



**Wallsend District
Swans Junior
Australian Rules
Football Club**

All correspondence to:
44 Boundary Road
Maryland
NSW 2287

Newsletter 10 for Season 2010

THE CYGNET'S CALL

Last Matches of the Season

Next game is away to Newcastle City. A chance to play on Number 1 Sports ground then a final game at home against Maitland. Two good games to end the season.

Annual General Meeting

This is scheduled to be held on August 17th (Tuesday) commencing at 6:30pm. Venue is the Maryland Multi Purpose Centre on Maryland Drive.

All are welcome. Please consider helping out on the committee. We have a great committee and many volunteers that help out in so many ways but taking a position would always be a big help.

Photos

Photos from this and previous years will be made available to download from the clubs website. Passwords will be necessary and these will be handed out on presentation day.

Presentation Day

The club will have its presentation day at Maryland Multipurpose Centre on Maryland Drive. Families and friends welcome. The date is yet to be booked but should be a Saturday.

If you would like to volunteer to help make this day extra special for the boys then please see Terese in the Canteen.

Help Wanted

The committee is looking for someone to create a photo (Power point) presentation for the presentation day. We have a lot of photos (thankyou Wayne Wilson and everyone else) but need a formal presentation made up. If you can help please call or see Jason and we will organise a set of the photos to you.

Free Sausage Sizzle

After the last game of the season against Maitland the committee of the Wallsend Swans in conjunction with the committee of the Maitland Saints would like to invite all the families of both clubs to hang around for a while for a free sausage sizzle to mark the end of the season. Farnham's snags will be on the menu it should be a great lunch event that we can share with a club that we have always gotten on well with.

AUSKICK News

The Auskick group has some great events coming up. This coming Saturday they are playing half time Auskick on the SCG at the Swans/Hawks game. On the final match of the season against Maitland we have organised an Auskick game against Maitland. For all the details of these if you are in Auskick please see Jane (co-ordinator) or Jason.



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Umpiring

I know that there have been some bad feelings around the club about the level of umpiring. The committee has been doing two things to improve this:

1. Advocating for more senior umpires and/or umpires not associated with the club we are playing. I think that we can all agree that the level of umpiring has improved significantly recently with a number of the umpires we have seen being brilliant.

2. Working to get some of the interested Wallsend boys into the Umpire Training program. This has now commenced and Clayton Beck and Zane Colquhoun have been inducted. Last Sunday saw their on field debut. Please remember that they have a tough gig and to offer them your support. **Any adults who are interested in umpiring next year should contact the clubs committee.**



This is the boys in the green shirts – the club wishes them all the best on their new endeavour.

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Trophies and Awards

At Wallsend we do not give out a trophy to every child. All players in the Under 10's and 12's will receive a timber plaque with their name on it and an indication that they played this year and what they achieved for awards. Auskickers will receive a medal.

The trophies (in blue) and medals (in red) handed out to each team are as follows:

Best and Fairest

Most Improved

Most Consistent

Coaches Choice

Presidents Choice

Encouragement Award

Lion Heart Award

Rookie of the Year

As well as these there are two perpetual awards (Junior Clubman of the Year and Most Potential) which have particular criteria that we use to decide the recipient.

Best and Fairest is decided by a round by round vote – some of you have likely voted. Coaches choice decided solely by the coaches and the rest are decided by a panel consisting of the coaches, the president and two parent reps.



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We take this very seriously and the criteria look not only at on field performance but also behaviour at training, support of teammates and effort.

**LATE INCLUSION – NEWS
FLASH ON REGISTRATIONS**

As you are probably aware at Wallsend we pride ourselves on keeping registration fees to a reasonable amount. As fees are likely to need to rise for next year we are going to offer registrations for 2011 at this years low price of \$50 to any player that registers before the 15th of December. Registrations will be taken at Presentation or via club officials.