

# VIKINGS VOICE FEBRUARY 2026



## PRESIDENT UPDATE

There is real energy around the Club right now.

Our Youth teams are back on the training track, joining our Seniors who have been preparing since November. On the weekend we launched Auskick with close to 200 kids registered this year. That is a significant jump and a strong sign of where our Club is heading.

Next week our Juniors return, meaning every team across every age group will be back with a footy in hand. The Club is alive again.

Early numbers suggest we are on track for record registrations across multiple age groups. That growth aligns with our ambition to be the club of choice. A place where everyone has the opportunity to play, belong and grow at Wynnum.

Growth, however, brings responsibility. Every additional team requires leaders. Coaches, assistants, team managers and support volunteers are not optional roles, they are the backbone of our Club.

If you are in a position to help, now is the time. Strong participation must be matched by strong leadership and support.

Now for the first time publicly, we are proud to introduce our new Vision, Mission, Values and Behaviours framework.

This work began with our Club-wide survey at the back end of last year and was shaped further through Committee workshops. The insights represented a diverse cross-section of our community — from new families to members of more than 10 years, from players to parents, and from on-field leaders to off-field volunteers.

## **OUR VISION**

The Vikings – The Club of Choice

A thriving club built on belonging, clear pathways, a united culture and modern facilities, creating an environment that attracts, develops and retains our people for generations to come.

## **OUR VALUES**

These values define who we are, how we act, and where we are heading as a united Club.

### **BELONGING**

We welcome, include and value every Viking.

### **RESPECT**

We treat everyone with fairness, dignity and gratitude.

### **RESILIENCE**

We learn, adapt and grow together. We are either winning or learning.

### **INTEGRITY**

We act with honesty, consistency and accountability.

### **TEAMWORK**

We are one club, supporting, encouraging and challenging each other to be our best.



These values are supported by clear behaviours that guide how we train, compete, volunteer and represent the Vikings. You will see these reinforced across teams, meetings and Club initiatives throughout the season.

Over the coming months, we will introduce a number of initiatives designed to embed this framework across the Club. One of the first will be our Vikings Volunteer of the Month program, where members of our community can nominate a volunteer who exemplifies our values in action.

This framework will underpin our 3 to 5 year strategic plan, ensuring every decision we make aligns with who we are and where we are heading.

**This is your Club. Our direction is clear. Now we build it together.**

Mickey Maher  
President  
Wynnum Vikings AFC

## FUNDRAISING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



🔥 Volunteers Needed – Bunnings BBQ Fundraiser! 🌭

We're running the Bunnings Manly West BBQ on Sunday 8th March, and we'd love a few extra hands to help make the day a success.

You can volunteer for an hour, a morning/afternoon block, or whatever time you can spare.

Jobs include:

- Cooking the BBQ
- Serving customers
- Helping keep things running smoothly

If you're available and keen to support the club, please sign up via the link.

<https://signup.com/go/euQkVyt>

# SPONSOR UPDATE

Momentum off the field continues.

We proudly welcome Meadowcroft Project Marketing as our 2026 Seniors Sponsor and Creation Homes as our Club Principal Partner. These businesses are not simply placing signage. They are backing the direction and ambition of the Wynnum Vikings.



Their support allows us to reinvest into facilities, programs and player development across all age groups.

We also thank and acknowledge the following valued sponsors who are either returning or joining us for 2026:

Electech Industries

ABE Roofing

Point2Point Surveys

Brisbane Hair Clinic

ProAmp Electrical & Air

Jeff Coulter & Co Motors

MAS Architecture Studio



Strong community clubs are built on strong partnerships. We are committed to delivering professionally on every agreement we enter.

If your business would like to align with a growing and values driven Club in 2026, please contact [sponsorship@wynnumvikingsafl.com.au](mailto:sponsorship@wynnumvikingsafl.com.au)

# UNIFORM SHOP UPDATE

Our Uniform Shop is now fully stocked and ready to get everyone prepared for an exciting new season ahead!

We're thrilled to share that our brand-new 2026 polos have arrived, available in both male and female cuts for a great fit. We also have crew-style game-day socks in stock, perfect for completing the full Vikings look.

## Volunteers Needed – Wednesdays

As we prepare for a busy season, we're looking to add a few extra hands to help in the Uniform Shop on Wednesdays. This is a fantastic way to support the club, meet our wonderful families, and help players get everything they need for 2026.

If you're available and interested in helping out, please contact [uniformshop@wynnumvikingsafl.com.au](mailto:uniformshop@wynnumvikingsafl.com.au) and we'll happily talk through the details. Thanks for your support and see you in the shop!



# SENIORS UPDATES

It's been a really positive few weeks for the senior group. The weather has been on our side, and we've managed to complete every session as planned, which has helped the group build some good momentum. Since our last update, we've been averaging mid-30s at training, keeping the energy high and the sessions competitive.

The players have responded strongly to Nick's coaching style. The focus on fitness and running has been a major part of this pre-season, and the group has taken it on really well. You can see the improvement week to week, with players moving better and finishing sessions strongly.

As we move closer to practice games, training will start to shift. While the fitness work continues, we'll begin to introduce more:

- Team structures
- Scenario-based drills
- Competitive and match-play work

This is the stage of pre-season where things start to come together, and the group settles into how we want to play.

Recruitment is also close to wrapping up, and the squad is shaping up nicely heading into the season. Keep an eye on our socials, we'll be announcing player signings over the coming weeks.

All in all, it's been a strong block of training, and the effort from the players has been fantastic to see.



# AUSKICK UPDATE

Saturday the 21st Feb saw the first day of our Auskick season for 2026! Coordinators, coaches, volunteers, youth players, and our very own club president Mickey, ventured down the road to the 2nd Oval at 7am ... ready to set up some exciting activities for our 2026 Auskick and Superkick players..... little did we know .. we were about to welcome the largest Auskick group in the club's 60 year history! 🌟😊

Almost 200 players and their families turned up at 8am! And what an hour it was - 5 activities, 5 groups and tonnes of Footy balls flying through the air - Auskick 2026 was underway! We were hot, we were sweaty, but we could not contain the smiles! 😊 Fantastic effort from all of our little Auskick and Superkick players! We are so proud of you - and cannot wait to see you all again this week!

Thank you so much to all our parents and volunteers, we really needed you, and we always need more! It's not only a great help but it means a lot to our littlest players and shows them what being a Viking is all about ☑️ Please come along and lend a hand when you can!

**Next week we will be on Oval 1 - same time 8am-9am**

## **Don't forget all the essentials:**

Comfy clothes

Closed shoes

Sunscreen

Hat

Your footy ball (named)

Water bottles

(And your amazing little can do attitudes!)

See you next week 🌟😊😊

Candice

Auskick Coordinator

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# JUNIORS UPDATE

We're excited to be getting close to the start of our junior season and seeing all of our Junior Vikings back at the club.

Training begins week commencing Monday 2nd March, with games kicking off on 2nd May.

As always, our focus is footy for fun. Building skills, confidence, teamwork and friendships in a positive environment.

## Training times below for each age group

AGE GROUP	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
U8 MIXED			4:30 - 5:30 PM		
U8 GIRLS			5:30 - 6:30 PM		
U9 MIXED			4:30 - 5:30PM		
U9 GIRLS			5:30 - 6:30 PM		
U10 MIXED			4:30 - 5:30 PM		
U11 MIXED	5:30 - 6:45PM		5:30 - 6:45PM		
U11 GIRLS			5:30 - 6:30 PM		

## Parent Information Evening

We'll be holding short, age-group specific parent information sessions on Wednesday 25th March.

At least one parent/guardian from each family must attend. Please put this date in your calendar.

### Session Times:

U10 Mixed 4:30 - 4:45pm

U9 Mixed 4:45 - 5pm

U8 Mixed 5 - 5:30pm

U11 Boys 5:30 - 5:45

These sessions are important to outline expectations for the season, communication, volunteering, safety, and how we work together to make the season a great one for our Junior Vikings.

## Club Communication - Stack Team App

Our primary communication platform for the season will be Stack Team App.

This is where you'll access:

- Training updates
- Game fixtures and changes
- Team announcements
- Club news and reminders

Once you have registered your player(s), you will be added to your appropriate Stack Team App group(s). Please ensure your contact details are accurate during registration so we can add you correctly.

### Volunteers Needed

Junior sport only works when families step in and support. We'll be calling for helpers across the season, from game day support to off-field roles. If you can lend a hand (even occasionally), we'd love to hear from you.

## Bring a Friend!

If you know a family who might like to give footy a go, let them know our training times and invite them down. New players are always welcome, and there's no better way to try it than with a friend.

We're looking forward to another great season ahead!

Alex Pepperell & Amanda Lockyer

Junior Coordinators

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**REGISTER HERE**

# FEMALE UPDATE

The Wynnum Vikings are proud to continue building a strong, supportive, and exciting female football program, one that gives girls the chance to learn the game, build confidence, and be part of a community that genuinely backs them.

**Our goal for 2026 is clear:** building the pathway of girls' teams from Under 8s through to Under 15s. With more girls joining footy every year, we're committed to creating an environment where players of all experience levels feel welcome, encouraged, and part of something special.

## Teams With Spots Available

We're currently welcoming new players across several age groups:

- **Under 8 Girls** – A fun, energetic introduction to footy
- **Under 9 Girls** – Building skills, friendships, and confidence
- **Under 11 Girls** – A great age for development and teamwork
- **Under 15 Girls** – A supportive squad preparing for a strong 2026 season

Whether your daughter is brand new to AFL or already loves the game, there's a place for her at the Vikings.

We're excited to see more girls running out in the Vikings jersey this season. If your daughter is keen to give AFL a go, or if you know someone who might be, we'd love to welcome them into the Vikings family.

For more information or to express interest, reach out to our female football team at [female@wynnumvikingsafl.com.au](mailto:female@wynnumvikingsafl.com.au).



# YOUTH UPDATE



Welcome back to the 2026 Season!

We're excited to kick off another great year of footy, with plenty of activity happening behind the scenes as we prepare for the season. We are working hard to recruit players, with a particular focus on U13s.

Training has now commenced. See table below for each age groups training times.

As always, our club runs on the support of our amazing volunteers. If you're able to assist your child's team in any capacity - Coach, Assistant Coach, Runner, Team Manager, Ground Marshall or Timekeeper - we would love to hear from you. These roles are essential to ensuring our teams can take the field each week.

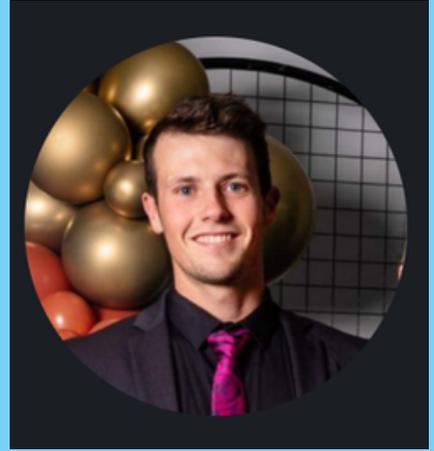
AGE GROUP	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
U13 BOYS		5 - 6PM		5 - 6PM	
U13 GIRLS		4:30 - 5:30 PM		4:30 - 5:30 PM	
U15 BOYS		5:30 - 6:30 PM		5:30 - 6:30 PM	
U15 GIRLS		4:30 - 5:30 PM		4:30 - 5:30 PM	
U17 BOYS		4:30 - 6:00 PM		4:30 - 6:00 PM	

# INTRODUCING OUR NEW CLUB SECRETARY

We're excited to welcome Jake Barratt as the new Secretary of the club. With a background in construction and his current role as an Operations Supervisor, Jake brings leadership, teamwork, and a practical, solutions-focused mindset to everything he does.

A lifelong Carlton supporter, his passion for football has shaped much of his journey—from playing junior and senior footy in Tasmania to continuing his involvement after moving to Queensland through umpiring and contributing to community football.

With a completed business degree and a genuine commitment to grassroots development, Jake is dedicated to supporting players, coaches, officials, and volunteers, and helping strengthen an inclusive, connected footy community for future generations.



## UMPIRES UPDATE

### **How many times have you heard “A game cannot go ahead without an Umpire”?**

Umpires, regardless of whether they are officiating at grassroots levels or at the highest professional levels, ensure that the rules of sport are adhered to, providing a sanctioned competition and safe environment for all participants. They are very important to a game of AFL.

We need umpires at our club and there are two ways in which you can get involved to ensure that all the games played at the Wynnum Vikings can be officiated by Team Green.

### **Umpire 4 Fun**

This is a program run by the Wynnum Vikings and is open to players turning 12 and above in the 2026 season. This program focuses on learning the fundamental skills of umpiring and developing knowledge of the game.

Umpires in this program can **earn some extra money** by officiating our junior fixture home games. Age Groups include U8-U10 Mixed/Girls & U11 Girls. (U11 Mixed have AFLQ league appointed umpires)



## Club Umpires

Very distinct from our Umpire4Fun program is the need for participants to assist with our Club Umpire requirements. As of 2025, AFLQ announced that they currently appoint umpires to 80% of SEQJ (U11 Mixed to U17s) matches each week. They are unable to appoint umpires to 100% of the games as the umpire numbers are outmatched by the exponential growth in the SEQ competition.

Invariably, as a club we find ourselves in need to find a suitable Umpires to officiate games in the Youth space. This year we have 8+ youth teams and on any given weekend we could be looking for multiple umpires if AFLQ are unable to appoint a league umpire. From U15s up, there is a need for 2 umpires to be appointed, therefore doubling this need for Club Umpires.

We do not have enough people to assist in this space at our club and we are currently looking for those that have suitable skills to help.

Club Umpires ensure our Youth games can go ahead when a league umpire cannot be appointed. By having a pool of potential Club Umpires means we can rotate Umpiring duties to many rather than relying on one or two willing participants.

If we cannot appoint Umpires when AFLQ requires us to, we risk a game being cancelled.

**Rest assured, if you umpire a youth game, you will be compensated for your time at the standard umpire pay rate.**

Suitable participants in this space include current or former players, parents of players or someone who loves football and wants to be involved. Ideally, you would have knowledge of the Rules of the Game and good communication skills.

For further information on Umpiring at the Vikings please contact our Umpire Coordinator, **Danielle Bradbury** via email: [umpires@wynnumvikingsafl.com.au](mailto:umpires@wynnumvikingsafl.com.au)

*Side Hustles are Great. Side Hustles with whistles are better!*

# Calendar OF EVENTS

## MARCH

- 1<sup>st</sup> week of March - Junior Training Starts
- Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> - Auskick and Superkick - 8 to 9am
- Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> - AIC Games
- Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> - Bunnings Manly West BBQ - All Day
- Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> Auskick and Superkick - 8 to 9am
- Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> - AIC Games
- Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> - Under 13 Girls v Morningside @ Morningside - 12:00pm
- Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> - Auskick and Superkick - 8 to 9am
- Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> - Seniors/ Reserves Practice match @ home - match times TBC
- Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> - Auskick and Superkick - 8 to 9am
- Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> Senior/Reserves Practice Match - AWAY times TBC
- Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> - Under 13 Boys v Alex Hills @ home - times TBC
- Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> - Under 15 Boys v Morningside @ home - times TBC
- Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> - Under 17 Boys v Morningside @ home - times TBC

## APRIL

- 11<sup>th</sup> Senior/ Reserves games start - Round 1
- 18<sup>th</sup> Senior/ Reserves Game - Round 2
- 18<sup>th</sup> Auskick and Superkick - 8 to 9am
- 19<sup>th</sup> Youth games - Round 1
- 25<sup>th</sup> ANZAC DAY - Senior/ Reserves Game - Round 3



WYNNUM VIKINGS AFL CLUB  
**SIGN-ON DAY**  
**DAY** 

- REGISTRATIONS
- UNIFORM SHOP OPEN
- CANTEEN OPEN
- SAUSAGE SIZZLE

**9:00am - 12:00pm**  
**Saturday, 28<sup>th</sup> February**

WYNNUM VIKINGS AFL CLUB  
300 KIANAWAH RD, WYNNUM WEST

Register Online Via QR Code



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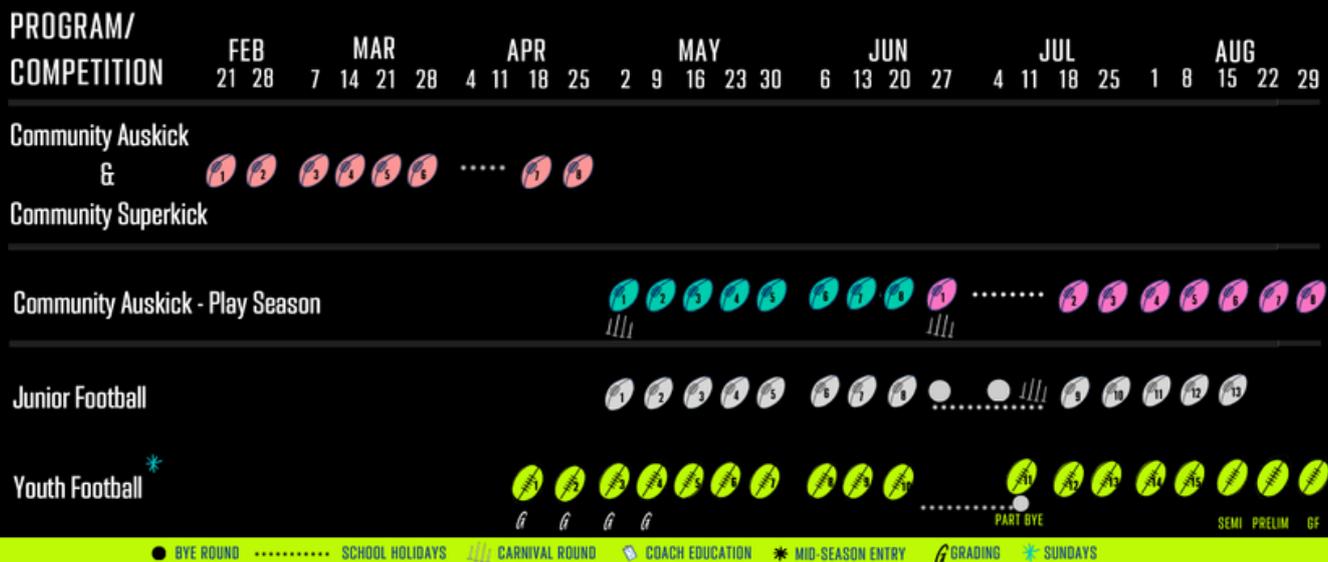


**PROUD JUNIOR PARTNER**



# 2026

## PARTICIPATION SEASON DATES | QLD



### 2026 AGE GROUPS

8's	1 Jul 2017 to 30 Jun 2019	Year 2 & 3 Mixed & Girls
9's	1 Jul 2016 to 30 Jun 2017	Year 4 Mixed & Girls
10's	1 Jul 2015 to 30 Jun 2016	Year 5 Mixed
11's	1 Jul 2014 to 30 Jun 2015	Year 6 Mixed & Girls
13's	1 Jul 2012 to 30 Jun 2014	Year 7/8 Mixed & Girls
15's	1 Jul 2010 to 30 Jun 2012	Year 9/10 Girls & Boys
17's	1 Jul 2008 to 30 Jun 2010	Year 11/12 Girls & Boys

Got a question?

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