

BOMBSHELL



PRE-SEASON

28 MARCH

Players and Parents, welcome to another exciting year of AFL with the Miranda Bombers. Thank you for being a part of it.

For those of you not aware, the club ended the 2015 season on a high with a premiership to our U17 team. Well done to all connected to the team, you did us proud.

The off season has seen a lot of changes with works starting on our new clubhouse and lot of new faces on the club's committee including myself in the president role. It is an honour to serve the club that I played my junior AFL with so (very) many years ago.

With a very strong recruiting push we start 2016 in a great position. We will have over 200 Miranda players across 13 different teams from our under 5 Auskick teams right through to another strong U17 team. Our retention in the older age groups has been stronger than the other local clubs and we have another huge batch of Auskickers which is great news for the future.

Football wise, we do not aim to change very much. We will continue to focus on the club values – RESPECT, ENJOYMENT, FAIRNESS - to make sure, above all else, that our players enjoy being part of AFL. We have a dedicated team of Coaches and Managers to support your sons and daughters so, please offer your support to them as well.

If you get a chance during the season I would strongly encourage you to watch some of the other age groups. From the sheer joy of a goal and the smiles in the Auskick squads, through the development to full field footy in the middle age groups (U9-U13) up to the skill levels and intensity shown in the older U15/U17 teams, there is something to appreciate in every age group. The constant is seeing Bombers players enjoying their AFL.

The clubhouse - By the end of the season we will be enjoying probably the best clubhouse facilities available locally. The trade off is we will need to go through the construction phase. Over the first few months of the season we will have limited or no access to the new or old clubhouse. As a club we will do everything we can to minimise the impact on our players but I would ask that you bear with us for a few months while we get the new one built. It will be worth it.

2017 will be an even bigger year with the Southern Power and Swans academy relocating to Waratah and additional ground works (lights/fencing etc) - but I won't get ahead of myself.

Last, but not least, my thanks to all of the previous committee members for the work they have done to put the club in such a strong position. Specifically Frank for supporting me in the transition of the presidents role, he has only laughed a few times. To the new and existing committee members my total appreciation to them for giving up their time to make the club even better. Clubs like ours do not thrive, or even survive, without volunteers. If you would like to help, just ask – many hands make light work.

Andrew Briggs, Miranda Bombers President

ROUND 1 - SUNDAY 3RD APRIL

TEAM	TIME	OPPONENT	LOCATION
Auskick	8.00 am	Penshurst Panthers	Olds Park
U9 Black	9.00 am	Penshurst Panthers Green	Olds Park
U9 Red	9.00 am	Penshurst Panthers White	Olds Park
U10 Black	BYE		
U10 Red	10.00 am	Penshurst Panthers	Olds Park
U11	10.00 am	Penshurst Panthers	Olds Park
U13	1.00 pm	Pennant Hills	Ern Holmes Oval
U15	1.45 pm	Forest Lions	Lionel Watts Oval
U17	2.00 pm	Western Suburbs	Picken Oval

PLEASE NOTE: The draw is subject to change. Your team manager will confirm your game details each week.



2016 COMMITTEE

POSITION	NAME	PHONE	EMAIL	TEAM
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Canteen Manager	Sharon Tracey	0402 159 552	canteen@mirandabombers.org	U17
Merchandise / Uniform Manager	Sonja Parker	0403 233 898	merchandise@mirandabombers.org	U13
Recruitment Manager	Brett Rudzis	0499 080 622	recruitment@mirandabombers.org	U9
Sponsorship Manager	Stu Stansell	0447 019 526	sponsorship@mirandabombers.org	U8 U6
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Girls Football Coordinator	Kristie Carrick	0432 697 015	kristiemcarrick@gmail.com	AK
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Roster Officer	Dave Bramley		roster@mirandabombers.org	U15 U13
Redevelopment Representatives	Frank Cashman John Murray			
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Thankyou to our 2016 Committee

CLUB VALUES

RESPECT - ENJOYMENT – FAIRNESS

Miranda Bombers AFL club has adopted these values to reflect our approach to AFL footy. We want to foster a love of the game, and promote participation. We will respect umpires and their decisions, each other and ourselves. We want our players, parents and officials to represent the club in the best possible way, and lead by example by promoting these values in how we approach the game.

The AFL Sydney Juniors have a Code of Conduct for players, parents and officials. Miranda supports the Code of Conduct and has an expectation that parents will also support this Code in order to ensure an enjoyable game day experience every weekend.

The content of the Code of Conduct is reproduced in this edition of the Bombshell, and we encourage parents to become familiar with its requirements. I am sure all Miranda parents will join us in embracing the Code of Conduct to ensure we have a positive experience at the footy.

The AFL are introducing a system to reward clubs who display good behaviour, and this can have a material effect on the performance of a team. Points are rewarded to teams in the competition grades, however if there are reportable offences, these points may be withheld, thus it can have an affect on the performance of teams in the competition. This system is in its infancy, and we will keep you informed, however, the message is simple, if players, parents and officials observe the Code of Conduct and present a welcoming and inclusive atmosphere, then the club will be rewarded with the E points. Further detail about the Reward E points system can be found in the attached info sheet from the AFL Sydney Juniors.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Why is Waratah a building site?

Miranda Bombers, the Southern Power Senior AFL club, the AFL NSW and Sutherland Council are building a new clubhouse and other improved facilities to offer first class AFL facilities.

Will there be any effect on the football season by the building works?

Yes. The builders are currently working on the new and the existing clubhouse, so there may be times when the toilets are not available. Toilet facilities are available at the adjoining field on the upper side of the rugby league field. These toilets are larger than our existing facilities and are available for use on game day. There may be other interruptions like the fencing off of the building site. We ask parents to supervise children and not allow them to enter the building site, which is clearly fenced and designated no entry for unauthorised persons.

When does the season start?

Round one is Sunday 3rd April. Round 2 is on the 10th April then there is a break for the school holidays until round 3 on the 24th April.

When will we know the season draw?

The AFL Sydney juniors develop the draw, based on the submissions made by clubs for their projected teams. Once all the clubs have confirmed their submissions the AFL develops a draw base on the teams that are presented. The draw is expected to be out later in March, and will be communicated at the earliest opportunity.

What happens when there is wet weather?

If either training or games are cancelled due to wet weather, your coach or manager will let you know. Information regarding wet weather cancellations will also be put on the Miranda Bombers Facebook, Instagram, Twitter pages, so follow us to get all this up to date information.

Will I have to help out during the season?

Yes, once the draw is known, a roster will be developed that identifies the required attendance of parents to assist. Miranda requires only one shift for around 2-2.5hrs for the whole season for each child you have registered, that is a very modest request. We ask that you attend your roster, or if you are unable, let your manager and the roster officer know roster@mirandabombers.org. The length of the shift will depend on the amount of home games we have. The tasks we ask of you include set-up (for Auskick parents only), BBQ and canteen duty. Pack up is the responsibility of the team playing last on the day. There are people from the committee and experienced parents who you can ask for help if you are unsure about something. We will be producing a detailed game day set up handbook that will be sent out and made available to answer questions and give direction.

We also need parents to help the team on game day with things like timekeeper, ground manager, goal umpire, boundary umpire (for U13 and up), runners, trainers etc. Your coach and manager will help you out with any enquiries you may have. These are not difficult tasks and your assistance helps the kids have an enjoyable game day experience.

Where can I find more information about the Bombers?

Like or follow us on Facebook, Instagram & Twitter to keep up to date with what's going on around the club.



Miranda Australian Football Club



[miranda_bombers](https://www.instagram.com/miranda_bombers)

You will find other useful information on our website, www.mirandabombers.org, including the Miranda Bombers club handbook called the red Book, which contains all sorts of useful information about the club. We encourage you to read it and if you have any questions please feel free to ask our committee. The red book can be found at www.mirandabombers.org/club_rules

HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?

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Clubs like ours do nothing without volunteers. Every coach, manager and committee member is there giving their time up to make the game day experience better for all players (including their own). The more hands involved, the easier things are for everyone.

There are a couple of ways to get involved. If you want to help out on game day, approach your coach/manager and offer assistance. It might be skills work or helping on field with the Auskickers (it's a lot warmer than sitting on the sidelines in Winter!) or helping to run the older age groups as ground manager, goal umpire, etc. If you have never touched an AFL ball before, don't worry, we can train you. Any assistance is always well received. If you prefer more organisation, the committee can always use assistance. Just grab one of us and let us know you have some time.

Expressions of Interest – CANTEN MANAGER

What is game day without something from the canteen? A cold drink, something from the BBQ or a post game sugar rush. Our canteen is a critical part of our club.

After many years of serving the club brilliantly, Sharon will be finishing up this year as Canteen Manager as her son will finish U17's. We are looking for a parent or a small group of parents to take on this important role. Sharon will provide full training and support and it will be a good way to transition into the role.

If you are interested, please let Sharon or Andrew know.

Sharon - 0402 159 552 canteen@mirandabombers.org

Andrew – 0419 707 747 president@mirandabombers.org

COACHES AND MANAGERS

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