



Each weekend at Auskick centres across country Victoria, thousands of young boys and girls get their first taste of the great game of Australian Rules Football.

Last year more than 17,000 country kids attended Auskick clinics in regional and rural Victoria as part of weekly sessions aimed at teaching them fundamental motor skills for future physical activity and sports participation.

The program also gives kids an opportunity to learn important social skills, including cooperation and respect for others, while introducing them to what hopefully will be a lifetime involvement in football.

While we take time this Sunday to celebrate Mother's Day and say thank you to our Mums for all they do, we also look forward to another huge day of fun in North East Victoria.

This Sunday marks the third annual Swan Hill NAB Auskick Super Clinic, an event which will see more than 400 kids from the surrounding area attend.

Billed as "the place to be on Mother's Day", the annual super clinic will attract participants from five WorkSafe AFL Victoria Country leagues.

Kids from the Mallee, North Central, Central Murray, Golden Rivers and Sunraysia leagues will all converge on the Alan Garden Reserve for a day of Auskick action.

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With the aim of promoting positive rural relationships, social development and a pathway to senior football, entry on the day is FREE to Auskick aged children (5 - 12 years) and their families, ensuring that cost is no barrier to participation.

Thousands of other youngsters in towns across Victoria will have to the chance to meet their AFL heroes as part of the AFL Player Appearance Program.

Last week Carlton players visited schools in Elmore, Donald, St Arnaud, Seymour, Wodonga, Lake Entrance and Bairnsdale, while a host other towns from Mildura to Traralgon will over the course of this season welcome players from Richmond, Melbourne and Essendon.

Other lucky country kids will receive the privilege of playing at Etihad Stadium or the mighty MCG during half time of an AFL blockbuster.

With only so many games each weekend, not all Auskickers will grace Melbourne's premier sporting grounds but already this season a number of country regions have enjoyed the 'once in a lifetime' experience, with many more to do so before the year is out.



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