

**Issue 5  
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**Special points of interest:**

- Reports of some good activities as part of the 'Thanks Ump' round have been submitted.

One highlight of which was the interview on the 'Coodabeen Champions' on ABC Local radio with Peter Tunbridge from the Ballarat FUA.

The interview has been placed on the AFL Community Football web page.

- 'Dreamtime at the G Appointments' - For the fifth year the VCFL was asked to supply the umpiring panel for the curtain raiser for the AFL Dreamtime match. Members of the panel were;

Field—Tyson Venn (BFUA), David West (GFUL), Greg James (GVUA), Emily Escourt (EDFL)

Boundary—Adam Capiron (SUA), Megan Ryan (SGUA), Adam Young (GUA), Mark O'Brien (NEUB).

Goal—Wes Gilmore (SUA), Callen Evans (BUA)

## Representative Appointments

Congratulations to all umpires who were appointed to WorkSafe Country Championship matches last Saturday across much of Victoria and into South Australia.

140 umpires were appointed from the V/Line Umpiring Academy to the matches including most under 18 fixtures which were played.

In addition to the umpires on the ground there were 17 local group coaches who volunteered to act as umpire match managers and coaches at the various venues.

Most of the coaches who participated across the Championships then participated in a teleconference on Sunday night to review what took place the day before.

The coaches were full of praise for the manner in which all of the umpires appointed participated in the experience.

There was very positive responses to the receptive manner umpires accepted

feedback, often highlighting that feedback from a different person to those which they normally had observing gave the umpire a different perspective on what they needed to work on or were doing well.

Additionally it has been very positive the strong feedback that has been received from leagues and VCFL match managers on both the quality of the umpiring and also the co-operation of umpiring coaches and panels to make the day a success.

Match observation reports are being prepared by the coaches which were at each venue and these will be used to assist in the appointment of

umpires to the VCFL vs. VAFA fixtures which will be occurring on Saturday 9th July at Deakin Reserve Shepparton.

There will be three matches; under 19, Graincorp Vic 2 and the VCFL State team played across the day concluding with a night fixture.

The umpire panels for these matches will bring together members of both WorkSafe VCFL affiliated umpiring groups and VAFA umpires.

Offers of appointment for these matches will be made in the near future.

**Below:** The Umpiring Panel from the Curtain raiser for the 'Dreamtime at the G'



## Umpire Registration Database

It is getting to the stage of the season where it is critical that all umpires are recorded within the Footyweb National Umpire Database.

At present the number of umpires registered within WorkSafe VCFL groups is approximately 100 more than at the same stage in 2010 however there are still quite a number of groups who have not en-

tered any registrations or have clearly less registered than have been indicated as being their total membership.

The National Umpire Database is used as the means of conducting the AFL Annual Needs Survey and is an important tool in identifying if recruitment and retention programs are achieving the success which is required.

It is important that umpire registrations in the Footyweb database are up to date by Friday 17th June.

If there are any groups which are having difficulty in the registration process please make contact with Gerard Ryan, [gerard.ryan@aflvic.com.au](mailto:gerard.ryan@aflvic.com.au) as soon as possible.