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PRESIDENTS UPDATE

What a year.

As season 2026 draws to a close, there is plenty for us to reflect on and plenty for the Vikings to be proud of.

This year marked our 60th anniversary, and it has been an absolute privilege to serve as President during such an important year in our club's history.

A football club doesn't reach 60 years by accident. It does so because generation after generation, people choose to be part of it, contribute to it and step up when their club needs them. And that has certainly been the case again in 2026.

We have welcomed more people into our club than ever before. Auskick grew by 53%, our Junior and Youth numbers increased by more than 32%, and female participation grew by more than 54%. For the first time in our history we fielded all-girls teams from Auskick through to Under 15s, while the return of our Under 17 Boys gave us a complete boys pathway from Auskick through to Senior football.

All six Youth teams played finals, four made Grand Finals and our Under 15 Girls finished the year as Premiers.

Our Reserves returned to finals and, while our Seniors didn't achieve the results we wanted on field, I have been really pleased with the way so many of our Senior players have embraced the wider club. Whether helping at Auskick, coaching Youth teams, supporting our Juniors or simply being around the club, that is what being one club is all about.

Because while wins and premierships matter, they don't define success alone.

Success is also reflected in our growth, our development, our culture, our standards and whether people enjoy being part of the Wynnnum Vikings.

Off the field there has been plenty happening too.

We have strengthened our financial position, had our biggest sponsorship year, invested more into football, player welfare and our facilities, and continued building stronger relationships throughout our community.

Importantly, there is plenty more coming.

Funding is secured for the much-needed Oval 1 lighting upgrade, Brisbane City Council has committed to upgrading the Oval 1 playing surface and irrigation, and we continue to pursue funding for lights on Oval 2.

Work is progressing on our five-year strategic plan and the Wynnum Vikings Football Program, while planning for season 2027 is already well underway across every part of our football club.

In the coming months, we will also conduct our next annual Vikings Community Survey. Just like last year, it is your opportunity to have a say in what we are doing well, where we can be doing better and where you believe our focus should be.

Much of what we delivered and focused on throughout 2026 was driven by the feedback and insights we received from our community in last year's survey.

So when this year's survey lands, I encourage all our members to take the time to participate. Your feedback genuinely helps shape the direction and priorities of our football club.

Following our AGM, I am incredibly grateful to have been given the opportunity to serve as President for another 12 months alongside our new Management Committee.

There is a lot happening.

There is a lot to be excited about.

But none of what we achieved this year happened because of one person or one committee.

It happened because of our people.

More than 120 volunteers contributed to the Vikings this year, alongside our players, coaches, Team Managers, parents, grandparents, carers, supporters, sponsors and community partners.

So as we close the book on season 2026, thank you to everyone who played a part.

Enjoy the break, enjoy some time away from footy and be proud of what we have achieved together.

Then we get to work on 2027.

We are one club.

We are the Wynnum Vikings.

Mickey Maher

President

Wynnum Vikings AFC



SENIORS UPDATE

The curtain has come down on the Wynnum Vikings 2026 Senior season, with our Best & Fairest providing an opportunity to celebrate the players and people who contributed throughout the year.

Congratulations to our 2026 award winners:

Seniors

Best & Fairest — Lachie Malloy
Runner-Up Best & Fairest — Ethan Shalhoub
Third Best & Fairest — Dane Sutherland
Most Consistent — Harry Milford
Team Player — Bryn Corten



Reserves

Best & Fairest — Josh West
Runner-Up Best & Fairest — Bailey Wilson
Third Best & Fairest — Taj Hicks & Dane Bird-Smith
Most Consistent — Bailey Wilson
Best First Year Player — Xavier McCluskey



Perpetual Awards

Senior Clubperson — Toni McPherson
Viking Warrior — Mason Refiti



While the on-field results didn't always go our way in 2026, there was plenty to celebrate, including our Reserves recording eight wins and earning another opportunity to play finals football.

Off the field, our Senior players continued to embrace the wider Vikings community, helping at Auskick, coaching Youth teams, supporting our Juniors and getting involved across the club.

A big thank you to our entire playing group for their commitment throughout the year and to our coaches, support staff, volunteers, families, supporters and partners who made the season possible.

The club also thanks Nick Duggan for his commitment as Senior Coach throughout 2026. Nick has now stepped down from the role and we thank him for the time and effort he invested in our Senior program.

The players can now enjoy a well-earned break before pre-season begins in November. Meanwhile, planning for 2027 is well underway.

The club is close to finalising the recruitment of our next Senior Coach and Director of Football, with the selection panel currently conducting final interviews. Announcements will be shared across our socials in due course.

The focus is on finding the right people for the right roles — for 2027 and beyond.

Our intentions for the Senior program are bold: to be pushing deep into finals within two years and win a premiership within the next five.

That's not a dream.

That's our intent.

And the decisions being made now are with that firmly in mind.

Enjoy the break, boys.

We'll see you back for pre-season in November.



GET INVOLVED IN 2027

As preparations for the 2027 season begin, the Club is also seeking Expressions of Interest for a number of important non-Management Committee roles, including:

Social Media Team | Youth Boys Coordinator | Auskick Play Coordinator | Umpires Coordinator | Senior Registrar

These roles, along with the many other volunteer positions across the Club, are integral to the Vikings operating successfully.

You do not need to sit on the Management Committee to make a meaningful contribution. Whether you have particular skills or experience, or simply some time you would like to give back, there are many ways to get involved and help shape the Club in 2027.

To express your interest in any of these roles or to find out more, email president@wynnumvikingsafl.com.au. or scan the QR code, fill out the form and we will be in touch.

2027 Expression of Interest - Club Roles





WYNNUM VIKINGS AFL CLUB

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RECRUITING PLAYERS!

We're looking to launch Men's and Women's Masters teams in 2027 and we want **YOU** to be part of it!

SPRING TRAINING WEDNESDAYS 6-7PM

FAMILY FRIENDLY
Kids welcome with a participating parent

- NO EXPERIENCE REQUIRED**
- SOCIAL & FUN ATMOSPHERE**
- FITNESS & BALL SKILLS**
- MEET NEW PEOPLE**
- ALL WELCOME ALL ABILITIES**

EXPRESS YOUR INTEREST TODAY! *ONE CLUB. ONE FAMILY. ONE VIKINGS.*

Masters are back!

Female and mens team available.

Training starts Wednesday 7th October at 6pm.

See you there!

Got a question?

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