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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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## Training to recommence for 2024



It does not feel like there has been much time for any rest and recuperation for anybody but it will be almost three months since the Reserves famous 2023 Grand Final victory. It is now time that all those muscles can start to be stretched again and preparations commence for the Tigers Centenary Season in 2024.

There is plenty going on at the Tigers with a new look coaching group for the Senior Squad, the Ovals are under construction and a new timekeepers shed is underway for 2024.

There is also plenty of preparation underway off the track to make sure the Centenary year is celebrated in style.

Given all the works at the Den, this year's Pre-Christmas Training will re-commence Monday 20th November at Mayne Juniors at York Street, Nundah from 6pm and continues Wednesdays at Graham Rd Aspley whilst our ground is being resurfaced! A big thanks to Mayne Juniors and Toombul Cricket at Nundah and to the Aspley Hornets for the kind use of their respective grounds over this period.

It promises to be an exciting year for the club as we celebrate our 100th year since the club was formed way

back in 1924!

All new and existing players are encouraged to attend these sessions and meet our new senior coaching team as we prepare for another successful season ahead. Pre-Season includes all teams including Seniors, Reserves, Thirds and Womens.

Training will once again include a strong element directed towards increasing strength and endurance with oversight and delivery from the team at Science of Fitness. Club Physiotherapist Sami Howell will once again lead a team of health professionals during the pre-season and the 2024 season.

Players are advised to bring boots and runners. Enquiries to Cam Shaw on 0488 998 274 or email to president@maynetigers.com.au

### **Senior Coaching News**

After an exhaustive recruiting process over the last two months the Mayne Football Club is very pleased to announce the Coaching Group to lead the club into their Centenary year.

The new look group will encompass a Co-Coaching model

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Science of Fitness Senior Physiotherapist Sami Howell will once again lead the Tigers Strength and Conditioning Programme and guide the club through Season 2024.

for the first time since the very successful 2016 Premiership year. The club is very pleased that the Co-Coaches will provide a dynamic mix of youth and experience from two individuals who will complement each other with contemporary experience from within and outside of the club.

The recently successful **Jack Gartlan** will take on a Senior Co-Coaching role following his very successful two year campaign with the Tigers Reserve Grade. The club was extremely impressed with the way he worked with the Senior Coaching Group over the last two years and specifically in a Co-Coaching role with Bill Stephens. The Reserves



The new look 2024 Coaching Group from L-R Jeremy Watts, Jack Gartlan, Tony Lynn.

2023 Premiership success came on the back of a well planned and orchestrated campaign. Jack also provided the on field leadership to the Reserves to complete a very impressive 2023 season.

Jack is professionally qualified and brings a methodical approach to the coaching group utilising the latest technology and applying a modern approach to people management.

Jack came to Mayne in 2016 from the North Shore Seagulls in the Geelong Football Netball League completing his first season as a member of the Tigers Senior Premiership team. He has played continuously since then albeit interrupted with injury at times limiting his opportunity at senior level. He now has two additional premiership medals with wins in Reserve Grade in 2019 and now 2023.

The Tigers are further excited to have **Jeremy Watts** as a Co-Coaching partner to Jack Gartlan for the new season adding a new voice to the coaching group from outside the club for the first time in a number of years.

Jeremy is originally from Wangaratta but has spent the last 5 years in Darwin at the Waratah Football Club. After coaching Juniors for two years he was appointed to the Senior Assistant Position, a role he has held for the last three years while also coaching the Reserves. Jeremy took the Reserves to a Grand Final in his last season in the top end.

Jeremy and wife Nikki and their four boys are excited to be part of the community at the Mayne Football Club and are looking forward to meeting with everyone soon.

The Tigers Coaching Group will be further bolstered by the addition of **Tony Lynn** as Senior Assistant Coach. Lynn will be remembered as one of the best local products to make an AFL list at the time where Queensland football was taking it's first steps into the national spotlight. Lynn was drafted to the Brisbane Bears in 1988 from the Morningside Panthers. He went on to play 86 games for Central Districts in Adelaide before going on to extend his AFL experience with a further 27 games with Carlton.

In more recent times, Tony has been the Head Coach at Mount Gravatt in the QAFL. He will add a wealth of experience to the Coaching Group in the Tigers Centenary year.

### Thanks to Josh Duffy



Head Coach Josh Duffy signed off at the recent Mayne Tigers Presentation Night at Tattersalls after four years leading the Senior Team but the legacy that he leaves behind runs so much deeper than these seasons

A fixture as part of the Mayne lineup for eleven years, read about the legacy he has created on the Tigers website at <a href="https://www.maynetigers.com.au/post/duffy-signs-off">https://www.maynetigers.com.au/post/duffy-signs-off</a>

### Bill Stephens on the move

In recent news, the other partner in the coaching success of the Reserves all conquering premiership team in Bill Stephens has advised that he is moving to Western Australia to follow his partner's work.

Bill has been a lifelong Tiger joining in Auskick and going all the way to be a triple premiership player in the senior team.



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Key Dates
20/11/2023 Training Re-commences
20/12/2023 Final Training Session 2023
5/12/2023 Annual General Meeting
9/1/2024 Training Re-commences
24/5/2024 Reunion Weekend and
100 Year Celebration
26/5/2024 10 Year Reunion 2014 Premiers

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Since calling time on his playing career in 2017, he has been an important part of the coaching group at the Tigers culminating in steering this year;s Reserves to a Premiership.

The club wishes Bill all the very best for his future endeavours and looks forward to him coming back one day.

### **Annual General Meeting**



The Tigers Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 5th December 2024 in the Clubhouse in accordance with the club's constitution.

All positions will be available for election and the club's Financial Results will be adopted at the Meeting.

All Members are welcome and encouraged to attend and take up a position.

For all enquiries contact Cam Shaw on 0488 998 274 or email to president@maynetigers.com.au

### New Surface for 2024

There is plenty of action at the Den with the oval under reconstruction since the end of September. The oval will be completely resurfaced, new drainage installed and the underground irrigation system upgraded.

The oval will be levelled and an appropriate dome constructed to facilitate a well drained cricket pitch. Oval 2 is also being top dressed and a new wicket block installed to increase the ability of the Ashgrove Cricket Club to grow.



The ovals are expected to be ready for preseason training in the new year.

In addition to the works underway on both ovals, the club is looking forward to the completion of an additional project with a new Timekeeper's Building to be completed for Season 2014 between the two ovals. The new building will also include a medical room while an two new coaches boxes for Oval 2 will house room for the storage of match day equipment.

### Tigers in the AFLQ Hall of Fame

Two well known Queensland and Mayne Football identities were inducted into the Queensland Hall of Fame while another was elevated to Legend on Saturday night.



Congratulations to Jason Akermanis who is now a Legend in the Queensland Hall of Fame as well as Danny Craven and Shane Johnson who were inducted as Hall of Fame Members.



All three have extensive football CV's which have been well documented in many publications.

AFLQ posted the following articles by Peter Blucher.



### **Reunion Weekend 2024**

The Major event of the Tigers Centenary year will be the Annual Reunion Day weekend which will include a Hall of Fame function to be held on Friday Night 24th May 2024 at Kedron Wavell RSL. This is anticipated to be a Gala night for the club

# Mayne Past Players and Supporters Group

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

If you would like to join the group and provide hands on experience please contact

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with up to 300 people in attendance. The club is expected to honour a who's who of Tigers high achievers and stalwarts from the last 100 years. It promises to be a magnificent evening for all Tigers past and present.

The Hall of Fame project is being led by Shane Johnson and Russell Ditchburn.

The weekend will also include a Reunion Day celebration of the 10 year anniversary of the 2014 Seniors and Reserves Premiership teams on Sunday 26th May at the club. Danny Craven is organising the 10 year reunion so stay tuned for more information on both these events.

Make sure you mark your diaries now.

### New Book to Update Club Milestone

The Tigers History "From Glory to Heartbreak" by Bob Gower has been an enormous success with over 500 copies sold since it was launched in 2011.

The Tigers will launch an update this seminal work with a new book to be launched in 2024 for the club's centenary which will provide a detailed anthology of the period since "From Glory to Heartbreak" to 2024.



It has been an extraordinarily successful period with the club celebrating 10 premierships in the last 10 years. It has also been a period of consolidation with the club happily domiciled at Enoggera Memorial Reserve for the last 20 years or one fifth of the life of the club.

The new book is being researched and written collaboratively by Dick Fell, Bob Gower and Russell Ditchburn.

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### **GVG Wins Award**



Sam and Guy Gardner of Gardner Vaughan Group accept their UDIA Award last week.

What an amazing afternoon it was for Mayne Tigers Major Sponsor Gardner Vaughan Group at the UDIA Queensland Awards For Excellence last week.

GVG were entered into the highly-regarded categories of Medium Density and Sustainabilty for our Renovare project at Yeronga, and we're incredibly proud to announce that they took away the win in the Medium Density category, as well as being announced as a Finalist for the coveted Project of the Year Award 2023.

The Award was accepted by Guy and Sam Gardner.

GVG CFO Sam Gardner acknowledged They do what they do because they care how their client's live, but it's nice to be recognised by one of Australia's leading industry bodies, and surrounded by our industry colleagues too.

GVG thanked the @UDIAQLD, but also acknowledged the great work of their entire GVG team!!

### **BCH Raffles**

The Mayne Tigers Breakfast Creek Hotel Raffles continue all year thanks to our dedicated regulars but it has been a very good period since the season ended with great support from the senior mens and womens teams attending with two people at least rostered each week making the



task so much easier. Thanks to Zac McLean for organising the Senior player roster.

Raffle regular Rod Barber recently suffered a small stroke so has been out of action for a few weeks. We can't keep him away though as he is looking after the tickets and organising us all on the nights he gets a lift down with Glenda. Rod is doing his best with his rehabilitation and we all wish him well for his recovery.

### **Positions Vacant**

The promotion of Jack Gartlan to Senior Coach and the departure of Bill Stephens to new adventures means that the position of Reserve Grade Coach is now Vacant.

The Co-Coaching Roles carried out by Jack and Bill over the last two years have been a very successful working arrangement for these two capable people. If you or you and a friend are interested in the role please contact Cam Shaw on 0488 998 274 or email to

president@maynetigers.com.au

### **Tigers Success at Competition Annual Awards**

A great result for the Mayne Tigers at the 2023 South East Queensland Community Awards Night with Chris Fletcher being awarded the Highest Goal Kicker Award for the QFA Division 1 Reserves. Chris also polled in the top five for the Reserves competition along with Gus Shaw rounding out a great year for the Tigers Reserves on the back of their Premiership.



QFA Division 1 Reserve Grade Highest Goalkicker Chris Fletcher is congratulated by Mayne President Cam Shaw on his success.

In other results Mayne Tigers young gun Zac Quin was just one vote away from the Duncanson Todd Medal for the Division 1 Seniors competition. Zac was unlucky to miss the last three rounds of the season with injury but can be very proud of this

Rowan Page from Springwood was the worthy Π winner taking out his fourth league medal in an amazing record of consistently good football. Zac tied in second place with Caloundra Captain Jacob Watson highlighting the quality of players in this competition.

### Toyota Good for Footy Raffle

The Annual Toyota Good For Footy Raffle was once again a very successful fundraiser for the Mayne Tigers and the AFL Community across Australia.

The Raffle generated over \$1.2M in benefits for clubs across Australia with all prizes donated and no administration costs passed on to clubs.

The Mayne Tigers are very excited that one of their own was successful this year with Russell Ditchburn taking out second prize being a Toyota Corolla Cross. He is looking forward to taking delivery in the near future.

Russell's success will no doubt be extensively promoted to the Mayne Tigers Community in 2024 to inspire everyone to support this very beneficial fundraiser.

### Some Photos from times gone by

There have been a lot of old photos making their way onto various Facebook pages of late generating plenty of nostalgia.

Here a good one from the 1960's of Barry Spring to



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