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**Mayne Tigers  
Monthly Meeting**

Our regular monthly meeting is held on the second Wednesday of the Month. All Members are welcome to attend.

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**Practice Matches commence this week**

The Tigers 2025 year will finally hit the ground running this weekend with Practice Matches scheduled for the Seniors, Reserves and Thirds. It has been a long pre-season and everyone is ready to go in what is shaping up as another exciting season with Coorparoo elevated to the QAFL and old rivals the Sandgate Hawks joining the QFA Division 1, elevated from Division 2.

The Seniors and Reserves have scheduled a six quarter trial game for this Saturday 22nd March against Springwood away at 12pm with the combined six quarter game involving the entire senior squad. This will be an important hit out for both clubs with the Pumas looking to improve on their performance in 2024 where they suffered significant injuries to a number of their key performers while the Tigers will be looking to see how a number of

their new recruits perform under pressure.

The Thirds will play Yeronga this Friday night at Yeronga commencing at 7pm in their first formal practice match for the year. The Thirds have had strong numbers once again so it will be exciting to see how the new recruits gel with the tried and true Tigers.

The Tigers have also arranged for their second hit out for the 29th March against Kedron at home for the Reserves and Seniors in separate games commencing at 11.00am and 1.00pm on the 29th March 2025.

The Mayne Season Launch for all grades is scheduled for this Saturday 22nd March at the Grange Bowls Club following the Springwood trial game. The night will kick off at 6pm and promises to be a lot of fun and then it will be all systems are go for 2025.

Round 1 for the Hart Sport QFA Division 1 season will commence on Saturday 12th April 2025 against the Hinterland Blues at Hinterland followed by the Round 2 Anzac Day Clash with the Sandgate Hawks on Saturday 26th April 2025. Easter will be a bye for all clubs.

The Tigers are looking to build on the fantastic support received in 2024 for the centenary year and look forward to seeing plenty of Tigers new and old at their games this year.

**Next Fixtures**

Team	Opposition	Where	When	Time
Womens	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA
Thirds	Yeronga	Yeronga	Fri, 21st March 2025	7.00pm
Reserves				
Seniors	Springwood (6 Qtrs)	Springwood	Sat, 22nd March 2025	12.00pm

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We thank Guy Gardner and all the team at Gardner Vaughan Group for their ongoing support and dedication to the Mayne Tigers Football Club.

**Plenty of Talent at the Tigers for 2025**

Following on from our talent profiles in the last Tiger Rag, the club is pleased to be able to report a strong list of names making up the top list of Tigers.

**Digby Morison** Former Mayne Junior made his senior debut in 2024 playing every game from that point on to be in the 2025 Senior Premiership team. Digby is a capable exciting utility player who can excel at either end of the ground.



**Hayden Fry** is a tall athletic key position player who has also been very effective in the ruck. He was very unfortunate to miss 2024 with injury but is back fitter and stronger this year.



**Ben Wilkinson** is a quick ball winner who finishes effectively at all times. Regularly hits the scoreboard to be an important member of the senior team. Missed the 2024 premierships due to an overseas student exchange, Ben is laser focussed on the having a big 2025. Best on Ground in the Reserves 2023 Premiership team.



**Haydn Petersen** is a former Mayne Junior with boundless courage. Wins the ball at any cost to give the Tigers advantage at all times. A member of the Tigers 2024 Centenary Premiership team in great reward for his effort at such a young age.



**Xavier Craven** Former Everton Junior who has been a mainstay of the senior squad playing an important role in the Tigers depth for many years. A multiple Reserve



Grade Premiership player who is very dangerous around goals. Best on Ground in the Reserves 2020 Premiership team.

**Tom Eccleston** Former Mayne Junior with talent to burn. Missed 2024 with completion of his studies and an overseas work exchange, Tom is ready to go in 2025. Multiple Reserve Grade Premiership player.



**Mitch Bruce** Former Everton Junior who has been a fixture in the Tigers dominant backline since debuting in 2017. Deceptively quick he is a shutdown specialist on the opposition's dangerous forwards. A Member of the Tiger's centenary premiership team in 2024.



**Kyle Henry** Former Mayne Junior who is tall, strong and athletic. Is another member of the Tigers effective men's department with deceptive speed and effective skills. Growing in confidence every season, he will be one of the Tigers most important players for many seasons to come. A member of the Tigers 2024 centenary premiership team.



**Zac Puncken** Former Everton Junior and midfielder with tremendous talent who always creates time and space to make good decisions. A member of the Tigers 2024 centenary premiership team and an important player for the Tigers for many years to come.



**Danny Athanassellis** Former Mayne Junior who is blessed with pace, effective skills and excellent decision making. A critical player in the depth of the

Tigers list who always plays well in the top team when the opportunity arises. Multiple Reserve Grade Premiership player.



**Gus Shaw** A former Mayne Junior who has been a critical part of the Tigers depth backing up the senior rucking division while dominating at Reserve Grade level. Captained the 2024 centenary Premiership Reserve Grade team to victory while earning himself Best on Ground. A true Tiger.



This is a short demonstration of the local talent who have made a success of their chances at the Tigers over the last few years. The previous Tiger Rag edition showcased several more of the Tigers top talent who all started their footy careers at the Mayne and Everton Juniors. The Tigers are committed to providing a pathway for local talent into their senior teams.

In the next edition, we will provide profiles of some of the new talent joining the Tigers in 2025.

**2025 Season Launch**

**2025 SEASON LAUNCH**

When: Saturday 22nd March from 6pm  
Where: The Grange Bowls Club  
Following practice game @ home  
Tickets \$30 - food included

**ALL PLAYERS AND SUPPORTERS WELCOME**

Don't miss this important event for 2025.

The 2025 Footy Season Launch is an important night for the Tigers where we celebrate the end of the Pre-Season hard work and kick start another big year.

Get along and meet the players and the coaches in all grades in a fun night. Minimal formality and maximum fun.

Tickets are available at <https://www.stickytickets.com.au/X3QL1>

**Player Registration for 2025**

It is now time to get all the final paperwork sorted for Season 2025 so that you can play. A big thanks to everyone that has already registered.

We therefore ask everyone to also pay their annual registration or set up your payment plan now.

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**The Mayne Tigers thanks Action Formwork for their Sponsorship of the Third Grade in 2025**

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Key Dates	
22/3/2025	Trial v Springwood
22/3/2025	Season Launch
29/3/2025	Trial v Kedron
12/4/2025	Round 1 QFA Div 1
19/4/2025	Easter—no footy
26/4/2025	Anzac Day Round
31/5/2025	Reunion Day
23/8/2026	Last Round
30/8/2025	Finals Commence
13/9/2025	Grand Final Day QFA Div 1
19/9/2025	Presentation Night

Registration and Payment can be made by a 2 step process at the following link. [Registration | Mayne Tigers](#)

A reminder that **only registered players can play in practice matches** so with only a few days until the first practice match this is a priority if you want to play.

Further, **players will need to have their payment options completed and underway by Round 1 in order that you can play.** You will receive a new 2025 club polo once you have your payment plan in place.

Any questions for assistance can be directed to Russell Ditchburn on 0413274967.

### Player Apparel and Merchandise

All the player apparel and merchandise you need for 2025 is available at the Tiger Shop online at [Tiger Shop | Mayne Tigers](#)

Players will need to purchase black and white playing shorts, playing socks and Travel Shorts as a minimum. A new club polo will be included in your player membership payment once you have completed this task.



For all supporters there are numerous items you might like to purchase during the season with the club logo for 2025 reverting back to our normal emblem post the centenary celebrations.

Enquiries at [president@maynetigers.com.au](mailto:president@maynetigers.com.au) or through the website at [www.maynetigers.com.au](http://www.maynetigers.com.au)

### Player Insurance

A question was recently raised regarding the club's insurance arrangements for players and whether information could be shared in the Tiger Rag.

Here is an excerpt from the Player's 2025 Handbook.

The club will provide, through its arrangement with AFL Queensland, for basic death and disability insurance as detailed at the following website. [AFL National Risk Protection Program | Marsh](#). Our club has the platinum coverage.

If you require loss of income cover, then that can be arranged through the AFLQ cover by speaking with Russell Ditchburn at the club.

The Club insurance only covers non Medicare

medical expenses. If you are injured, you will be assessed and if necessary transported by Ambulance to hospital. The cost of treatment in hospital and doctors fees are Medicare related expenses as an example. Out of pocket expenses can be very expensive. Private Hospital Fees and associated out of pocket medical expenses can only be insured by Private Health Insurers.

All footballers should have Private Health Insurance and it is recommended that you consider purchasing this insurance in addition to the club insurances.

### Sponsorship for 2025

The Mayne Tigers 2025 Sponsorship programme is up and going for the new year with plenty of opportunities to support the club in a variety of ways.

Sponsorship opportunities with details of benefits are available at the following link on the club website [Player Sponsorship Options | Mayne Tigers](#)

We are very pleased to confirm that the following Sponsors have already committed for 2025.

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- Zac Puncken—Shaw Family
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- Haydn Petersen—Collings Family
- Sam Craigie—Craigie Family
- Patrick Glass—Glass Family
- Ryan Barber—3Rs Syndicate

Please review our website flyers and consider whether you might also be in a position to support the Tigers in 2025.

If you would like to discuss any of these sponsorship opportunities or any other idea that you might think the club might consider, please contact Russell Ditchburn on 0413 274 967, Guy Gardner on 0413 430 902 or Cam Shaw on 0488 998 274.

## Mayne Past Players and Supporters Group


Details of the Mayne Past Players and Supporters Club are published on the Mayne website at <http://mayne.aflq.com.au>.

If you would like to join the group and provide hands on experience please contact **Dick Fell** on 0402 052 337, email [fellrichard@bigpond.com](mailto:fellrichard@bigpond.com)


**Graham McColm** on 0400 897 898 or email [mccolm11@tpg.com.au](mailto:mccolm11@tpg.com.au)

**Rod Judd** on 0438 560 179 or email [rju12799@bigpond.net.au](mailto:rju12799@bigpond.net.au)

### Tackle Your Feelings



## HAVE YOU REGISTERED?



- 1) Login or register a new account
- 2) Click on the map to choose your state
- 3) Enrol in this workshop

The Tackle Your Feelings Seminar has been postponed due the cyclone to **Tuesday 25th March 2025** at the Den.

Time: 6.00 to 7.30pm  
Where: At the Den  
Bookings: To register, click on the QR Code above and follow the instructions.

Tackle Your Feelings is a free mental health training program for players, community AFL coaches, as well as committee members and other club support staff. The program was formed by the AFL Coaches Association, AFL Players' Association and Zurich Insurance in 2018, after the tragic death of Adelaide coach Phil Walsh three years earlier.

The workshop is delivered by a local psychologist and aims to help participants gain the tools to Understand, Recognise and Respond to signs of mental ill-health in their players.

Tackle Your Feelings is based on the education delivered to the AFL industry, and is led by high profile player and coach ambassadors.

The Mayne Tigers are committed to providing a safe environment for all Members, Players and Volunteers and Supporters.





### FREE MENTAL HEALTH TRAINING FOR YOUR COMMUNITY FOOTBALL CLUB.

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**Auskick 2025**

The pathway to the Mayne Tigers begins at the youngest level with wonderful programmes being undertaken by the Mayne Juniors and Everton Wolves Juniors.



The programme runs for eight weeks starting in February and the take up has been extraordinary with over 150 children participating at each junior club this year.

The Tigers have been pleased to help out where they can with senior players attending sessions each Saturday.



**Breakfast Creek Raffles**

One of the most important fundraisers for the Tigers has been the raffles run each Friday night of the year at the Breakfast Creek Hotel.

This is a Tigers institution which has been running since at least 1945.

The current generation of Tigers is carrying on the tradition in wonderful fashion with parents from the Mayne Juniors and players from the Mayne Seniors rostering every week to help out the



regular stalwarts who organise and keep it going strong.

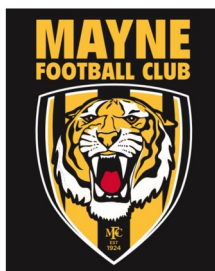
**2025 Anzac Day Clash**

The Tigers have enjoyed a historic and nostalgic period from 2018 to 2024 playing traditional rivals Coorparoo in an Anzac Day game which had become an important event on the calendar for both clubs.

The best player in the Anzac Day game was awarded a Wayne Stewart Medal to honour the famous player of both clubs and it was a much coveted award by all the players.

The Coorparoo Football Club have now returned to the QAFL and as such the Tigers will no longer play them in 2025.

A new development for the 2025 Season sees the Sandgate Hawks promoted to QFA Division 1. As a consequence of this development, the Tigers and the Hawks have agreed to play an annual Anzac Day game as traditional rivals from days gone by. Mayne and Sandgate fought out some mighty and occasionally ferocious Grand Finals in the 1970's which many dedicated footy followers will remember fondly.



The Anzac Day game for 2025 will be played at Lemke Road and alternated year on year between the Den and Sandgate.

The Tigers and the Hawks have also decided that they will play for an annual Mayne Sandgate Anzac Day Perpetual Trophy and also a Medal will be awarded to the Best Player on the day selected by the competing coaches.

The Medal will recognise a player from each club who exemplified the 1970's era where these two great clubs fought out some of their titanic battles. Each player has an extraordinary record for their respective clubs and indeed Queensland Football for this period.

Mayne have selected Paul Meakin and Sandgate have selected John Stackpoole as the two players for the naming of the medal.

Paul Meakin's summary record is as follows.

- 211 Senior games for Mayne
- 3 Mayne Club Champion B&F
- 2 Premierships
- 10 x State Player
- B&F in the 1973 Grand Final
- Mayne Team of the Century
- AFLQ Hall of Fame

John Stackpoole's record is equally impressive.

- 251 A Grade games for Sandgate
- 4 Premierships
- 25 games for Queensland - 7 games as Captain
- Centre Half Forward for Sandgate's Team of 80 Years
- Queensland's AFL Team of the Century
- Queensland's AFL Hall of Fame

We will look forward to this being a very big day on the annual calendar which honours all the Anzac Day traditions and players from Mayne and Sandgate over the years.

**Reunion Day 2025**



The Annual Reunion Day has become a very important day for the Tigers growing in importance and support every year.

The 2024 Reunion Day was particularly special with the Centenary Year celebrations being added to the weekend. It was the biggest and best attended event for the club for decades.

This year the club will not only award the Mick Nolan Medal but will also recognise and celebrate the anniversary of the 2015 Mayne Seniors and Reserves Premiership wins which were part of a three peat for both grades through 2014-2016.

It will be held on Saturday 31st May 2025 at the Den with the club playing Sandgate this year.

It is anticipated that former players, friends and supporters will attend from all around Australia.

The Mick Nolan Medal was struck in 2008 on the passing of the much loved Mayne Premiership Coach and North Melbourne Premiership player and has been awarded every year since.

MAYNE AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL CLUB SENIORS 2015



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 Third Row: Sam Proctor, Brad Fennell, Jason Eddowes, Ross McEgarr, Tom O'Driscoll, Simon Corrie, Jim McLean, Matt Dwyer, Jack Collier, Todd Baxendale  
 Second Row: Luke O'Shea, Michael Cook, Andrew Smith, David Cook, Andrew Dwyer, Sam Wilson, Luke Robinson, David Thompson, Ian Murray  
 Front Row: Josh Duff, Neil Phillips  
 Present: Paul Meakin, Colin Taylor, Dean Harter, Shane Daly (Coach), Craig Brown (Captain), Club Representative: Ben Holliman, Ryan Daley  
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