

# **THE RAGING BULL**

**Season 2007 - Vol. 23 – Presentation Night**  
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## **KFC Annual General** **Meeting**

**Wed 7<sup>th</sup> November @ Karingal FC –**  
**7.30pm**

Naranga Crs, Karingal

**ALL VERY WELCOME – It can't be understated how important the attendance of this meeting is to anyone with concern for Karingal FC going forward in 2008 – Go BULLS.**

## **Presidents Word**

As I have been nearing the finish line with this role I have tended to reflect about what the role and more importantly what the club has meant to me. This club has given me so much more than I have contributed to it. When I think about it this club has:

- \* Allowed me to call myself a premiership player
- \* Play football with my little brother who is still a significant figure at the club even after his passing
- \* Work with my father as my Vice President
- \* Make lifelong friends
- \* Allowed me to practice social skills of relating to everyone that has no doubt helped me achieve some success in my work life

So when people ask about the contribution I have made to this club I reflect more about what this club has given me and I feel thoroughly fortunate to have been able to give something back to it. The club is at an interesting stage, I was having lunch with a former player on Sunday who is a life member of the MPNFL and he congratulated me on the season we have had however his congratulations had a sting in the tail. He reminded me that the last time Karingal made it to a Preliminary Final in Premier division we had 6 years of mediocrity before we made it back. This is the challenge for the players and administration of Karingal in 2008. We should be proud of our achievements in 2007:

- \* 8 under 18 players in the seniors
- \* 13 wins from our last 16 matches
- \* First final won in this division
- \* An enhanced reputation as a power side of the division in 2007

However we must improve to continue our scale up the ladder. Recent history suggests 2008 can be the year of the Bull, the last 3 Preliminary final losers in Seaford, Chelsea and Mt Eliza have all gone on the next year and won the flag so I put it to each and every one of those people involved in the club in 2008, the choice is yours, achieve glory or be satisfied with mediocrity for another 6 years. The other challenge and my final point is if we are to become truly great we need to rid ourselves of the individualism that can pervade supporting teams and in particular Karingal. If you look at the successful sides this year like Geelong and Melbourne Storm they had a unity and focus so steely that it allowed them to both be a team of champions but also champion teams. At the moment we more resemble a team of champions however we can become a champion team if we truly believe that this is important to us. Karingal has been my home since 1976 and it will always have a special place in my heart,

Thank you for your support, thank you for your friendship and thank you for the opportunity to lead a club that has been the most significant and constant organisation I have been involved in to this point of my life. Good luck in 2008 and beyond.

Paul Groves

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## **Presentation Night 2007**

Well it promised to be a great night and it was – with some staying till the end, some staying even later than that and some not even finding there way home at all... There certainly were surprises and some fantastic and emotional speeches and worthy winners the lot of them. It was great to see the theme of speeches was the importance of the playing group and supporters sticking together to conclude this years unfinished business – Hear Hear I say. Well done to whom else but JESS DUFFIELD for organizing the night pretty much solely and successfully – what a gem we've uncovered there. Also thank you to the staff at the RSL – although the 1 drink at a time rule was short lived – I'm sure Cam Holzer enjoyed the night walking out a couple up and were not talking hundreds... Other THANK YOU's for the night included the video in Lucas Van Raay AND Donation of the RINNAI BBQ for the raffle prize won by the great man – Lamby – you beauty. Also to David Trend again for his outstanding photos which were given to all players for milestones and 1<sup>st</sup> gamers – Fantastic...Great surroundings, great company and a great way to see off a successful but unsatisfying 2007 – Looking forward to 2008 already - GO BULLS!!!

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## **CLUBMAN AWARD 2007 – Roy and Freda Booth Award.**

### **David Hickman**

Every person at Karingal FC knows David Hickman – he's been playing at the Club since the dawn of time – that's also included 2 Senior Best and Fairest, Selection in the team of the century, countless games (Really who is Sure?) and 1 million training sessions – Hick does the whole pre season and he's in his mid 40s – Sorry mate. This year the club felt it necessary to award David Hickman already a life member the Roy and Freda Booth Clubman award as Clubman for season 2007 – his services to the club were outstanding. David ran water when not playing or did the interchange stewards every week – the jobs impossible to get people to man without one word of complaint or hardship. In the clean up at Frankston he was there every week from start to finish cleaning as if his life depended upon it. Congratulations to David – someone all of us can admire for his dedicated service and loyalty. I think he summed it up in his acceptance speech whilst choking the tears back he said – “I just LOVE the place”

Well said, well deserved.

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## **2007 Award Winners – 1sts**

### **Best and Fairest Count**

**1 – Michael Burke – 88 Votes**

**2 – Douglas Scott – 77 Votes**

**3 – Justin Peckett – 75 Votes**

**4 – Scotty Phillips – 67 Votes**

**5 – Tim Elliott – 59 Votes**

**6 – Lucas Van Raay – 56 Votes**

**Congratulations to Michael Burke on winning this year's McLeod Perpetual – his 2<sup>nd</sup> time after breaking through in 2004. Michael was one of about 5 guys who could probably win the award but it must be said Michael must work twice as hard as most people with his high standards to receive the votes he deserves... like all Great Players. Well done also to Doug Scott who backed up a tremendous 2006 by coming runner up and winning the league best and fairest also – a great accomplishment especially playing in the back half. Well done to all who polled well.**

**Most Consistent – Lucas Van Raay – Lucas had a tremendous year playing in several different roles including spending time in the midfield and down back. He polled in 10 games and has proven himself to be one of the most consistent at Karingal and also in the league over the last 3 years...**

**Most Improved – Troy Hoad – Troy had a fantastic 2007 finishing 9<sup>th</sup> in the B&F and cemented his spot as an exciting team member in the senior side. Troy is a great example of perseverance after winning a reserves B&F in 2002 in his first senior year troy has improved steadily through his hard work and dedication and this year exploded into the player he can be – we all look forward to more improvement in 2008.**

**Most Valuable Player – Scotty Phillips – Scotty returned this year to provide the X Factor we had been missing and then some. He was magnificent all over the place and caused headaches all season for the opposition. His pace and ability to put pressure on the opposition was outstanding coupled with his passion gave the Bulls an almighty boost in 2007.**

**Best In Finals – Scotty Phillips – A wonderful snap against Edi Asp set the trend and we never looked back, he also was the light that got us back in the game versus YCW and showed poise and polish in the last quarter to steal us some hope.**

**Well Done to all the award winners in 2007 for the Senior Team – SPECIAL THANKS to Joel Stevenson as Runner Plus Peter Hirst – Team Manager for the jobs they do so well and anyone else who helped out during the year... MUCH APPRECIATED!!! Also to the Coaching staff in Pecko, Hammer and all the helpers throughout 2007.**

## **2007 Award Winners – 2nds**

### **Best and Fairest Count**

**1 – Michael Lindley – 88 Votes**

**2 – Chris Reichman – 74 Votes**

**3 – Cam Holzer – 49 Votes**

**4 – Troy Callahan – 47 Votes**

**5 – Andrew Osborne – 46 Votes**

**6 – Gavin King – 41 Votes**

**Congratulations to Michael Lindley on winning this years Keeley Perpetual – He had a consistent season and stands only 5 foot 4 from the ground but borroughs in week in week out for his team mates to distribute the ball. Chris Reichman had an outstanding year on a wing and was a close runner up – he definitely has the ability to become a senior player and we look for more improvement in 2008 also... both these guys are only 21.**

**Most Consistent – Adam Callahan – Bobcat had another great year in the 2nds, dominating as a midfielder and helping the 2nds to a more successful year than previous.**

**Coaches Award – Ryan Hoad – Ryan trained hard, never complained and supported his team mates always making him a great choice for the award. He didn't always get the opportunities of playing or with game time but never did he waiver from his enjoyment and this was infectious to others. Well Done Ryan.**

**Best Team Man– Dave Webster – Dave came to the club in 2007 and showed what a new person can add to the club with his work ethic and friendly nature. He worked extremely hard to get a gamer and showed by seasons end that he was more than a worthy contributor.**

**Well Done to all the award winners in 2007 for the Reserves Team – SPECIAL THANKS to Dale Chubb as Runner Plus Ronny McWilliams – Team Manager for the jobs they do so well and anyone else who helped out during the year... MUCH APPRECIATED!!! Also to Pitty for coaching the boys and Tweeds plus Jim for running the bench...**

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## **2007 Award Winners – 3rds**

### **Best and Fairest Count**

**1 – Joshua McCoy – 121 Votes**

**2 – Jim Martinson – 93 Votes**

**3 – Tarek Le Lievre – 87 Votes**

**4 – Rhys Bartlett Quinn – 58 Votes**

**5 – Stephen Hunt – 46 Votes**

**6 – Aaron Guy – 45 Votes**

Congratulations to Josh McCoy a first year under 18 on winning the Ron Sheather Shield, a magnificent effort. Josh polled in 16 of the 18 games played – proving beyond doubt he was indeed the Best and Fairest for 2007. A great effort to Jimmy Martinson – who has had 2 great years in the Under 18s and finished off strongly this year. Jimmy has really stood up well with great leadership although he doesn't talk too much – his actions are to be followed. Well done top both guys.

Most Consistent – Tarek Le Lievre – Tek was a standout this year for the under 18s with his big fame but ability to run and carry the ball and break lines. He played various roles including rucking and key position and big things should be expected over the coming years.

Most Improved – Stephen Hunt – Hunty has worked fantastically hard over the 2 years to become a better footballer – and earned the admiration of all for his efforts. Last year he struggled to get a game but he relentlessly pushed on defying the adversity and becoming a key component in this year's side. This hard work paid dividend with his team play and was rewarded with a 54<sup>th</sup> in this year's B&F – WELL DONE HUNTY – Remember not all the best and fairest winners end up the BEST players!!!

Coaches award – Michael Hatch – He's big, tall and a crowd favourite no doubt especially after a stirring goal efforts against Chelsea away... Wisha rewarded Hatch with his efforts in Rucking and Forward this year – Well done big fella.

Looking forward – The Under 18s have produced this year some wonderful players who played at the higher level. Going into senior ranks next year with the knowledge that you can have an impact if you work hard under Pecko in the off season – Best of Luck to all the guys going up.

Well Done to all the award winners in 2007 for the Senior Team – SPECIAL THANKS to Simon Drago as Runner Plus Ralph Hallal – Team Manager for the jobs they do so well and anyone else who helped out during the year... MUCH APPRECIATED!!! Also to Craig Shaw as assistant coach ... well done to all concerned. The fruits of your labor will be seen in years to come.

## **CLUB AWARDS**

### **Club 44 – Justin Peckett**

The Club 44 award is awarded to the player who most represents the qualities of Justin Groves including determination; the winner earns the right to wear the number 44 the following season. This year's winner follows past winners Ben Gothard, David Measham and Matt Jakobi... and is extra special as Justin and Justin were best mates, a fitting tribute by the Groves family and no doubt that the number 44 will be worn with pride in 2008.

### **100 Games**

2 Players reached this milestone during 2007 and were rewarded with some fantastic framed photos.

**Lucas Van Raay** – LVR played his 1<sup>st</sup> senior game in 2000 ( Mornington @ home and dint he love it – Just ask him!!!) after completing 2 years premierships in the under 18s including a league goal kicking award, interleague representation and a club best and fairest. After 1 season he missed with cricket commitment taking him overseas but has returned to become one of the Bulls best home grown players inc a senior Best and Fairest in 2005 and a plethora of trophies in his time. Congratulations to Luke on this effort.

**Matt Jakobi** – Jacko also played his 1<sup>st</sup> senior game in round 1, 2000 after picking up football late and playing a significant role in the 1999 under 18 premiership. Jacko has blossomed into a wonderful running player whose fitness and competitiveness have seen him a regular fixture in the senior team. His leadership has always been recognized with numerous leadership group roles over the years... we hope to see him return after his successful knee reco recently. Well done Jacko on 100 games.

### **150 Games**

**Greg Lamb** – Lamby began his senior career in 1992 after playing in 2 under 17 premierships including Captancy of the 1991 side. He played a major role in 1996's Premiership - the Clubs first ever Senior with a sterling display on his wing and has no doubt blossomed from there. Lamby was also a member of the senior premiership in 1999 – a key member. If anything stands out about Lamby it would be in fact the joy and support he receives as a player and person from all the Karingal supporters – he is the favourite of many for his skills, courage and loyalty - all have been elements to his success – Well Done Gregory Thomas.

### **1<sup>st</sup> Games 2007**

**Tim Smith** – Quick, skilful wing man – dangerous around goals from Dolphins juniors

**Luke Adams** – Smart, Great Overhead, Courageous – on baller / forward from Dolphins Juniors

**Grant Goodall** – Tough, Aggressive Ruckman with much promise - Last years Under 18 Best and Fairest Winner

All 3 were under 18 players in Season 2007!!!

## Most Valuable Person – Max Greenbury Award – David Measham

The Max Greenbury award is given by the leadership group to the player who like Max gives the club the utmost time, effort and respect. This years winner was David Measham who juggles the coaching of the under 18s with his playing career – a fantastic effort. Congratulations to David on this, and his effort on and off field in 2007 - very deserving.

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## TRAINERS AWARDS

Thank you firstly to the Trainers for there magnificent efforts through out Season 2007. Especially to Amanda and Hutch who were at nearly every night and game from November 2006 – Amazing effort – Read on for there award.

Amanda Constable was sensational again with her time, efforts and expertise helping all the players with rehab and recovery and giving them invaluable advice and massage. THANK YOU!!! Peter Hutchison – Backed up again – BLOODY CHAMPION – Thanks for everything Hutch. Saturday Crew – Kelley Burke and Paul Bolton who gave fantastic service on Saturdays with their know how and experience – thanks to the guys for there efforts.

Tool of the Year Award- BARRY PARSONS – really there wasn't much competition – When your doing the stuff that Barry does its very hard to compete – the photos must have been the clincher. The highlight for me no doubt was the fact that Barry's acceptance speech for the trainer's tool of the year award went longer than anyone's elses during the night – WELL DONE BR!!!

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## THANK YOU

Clean Up – Al the helpers especially Kath, Helen, Oz and Hick – THANKS!!!

Meals – Robyn, Robyn, Ann (Wally 1 week!!!) for their efforts during the year – THANK YOU!!!

Future is bright with talent coming up but it's up to us to build on this year both on and off the ground. Pecko will take care of on ground why not get involved off ground and become a Karingal person not just a supporter...

Finally to all the outgoing people – circumstantial or choice – best of luck in your new endeavors – Karingal FC will always be with you and a part of your life – and the door always open. To Paul Groves as outgoing President – what a magnificent 3 years building us toward our dream with your passion and enthusiasm and professionalism – you'll never be too far way and to Robyn Burke – for all you efforts as every role you have fulfilled thank you... your work and effort has been appreciated greatly by all and the respect you have immense – we shall see you still.. to all others BEST OF LUCK and remember

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