



# ST KEVIN'S FOOTBALL FOUNDATION



2021

# LETTER FROM THE CHAIR

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The St Kevin's Old Boys Football Club (SKOBFC) has formed the St Kevin's Football Foundation (SKFF) in time for our 75th anniversary celebrations in 2022.

SKFF is one of the first of its kind in Amateur Football circles and reflects the significant growth and increasing diversity the club has embraced in recent years.

The overall objective of the fund is to increase the strength and participation numbers of Australian Rules Football for men and women, and ensure the club is well supported for a strong and sustainable future. This includes funding development activities for players and coaches and providing facilities, capital equipment, scholarship and apprenticeship programs for identified young players and specialist medical and psychological programs for participants. This support will be offered within the VAFA's guidelines.

The immediate aim of the Foundation is to support current football activity. We will do this via a fundraising program where donors and bequestors are encouraged to support our collective endeavours. This brochure will provide you with some basic information about the Foundation, our objectives and how you can support it. Needless to say, if I can answer any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Celebrate 75 years of St Kevin's Football by supporting the St Kevin's Football Foundation.

**Stephen Kerr**

Chairman

# LETTER FROM BR BILL WILDING

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I would like to be remembered as a teacher and a leader of the St Kevin's College community.

Football has been a large part my life at St Kevin's and it is well known that the St Kevin's Old Boys' Football Club comprises the largest single collection of past students now attached to the school. It is therefore not surprising that SKOBFC has grown into one of the largest amateur football clubs in the country.

Every weekend during the football season, over 300 SKOBBERs play AFL. They are there because more than 50 volunteers, supported by a small cohort of professional staff, make it happen. The spirit of community has always been present at SKOBFC. I know it is treasured by many people who call the club "home." Equally, I know this sense of community is being recognised by people outside of our Club.

On match day, the SKOBFC community is represented by retired, current and future SKOBBERs, their parents, families, loved ones and our magnificent volunteers. Increasingly, more and more neutral supporters are watching our First XVIII because they play at a standard that is recognised to be the second tier to the AFL.

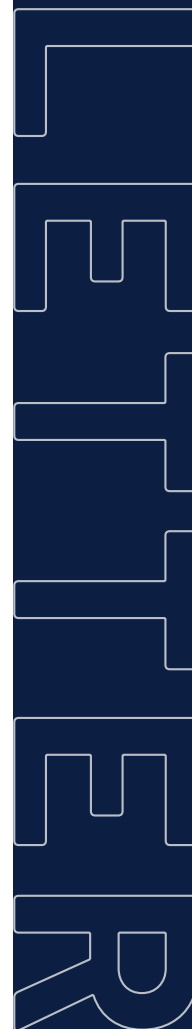
The big changes that have happened in my time supporting SKOBFC, along with the great new facilities and on-field successes, has been the wonderful addition of the SKOB Saints and the women who represent our great Club every weekend. Their families and friends are now part of our Club and are most welcome.

I am delighted to support the SKFF and its vision for the future which will bring together past, current and future generations of men and women with a St Kevin's connection and who share the passion for football where skills for the game are fostered and even more importantly, life skills are honed.

By supporting the SKFF, you are not only securing your place in our story, and you will have the satisfaction of contributing to the next chapter of the St Kevin's Old Boys' Football Club. You are securing the future of our Club and the game so many love.

**Br Bill Wilding**

Former Headmaster  
St Kevin's College



# THE RATIONALE FOR THE FOUNDATION

## A LITTLE BIT OF HISTORY

SKOBFC played its first game in the Victorian Amateur Football Association in 1947 under the leadership of Coach Bill Douglas and Captain Michael Gleeson. SKOBFC was a home to past St Kevin's students or their friends who wanted to play Australian Rules football to their standard, enjoy mateship and camaraderie and keep fit.

The link to the College and the ethos captured in the imagery of the "Weeping Willows" was strong. Nearly 75 years later SKOBFC is much more than just one team of old boys sharing a love of footy.





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## TODAY

SKOBFC is now represented by 12 teams – three of which are women’s teams comprised of players who may have a prior connection to St Kevin’s College or SKOB players. The women’s teams play under the SKOB Saints banner.

In 2021, SKOBFC had two senior teams, a Third XVIII, an Under 23’s, four Under 19 teams and an over 35 years Master’s team. Every weekend, over 250 adults from our community play AFL football. More than 50 Club volunteers work alongside paid professionals to bring out the best in this sporting endeavour. Not surprisingly, SKOBFC is considered to be one of the largest amateur AFL clubs in the country with around 400 registered players.

As SKOBFC has grown and matured, and more recently diversified, it has become evident that its connection to its community is a fundamental part of its core and operation. SKOBFC is now a leader in its community and works on focused programs with the City of Stonnington and its sponsors to improve the lives of those who need it. Programs are delivered by mostly younger SKOBFC players who benefit enormously from their participation and the mentoring that is embedded in these programs.

SKOBFC is indeed fortunate to be based at TH King Oval in Glen Iris. This venue is now the envy of the VAFA and other suburban football competitions. The Club Committee has identified that future upgrades of facilities will be required and there are opportunities to improve the use of the clubhouse facilities by the better utilisation of enhanced community programs.

## OUR VISION

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As we approach our 75th year the Committee has created a Foundation that will promote the growth and development of sport by supporting the activities, players and future players of the SKOBFC, including the SKOB Saints women's football teams.



## OUR STRATEGY

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Many members of our football community have come together to contribute to the launch of the Foundation and its vision for the future. The SKFF Giving Protocol provides a way forward to ensure the future security and development of football at St Kevin's.



## ST KEVIN'S FOOTBALL FOUNDATION GIVING PROTOCOL

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The St Kevin's Football Foundation has been created to promote the growth and development of sport by supporting the activities, players and future players of the St Kevin's Old Boys Football Club (SKOBFC) including both the SKOB and SKOB Saints football teams.

The Foundation will assist the Club to promote the sport of Australian Rules football through its community and the men and women who are connected to it. This includes current players, coaches and volunteers but also family members or friends of the Club and people who have had previous connections.

The Foundation is a company limited by guarantee and will be guided by its constitution, its majority independent board and adherence to strict governance arrangements. The Foundation is registered with the Australian Sports Foundation which enables donors to make tax deductible contributions.

The immediate objective of the Foundation is to create a corpus of funds that will generate a meaningful flow of income and dividends that could be used by the Foundation to assist the Club to conduct its sporting activities and serve its community charter. The Foundation board has set an initial \$1 million corpus target before any funds will be distributed to the Club.

The Foundation's constitution enables as much flexibility as possible in terms of criteria for initiatives for the Foundation to support.

Activity that may be considered for support would include the establishment, improvement and maintenance of training and playing facilities, medical, gymnasium and training equipment, the Club's interaction with the community, the pursuit of sporting best practice or scholarship, travel bursaries or one-off grants to support a SKOBFC person in the event of injury or genuine distress. The Foundation and Club committees will need to be conscious of VAFA "amateur" guidelines in determining grants.

To view the full SKFF Giving Protocol please visit – [www.skobfc.com](http://www.skobfc.com).



# SUPPORTING THE FOUNDATION

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Supporting the Foundation is simple. You can make a donation and/or make a bequest. Whatever we can raise together, will make a difference no matter the size of the gift.

## Donate

Our donors are listed on the Website and in the newsletter (unless they wish to remain anonymous) and the Foundation engages with donors to keep them informed of developments with the Club, and importantly ensure that their support is appropriately acknowledged.

Donors to the SKFF will be recognised at the following levels:

Donation levels:		
01	<b>Diamond:</b>	\$25,000 plus
02	<b>Platinum:</b>	\$10,000 plus
03	<b>Gold:</b>	\$5,000 plus
04	<b>Silver:</b>	\$2,000 plus
05	<b>Bronze:</b>	\$1,000 plus
06	<b>Support:</b>	\$100 or less



# THE DIAMOND BEQUEST SOCIETY

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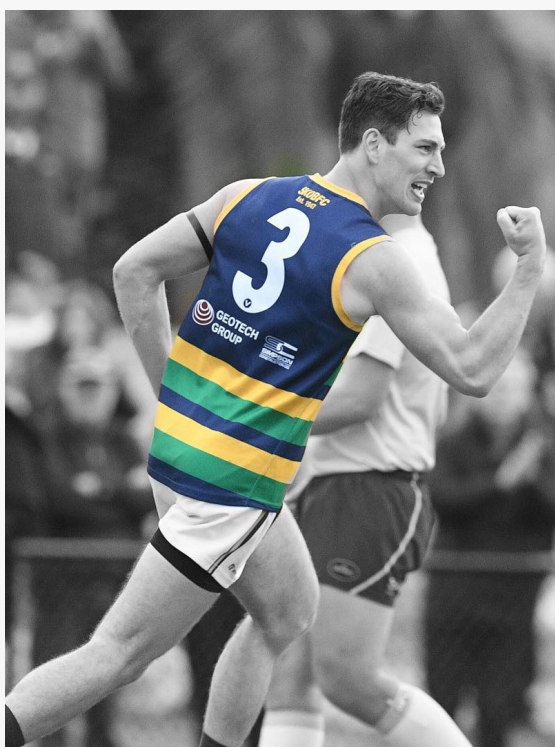
The Diamond Bequest society has been created to commemorate 75 years of St Kevin's football. Its aim is to encourage people to support the club by making a bequest to the SKFF.

We invite you to consider leaving a gift in your Will to the St Kevin's Football Foundation – to support and grow your football club and its activities. Making a bequest through your Will is a great way to support the Club that you love, and one which will importantly not impact your financial circumstances today. The SKFF will manage your bequest in accordance with your wishes. Bequests can be a share of an estate, cash, items of personal property or real estate.

In 2022, SKOBFC through the SKFF, is marking its 75th anniversary through the launch of The Diamond Bequest Program as a lasting legacy of this milestone year. Your bequest will support the many initiatives including the development of state of the art facilities and innovative educational personal development programs.

Including a gift in your Will to the Foundation – however big or small – is a great way to leave a lasting and meaningful legacy. Of course, in making a bequest we would encourage you to seek legal advice. In this respect we can assist you to find an experienced lawyer, should you require this assistance.

You can include a bequest to the St Kevin's Football Foundation when you write your Will. If you already have a Will, you can add a codicil (a legal provision) to include the bequest. Importantly, you can choose to be public or private member of the DBS which offers a range of special activities for its members.



## MAKING A BEQUEST

Making a bequest is very easy to do. Visit the website for information on how to make a Bequest, including sample wording for your Will. We encourage you to complete the Making a Bequest form as this will help in the management of the DBP. Should you require additional information please email the Foundation at [foundation@skobfc.com](mailto:foundation@skobfc.com). We hope that you will consider joining the Diamond Bequest Society.



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