



3 August 2019

LIFE MEMBERS DAY

I firstly wanted to apologise for not being able to attend this very special occasion in recognising and honouring our Club Life Members. Unfortunately, I had to fly to Europe but am sure it will be a great day catching up with old friends and faces not seen in years.

The club has a proud history of producing many talented players over the years both before and after my time at the club. The foundation to produce this talent is achieved through our Life Member's dedication, hard work, love for the club and the many hours, days, weeks, months and years they dedicated to the club. Tony Cassar is one great example.

I have so many fond memories playing at the club as a 12-year-old junior and moving into the seniors at 17 and spending two great years in the old State League or the equivalent to the NPL now.

The club gave me the opportunity as a young working-class boy from Altona North the ability to play at football levels I never dreamed of achieving.

I would like to mention one special coach/ mentor, teammate, Captain and now a lifelong friend Ian Hynds and his wife Kathy. I have not seen Ian and Kathy for some time, but Ian personally played a huge role in my development and if it was not for Ian, I would not have achieved what I did achieve or be half the man I am today. Please pass on a special thank you for everything to Ian for me.

Where have the years gone? They have flown by and I can't believe I am a grandfather now! But the memories and experiences, knowledge and journey I have lived would not have been possible for the very special people like the Hynds and Cassar families and all the other wonderful life members and their families that give so much to the club.

I hope you have a great day today and I am sure it will be full of memories.

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