



SPORTS CLUB

**Annual Report
2007/08**



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Mission

“Vipers Sports Club Inc. aim is to promote and encourage the development and participation of all athletes through a professional club environment and atmosphere”.

Introduction

Touch football is the third highest participation sport in Australia, with 400,000 registered Touch players nationally with approximately 500,000 school children playing the sport within the educational system Australia wide.

The sport has expanded internationally with the Touch World Cup held every four years with over 20 nations competing for the title of World Champions. Australia are the current World Champions in the Men’s and Women’s Divisions and, of the seven titles contested at the 2007 World Cup in South Africa, Australia was crowned World Champions in five. In addition, a Trans Tasman series is held between Australia and New Zealand in the Opens divisions ever two years in between the World Cup.

Victoria has 24 affiliated competitions in both regional and metropolitan areas with 5,000 registered players of whom play in multiple competitions. Touch Victoria has recognized this growth and has employed two development officers to further grow and develop the sport within the state.

Victoria has its own Trans Tasman series with Victorian based Australian and New Zealand players competing in a highly competitive series every year, The New Zealand Men’s team being the current Men’s Champions and the Australian Women’s team the current Women’s champions.



Presidents Report

Vipers started out as a group of friends less than 2 years ago to where it is today a thriving club with great people that want to be associated with a organized and well run club.

Since my appointment as President in May 2007 it's difficult to imagine where the time has gone. From the perspective of Vipers so much has changed with the launch of the club and website to the addition of the multi sports which includes cycling, triathlon and mount climbing plus the occasional game of golf for our ever growing member base.

The major priority for the committee during this period has been ensuring that all the simple things were complete and done well which enabled for everyone to enjoy the sport and the reason for participating with Vipers.

I would like to thank all the committee members for their time and commitment during the first twelve months of the club which has seen it grow into one of the most recognized touch clubs in Victoria. The achievements in which we have enjoyed are largely due to the tireless work of not only the committee but the countless number of volunteers ready to lend a hand when required.

This year provided the club with many successes on and off the field with the securing of some exceptional sponsors which have provided the club with financial stability while offering many discounts to all our members. We look forward to a long a prosperous future together.

Vipers have also been able to forge a great alliance with the Haileybury Secondary College and help develop its vast junior talent through integration into the Vipers elite teams in 2007/08. This success has been of great benefit for the club in securing talent juniors and securing its long term future for many years to come.

Congratulations must also go to all the players, coaches, officials and administrators whose efforts culminated in the success Vipers enjoyed on the field which is highlighted below

- Men's Runner's Up Sale Knockout 2007
- Men's and Women's VT League runner's up 2007
- Mixed A grade Premiers Fawkner and Albert Park Touch Associations 07/08
- Women's Premiers Sale Knockout 2008

It has been a pleasure to serve as President during the inaugural season of Vipers, I look forward to the continued success of the club for many years to come.

Yours Sincerely,

Stephen Young
President



Representative Honours

Many members of Vipers have represented the State and Region at the National Touch League (NTL), which is the pinnacle of Touch in Australia with great success.

Vipers would like to recognize the achievements of the following players and coaching staff in 2007/08

Victorian 18's – Izayah Ropata, Chris Katal, Ashley Davine, Gerhard Brown, Michael Shadbolt, Mick Carter (Coach), Suzy Barrett (Asst. coach) & Stephen Young (Asst Coach)

Victorian Women's Open – Melissa Woodward, Carmen Deane, Andrea Frankpitt, Sally Hamilton, Patricia Car, Toni Breeze & Suzy Barrett

Victorian Men's Open – Clinton Burke, Chris Katal, Stephen Young & Vu Le

Victorian Women's 27's – Helene Dracup, Suzy Barrett, Carmen Deane, Wendy Briscoe, Andrea Frankpitt, Brooke James, Shauna Hammond (Coach) & Michael Carter (Asst Coach)

Victorian Men's 30's – Stephen Young, Mick Carter, Ben Franzi and Stewart Dracup (player /coach)

Crusaders Men's Open – Richie Johnson, Tim Glazebrook & Chris Katal

Crusaders Women's Open – Toni Breeze & Patricia Car

Crusaders Mixed Open – Vincent Demaria & Vu Le

Victorian Trans Tasman Men's Australia – Clinton Burke, Mick Carter, Chris Casey, Chris Katal, Ashley Davine, Vu Le, Matthew Dent, Richie Johnson, Stephen Young, Tim Glazebrook & Ben Franzi (player/coach)

Victorian Trans Tasman Women's Australia – Brooke James, Carmen Deane, Melissa Woodward, Nicole Doig, Toni Breeze, Lani Harris, Suzy Barrett (Coach) & Hellie Dracup (Manager)

Victorian Trans Tasman Men's New Zealand – Damian Kirk



Competition results

Vipers fielded ten teams during season 07/08 and with only one team missing a finals berth, an exceptional result for a club in its very first year as an official club, below is the final standing for all competitions

VT League

Men's – Runners up

Women's – Runners Up

EPTA - Summer

Men's A grade – 5th

Women's A Grade – 3rd

Men's B Grade – 3rd

Albert Park – Summer

Mixed A Grade – Premiers

Fawkner Park – Summer

Mixed A Grade – Premiers

Sale Knockout

Men's Open – 3rd

Women's Open – Premiers

Mixed Open – 6th



VT League teams 2007



Major Award winners

Vipers would also like to congratulate the following individuals on an outstanding season in each team and being announced as the MVP awards winners as voted by their peers

VT League

Men's – Mick Carter

Women's – Nicole Doig

EPTA - Summer

Men's A grade – Mick Carter

Women's A Grade – Melissa Ashmore

Men's B Grade – Bryce Ziada

Albert Park – Summer

Mixed A Grade Women's– Suzy Barrett

Mixed A Grade Men's– Mick Carter

Fawkner Park – Summer

Mixed A Grade Women's– Melissa Ashmore & Sally Hamilton

Mixed A Grade Men's– Vu Le

Club rookie of the Year – Michael Shadbolt

Vipers Extra Mile Award – Gerhard Brown

Vipers players also pick up individual awards from many of the competitions they compete in during the season and we would like to recognize their achievements

Fawkner Park Mixed A Grade player of the final – Melissa Ashmore

National Touch League MVP Women's 27's – Brooke James

National Touch League Victorian Women's 27's MVP – Brooke James

National Touch League Crusaders Mixed Men's MVP – Vincent Demaria



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Sandringham Sports Medicine is continually growing and changing. Physiotherapy, Osteopathy, Clinical Pilates, Dry Needling, Sports Massage, Podiatry, Nutrition and Sports Psychology are all available. On site facilities include gym and pool access, Pilates, and an advanced neck rehabilitation program using the BTE Multi-Cervical Unit.

Sandringham Sports Medicine now has their sports dietician Alison Argiriou available. She offers excellent advice for the active athlete.

'Club Rates' apply for Vipers Sports Club members. Simply mention Vipers when paying your account to receive your discount.

If any Vipers Sports Club member has an injury that they would like to discuss with one of their staff, please use their free hotline and email enquiries to physio@sportsphysio.com.au





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