



SPORTS CLUB

**Annual Report
2008/09**



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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”.



President's Report

Vipers Sports Club Inc has had a remarkable past twelve months with many new initiatives, sponsors and members coming part of the family in 2008/09. Vipers' presence and standing within the community is evident with an influx of new members, largely due to word of mouth from current and past players, who recommended Vipers Sports Club as an opportunity to enjoy sport and meet new people who wish to enjoy the social and competitive nature which sport provides.

Vipers has always strived to include as many people from all walks of life in sporting activities and this is evident with the inclusion of Netball to the clubs ever growing list of sports, with two mixed teams competing for the very first time under the Vipers brand. The club will also be represented in the Victorian State League for Netball for the first time, which will see some of the State's best netballers both male and female adorn the colours of Vipers.

Vipers continued success off the field is driven by the fantastic support we receive from all our sponsors and associated partners, who supply the club and our members with financial sponsorship and discounted services with each of their businesses. I would personally like to acknowledge Mr. Barry Feldman from Harcourt Real Estate, Glen Huntley, Mr. Robert De Nardis from Sandringham Sports Medicine and Heinz Australia for their continued support of the club as foundation sponsors and supporters of our vision for a community sports club. We look forward to a long and fruitful relationship with these key sponsors for many years.

During May 2009 the club reached a milestone with the launch of our new website. The new website and design has allowed Vipers to provide a more user friendly and informative site for all our members and also provide greater exposure for our sponsors. The new site will allow the club to also collect valuable data on traffic to the new site, which has recorded some remarkable results so far with over 1,700 hits since May with many from countries overseas including Italy, Japan, New Zealand and the USA to name a few. The greatest asset the new site has provided for Vipers is the number of new members who have found the club via the website which will ensure our growth in the coming years.

The club recorded many successes on and off the field, as did some of our members with three titles, three engagements, four marriages, and four births which we hope will become some of Vipers future players in coming years. We continue to drive the development of the State's junior touch players with our association with Haileybury College who have continued to dominate the Independent school competitions over the past three years. The club also provided financial support to our junior youth players who competed at the 2008 National Youth Championship in September 2008, to ensure they had the opportunity to experience elite competition against players of their own age from around Australia.

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:

- Haileybury College First XIV – Three School Titles
- Women's VT League Premiers 2008
- Mixed A Grade Premiers – Fawkner Park
- Mixed A Grade Premiers – Elwood

The States Open's and Senior programs for touch were once again dominated by Vipers' players which is a testament to the atmosphere and culture that Vipers provides our players the opportunity to develop their skills.



Vipers can boast some of Victoria's most experienced coaches who ensure that all players continue to develop and achieve personal goals.

Vipers are blessed to have a committee that is passionate about providing a quality community service to our members, supporters and sponsors and it makes being the President a pleasure. I would like to thank all the committee members for their time and commitment during the past twelve months as all of the success, direction and atmosphere the club enjoys can be credited to this wonderful group of dedicated volunteers.

Vipers is well placed to continue the success we have enjoyed in our initial two years although we must not get complacent as there is much work ahead if we are to continue to be a driving force within community sport in Victoria.

Yours Sincerely,

Stephen Young
President
Vipers Sports Club Inc.



Representative Honours

Vipers Players and Coaches have represented the State and Region at various tournaments during 2008/09.

Vipers would like to recognise the achievements of the following players and coaching staff.

Victoria Men's 20's (National Youth Champs) – Izayah Ropata, Chris Katal, Ashley Davine, Gerhard Brown, Stephen Young (Coach), Mick Carter (Asst. Coach) and Russ Bari (Manager)

Victoria Women's 20's (National Youth Champs) – Lani Harris, Suzy Barrett (Coach), Andrea Frankpitt (Asst. Coach) and Melissa Ashmore (Manager)

Victoria Women's Open (VALTA Shield) – Andrea Frankpitt, Sally Hamilton, Patricia Car, Toni Breeze, Melissa Ashmore and Julia Barry

Victoria Women's Open (NSW State Cup) – Carmen Deane, Andrea Frankpitt, Sally Hamilton, Patricia Car, Toni Breeze, Melissa Ashmore, Julia Barry, Brooke James, Suzy Barrett (Player/Coach), Michael Carter (Coach), Stewart Dracup (Coach) and Hellie Dracup (Manager)

Victoria Men's Open (VALTA Shield & NSW State Cup) – Stephen Young and Chris Casey

Victoria Men's 35's (NSW State Cup) – Stewart Dracup, Matthew Gilbertson, Johnny Moore and Ben Franzi

Victoria Men's 30's (National Touch League) – Stephen Young, Clinton Burke, Ben Franzi, Russ Bari, Rob Mair, Dallan Kahui, Jared Campbell, Johnny Moore, Tim Grant and Matthew Gilbertson (Player/Coach)

ACT Men's 30's (National Touch League) – Mick Carter

Crusaders Women's Open – Carmen Deane, Andrea Frankpitt, Sally Hamilton, Patricia Car, Toni Breeze, Melissa Ashmore, Julia Barry, Brooke James, Suzy Barrett (Coach), Michael Carter (Coach), Stewart Dracup (Coach), Hellie Dracup (Manager) and Doug Barrett (Manager)



Competition Results

Vipers fielded nine teams during season 08/09 and with all team making the finals; this is an exceptional result for the club after just two years. Below are the final standings for all competitions.

VT League

Women's – Premiers

Men's – 3rd

EPTA – Summer

Men's A Grade – 3rd

Women's A Grade – Runner's Up

Men's C Grade – 4th

Men's E Grade – 4th

Elwood – Summer

Mixed A Grade – Premiers

Mixed A/B Grade – 3rd

Fawkner Park – Summer

Mixed A Grade – Premiers

Premiership Winning Teams in 2008/09



VT Women's





Fawkner Mixed A



Haileybury College First XIV

EPTA Mixed A – Photo Unavailable



Major Award Winners 2008/09

Vipers would also like to congratulate the following individuals on an outstanding season and being announced as the MVP Award Winners as voted by their peers.

VT League

Men's – Mick Carter

Women's – Brooke James

EPTA – Summer

Men's A Grade – Stewart Dracup

Women's A Grade – Hellie Dracup

Men's C Grade – Jordon Donnelly

Men's E Grade – Richard Etti

Elwood – Summer

Mixed A Grade Women's – Suzy Barrett

Mixed A Grade Men's – Jon Whitehead

Mixed B Grade Women's – Kathy Luvara

Mixed B Grade Men's – Brent Davidson

Fawkner Park – Summer

Mixed A Grade Women's – Amy Lewicki

Mixed A Grade Men's – Tim Blackwood

Rookie Of The Year – Josh (Za"hoen) Chan

Vipers Extra Mile Award – Melissa Ashmore

Vipers players have also achieved individual awards from many of the competitions and representative teams they competed in during the 2008/09. Vipers would like to recognise their achievements

Elwood Park Mixed A Grade Female MVP – Suzy Barrett

Fawkner Park Mixed A Grade Female MVP – Amy Lewicki

NTL Crusaders Women's Open Coaches Award – Carmen Deane

NTL Victorian Men's 30's MVP – Stephen Young



Sponsors and Partners

Vipers would like to acknowledge the continued support of all our valued sponsors and partners without whom the cost burden associated in competing in competitive sport would certainly increase.

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Tropical Gaze Pty Ltd is exclusive importers and distributors of the Tropical Gallery range of Giclees prints. Tropical Gaze distributes these prints to many Giftware, Homeware, Picture Framing and Furniture stores throughout Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific.

Tropical Gaze offer all Vipers members and their families any exclusive discount on the entire range of Giclees prints for the low price of **\$150** (inc.gst) and will donate **\$20** from each Giclee sold back to the club.

The Giclees actual sizing is 153cm x 46cm and offer the following features - water resistant, 90 year fade and stain proof guarantee and the highest quality canvas which enable these giclees not only to be featured indoors but outside in a BBQ or pool environment without damage. Vipers can arrange a viewing of these wonderful prints should you desire just contact the [club](#).



At Wagamama, they celebrate consistency and quality in everything they do. Their ethos, developed since the first Wagamama opened in London's Bloomsbury in 1992, is 'to combine great, fresh and nutritious food in an sleek yet simple setting with helpful, friendly service and value for money'.

Since opening they've celebrated success in more than **90 restaurants** around the world - from the UK, Europe, the Pacific Rim, the Middle East and USA.

Throughout their expansion they've continued to serve great food at reasonable prices. From Kensington to Dublin their customers can expect the same outstanding Wagamama experience in a sleek but informal, non-smoking environment.

Today, Wagamama is the most popular chain of award-winning Asian inspired noodle restaurant in the country reflecting our enduring and diverse appeal.

Throughout its 16 years Wagamamas **philosophy** has remained unchanged: to combine fresh and nutritious food in an elegant yet simple setting with helpful, friendly service and value for money.





Sandringham Sports Medicine are leaders in sports injury treatment and prevention and will provide athletes with the very latest methods in injury treatment available. Robert De Nardis and his team provide the highest level of treatment for all injuries enabling the athlete to return to their chosen sport quickly. SSM not only offer physiotherapy but many other treatments such as Osteopathy, Pilates, Sports Massage and Podiatry to name a few. For full treatment options available go to their website by clicking the logo above.

“To enable the athlete or individual to reach their maximum potential following injury in the shortest time possible with minimal risk of recurrence”

...That is the Mission Statement of Sandringham Sports Medicine. And by providing a range of allied health services, including: physiotherapy, podiatry, osteopathy, myotherapy, sports nutrition and sports & remedial massage, 7 days per week, through dedicated and professional staff, they no doubt achieve this.

SSM offer all Vipers members a very generous discount on all Physio treatments with **15% Off** but remember to mention your association with Vipers to receive your **“CLUB 1”** discount.

To keep performing at your peak, head to Sandringham Sports Medicine.



Cyclespeed are a specialty bicycle service centre in Gardenvale with a focus on exacting mechanical standards and a consistently high level of personal service.

Andrew and the guys now offer a **15% discount** to Vipers on sales and servicing, as well as fantastic advise, so make sure you drop in to their store at (just off Nepean Hwy) 03 95962785.

Cyclespeed can offer you the following

- Pro-spec bicycle maintenance.
- Tri and Road bike fitting and positioning
- Custom ceramics, carbon & ti upgrades.
- Sales and builds of new bicycles and fitting of components.

Drop in and see **Dr Karl** and **Andrew** for a coffee and a chat about your next race.





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High Performance in Design

Their distinctive designs for custom clothing bring your ideas to life and make your team or company stand out in a crowd. Let their expert design team help you to create a garment that your staff, team members, customers or suppliers will love to wear.

Their sportswear range for retail is characterised by stand out designs and frequent design and colour changes during the season. So if you like something get it quick because it won't be there long and there is something new just behind it.

Scody are pleased to offer all Vipers members and supporters 20% of all retail items within the Scody online store range. Simply click on the Scody logo to check out their great range of cycling and triathlon clothing and accessories. Before you place your order [contact Vipers](#) for the **special code** required at the online checkout to receive your 20% discount.

High Performance in Delivery and Turnaround

Scody make clothing in small quantities and quickly. Your order is delivered to your door in a very short time. Contact them today.



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Under Armour's mission is to provide the world with technically advanced products engineered with our superior fabric construction, exclusive moisture management, and proven innovation. Every Under Armour product is doing something for you; it's making you better.

You can view the entire range by clicking on order form below.

To ensure you receive your **Vipers discount of 15%** please fill in the [ORDER FORM](#) once you have completed the order form please return via email to [Vipers](#) so the order can be placed. Orders will be placed regularly





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Bitemark built and maintain Vipers Sports website which was launched in May with new and improved features for all Vipers members and visitors to the site. The new website has enabled Vipers Sports Club Inc. to continue to provide our members with up to date information, photo's and competition news plus providing our valued sponsors and potential sponsors with exposure to a greater number of potential members and customers through a professionally designed and functional site.

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Dianne Gilbertson is an independent consultant for Arbonne Skin Care and she has kindly offered Vipers Sports Club financial support, with 20% of each sale from Vipers members, their families and friends going back to the club, so make sure you let Dianne know you are from Vipers. So log onto **Dianne's** website and have her give you expert advice on the Arbonne skin care range.

Arbonne's skin care products, based on botanical principles, became a reality in the United States in 1980 and are now shared throughout the world through Arbonne's network of Independent Consultants. Building on these same founding principles, Arbonne's product line naturally enhances your beauty and well-being with products that are pure, safe, and beneficial.



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