

'Umpiring is Everyone's Business'

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Special points of interest:

- Good luck to all umpires for the start of most seasons over the next two weeks. Some are already underway with the Gippsland UA umpiring in the Ellinbank FL on Saturday.
- This week all umpires invited to participate in the V/Line Cup between 9th April and 13th April will be receiving their information. All participated in a very successful training day on Saturday.
- Well done to all groups who have been proactive in getting green shirt orders underway. Orders are going out faster than in any previous year. We encourage groups to get their orders in quickly to Rod Threlfall and Russell O'Toole so that your new umpires do not miss out on their green shirt kits.

It is an aim this year that all new umpires wear green shirt kits so that they can be recognised and respected by everyone in football as being new into the sport and learning the skills.

- NUAS resources are available for distribution immediately once nominations are received from groups. We encourage all groups to get started on accreditation early.

All groups are reminded that accreditation under all Australian Sports Commission programs only remain current for four years. After that period umpires need to become level 2 accredited or reaccredited at level 2.

AFL Umpire RoadShows Very Popular

Congratulations to the umpiring groups which hosted the AFL Umpire Roadshows between 15th and 18th March.

As for the previous four years the WorkSafe VCFL has been able to host two roadshows, covering large portions of two of the VCFL areas.

This year the North East and South West were visited and eight different umpiring groups were able to experience visits from the AFL Umpires participating.

The North East groups were visited by AFL Boundary umpire Ian Burrows and goal umpire Peter Nastasi, whilst the South West groups welcomed AFL Boundary umpire Mark Foster and goal umpire Adam Wojcik.

Of particular note with these umpires is that three of them originate from VCFL affiliated umpiring groups.

Mark Foster started umpiring with the Albury Umpires League, Ian Burrows is from

the Yarra Ranges Umpires Association and Adam Wojcik commenced as a goal umpire with the Geelong Football Umpires League.

Having AFL umpires who commenced their careers with regional groups provides an excellent witness to the many young umpires which attend the training sessions as part of the AFL Umpire visit.

Thanks to the umpiring groups which hosted the roadshows, NEUB Albury, Rochester-Echuca, Goulburn Valley and Bendigo in the North East and Central. Maryborough-Castlemaine, Western District, Warrnambool District and Colac in the South West.

Additionally there was very good media participation in most of the areas which were visited and included print, radio and television coverage across the week.

A highlight each year is the visit to schools and the format of speaking to the school or year level leaders proved to be a very effective and valuable experience for those present.

Focusing on goal setting and decision making is an approach which provides a strong promotion of the many skills which umpiring develops.

Below: Bendigo UA visit— Peter Hilson (BUA coach), Ian Burrows (AFL Boundary umpire), Stephen Oliver (Central Vic Football), Peter Nastasi (AFL Goal umpire), Russell Brodie (BUA)



NOMIS Football Boots Available for Umpires

The WorkSafe VCFL central ordering system FootyMART has in 2011 commenced selling NOMIS football boots across all areas.

In recent weeks a supply of boots suitable for umpires have also become available and are being offered at a discounted rate to enable groups to maximise the opportunity for their members.

Accompanying this newsletter is a flyer outlining the offer being made to umpiring

groups wishing to take up this great opportunity to provide some savings for your members.

The normal retail price of the NOMIS Supremacy boots for sale is \$199 but they are available through FootyMart for as little as \$79.

Individual purchases of boots will be at \$99 per pair.

If a group purchases 10 or more pair the purchase price will be just \$79.

However as some groups are smaller than 10 members in number the group offer extends so that if purchases total 50% of the group registration number from 2010 the discounted price of \$79 will apply.

For all orders contact Will McGregor on 0407 310 907 or will.mcgregor@aflvic.com.au

You may even be able to get the FootyMart Van to visit your training to try out the boots.