

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

As 2023 draws to a close, and I look ahead to 2024 and what will be my last season as President of the Kew Junior Football Club, I reflect on what an honour it has been to serve in this role these last four years. There's little doubt that one of the greatest pleasures of leading our club has been the opportunity to work with such a terrific group of people.

In addition to the huge amount of work from our Committee that goes on behind the scenes, there is the tremendous effort our members put in to create an excellent environment for our players. This is testament to the commitment and passion you all share for junior football and community spirit. Our continued goal is always to put players first and offer them a safe and friendly environment to enjoy their sporting lives.

The club enjoyed great success both on and off the field this year, with an incredible 13 out of 17 graded teams making it to finals, five premiership flags earned, and multiple opportunities to welcome families and teams back into the clubhouse at a variety of events throughout the year.

More than 550 kids participated in the 2023 season and we can't wait to welcome them back in 2024. We also look forward to welcoming many new families, including those coming up from Auskick, and those who are new to the locale, the sport or the club.

The 2024 season will commence Sunday 14 April, with a 14 round fixture and a staggered Finals campaign – see the YJFL Fixture here. We also look forward to welcoming players old and new together with their families at our Season Launch event from 5-7pm on Friday 22 March. Make sure you save the date now as it's always a great evening!

Finally, I would like to wish each and every one of our members a safe and enjoyable festive season. we look forward to seeing you all down at the Club next year.

Bring on 2024 - GO COMETS!

Domenico Rotella President, Kew Comets

> KEW COMETS 2024 REGISTRATIONS ARE NOW OPEN!! NEW PLAYERS ARE WELCOME PLEASE REGISTER EARLY TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT (Some teams will be capped & teams finalised early, due to early season start)

REGISTRATION & PRESEASON INFO

You received this newsletter because you are listed as the primary contact on our database of 2023 season registered players.

When registering your player for the 2024 season, you will need to use the same email address you previously used in <u>PLAYHQ</u>. This will ensure your details appear automatically and you will not need to re-enter information previously provided.

Preseason Training information will be published early next year via our social media platforms as well as our website & e-newsletter.

OPEN ROLES

We URGENTLY need to fill the following critical roles ahead of the 2024 Season.

Club Secretary – we're seeking an enthusiastic community-minded person to keep the hub of the Club running. From liaising with the Local Council, the governing League, YJFL and our loyal members, the secretary keeps the club functioning with all the essential duties that need to be performed. Please reach out for a chat with current secretary for further information. <u>secretarykjfc@kewcomets.com.au</u>

Sponsorship – we need an enthusiastic person with great communication skills to engage with our local community and gather support for our Club whether that's in the form of financial contributions, game day vouchers or something else. The Club has an extensive offering of sponsorship advertising opportunities for our local businesses and it also open to new ways of working with local partners.

These positions will be shadowed by the current holders of these roles for as long as the incumbent feels it necessary to be properly equipped to manage independently.

It's never an easy task to become a member of a Committee. Roles can sometimes be demanding, but the satisfaction you get once you look back at the season and the friendships you have made along the way are incredibly gratifying.

SEASON EVENTS - SAVE THESE DATES NOW

We enjoyed some great social events in 2023 and have planned to bring you an even greater variety of functions next year commencing with the Season Launch.

- Season Launch Friday 22 March 5-7pm
- Footy Franks" Hot dog night Friday 14 June
- Parents Night/ Season Fundraiser Friday 9 August
- Season Close Sunday 18 August

Stay tuned by tapping into our <u>Socials</u> for more information during the season.

CLUB MERCHANDISE & APPAREL

The Club now stocks and sells all Club Uniform (Playing Shorts – Male & Female, Gold Socks, Hoodies, Beanies, Kit Bags & a new range of specific merchandise). Playing jumpers are loaned to each player for the season and will be issued at Season Launch event. Check out the range of merchandise at the <u>Kew Comets Shop</u>.



AUSKICK

Do you have a 5-7 year old keen to get out on the footy field, but not yet able to play for the club? We have an affiliated Auskick programme that is run at Victoria Park (Top Oval) on Saturday mornings where your child can learn the skills they'll need to help them play footy. Read more about it and find out where to <u>register</u> on our <u>socials.</u>



CLUB GAME DAY ROLES

The Club is always looking for Match Day volunteers for various roles. If you would like to be involved in the capacity of Coach, Team Manager or Trainer (Medic) please email the following Committee Members who are ready to welcome your support.

- Stuart Spiden, Football Operations footyoperations@kewcomets.com.au
- Damon Goerke, Team Manager Co-ordinator tmcordinator@kewcomets.com.au
- Helen Alevaki, Head Trainer trainercoordinator@kewcomets.com.au

Stay subscribed to this database to ensure you continue to receive important emails from the Club. Preseason notifications to follow. During the season, your Team Manager will share team specific information using email or WhatsApp. Follow us on socials for up to the minute information:

