

Meet Brendan Howard, Life Member, Lions supporter (wears #15 on his jumper), husband of Janina, and father to Lauren and Thomas, although Janina might argue that relationship during the footy season. In between studying, travelling, teaching, enduring serious medical problems and an apprenticeship in Gold Coast thinking, Brendan has made the Broadbeach Cats his life's odyssey. He is a keen blogger on the game (Footy Forum) and a sometime tipster of insight, particularly when the bookies are out and about.

Defying his physical condition, and the odds, he played Broady juniors 1987-1994 including an U13 flag in 1990. He did not report what position he played but we suspect he alternated as an outside half forward/back on the flank in the style of a Brad Hardie. Not content with on-field roles, Brendan added scoreboard attendant (home games) and water carrier (away games – never spilt a drop) to his CV for the period 1990-1995.

Sober habits mean he can recall both Cats premiership wins in 1987 and 1996. And according to his annual pre-Christmas best side selection (which he will not release for fear of offending Mitch Brewer), is ready to watch the next one in 2015!

Janina fondly remembers Sunday 2 May 2004 – the day after their wedding and scheduled honeymoon departure – when Brendan watched the Cats defeat a strong Lions reserves outfit while wearing his wedding outfit and footy tackle. Janina was amused at another event.

In adult life he continued to serve the Footy, Cricket (dabbled as a player for 10 years) and Licensed clubs as a Board member and Treasurer for several years, including founding wheelbarrow runs to collect \$\$\$\$ for raffle ticket sales. Generally sighted at work bees wielding a paint brush – under supervision – he has been seen as far away as Canberra cheering on the team (without Janina).



Has since been AFL trained as a timekeeper to ensure he gets home on time on training nights to BBQ the family evening meals. Want to know the INs and OUTs, ask Brendan. On the social front he has been to at least 8 Annual Balls (with Janina) and 6 golf days (without Janina). IOC member 2014. Brendan was deservedly elevated to Life Member status in 2012 despite participating in cultural terrorist activities related to Soccer and more recently S\*\*\*\*\*t .