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ALL THE NEWS FROM
BRIGHTON JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

April 2026

Welcome to The Nest Press!

Season 2026 has kicked off in a big way! We have a lot going on at Brighton Robins already, and we are excited to share some amazing things our kids are doing!

Disco

All U8–U16s welcome — bring your friends and join the fun at The Brighton Robins Nest Restaurant & Function Center this school holidays!

Tuesday 28th April
6–8:30 pm - no passouts
\$5 entry

Purchase coupons at the door for treats and drinks.



Mothers Day Raffle

Celebrate Mum and support our club at the same time!

We've got amazing prizes up for grabs — including a 2-night stay at The Gateway Hotel Devonport, crafted Mother's Day hampers, plus wine and gift vouchers to spoil someone special.

Ticket Prices:
\$2 each • 3 for \$5 • 7 for \$10

Grab your raffle books from:
Uniform Shop or Canteen

Drawn: 6 May

Every ticket helps our Robins community soar!

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2026 Youth Voice

The Youth Forum gave youth players the opportunity to share what they value most about the club and how Brighton can continue to strengthen its culture. A clear and consistent theme emerged around connection, inclusion, recognition, and community.

Players spoke positively about Brighton as a place where everyone is made to feel welcome and included, and expressed strong motivation to contribute back to the club and be involved across multiple age groups.

Players want more opportunities to connect beyond their own team.

Strong support for:

- Combined trainings (boys and girls, adjacent age groups).

- Increased interaction between seniors, youth, and junior teams.

- Seeing more adult volunteers getting involved

Players value feeling part of a whole-club community, not just their age group.

Recognition makes players feel valued and proud to represent Brighton.

- Youth Captain announcements on social media.

- Public recognition of milestones (first games, 50/100 games, representative selection).

- Strong promotion of Best & Fairest as a club-wide celebration.

- Helping junior teams.

- Supporting senior teams (training assistance, game day help etc.).

- Encouraging giving back to the club.

- Rewarding off-field behaviour, not just performance.

Players genuinely love being part of Brighton because it is:

- Welcoming

- Inclusive

- Supportive

- Community-focused

They want to protect and grow this culture by staying connected, recognising effort, and encouraging involvement on and off the field.

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SHOUTOUT TO OUR YOUTH UMPIRES

Let's talk about some of the most underrated legends at Brighton Robins JFC right now – our young umpires who have stepped up to officiate for our junior teams this season.

We see you out there, and we are SO proud.

Umpiring is genuinely one of the toughest gigs in football. You're making split-second calls, managing the game under pressure, and doing it all in front of players, coaches, and parents who are invested in every decision. That takes guts.

And these kids are doing it anyway.



There is something absolutely special about watching young people put their hand up to try something new – something challenging – and back themselves to give it a go. That's not just bravery on the field. That's a life skill in the making.

To every one of our youth umpires this season – you are the heartbeat of the game. No umpires, no footy. Simple as that. The fact that you show up, whistle in hand, and keep our competitions running? That's huge. Don't ever underestimate the contribution you're making.

Thank you Umpire AFL Tasmania for the Umpire4Fun program that teaches the kids these skills and empowers them to take on this job and responsibility.

If you see one of our youth umpires out there this year, give them a smile, a wave, and a word of encouragement. They've earned it.

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Round 1 Values Award Winners



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Concussion Awareness and Management Survey

Hey Robins families and volunteers,

We're sharing this on behalf of researchers at the University of South Australia, who are running an important survey on concussion awareness and management in junior Australian Rules Football — and we think it's worth your time.

If you're a parent of a junior player (under 15 years) or a staff member or volunteer in junior footy, and you're 18 or over, the Brighton Robins would encourage you to take part. The insights gathered will help improve how concussion is recognised and managed in junior sport — something we care deeply about at our club.

The survey takes 15–25 minutes to complete, and you'll go into the draw to win one of five \$100 gift cards.

Complete the survey here:

https://unisasurveys.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8uhtM2yILyAGOIC

If you have any questions about the research, you can contact lead researcher Hunter Bennett directly at Hunter.bennett@unisa.edu.au.

This project has been approved by the University of South Australia's Human Research Ethics Committee (Protocol: 207114).

Thanks for supporting research that helps keep our kids safe on the field.

2026 Club Feedback

Whether you're a coach, team manager, parent, or carer — your feedback and suggestions help us understand what's working, what needs attention, and what we might not even know about yet.

This form takes just a few minutes to complete. You're welcome to leave your name or respond anonymously — it's entirely up to you. All responses are reviewed by the club committee and used to help shape how we operate throughout the season and beyond.

Got something on your mind? This is the place to share it.

<https://forms.gle/8PryhmQT8q44Xhww7>

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JUNIOR REPORTERS WANTED!



INTERVIEW OUR SENIORS!

U8s UPWARD!

APPLY NOW!

**ASK YOUR
SILLIEST
QUESTIONS!**

**Get Hype,
Go Viral!**

**SCORE ANY GOOD
GOALS LATELY?!**



**JUNIOR PLAYERS WANTED TO ASK FUN QUESTIONS
ON VIDEO – NO HOLDS BARRED!
READY FOR YOUR CLOSE-UP?**

Interested? Let your coach or team manager know – we'll get you on camera!

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WATER RUNNERS NEEDED!

THIS SATURDAY!

SATURDAY 18 APRIL

10:30 AM

PONTVILLE

LET YOUR COACH OR TM KNOW IF YOU CAN HELP!

HELP THE BOYS & THE CLUB!

GO ROBINS

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