

VIKINGS VOICE APRIL 2026



PRESIDENT UPDATE

What another big month it has been for the Club.

Auskick & Season Kick Off

We're coming off the back of our biggest ever Auskick and Superkick program, with more than 200 young players taking part. It has been fantastic to see so many kids begin their footy journey with the Vikings.

A big thank you to AFL Queensland for their support, to Candice for leading the program, and to the many volunteers who give their time each week to make it such a positive experience. It has also been great to see some of our Senior players getting involved, a strong example of what "One Club" looks like in action.

Our Junior season starts this week, joining our Youth and Senior teams who are already into their campaigns.

We got a great taste of the progress of our Senior squad, with both Reserves and Seniors securing Round 1 and 3 wins at home. It is the first time in over seven years both sides have won in Round 1, a strong reflection of the work done across pre-season and the impact of new recruits.

Participation & Growth

As we move into the season proper, we are seeing strong participation across a number of age groups.

In several instances, numbers have exceeded expectations. While this has created some natural growing pains, it is ultimately a very positive position for the Club to be in.

Where possible, we have expanded team structures to ensure the best outcome for players. In many cases, this has meant creating additional teams so more players can be actively involved each week, with increased game time and less time on the bench.

Our female football program is also continuing to build strongly, with teams now across all age groups up to and including Under 15s. A shout out to our Youth Girls Under 13s who opened their season with a solid win in round 1.

As always, this growth relies on support from our community. I would encourage parents to connect with their Team Managers and look for ways to assist across the season, particularly on game days.

Vikings Volunteer recognition

Following last month's announcement, I am pleased to see the Vikings Volunteer of the Month initiative now underway with a steady flow of nominations already received.

This is about recognising those who consistently contribute to the Club and live our values in action. Each monthly winner will receive \$200 thanks to Community Bank Wynnum Manly. It's not too late to get your nominations in for April. It only takes 90 seconds, so if someone comes to mind, take the time to recognise them.

Fundraising

The Toyota Good for Footy Raffle is underway, with 100% of ticket sales coming directly back to the Vikings. There is over \$280,000 in prizes on offer, including three new cars. Tickets are only \$5 so get amongst it.

Friday, May 1 we launch our next major Club raffle in partnership with Tangalooma Island Resort, who continue their strong support of our Junior program and have again contributed more than \$4,000 in prizes for our community. Keep an eye out for details and please support it when it goes live.

Off Field Progress

Off the field, we continue to make important progress.

We have recently secured Grant funding through the Port of Brisbane Pty Ltd to upgrade our CCTV system, helping improve safety and security across the Club.

We also secured a Grant through the Gambling Community Benefit Fund to purchase a new ride on mower. This is a significant win for our grounds team, who currently spend more than five hours per mow, twice a week, maintaining our two ovals. This investment will ease that load and help us maintain the high standard of our playing surfaces.

After our recent refresh of the canteen, as promised we now move our focus to the downstairs bathroom facilities, work is scheduled to commence shortly and be completed in May.

Discussions continue in relation to the Oval lighting upgrade, which remains our #1 priority.

Living Our Values

With games back, it is a timely reminder of the role we all play in representing the Vikings. Our values set the standards expected of all us of from players, parents, volunteers and supporters, and they are aligned with our Club's Code of Conduct, which has been communicated across all areas of the Club.

Footy is a passionate and high emotion game, but it must always be played and supported in the right spirit.

We expect all behaviour to reflect our values and we will have zero tolerance for conduct that sits outside of them. Respect for umpires, players, volunteers and each other is non negotiable.

As we continue through our 60th year, there is plenty happening across the Club and a lot to be proud of, both on and off the field.

Let's continue to build something we can all be proud of - The Club of Choice.

Mickey Maher

President

Wynnum Vikings AFC

TANGALOOMA ISLAND RESORT

We're excited to announce that the Wynnum Vikings Tangalooma Raffle is launching soon, giving our community the chance to win an incredible island getaway while directly supporting our Club.

Raffle goes live: 1 May

This club-wide raffle features an amazing prize pool, headlined by a family escape to Tangalooma Island Resort, one of Queensland's most iconic destinations. Just over an hour from Brisbane, Tangalooma offers crystal-clear waters, unforgettable wildlife encounters, and adventure experiences for all ages.

Prizes include:

A Tangalooma Family Escape, featuring accommodation, transfers, breakfast, desert safari with sand tobogganing, quad biking, and the famous wild dolphin feeding experience
Family Day Cruises, perfect for a memorable island adventure

Most importantly, all funds raised go directly back to the Wynnum Vikings, helping us invest in our players, support our volunteers, and continue to strengthen our community club.

This raffle is a simple but powerful way to support the Club — whether you're a parent, player, supporter, or friend of the Vikings.

Tickets available from 1 May

Purchase online via RaffleTix:

<https://www.raffletix.com.au/?ref=bas4p>

Please share the raffle with family and friends and help us make this fundraiser a success. Thank you for your continued support of the Wynnum Vikings.



SENIORS UPDATES

Well finally round 1 was upon us and after a long tough pre season myself and the boys were keen to get the season under way. Our practice match form was a little indifferent so I wasn't really sure what to expect .

We flew out of the blocks in the first quarter against Logan but were dominated in the 2nd and went in down at halftime. To the players credit they came out after halftime and played attacking aggressive football controlled the 3rd quarter and then put the foot down in the last quarter and completely dominated and ran out 40 point winners.

The new players slotted in seamlessly and all performed well with Brodie Bourke and Charlie Moreton kicking 4 each and Will Raffin got a heap of footy through the middle. It was great to play our first under 17 player for the year in Fynn Eckersley and to see him mobbed in the last quarter after kicking a goal capped off a great win .

We are a very young side which brings a great energy and we will play some exciting footy so I hope everyone gets down and supports us this year.



We headed up the highway for our longest road trip and with 7 changes from rd 1 we knew it would be a challenge. Gympie had recruited heavily in the off season and had a big win in rd 1 so we expected a tough game .

Conditions were perfect but the game was a very tough and scrappy affair. The lead changed a few times throughout the game but we couldn't quite get the buffer we needed . We kicked the first goal of the last quarter to hit the front but with only 1 on the bench and several players going down with cramp we simply didn't have the legs and were eventually overrun and lost by 20 points.

I was extremely proud of how the boys hung in to the end and it will certainly set us in good stead .



Back at home for ANZAC day in round 3 to take on Zillmere and we went in confident of putting in a good showing. We started the game strongly with 4 goals straight then added another 3 in the second quarter and restricted Zillmere to just 1 goal . We came out after halftime kicked the first goal and then completely stopped . We let Zillmere back into the game and they got to within 8 points in the last quarter. Thankfully we held our nerve in the last 10 minutes and managed to kick a goal and eventually run out 16 point winners. The 2 Lachie's, Malloy and Meadows were outstanding and it was Malloy who took out his 3rd Mal Henderson medal . Big game coming up this week against our biggest rival in Alex Hills .

Nick Duggan
Senior Coach

RESERVES



46	DEF.	24
7.4		3.6



GOALS: R. KING (5), R. FEIL (1), M. REFITI (1)

FROM THE COACH ROD WILSON:
Our ANZAC Day clash with Zillmere started well with the first clearance going into our forward 50 with a shot on goal. A strong first quarter holding the opposition to no score was pleasing. Zillmere came out in the second with more intensity and began to apply some scoreboard pressure. We managed to wrestle momentum from them late in the quarter to hold a 13 point lead at half time. With a lot more controlled use of the footy in the 3rd we extended our lead and eventually ran out 22 point winners. Riley King with a 5 goal best on ground performance claiming the reserves ANZAC medal. We take on local rival Alex Hills next weekend in what is another important test for group.




PROUDLY SUPPORTED BY






SENIORS




60	DEF.	44
9.6		7.2





GOALS: C. MORETON MCDUGALL (3), B. BOURKE (2), H. BALLANTYNE (1), H. MILFORD (1), D. RODDEN (1), E. SHALHOUB (1)

FROM THE COACH NICK DUGGAN:
Back at home for ANZAC day to take on Zillmere and we went in confident of putting in a good showing. We started the game strongly with 4 goals straight then added another 3 in the second quarter and restricted Zillmere to just 1 goal. We came out after halftime kicked the first goal and then completely stopped. We let Zillmere back into the game and they got to within 8 points in the last quarter. Thankfully we held our nerve in the last 10 minutes and managed to kick a goal and eventually run out 16 point winners. The 2 Lachie's, Malloy and Meadows were outstanding and it was Malloy who took out his 3rd Mal Henderson medal. Big game coming up this week against our biggest rival in Alex Hills .



PROUDLY SUPPORTED BY







2026 SENIOR FIXTURE

RD 1
APR 11



Home

RD 2
APR 18



Ray Warren Oval

RD 3
APR 25
ANZAC RD



Home

RD 4
MAY 2



Keith Surridge Park

RD 5
MAY 9



Alexander Park

RD 6
MAY 16
SDNR



Home

COMPETITION BYE
MAY 23

RD 7
MAY 30



Jindalee Districts AFC

RD 8
JUN 6



Home

RD 9
JUN 13



McKinnon Sports Park North

RD 10
JUN 20



Rob Akers Oval

RD 11
JUN 27



Home

RD 12
JUL 4



Home

RD 13
JUL 11



O'Callaghan Park

COMPETITION BYE
JULY 18

RD 14
JUL 25
PRIDE RD



Home

RD 15
AUG 1



Nathan Road Sports Complex

RD 16
AUG 8



Home

PROUDLY SPONSORED BY



AUSKICK UPDATE

Great to see another fantastic turnout for both Auskick and SuperKick last weekend—especially with it being the final weekend of the school holidays. Thank you to everyone who came along and brought the energy!

A quick reminder for all families to please ensure your Auskick Play registrations are completed by the end of next week so we can get the team organised and keep everything running smoothly.

Please note there will be no Auskick this weekend due to Anzac Day. We encourage everyone to come down in the afternoon to support our senior teams—it's always a great atmosphere and a wonderful way for the kids to see the next level of footy in action.

Thanks again for your ongoing support—we're looking forward to our last Auskick and Superkick sessions on the 2nd May



JUNIOR UPDATE

Registrations for the 2026 season have been fantastic, and we're excited to confirm a strong and well-rounded group of junior teams representing Wynnum Vikings this year. We have five U8 teams, including our very first U8 Girls team, two U9 teams alongside a dedicated U9 Girls team, two U10 teams, two U11 teams and an U11 Girls team — a total of 13 junior teams competing this season!

Registrations are still open, and new players are always welcome. If you have friends or family interested in giving AFL a try, please invite them along to training and introduce them to the coach at the session.

To support our increased team numbers, game-day first aid will be provided by our partners Evoxia, helping to reduce the volunteer requirements for our fantastic parent community. We hope all players and families enjoyed a safe and restful school holiday break and are feeling refreshed and ready for Round 1, kicking off 1 May for girls and 2 May for boys.

As always, all junior communication happens through the Stack App — not only from the Junior Coordinators, but also for team communication, game times and locations. If you need help accessing Stack, please email Juniors@WynnumVikingsAFL.com.au or come and see Alex or Amanda on Wednesdays between 4:30–5:30 pm.

VIKINGS VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH - APRIL

Just a reminder that April nominations are currently open for our Vikings Volunteer of the Month initiative.

Nominations close on 30 April, so please take a moment to recognise a volunteer who has gone above and beyond and who lives our Club values of Belonging, Respect, Resilience, Integrity, and Teamwork.

The winner of the Volunteer of the Month will be announced on our socials following the next Committee meeting.

Our volunteers are the backbone of the Wynnum Vikings community — thank you for helping us celebrate them.





WYNNUM VIKINGS AFL CLUB



Respect - Integrity - Belonging - Teamwork - Resilience

Stack Team App – Important Reminder

As we head into the 2026 season, Stack Team App will be our primary communication tool for all Wynnnum Vikings teams. Training updates, game details, volunteer requests, club notices, and last-minute changes will all be shared through the app.



Invites are sent to the email address used in PlayHQ, so please make sure you've accepted your invite, logged in, and have notifications turned on before Round 1 to avoid missing important information.

If you need help accessing the app, please contact your Team Manager or email the coordinators.

Reminder – Wynnum Vikings Member Offer

Just a reminder that Tangalooma Island Resort is proudly supporting our Junior Vikings in 2026 and is offering exclusive discounts for all Wynnnum Vikings members.

Members can enjoy:
15% off resort rooms
15% off day cruises
10% off villas



Located just over an hour from Brisbane, Tangalooma is the perfect getaway with island adventures, wildlife encounters, and family-friendly experiences.

Book using the exclusive Vikings link on the QR code.

YOUTH UPDATE

Round 2 of the season has now been completed across our youth teams, with a mix of wins and losses throughout the age groups. While results varied, there were plenty of positive signs, strong effort, and valuable learning moments on display.

With two more rounds of grading still to come, these early matches are an important part of player and team development. Our players continue to build their skills, understanding of the game, and confidence as they adjust to teammates, positions, and match conditions.

Coaches are seeing encouraging progress each week, and while there is still plenty to learn, the attitude, resilience, and commitment shown by our youth players has been excellent.

A big thank you to our coaches, team managers, and families for their ongoing support. We look forward to seeing our teams take these lessons into the remaining grading rounds.



EVENTS AT THE VIKINGS

Trivia Night – First Event of the Season

We're excited to kick off our 2026 events calendar with a Trivia Night and would love to see our club community come together for a fun and social evening.

Friday 9th May

6:00pm start

Tables of 8 or single seats available

Tickets: \$25 per person (Tables of 8 available for \$200)



Tickets include entry to the event, with the option to pre-order a cheese box when purchasing your ticket — perfect for sharing with your table on the night. A selected menu of hot food, including pulled pork rolls, will also be available for purchase, along with drinks over the bar.

<https://wynnum-vikings-afc.square.site/>

Whether you come with a full table or book a single seat and join others on the night, Trivia Night is all about fun, friendly competition, and supporting our players, volunteers, and wider club community.

We look forward to seeing you there and starting the season with a great night together.

Ladies Day Planning Underway

Planning is underway for our upcoming Ladies Day, and we're excited to share that this event will also support a local charity.

As part of the day, we will be collecting items from local businesses to raffle, with all funds raised going directly to the chosen charity. This is a great opportunity to bring our community together while giving back to a cause close to home.

If you own a business, work with a local business, or are able to donate an item or voucher, we would love to hear from you. More details about the event will be shared soon.

Thank you for supporting this initiative and helping us make Ladies Day a meaningful and successful event.

Upcoming events.



2026

MAY
9

TRIVIA NIGHT

Join us for an adult night out with trivia, cheese boards and drinks.

MAY
23

FLICKS ON THE FIELD

Hosted by Alex Giveney - join us for a flick on the field.

MAY
16

SIR DOUGLAS ROUND

We introduce our new Indigenous Jersey

JUNE
6

LADIES DAY

Our annual event to raise money for charities and celebrate the ladies at the football club.

JUNE
21

FAMILY TRIVIA AFTERNOON

Bring the kids and join the fun for a Sunday afternoon.

JUNE
27

60TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

Celebrate our history!

JULY
4

SPONSORS DAY

All our sponsors are invited to come and celebrate the season. Thank you for being a 2026 sponsor at Wynnum Vikings.

JULY
18

MYSTERY FLIGHT NIGHT

Adult event

AUGUST
8

80'S NIGHT

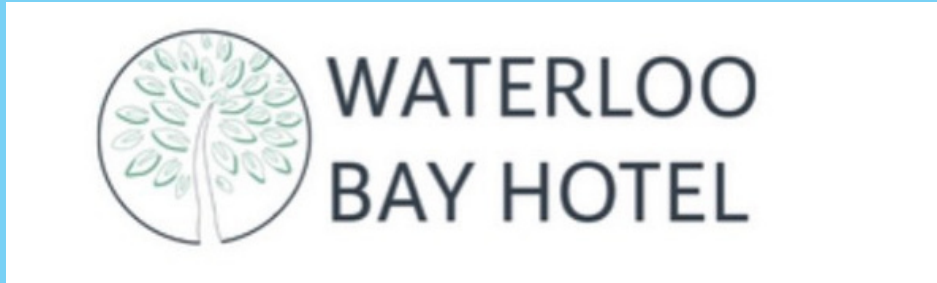
Dress up, come and celebrate the end of season with all things 80's.

**All welcome.
Save the dates .
Invite your team friends.
Be part of the club and community.**

PROUD PRINCIPAL PARTNER



PROUD SUPPORT PARTNER



PROUD SENIOR PARTNER



PROUD YOUTH SPONSOR



PROUD JUNIOR PARTNER

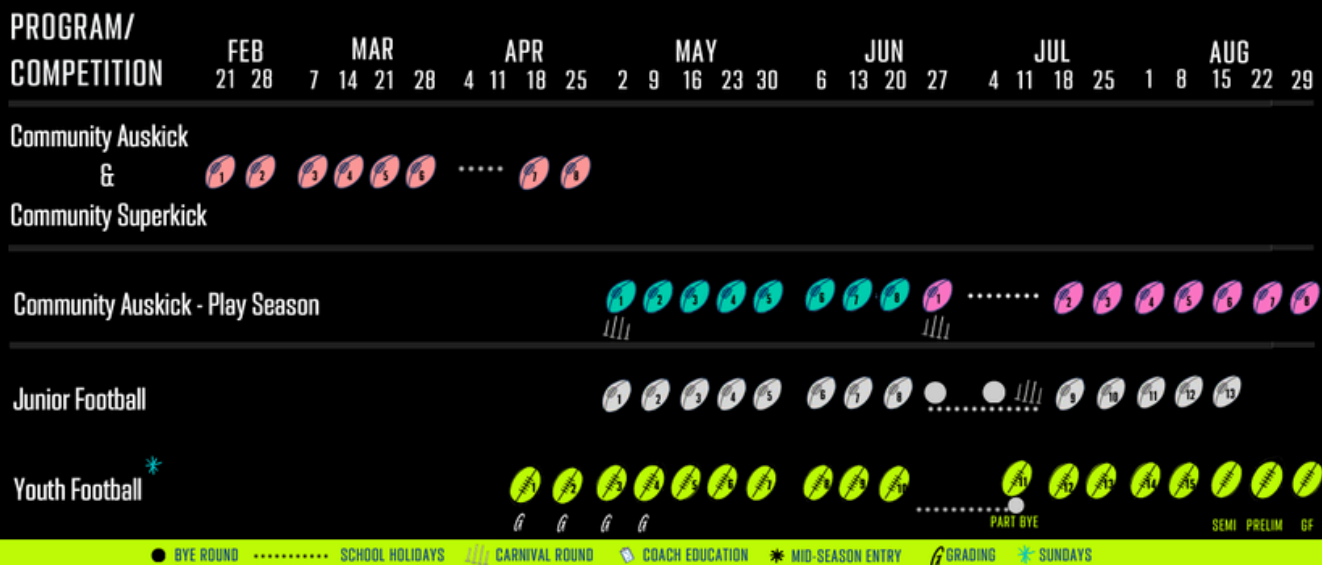


PROUD COMMUNITY PARTNER



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?

Auskick Coordinator: auskick@wynnumvikingsafl.com.au

Junior Coordinator: juniors@wynnumvikingsafl.com.au

Youth Coordinator: youth@wynnumvikingsafl.com.au

Female Coordinator: female@wynnumvikingsafl.com.au

Director of Seniors: directorofseniors@wynnumvikingsafl.com.au

Masters Coordinator: masters@wynnumvikingsafl.com.au

Registrar and Child Safety Officer: registrar@wynnumvikingsafl.com.au

General Enquiries: committee@wynnumvikingsafl.com.au

President: president@wynnumvikingsafl.com.au

Vice President: vicepresident@wynnumvikingsafl.com.au

Secretary: secretary@wynnumvikingsafl.com.au

Treasurer: treasurer@wynnumvikingsafl.com.au