



# Panther Progress

## Surrey Park Football Club Newsletter

### Edition 2, 2024

Hello all again. We're well into the swing of things now with Easter behind us and the only thing between us and the start of our 2024 footy season being 2 training sessions. With less than one week to go for the Men there's lots of excitement and I think it's fair to say all the players are pretty much ready to start the real stuff after a really positive pre-season program.

Just keep in mind it's Gather Round for the AFL teams this week so there's no better time to watch some great LOCAL footy live. Gather your family and friends and come down to Surrey Park on Saturday and enjoy the weather, the food and drinks and the local footy atmosphere... you can catch the AFL footy any time on Kayo but there's only going to be one time in the history of Surrey Park where we get to unfurl our FIRST Senior Men's Premiership Flag – so don't miss out !

We do have one other big announcement for the club since the previous newsletter - Given the strength of U19 numbers, and to ensure we are providing a football path for the Colts Junior boys, we have decided to field **TWO U19's teams in season 2024**. One U19's team will compete in Division 1 and the other team will compete in Division 3 of the EFNL competition.

**Congratulations to Adam Steiner** who has been appointed as the coach for the second U19's team. Thanks to the U19's group who have worked hard to ensure they had strong enough jumpers to field the 2 sides – special mention to Noah Caruso, Jordie Currie, Rory Sinclair and Daisy for their extra work to get players signed up. This is the first time Surrey Park has fielded 5 senior teams in one season so please don't be shy in helping to assist – ALL volunteers will be very much welcomed to help us all enjoy the season in supporting our Men & women to be successful.

#### 2024 Practice matches

The Panther teams have taken part in 2 sets of practice matches to date. With the restrictions on local ovals it effectively means we have no choice but to travel to get some practice matches in place and that's what we've done this year. On Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> we ventured down Cora Lynn (Just under 1 hours drive from Surrey). The Women, and both Men's teams played against Narre Warren while the U19's had a good hitout against Langwarrin. The Women played well for their first hitout and won well against Narre Warren. The U19's took a quarter or so to settle down then found their groove and won well. The senior teams played 6 quarters across the development and senior squads and showed their significant improvement over the last 12 mths with Narre Warren struggling to score but it was an enjoyable first hitout for all involved.





On 23<sup>rd</sup> March we headed out to Mary Meade Catholic College in South Morang to take on the South Morang Lions. With South Morang having played finals in the second division of the NFNL we expected to get a tough hitout and that's exactly what we got. The U19's had 15 on the bench that we circulated off the bench and were able to remain competitive against a side that made us earn every ball we won. It was a terrific contest to watch between the clubs. Our reserves were next up and with the team being short of numbers we were

competitive for a half but in the end we were competing 13 against 18 so Sth Morang made us earn our keep. The Men's senior game was a great contest to watch across 4 quarters, with the lead changing many times during the game, with Sth Morang running out slim winners. Our ladies were last up and it's fair to say we watched them play some of their best team football, with a number of passages of play where they transferred the ball beautifully between players and kicked a number of goals from terrific team play. The ongoing improvement in the Women's skills was on show for all to see and provides lots of positive direction for the season ahead.

Special thanks to Peter Clay for getting the



games organized (after literally dozens and dozens of phone calls to sort them out !) and to Cora Lynn Football Club for allowing us access to the their oval. Thanks also to Sth Morang football club for being such good hosts – we are hopeful of repeating these pre-season games in the years ahead.



## 2024 Major Season Fundraiser - Don't Miss out !

For many years Surrey Park Football Club has given away a car and this year will be no different. This year we will be giving away a KIA STONIC valued at nearly \$28,000. This year will be slightly different in that we will draw the winning ticket after our last home game on 3<sup>rd</sup>

August. **Tickets will be \$100 each and only 1000 tickets** will be sold.

We'll have a range of different ways to purchase a ticket – via players, at home games and we'll also release an online site where you can select a ticket for yourself. Please remember this is the major fundraiser for the club so the more tickets we sell the better off the club will be so get involved if you can.... And what is the worst that can happen... you may walk away with a new car !!!



Look out for tickets, they WILL be on sale from our first home game on 6<sup>th</sup> April.

Here's the link to buy a ticket online: [Purchase an SPFC 2024 Car Raffle Ticket](#)

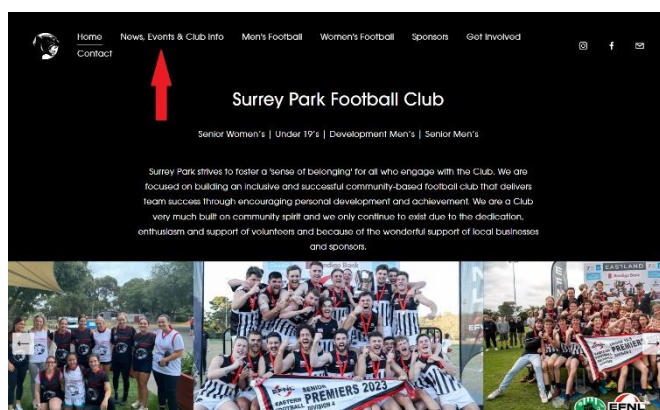
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## What's going on... Where do I go for information ??

Just a reminder..... If you're not sure where to look, here's where you can go to get an update on what we're up to:

- Club website <https://www.surreyparkfc.com.au/> - You will find contact details for all of the Committee here, along with details about key events coming up (Look under Get Involved > Events). If you're not sure please feel free to make contact with the Committee so we can update you on what's going on around the club



- Join the distribution list for our newsletter – At the bottom of our main website page under the heading 'The Latest' please enter your email address and then press the 'Sign Up' button and you will be added to the distribution list
- Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/SurreyParkFootballClub> - please follow this site – you will see up to date posts on player signings, events and general activity going on around the club via this site
- Instagram - <https://www.instagram.com/surreyparkfc/> - this displays very similar information to the facebook site – please follow this to make sure you stay up to date





## Key Events coming Up...

### Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April – Men’s Season Kicks Off

Come along and see our Men unfurl the Premiership flag and help us kick off our campaign to take on the Division 3 competition. It will be a great day for our community and we’d love for Warrandyte to see the passion our Panther community has through weight in numbers on the day.

### 2024 Club Sponsors





## How do you get on board for 2024

Please note we have made a slight change to the membership packages for 2024. Given the change in our main fundraiser, the car raffle, we have now adjusted the prices for the Black Panther and Panther + memberships. See the total range of packages below. If you need any information about membership please contact our Membership Manager, Craig Naidu -

[surreyparkfc.memberships@gmail.com](mailto:surreyparkfc.memberships@gmail.com)

We're also pleased to report that as of our season launch on 22<sup>nd</sup> March we have **84 Player sponsors**. This is a magnificent effort by our players to get themselves some additional support this year and it also provides the club with an additional financial boost to help us manage our first season in Division 3 for the Men. A special mention and thanks to Kane 'Sugar' Henden who has been the main driver to push this program. Kane's influence since returning to the Panther Pit last year can't be understated... his energy, experience and enthusiasm for everything 'Panther' is having a hugely positive impact on the club.

Membership Types	Black Panther	Panther +	Panther	Panther Player Sponsor
Membership cost (All rates are INCLUSIVE of GST) <i>(Note all members have voting rights at the AGM)</i>	\$365	\$160	\$70	\$275
Drinks card as part of the Membership Package	X1 & x1 for sponsored player	X1	N/A	X1 & x1 for sponsored player
1 free ticket for the Reverse Car Auction (\$110 ticket) ( 1 in 1000 chance to win a car valued at nearly \$28k)	X	X	N/A	
Surrey Scarf	X	X	X	X
Free entry to Home games	X	X	X	X
Access to special Membership programs during the season	X	X	X	X

Player Sponsor payment options	Cost
<b>Player Sponsor is being paid by a business entity:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide Kane Henden (<a href="mailto:Henden16@hotmail.com">Henden16@hotmail.com</a>) with the sponsor details / business details (name, ABN)</li> <li>Kane will provide this information to our Treasurer</li> <li>We will generate an invoice that the business can then pay</li> </ul>	\$275 (\$250 + GST \$25)
<b>Player Sponsor is being paid by an individual who wants to take advantage of obtaining a tax deductible receipt</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide Kane Henden (<a href="mailto:Henden16@hotmail.com">Henden16@hotmail.com</a>) with the sponsorship details</li> <li>The Sponsor is to pay \$25 to our SPFC account directly               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Acct: Surrey Park Football Club, BSB: 633000, Acct: 132694308</li> <li>Note the player name in the reference field</li> </ul> </li> <li>The sponsor is to pay \$250 to our project on the Australian Sports Foundation website and will receive a tax deductible receipt (note the player being sponsored in the comments) <a href="https://asf.org.au/projects/surrey-park-football-club/spfc-player-welfare-fund">https://asf.org.au/projects/surrey-park-football-club/spfc-player-welfare-fund</a></li> </ul>	\$275
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## Phantom Panthers Coterie Group



Don't forget...As an alternative to a SPFC membership you may want to join the Phantom Panther Coterie Group for 2024. The Phantom Panthers are key supporters of Surrey Park and enjoy weekly home game cash prizes, a Phantom lunch during the year and also contribute funds at the end of each year to help to improve the club. If you want to join the Phantom Panthers please contact Lee Mundy for details ([Lee.Mundy@aussie.com.au](mailto:Lee.Mundy@aussie.com.au))