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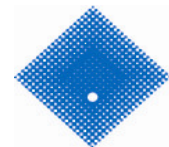
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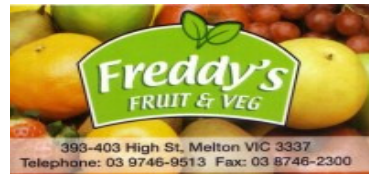
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TAC CUP Newsletter



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University Founded on Principle of Opportunity for All

This year Victoria University celebrates its Centenary Year. Footscray Tech began in 1916 when Antarctic explorer Arch Hoadley had a vision of creating opportunities for young men in the western suburbs. Today that school is Victoria University.

As an engineer himself he dreamed of developing a skilled workforce of highly educated young men. In short, Footscray Tech students were told to regard an education as the door of opportunity and to strive for the highest standards of personal performance regardless of their backgrounds.

Victoria University and the Western Jets TAC Cup Club have embraced the same principles and have been in partnership for almost 20 years. Victoria University are now recognised as a major national sporting university and the Western Jets are developing young people in the TAC Cup so they can reach their full potential. Both organisations benefit significantly of this enduring partnership and in the words of Arch Hoadley are working extremely hard on this original principle 'opportunity for all'.

The Western Jets congratulate Victoria University on this major milestone and look forward to contributing to the future of the university.



Pictured above Western Jets TAC Cup players from left to right; Jesse Pattison, Blake Graham, Josh Mould, Darren Walters, Frank Campisi and Max Philpot (front). This picture was taken at the Western Bulldogs vs Hawthorn match as part of the centenary celebrations where Nick Buyx the current Nathan Prince Scholarship holder at Victoria University tossed the coin to commence the match.



Jets players representing Vic Metro



The U/16 and U/18 Vic Metro Initial Training Squads have been saturated with Western Jets players in a great sign for the season ahead. At the U/18 level Wilson Berry (Pictured below), Oscar Junker, Brodie Romensky, Harrison Bult, Brock McGregor, Judah Dundon, Daniel Venables, Cameron Rayner, Lachlan Fogarty and Ryan Carter have all gained initial selection. If these players progress through to the final squad they will participate in the AFL U/18 Championships in Division 1 against Vic Country, South Australia, Western Australia and an allies team, compiled from the Division 2 States.

At the U/16 level the following players have been identified by the Vic Metro scouts after strong State Carnivals for the Western Jets, Brad Johnson Squad. Congratulations to Zak Butters, Owen King, Jaksyn Grant, Hamish Murphy, Max Lennard, Nathan Ellis, Buku Khamis, Xavier O'Halloran, Josh Klaromenos and Stefan Radovanovic. The AFL U/16 National Championships take place late June when Metro play Country in Melbourne and then depart for the Gold Coast where they play against South Australia and Western Australia.

Indifferent start for Talented Jets in the TAC Cup

The Western Jets started the season in magnificent fashion knocking over reigning premiers the Oakleigh Chargers in Round 1 with a huge last quarter. Unfortunately the last three matches have not panned out the same way. The Eastern Ranges were able to push aside an undermanned Jets side in Round 2 and in the Jets first home match of the season at Burbank Oval, the Sandringham Dragons were able to hold off a fast finishing Western outfit to win by 10 points.

In the much anticipated interstate trip to Brisbane, the Jets fielded its strongest side for the season with several players returning from long term injuries and the private school boys all being available. As anticipated the Queensland team was very strong and they played outstanding football to beat the Jets by 5 goals in a quality game.

The Jets have had a difficult start to the season with several long term injuries and this can be verified by the fact that after four rounds 37 players have played a game already in 2016.



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The Western Jets thank all of these generous sponsors for their contribution to the talented youth in the western suburbs for the 2016 season.

James Sicily Arrives on the Big Stage at Hawthorn

Former Western Jets player James Sicily has made a huge impression at the beginning of his third year at the Hawthorn Football Club. James was taken with pick 56 in the 2013 AFL National Draft and had two strong development years in seasons 2014 and 2015 in the VFL and tasting AFL football with three matches last season for the Hawks.

Sicily has been very prominent in his last four games and instrumental in Hawthorn's run of victories to date this season. In particular James' performance against the Western Bulldogs in Round 3 where he kicked three goals in the final quarter to lift Hawthorn to victory after trailing at three quarter time by 19 points.

In addition to this there are several other former Western Jets players that are playing extremely well within the AFL. Kyle Hartigan (Adelaide), Callan Ward, Will Hoskin-Elliott, Adam Kennedy (GWS), Bachar Houli, Connor Menadue, Corey Ellis (Richmond), Liam Duggan (West Coast), Michael Rischitelli, Trent McKenzie (Gold Coast) and Lachlan Hunter (Western Bulldogs) have all played solid football in the first month of the 2016 AFL season.

Everyone at the Jets is looking forward to watching James (pictured right) and all of the players listed above continue with their AFL careers.



Former Staff thriving in the AFL Environment



It is not just the former players at the Western Jets making waves in the AFL competition. Former staff members are also going on to bigger and better things. Former Western Jets Office and Football Operations Manager Maeve Ryan (pictured left) has recently accepted a job at the AFL as Programs Operations Manager.

Maeve joined the Jets in 2010 after completing a Bachelor of Exercise Science and Human Movement at Victoria University. Maeve remained at the Jets until August 2013 when she took up a role at AFL Victoria as the Participation and Programs Coordinator.

While at AFL Victoria Maeve was able to complete her Masters of Business Administration (MBA) at Victoria University. In March 2016 Maeve took up the role at the AFL after what has been a rapid rise in the industry.

Through Victoria University the Western Jets have been able to provide opportunities for many students who complete their Career and Professional Development Placements at the Jets. There have been many other success stories in addition to Maeve's. These include Brad Budge & Trent Moseby (National Recruiting Department Fremantle Football Club), James Veale who completed a PhD at Victoria University (AFL/AIS Academy), Jesse Campisi (Strength & Conditioning Essendon Football Club), Norhana Stipic (Swimming Australia), Marc Turri (CEO Essendon District Football League). There are also many more success stories such as these and the Western Jets are proud to be associated with Victoria University.

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