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KANE SWOOPS TOP AWARD

Former Hawk and new recruit Ben Kane was awarded Glenelg Football Club's top honour last Friday 19th October, the JH Ellers Best & Fairest Award at the Club's annual JH Ellers & ER Curnow awards night held at the Glenelg Function Centre, Challenge Recruitment Oval Glenelg.

Kane was recruited from Hawthorn where he played 23 games since his league debut in 2003. "Ben is an excellent addition to our playing group. He has an excellent work ethic, his preparation is exemplary and he has displayed strong leadership qualities." Senior Coach Mark Mickan commented. "Ben's run from half back, his strong attack on the ball and his consistency of performance makes him a deserved winner of the Club's 2007 best and fairest player award in his first year at Glenelg." Mickan continued. Ben did not miss a game in his first season with the Bays and finished with a total of 235 votes, winning by 17 votes.

Ben Mules was runner up on 218 votes in the JH Ellers Best and Fairest Award, after being awarded the ER Curnow Memorial Trophy for most dedicated player and clubman, and the Elsie Gleghorn Player's Player award voted by his peers, earlier in the evening. "Ben has led from the front this year. As Captain of the football Club, Ben has played and trained with the honesty, commitment and toughness that every footballer wants from his Captain." Mickan stated. "He has been a consistent performer who has taken his leadership responsibilities to another level." Mickan concluded.

Third was Vice Captain and 2005 Best & Fairest winner Adam Fisher with 199 votes. "Adam bounced back strongly this year after an ankle injury restricted him to just half a season in 2006. Adams consistently high performance standard in our midfield has been a significant factor in the club's improvement in 2007" Mickan commented. "As Vice Captain, Adam's leadership qualities on and off the field have been outstanding" Mickan finished.

Over 250 people were present at the night which also honoured the success of the Reserves 2007 Premiership as well as farewelled one of its favourite sons, former Captain Ben Moore who had announced his retirement during the Tigers finals campaign this season. The volunteers and support staff were also honoured and thanked for their tireless effort, dedication and time invested by them to the Club and its players, without them, the Club could not exist.

The Glenelg Football Club wishes to congratulate all the award winners and wishes them another successful season in 2008. Full details on the award winners from the 2007 JH Ellers & ER Curnow Awards night is available on the Club's official website www.glenelgfc.com.au.

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