



New BMFC Coaches

The Belconnen Magpies Football Club is pleased to announce the appointment of three new coaches for the upcoming 2018 season. The new coaches and their respective teams are as follows: Andrew Gatenby (Reserve Grade), Troy McKay (1st Grade Women's) and Brendan Travaskis (Districts).

Andrew Gatenby or "Ned" as he affectionately known is a well-known figure around the footy club, having spent his whole junior career with the Belconnen Cats then progressing into the senior ranks. He is a member of the illustrious 100 game club, has served several seasons as the captain of the reserves and is a previous best and fairest winner. Ned had last season off traveling around Europe and South America with his partner Erin and is keen to get stuck back into footy. Ned is a very well respected member of the club and we look forward to seeing him develop our young squad to accommodate JB's game plan in 2018.

Troy McKay is stepping into the senior women's role after assisting Scott Reid in 2017. Troy has spent many years involved with the club whether it is in a junior or senior capacity. He started playing footy in the U10s for West Canberra then transitioned into the senior club playing U19s, Reserves and Seniors for the Magpies. A knee injury cut his playing career short but Troy then became involved with the club again when his children started playing juniors with the Magpies. Our senior women's side has reached the preliminary final in the past two seasons and are hoping to build on that platform in 2018 with Troy's guidance.

Brendan Travaskis is another past player for the club, he played with West Canberra from 1978 – 1989 and was playing reserve grade when Belconnen and West Canberra amalgamated. Like many young men Brendan had to give the game away due to work commitments. Brendan has had three sons play juniors for the Magpies and coached the clubs U17s for two years in 2015 & 2016. He then assisted current rising stars coach Brock Weston in 2017.

The club would also like to sincerely thank Michael Delaney, Dan Irvine, Ossie Terron & Scott Reid who coached one of the above sides in 2017 respectively.



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