



EDITION No.4 (2008) - Groundhog Day

Welcome To the 4th newsletter of the WA Supporters Group of WA Inc for 2008.

Apologies for the delay in getting a Newsletter out but it has not been possible for a variety of reasons.

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FUNCTION - PORT vs SHOCKERS

True believers from across the state came to support the Power against the Dockers and be a part of one of the greatest days we as Port supporters have ever had in WA.

There were true believers from Kalgoorlie, Tom Price, Esperance, Bunbury, Albany, Karratha, Dampier, Merredin, Rockingham, Wagin and every bit of WA in between. Plus of course there were those that made the sacrifice to journey across the Nullarbor from SA. 180 true believers completely sold out the round 10 pre-match function at the Irish Club to be a part of what has been described as our best function ever. The number that attended was bigger than when the premiership cup was presented in round 1 of 2005.

The day was termed 'Power to the People' and our very special guest for the day was none other than John Schumann, he of Redgum and that iconic Aussie song 'I was only 19' and singer/writer of the wonderful song 'Power to the People'. A more appropriate guest for the day could not be found.

MC for the day was once again Hawthorn premiership player Ken Judge. The true believers in attendance were treated to one of the truly great days as John Schumann inspired us with speech on being Port Adelaide and then warmed us up for the main event by firstly singing 'Power to the People' and then 'I was only 19'.

You can relive or witness for the first time John Schumann singing at the function:

'Power to the People'

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PtgGc-OWB-k>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=13hUtyzJ2nw>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GfkTVtZ5QSY>

'I was only 19'

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=smBWVHo5smk>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0aD1mU3275s>

After the function we made our way to the ground as a part of the biggest Power Army that Subiaco has ever seen and we marched as one along Roberts Road on our way to the Holy Grail. The function was the entree for a day that is destined to become part of folklore in the history of the WA Supporters Group WA for years to come.

There were a number of great raffle prizes provided at the function. Our thanks to John Buncle of Lake Clifton Winery, the Outer Army (www.Powerfromport.com.au) and the Greenwood Hotel (Matt Steinhoff) for donating raffle prizes.

Photos from the function and the game can be viewed at the following link on the WA Supporters website:

<http://www.portwa.org/gallery12.htm>

Photos from the day set to 'Power to the People' can also be viewed at:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pIAGZmX2OFo>

MASCOT for the Shockers Game

For me the game against the Shockers was memorable for another reason and that was because my five year old son Jake was the mascot. He was privileged to run out onto the ground and through the banner with the Port team.

Notwithstanding that I paid \$65 above the next highest bid, there really is no price you can put on such an experience. A video of Jake as mascot can be viewed via the link below:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mtuu48jFS_E

DRIVING JOHN SCHUMANN – MATTS STAT

Matt Carson aka Matt's Stats was the designated driver for John Schumann over the weekend. Matt puts

My immediate reaction when Jeaks first asked me to be John's driver for our Freo weekend was WOW - just how good is our supporters group - we are getting John Schumann over for the game to be our guest. How many other groups would even consider doing such a thing? My next reaction was - YES, would be great to help out and spend some time with John.

We always have a fantastic day when our team plays here; terrific functions, winning games (a bit of a rarity this year!!) and the chance to catch up with our Port brothers and sisters. To add a special guest like John to the mix was only going to make it an even better day!

Before picking John up from the airport I have to admit that I did do a bit of research (thanks Google) just in case I needed a few questions up my sleeve to kick conversation along - I shouldn't have worried!

Over the course of the weekend we spent a great amount of time chatting - driving in the car to and from Subi, at the airport (we waited over an hour for luggage) and at the function. It was a pleasure meeting John, a very earthy character who obviously had a multitude of things to talk about. We covered a lot of ground from pool safety to bathroom renovations and a lot in between. Being a huge Aussie music

fan I couldn't resist asking John a few questions about some of my favourite bands - I figured its not every day you have a music industry icon in the car with you!!

John could not have been a better guest for us, he spoke with great passion about Port Adelaide and its community (something our supporters group embodies) and it was terrific hearing a few live songs at the function. I think we all left the Irish Club completely pumped and ready for action at Subi Oval!!

We did have a small glitch regarding the speech (sorry John if you read this, I had to mention it) as John left his speech at the hotel and we had to race back and pick it up. Not to worry - even more time to shoot the breeze. I wondered why John just didn't wing it and speak off the cuff at the function but as a bit of insight - he had written the speech delivered to us that day specifically for the event and had spent quite a deal of time doing so and as we all heard, it certainly was worth the trip back to the hotel.

I drove John to the airport on the Monday morning and he thanked us all for a wonderful weekend, he had a really great time with the Supporter's Group, enjoying its passion, pride, hospitality and good humour.

For my part I had a magic weekend, an experience that will remain a real highlight for some time. I thoroughly enjoyed John's company, interesting stories and honesty regarding our footy club. Thanks again to Jeaks for asking me to help out - it was a real privilege.

POWER TO THE PEOPLE SONG

If you loved hearing John Schumann sing '*Power to the People*' at our round 10 function and would like an MP3 copy of the song then please send me an email and I will forward you a copy of the song.

FAREWELL & THANKS

In June we lost two servants of the club in CEO John James and General Manager, Communications, Hitaf Rasheed.

John is moving to New York to take up a role with Vanguard. John is a passionate Port Adelaide supporter and will be missed.

Hitaf has been with the Port Adelaide Football Club since 1998. And is now moving on to take on the role as General Manager of Events South Australia for the South Australian Tourism Commission. Hitaf has assisted the WA Supporters Group greatly over the years and will be sorely missed.

We wish both of them the best in their new jobs.

GAME REVIEWS

Rd 8 vs Caramellos - Close no Cigar

The boys travelled to northern Antarctica to take on the undefeated Hawks. After being 30 odd points up we gave way like a granny at a give way sign and had to settle for an 'honourable' loss. Everybody at work told me it was a great game, funny thing is that gave me absolutely no comfort whatsoever. Good close games involve two teams and own of them is not Port Adelaide. This game will be remembered for the Caramellos Mark Williams behaving like John Wayne Bobbitt and going off on half cocked antics. Gee won't it be interesting when we play that clown again, lets hope he doesn't get delisted before next season.

MATT'S STATS

- ✎ Worst start to a season ever
- ✎ Chaplin 48th player to play every round
- ✎ Ports biggest ever quarter time lead to then lose the game
- ✎ Rodan 20th player to score a goal against every team

Rd 9 vs Swans - What Cooda been

Just like the kleptomaniac said - It was there for the taking. Just like Stevie Wonder our season wasn't looking so good. We were brave but being brave don't get the four points. Now what I fail to

understand is how we play the Swans in round 3 and then play them again in round 9. It defies belief and Demetriou say's there's nothing wrong with the fixturing??? Surely his date with the brain surgeon is well overdue.

MATT'S STATS

- ✎ Westhoff 49th player to play every round
- ✎ Thurstans 33rd player to 500 kicks for Port
- ✎ Chaplin 46th player to 50 games

Rd 10 vs Shockers Gr8 Day

What can one say, from the function to this, football nirvana. Our supporters were more amped than an AC/DC gig and we were pumping like Ron Jeremy at his peak.

We have now been privileged to see (to date) 50% of Ports wins for the season. Surely it is time for the club to consider selling a home game to one of the WA based clubs. We have a great record at Subi and we get nearly as many power supporters coming as they do at some games at Aami.

The true believers were rewarded at the games end as the players showed their appreciation by coming down and hi-fiving the fans. The colour, the passion, and the power, just like the mankini it was all there on display. The Fremantle supporters were kind enough to leave early in the last quarter so that the Port supporters could have a little extra room to celebrate in, and celebrate we did. The celebrations started early when we witnessed the goal of the year kicked before our very eyes by as my five year calls him "Magical Motlop"

MATT'S STATS

- ✎ Tredrea into top 50 goal scorers in VFL/AFL history - 48th place
- ✎ Lade first player to 3000 Hit outs for Port
- ✎ Port most handballs in a game vs Freo
- ✎ Travis Boak first player to the bowls of ice cream at the after match!!

Rd 11 Déjà Blu

We all thought that the previous week was the turning point in our season. Alas it was a false dawn and this game felt like Groundhog Day. The game turned uglier than a Tori Spelling look-a-like contest as the boys gave up a sizable lead in the last to give all the Port supporters the Blues.

For me the blues started at the beginning of the weekend when some lowlife stole my Power flag from the flag pole and the Sunday I ran into a steel pole and split my head open. Talk about going from chocolates to a bag of crud in a week.

Port supporters around Australia could have been forgiven for curling up in foetal positions as they watched the last quarter of this game and thinking what have we done to upset the footy god? As if the game against the Cubs was not enough punishment for whatever we did wrong in a previous life, but to do it to us all ova again, well that just aint fair. Just like a roll of toilet paper we need to put this game behind us and move on.

MATT'S STATS

- ✓ **Boak 50th player to play every round**
- ✓ **Most Hit outs in a game by Port**
- ✓ **Brogan 3rd player to 1,500 Hit Outs for Port**

Rd 12 vs Pussies – Clawed Part 1

I thought that maybe (just maybe) after the previous week the boys might get up. It was a romantic motion and the truth of the matter is, if you want romance go read Mills and Boon don't watch the footy.

Like a divorced couple in Warsaw the Pussies and us were poles apart down in deliverance land. We were aggressive they were just better, we choked on the fur ball and they just purred along. Thank god for Auskick as it meant I only had to watch the first quarter.

MATT'S STATS

- ✓ **Ports first loss in a round 12 match since 2001**
- ✓ **Motlop 51st player to play every round**

- ✓ **Cassisi 19th player to 1000 kicks for Port**
- ✓ **Geelong most disposals in a game vs Port**

Rd 13 vs Tiggers – Clawed Part 2

I flew along way for this game and it was a disappointment to lose by such a small margin. Equally disappointing was the crowd of around 20,000. It seems we have a lot of fair weather supporters who like to jump on bandwagons but drop of quicker than a lepers body parts in a sauna when the going gets tough.

Still the day was not a waste as Jake got to meet Thunda and enjoy the surrounds of Planet Teal



I met at the game a courageous young man, 11 year old Jayden Green who has terminal cancer. Jayden was a guest of the team and although the cancer is in his hips and spreading to his spine making it difficult for him to stand at times, he did not complain. All he wanted to do was sing the song when the team won. Sadly the boys did not get over the line on this day but hopefully it won't be long before they do. Watching Jayden made me realise how lucky I am. I was at the game with my five year old son but here was a kid with the weight of the world upon him, doubtful that he will reach puberty but no complaining just a smiling face.

Maybe we (as supporters) take this football game a little too seriously some

times, we need to step back smell the roses and appreciate the fact that we can go to the football and support our team but if they lose it is not life or death and it is nowhere near as important as that. We do disservice to the courage of Jayden and his family if we even pretend that it is. Jayden and Krack pictured below:



Jayden comes from a small town of 600 in SA, the town is holding a fundraiser to raise money so that the family (Jayden has a brother and twin sisters) can go on one last holiday together. Any funds left over will be donated to the children's cancer ward at QE 11 hospital. The Port Supporters WA Inc has raised \$500 and donated to the cause. If you would like to donate or know more then go to the attached link:

<http://thepowerfromport.com.au/viewthread.php?tid=24724>

MATT'S STATS

- ✓ **Tredrea 50th time 8+ marks in a game at Footy Pk**
- ✓ **P Burgoyne 1st to 1500 handballs for Port**
- ✓ **Ports least amount of kicks in a game vs Richmond**

Rd 14 vs Pups – Dog Day Night

This game seemed to be in the twilight zone with Rodan having a shot at goal, but the wrong ones and Motlop running around trying to knock everybody over and then Will Minson thinking he was a member of the Australian Cricket team and sledging Kane Cornes.

There was a Power failure in the heat of the top end and someone let all the dogs out. Still at least the team will generate frequent flyer points that they can put

towards their end of season trip that will officially be in September now.

MATT'S STATS

- ✓ **Tredrea 7th player to score a goal at every ground**
- ✓ **Tredrea 1st player to score 2+ goals in a game at every ground**
- ✓ **Brogan 2nd player to 10+ hit outs at every ground**

Fantale

Joel Hart member of the WA Supporters Group was a recent lucky winner of the Vodafone Fantale competition and he and his son got to train with the team as Joel tells us in his words:

Hi Guys

Just thought I'd let you know that Joseph and I were in Adelaide last Thursday attending training with the Power. We won the Fantale Competition with Vodafone. This got us a tour of the clubrooms (Magpies and Power), lunch and a training session/short game with 10 of the boys. We had Ebert, Brogan, Lade, Salopek, Surjan, P Burgoyne, S Burgoyne, Motlop, K Cornes and Chaplin. Lade busted by backside through some drills and I couldn't walk for two days. He is no longer my favourite player. Mind you, I did accidentally drill the ball into his back earlier so I probably had it coming! We even made it into the Advertiser on Monday. Joseph was quite overwhelmed meeting his heroes. The players were great, especially Ebert and Surjan who went out of their way to cheer up Joseph with great success. I spent a bit of time talking to Surjan after the session as he is also a Spearwood boy. It was a great experience, especially for Joseph who had a lot of one to one attention with the players.

Cheers
Joel Hart

Check out the link below for the Advertiser story and photo.

<http://www.portwa.org/images/JosephandBrettEbert.jpg>

<http://www.portwa.org/images/Recent093.jpg>

BIRTHDAYS

Congratulations to everyone who is celebrated their birthday in June and are celebrating their birthday in July.

June

Darryl Owen 24/6/70
Matt Steinhoff 1/6/73
Jason Steinhoff 20/6/1995
Beth Walshaw 22/6/1965
Cindy Sredojevic 11/6/1995
Jake Plakakis 10/6/1990
Bryn Maka 7/6/1999
Caroline Edwards 25/6/1979
Andrea Payne 2/6/1975
Jessica Ludewig 1/6/2002
Mark Jones 25/5/1957
Matthew Jones 26/6/1992
Renaye Jones 19/6/1991
Jye Jeakings 10/6/2005
Finley Garland 2/6/2005
Joel Hart 19/6/1970
Steven Boffa 19/6/1982
Stefan Desvaux 26/6/1988
Kim Fryer 8/6/1987
Andrea Payne 29/6/1975
Morgin Broun 14/6/1990

July

Angela Smith 24/7/1965
Gemma Herrington 23/7/1976
Daniel Walshaw 26/7/1994
Keegan Cook 2/7/1983
Kerralyn Payne 19/7/1977
Aaron Hayes 31/7/1971
Peter Konzewitsch 28/7/1956
Val Dorman 15/7/1963
Jayme-Lee Nankervis 25/7/1990
Nikki Nankervis 20/6/1996
Kerralyn Payne 19/7/1977
Brad Manning 16/6/1987

Season Match Tickets

The WA Port Adelaide Supporters Group of WA holds four season tickets for use at AAMI. All members WA Supporters Group of WA Inc are welcome to book and use the tickets. Bookings are on a first come, first served basis.

Contact Deb Jones for bookings, but be warned the tickets are in use nearly every week. So if you are heading to Adelaide to watch a game and want to use them then get in quick, do not delay.

NUMBERPLATES

A must have accessory for your car, and let the world know that you are Port Proud. Two numberplate types are available the standard Port Adelaide FC and the 2004 Premiers range. Both look superb.

Unfortunately the AFL licensing fee has increased and all new orders now will cost \$325 for members and \$350 for non-members.

At these prices the numberplates still represent fantastic value and If you have any doubts then check out the prices that charged by the AFL supporter groups and you will see that we are amongst the cheapest. We don't sell the plates for profit but so supporters can display their passion.

To check out further then click on the link below or contact Deb Jones.

<http://www.portwa.org/merchandise.htm>

Contribute to POWA News

Do you have photos, a story, or a joke to share? Been travelling and took your Power gear along? Please send in and we will include in the newsletter. Everyone and everything is welcome.

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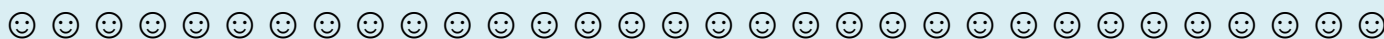
Please email either:

Deb Jones - President
Foot_ball97@hotmail.com Or

Jeaks – Vice President/Treasurer
ajeakings@vtown.com.au

Function Feedback

A selection (and there was a lot) of feedback on the round 10 function:



Dear Deb, Jeaks and Matt

For once in my life, words fail me. I had a sensational weekend with you all and I was very proud to be a small part of your community for the day. Your hospitality was flawless, the organisation was seamless and your friendliness and courtesy was noted and very much appreciated.

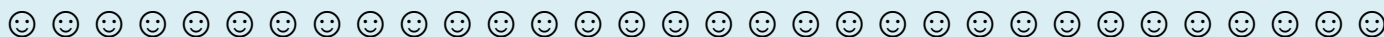
Everyone I met was terrific – and I was shown so much friendship from everyone I met that it was, truly, hard to go home.

It was also fascinating how my speech, written before I met you all and witnessed your community at first-hand, spelled out everything you guys are doing. Instinctively and intuitively, you guys have created your own Port Adelaide community in WA - proud, distinctive, loyal, funny, respectful and very much indicative of the characters in "Power to the People". The club could do worse than take a good, hard look at what you do and how you do it.

Please pass on my grateful thanks to everyone – I mean everyone. But my special thanks are to you guys. I'd be back in a heartbeat.

Cheers

John Schumann



Inspired by the Port Adelaide Community! Kudos to the WASG

Hello to all my fellow Outer Army members and extended hello's to those in the WASG.

After heading West to the Port Adelaide v Fremantle, the Port Adelaide community I had come to enjoy and be so involved with became so much more evident and clearer. A large part of this self realisation came thanks to the Port Adelaide Supporters of WA (WASG.) No matter where our geographical location the very community and self identity that Port Adelaide had amongst supporters has never been clearer and I have never been prouder. My first moment of self revelation was a quote from the VP of the WASG 'You can take the boy out of Port Adelaide, but you can never take Port Adelaide out of the boy'

Here I was faced with supporters who don't have the luxury of seeing their team train weekly, don't have the luxury of having the extent of access to players we do in SA, only get to see their team 3 times in 2 years play, don't have access to fortnightly functions (after match) and don't have access to extensive Port Adelaide orientated media yet their passion for their team and one another is just undoubtful and unquestionable. Whilst I mean no disrespect to the 4-5 other interstate supporters group, upon entering the weekends pre match function, it was if watching Port Adelaide and associating with such jolly Port Adelaide People was a privilege and not a right- the views some of us take in SA.

We read a lot about the Port Adelaide spirit and associate this with the players. I think a lot of us underestimate the spirit of being a Port Adelaide supporter is all about. Never in a long time have I felt the Port Adelaide spirit like I did on the weekend. This is a credit to those that run the WASG as it is the culture enlisted in the hierarchy that has shown the true Port Adelaide tradition!

For those that weren't there the theme was Power to the People. Upon entering a tab was placed on the bar for all Port supporters to enjoy, the illustrious entertainment of John Schuman who shared stories, many of which the 'traditional' PAFC supporters would of enjoyed as he wasn't short of criticising the club about some of their marketing tactics. Whilst many agreed, I disagreed with a lot of what he said however whilst he was talking I glanced around the room and thought, f*ck, who really cares who believes what, we are all Port Adelaide and we all support the same team! Of course how could we forget the inspirational song 'Power to the People' Never before have I been so proud to be a Port Adelaide supporter.

There was another event that for me encompassed just what being apart of this Port Adelaide community was all about and that was Jeaks & his family who were yet again kind enough to firstly accommodate a couple of Outer Army members who flew over for the weekend at the game, but the welcoming we received from the minute we stepped foot in the door to the pre match function to singing the Port song after the game with little 5 yo Jake on my shoulder to minute we stepped out the door.

Deb, Jeaks & the WASG committee and members you should be all very proud of yourselves. You truly have taken on board the True Port Adelaide tradition and the success of the pre and post match functions are a true testimony to all the hard work you put in. Trust me I know how hard these events can be to pull off or accommodate so all I can say is 'Power to you all'

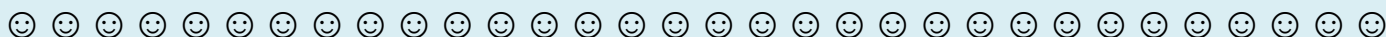
Thankyou also for your accommodation with tickets, once again I know how difficult this can be trying to accommodate everyone and it is good to see that you were able to put the good of this football clubs community ahead of meaningless politics!

I'm inspired and the Outer Army will benefit from this as it has made me realise the community for which we belong in is a special one and I am eternally grateful!

You are all forever welcome at our Outer Army BBQ's when you're in Adelaide. Hopefully we will see some of you over here shortly for a game.

'Power to the People
Power to the game
Power to Port Adelaide
It's Where We get Our Name'

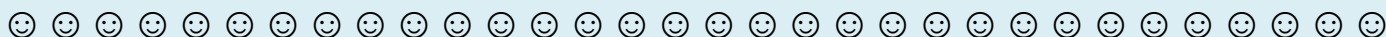
Mark Goreham
Outer Army Chairman



The day was dubbed "Power to the People" by the W.A Supporters Group who flew over John Schumann for the pre match function, which was an amazing event. John, a Port Adelaide supporter sang his hit song "I was only 19" and "Power to the People" and also spoke very well on how Port Adelaide is a community club and how he became a Port Adelaide supporter. He then sat with us at Subiaco and saw Motts kick the goal of the year as the Port boys ran all over the Dockers in the final quarter. Credit to all Power fans at the game (both upstairs and downstairs), as the noise and colour was fantastic and also credit to Deb, Jeaks and all the crew from the Port Adelaide Supporters of W.A for putting on such a fabulous day and making us all feel so welcome. One of the best days supporting Port Adelaide ever.

As they say in W.A, Power to the People!

Port Adelaide Cheer Squad & Supporters Club



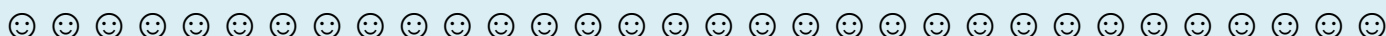
Hi all

Just want to thank every one of you for such an amazing pre match function. It was great to be with such loyal Port Adelaide fans.

I wish the people of South Australia could have the same amount of passion as you guys for our fantastic club, and we wouldn't have issues with poor crowds and being called Power instead of Port Adelaide. I don't travel to W.A every year, but after that I will be back next year with my wife and family to see you all again.

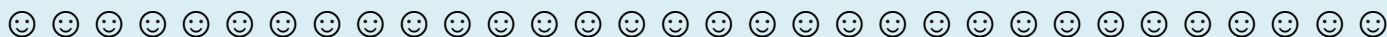
From all members that went over from the PACSSC, I want to thank you for your hospitality and all your effort in getting John Schumann over to sing. I really hope the PAFC will use him for something over here as he was magnificent.

Shane Kelly
Port Adelaide Cheer Squad Supporters Club



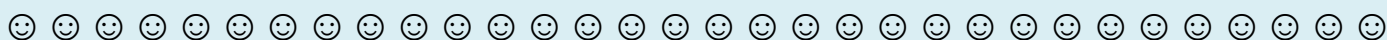
Huge day Deb. sorry I could not come back to the after match but Jaxon was knackered. On the way home he asked me if he was born on a weekend. I told him sorry mate but I can't remember. He then said well if I wasn't then this is the best weekend I have ever had !!!!!!! summed up the day perfectly. I don't think he will miss another game from now on. He is already talking about coming next year. Thanks for everything Deb it was truly a sensational day. I have given you, Jeaks, committee, outer army and everyone a huge wrap on the power from Port site. You should see the comments about the WA crowd. Well done mate. Give yourself a huge pat on the back. John Schumann was brilliant and very Port Adelaide. I am so proud to be part of the WA Supporters Group

Des Crabbe



We love your passion and the boys wanted to show their gratitude after the game
Thanks for all your hard work

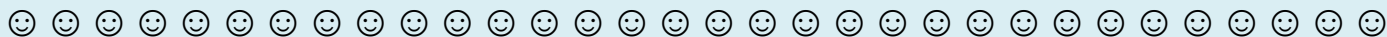
John James
Chief Executive
Port Adelaide Football Club Ltd



Hi Guys
Just wanted to say we had such a great time on Sunday. Couldn't believe there were so many people there at the Irish Club and John Schumann was just fantastic. Game was marvellous as always and the after match was lots of fun.

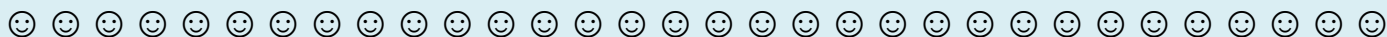
We really appreciate all the hard work you guys do too (and all the other committee members etc). Keep up the great work - it will be hard to top next year!!!!

Thanks
Beth, Chris, Brigitte & Daniel Walshaw



You must be exhausted in your house today!! We had a ball yesterday It was just brilliant! The atmosphere was electric & great comradery apart from the win, which was a big bonus! You invested a lot of time, work & effort into the whole event Port Adelaide are lucky to have members such as you who work so tirelessly & selflessly. Conor is still grinning like a Cheshire cat & can't wait to get back to school. Thank you so much and to Deb too for giving him such a great & unexpected honour we were all blown away by it. I enjoyed all the characters around us also they were a scream some of them & a much better experience than the Australia Vs Ireland hybrid match a few years ago, so I will be definitely going again. The seats were fantastic it was brilliant to have every one together. In all it was perfect from beginning to end.

Elaine, Wes, Conor & Ciaran



Way to go Deb - I for one am feeling pretty damn fine getting around with my Port 1 number plates!! Was it worth it - hell yeah!!!

Thanks for all you put in to make the days so great - and I agree with everything you said - and I can see why Freo aren't successful, they might have TV ads about "have you got the passion" but they have absolutely no idea how to be passionate football supporters. That's why they are such a dud team - they have dud supporters. When their team was down they were dead silent - not like us - we brought Port home across the line with our loud, proud passionate cheers! And to have them come over like that after the game was worth more than anyone can know - only a true believer would understand. And the looks on their faces too - they love us!! And we got that win without Burgers, Ebert and Cassisi - ah, the best is yet to come! Some of my friends think I am a bit over the top with my footy, but they just don't get it - but I know you understand!!

Go the Power!!
Cheers, Mel