note that Pre-Season Training is not compulsory and completely up to you and your child/children if you would like to join in on the fun.

### Coach's Spotlight

This month we're putting **Gav Hynes, Ashy Redbacks Coach**, under the spotlight.

**What do you love about coaching?** I love passing on my knowledge and passion for this great game. I love to see young kids push themselves, pursue their goals and achieve. Each kid is so different and I believe I can get the best out of him or her. I honestly believe that footy has a lot of life lessons and is a great teacher to all of us.

**Who has been the most inspiring coach you have had and why?** Jack Mahoney who coached me throughout my teenage years at De La Salle. He believed in me and knew how to get the best out of me. He also put in a good word for me at Richmond where I played a couple of senior practice matches and a couple of U19 games in 1988-89. Unfortunately for Richmond, they let me go 😊

**What have been the best words of advice a coach has ever given you?** "I can't coach effort so do your best and the result will look after itself"

**What qualities do you think a successful coach needs to have?** A successful coach needs passion, understanding, compassion and an ability to be able to push the right buttons. Kids are individuals and you have to be able to work out who needs what type of motivation. You also need to give clear instructions and set individual and team expectations which then makes it easier to give constructive feedback to the individual and team respectively.

To learn more about coaching vacancies at Ashy Redbacks, you may contact: [footyops@ashyredbacks.org.au](mailto:footyops@ashyredbacks.org.au)



**Nickname**  
Hynsey

**Coaching Experience?**  
7 years at junior footy level

**Your AFL club**  
Mighty Magpies

**Kids at Ashy**  
Josh (U15), Sam (U13) and Will (U8)



### Social Media Enthusiasts

Are you immersed in the world of social media? Do you love a bit of Insta, Flickr, Facebook, Tumblr and Twitter? Do you enjoy developing content that builds likes, fans and followers? Then we should talk. In person. Horrified? Okay, you can email: [communications@ashyredbacks.org.au](mailto:communications@ashyredbacks.org.au)

Players are most welcome to express interest. Think of the experience it will add to your resume ;)



**NEWS FLASH** - Our Facebook page has changed. To stay up to date on Club news, please "LIKE" us <https://www.facebook.com/AshyRedbacks/>

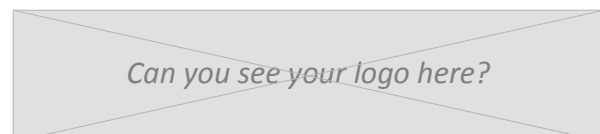


Share your pre-season photos with us by tagging **#AshyRedbacks** **#GoAshy** **#dustoffyourboots** **#preseason**

### Can Your Business Sponsor Our Club in 2016?

We can't be the most vibrant junior football club without the support of our sponsors. With a reach of over 400 local families, your business is guaranteed targeted and regular promotional exposure throughout the season.

To find out more about the value-packed sponsorship packages we can offer your business this year, please contact **Peter Wells** - [sponsorship@ashyredbacks.org.au](mailto:sponsorship@ashyredbacks.org.au)



## Introducing Your 2016 Committee



**Christine Arazi**  
President  
[president@ashyredbacks.org.au](mailto:president@ashyredbacks.org.au)

Christine has been part of Ashy Redbacks since 1996. She has volunteered as a Team Manager, in addition to being a Committee member for the past 8 years. In 2015, Christine was appointed President. Christine has two sons, Shai and Jordan (Colts).



**Steve Carlisle**  
Vice President  
[vicepresident@ashyredbacks.org.au](mailto:vicepresident@ashyredbacks.org.au)

Steve has been part of Ashy Redbacks since 2014. As a Coach of U8, and prior at AusKick, Steve was appointed Vice President of the Committee this year. He has two sons, Rylan (U10) and Taylor (U9).



**Nick Grogan**  
Treasurer  
[treasurer@ashyredbacks.org.au](mailto:treasurer@ashyredbacks.org.au)

Nick has been involved with Ashy Redbacks since 2013. Since that time, he has volunteered as a Coach. Nick joined the Committee this year. He has three sons, Finn (U11), Oliver (U9) and Max (Auskick).



**Matt Pietsch**  
Secretary  
[secretary@ashyredbacks.org.au](mailto:secretary@ashyredbacks.org.au)

Matt has been involved with Ashy Redbacks since 2011. He was the Auskick Coordinator for Burwood from 2011 – 2015 and last year, he coached U8. Matt joined the Committee this year. He has four sons, Harrison (U13), Oliver (U9), Judd and Lachlan (AusKick).



**Paul Allen**  
Registrar  
[registrations@ashyredbacks.org.au](mailto:registrations@ashyredbacks.org.au)

Paul has been involved with Ashy Redbacks since 2007. He joined the Committee in 2008 and has volunteered across footy operations and registrations. Paul has also held the roles of Coach and Team Manager. Paul has two sons, Jeremy (U9 – Colts) and Luke (U14) and a daughter, Amy (U15).



**Bruce Fox**  
General Manager  
[bruce.fox@ashyredbacks.org.au](mailto:bruce.fox@ashyredbacks.org.au)

Bruce has been actively involved with Ashy Redbacks since 2010. Over the past 5 years, he has assisted in many facets of footy operations and club management as the General Manager. Bruce's son Nathan has coached U14, U15 and Colts.



**Simon Glover**  
Finance  
[finance@ashyredbacks.org.au](mailto:finance@ashyredbacks.org.au)

Simon has been a part of Ashy Redbacks since 2015. He joined the Committee this year. Simon has a son, Lachlan (U9), and a daughter, Annabelle.



**Gavin Hynes**  
Footy Operations  
[footyops@ashyredbacks.org.au](mailto:footyops@ashyredbacks.org.au)

Gav has been part of Ashy Redbacks since 2009. He has been a coach for over 7 years from grades between U9 – U13 (Premiers & Champions). Gav joined the Committee this year. He has three sons, Josh (U15), Sam (U13) and Will (U8).



**Sarah Ritchie**  
Merchandise & Girls Footy  
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Sarah has been involved with Ashy Redbacks since 2009. She joined the Committee this year. Sarah has three children that all play at Ashy, James (U15), Grace (U15) and Harry (U10).



**Stuart Khan**  
Footy Operations  
[footyops@ashyredbacks.org.au](mailto:footyops@ashyredbacks.org.au)

Stuart joined Ashy Redbacks in 2008. During that time, he has volunteered as a Trainer and Team Manager. Stuart joined the Committee in 2011. He has three children, Conor (former U11 - Colt), Lili and Wilshie (U13).



**Richard Zvirbulis**  
Footy Operations  
[footyops@ashyredbacks.org.au](mailto:footyops@ashyredbacks.org.au)

Richard has been a part of Ashy Redbacks since 2012. During that time he has held the roles of Team Manager and Auskick Coach. Richard joined the Committee in 2014. He has three sons, Tom (U12), Kurt (U9) and Leo (Auskick).



**Anna Carlisle**  
Marketing & Communications  
[communications@ashyredbacks.org.au](mailto:communications@ashyredbacks.org.au)

Anna has been a part of Ashy Redbacks since 2014. She joined the Committee last year. Anna has two sons, Rylan (U10) and Taylor (U9).



**Ashley Fernee**  
Social  
[social@ashyredbacks.org.au](mailto:social@ashyredbacks.org.au)

Ashley became a part of Ashy Redbacks in 2015. He joined the Committee last year. Ashley has a son, Tyson (U9) and a daughter Chloe.



**Craig Harris**  
Social  
[social@ashyredbacks.org.au](mailto:social@ashyredbacks.org.au)

Craig joined Ashy Redbacks this year. He has a son, James (U8) and daughters, Sarah and Emma.



**Brian Savage**  
Club Operations & Governance  
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Brian has been involved in Ashy Redbacks since 2010. He has volunteered as a Team Manager in past years, and joined the Committee this year. Brian has two sons, Declan (U14) and Liam (U11).



**Fraser McLisky**  
Risk & Governance  
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Fraser has been involved with Ashy Redbacks since 2014. Prior to joining the Committee this year, Fraser has volunteered as a Trainer. He joined the Committee this year. Fraser has three sons, Ben (U12), James (U10) and Lachie (U8).



**Peter Wells**  
Sponsorship  
[sponsorship@ashyredbacks.org.au](mailto:sponsorship@ashyredbacks.org.au)

Peter has been a part of Ashy Redbacks since 2011. During that time he has held the role of Team Manager, as well as he and his wife Karen's business, Friends Pharmacy, have been a Team Sponsor. Peter joined the Committee this year. He has a son (U14).