



Round 5 Edition, May 2017

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENTS

Hope you enjoyed your break from our normal footy & netball duties, we are back into it again this weekend where we will host Rockbank, with the Club 18s again on the back oval, playing Bacchus Marsh.

It would be remiss of me not to mention that out of the Interleague games played last weekend, Diggers players came away with 2 Best ons, congratulations to our senior A Grade coach & player Amy Carroll for leading the way in Netball and to Corey Wright for his efforts in the Under 18s. Well done to those players.

Since our last Blog, our senior teams in both netball & football have had a win & a loss, winning against the Kangaroos & losing to Romsey. Both coaches have said that they have some work to do, and they are confident that they can turn those results around. B Grade & Ants' Reserves also had a win & a loss, and C Grade sits undefeated on top of the ladder. Both our Under 19 girls & Under 18 boys are starting to come together with both teams having quite a number of new players. We cannot forget to mention Furny's boys, the Club 18s, giving plenty of people a chance to kick the pigskin around the park. And, just for the record, every 1 of our teams is currently sitting in the top 6, except the Club 18s, as they only have a 4 team competition.

We have a very important function coming up on Saturday night, our inaugural Calcutta Players Auction. This is an extremely important function for the Club, so we would like to see as many of our great players, sponsors, members & supporters there to make sure that the night is a success.

After extolling Dyl's Joker Poker in the last issue, we had a winner when Amy Schwegler picked the right card & Amy & our Secretary Peta walked away with a cool \$600. Congratulations to both of them, we start again at \$500. It's not too late to buy into this fundraiser, so see Dyl to get your chance at winning some serious moolah. As well, our Members Draw (you have to have paid your membership to be it) is still jack potting, so don't forget that you have to be at the draw which is held every Thursday selection night. The draw will take place after selections have been announced.

See you on the weekend.

Go Burras.
Lance Eddy
President

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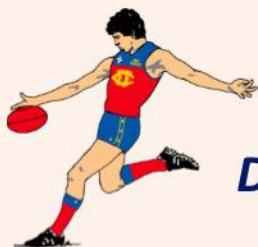
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Ladies Day

At our home game against Rockbank next Saturday 20th May, the weekend after Mothers Day, our Club will celebrate and acknowledge the contribution of the ladies at our Club with bubbles and finger food while cheering on our boys.



While the wonderful footballers and gents of our Club are prominent in numbers and form the basis for our existence, it's the inclusiveness, passion and desire to be involved by both genders that makes our Club so successful and such a great place to be.

Without the ladies at our Club, we wouldn't have :

Netball - Diamond Burra's - a Secretary - a Treasurer - a Membership Manager - a Registrar - merchandise - player and game day photo's - sponsor signage - an U18.5 Team Manager - functions - half-time afternoon teas - an outdoor bar

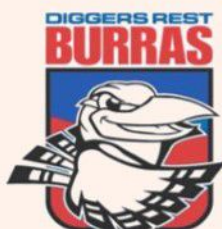


..... just to name a few.



And let's not forget all the Mum's who have spent many years driving their boys around the countryside getting them to games of footy in rain, hail or shine, and dealing with putrid footy gear week after week, soaking and scrubbing shorts (that would probably have been better off being burnt !) and contributing to who our Footballers are today.

So, in honor of the women of our Club and the contribution they have made and continue to make, we are inviting all female **Members** of Diggers Rest Football Netball Club to come together between 12.00pm and 2.00pm in front of the Burra's Club Rooms next Saturday for drinks and finger food while our Reserves Footballers provide the entertainment !



And if you're strolling past, please say thanks to our ladies !



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150 GAMES BRAD SLUGGETT

Congratulations to “Dashing” Brad Sluggett on playing his 150th game for the Diggers Rest Football Netball Club!

Brad came across from Sunbury Lions in 08 as a young man, full of pace, intent and dread locks and hasn't slowed down (literally) since he saw the light. Slugga has been known for his dashing run off half back, and his courage and bravery throughout his career has defined who he is as a footballer.

A premiership player, Slug has been extremely influential at both Senior and Reserve level and has played multiple vital roles on some of the best players the RDFNL has seen. Slug proved despite his age he still has a lot of good football in him, as he has proved through winning the Best On Ground medal in the winning Reserves Grand Final in 2016.

The Doc,

Congratulations on 150 ripper games for DRFNC. Hasn't time flown by since you were the first ever player carried off for 100 games Haha, in the time since you have become a premiership player with a best on ground medal to go with it. Milestone games such as these should really be celebrated and I have no doubt the boys will get around you. You have been a fantastic servant to the footy club both on and off the field.

On a personal level I can't thank you enough, many times you have sorted my old rig out with some treatment even if I had to lie to you about the severity of some of my injuries. You're a credit to yourself and your family as you venture into your new business career and still producing great footy at the same time. You have shown you are as ruthless in the business world as you are on the field. The club is a better place for having players and people like you.

All the best mate, Goof



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100 GAMES BRAD SLUGGET

Ermagherd! 150 games: Brad, Slug, Slugga, Huggett, Thuggett, Motherbird. Congrats on a ripping contribution to DRFC club so far. Being a typical Essendon supporter, you'd be loving this being all about you and showing a complete disregard to the greater good of the club and competition. I remember a young awkward fella crossing over from Sunbury to ply his trade on the wings of Diggers Rest reserve.

You bought along ridiculous dreadlocks that you wore for far too long and I regularly laughed from the opposite wing as the opposition roughed you up for thinking you were a tough guy. Footy trips have obviously been a highlight, none more so than rolling in from an Adelaide karaoke joint full of butch roller derby girls at 3AM and then you having to get up to make a 6am flight to go to work a 10 hour shift.

All the best for your milestone game, the crowd want to see a few trademark back arches streaming away from opponents and maybe a sneaky goal with a me me me type style celebration.

Leigh 'Rusty' Rust

Congratulations on your 150th game, Brad! You've come along way since your arrival at Diggers as a fresh faced recruit. As the league's new darling, you graced the cover of pretty much every footy record that season. My god, I was happy when it all ended, so we didn't have to hear you yabba about it in the rooms each week.

But then came a rebellious streak of sorts. The fresh faced young man was replaced with unwavering confidence and a head full of dreadlocks. You developed a bit of a swagger, and if I remember correctly, everyone wanted to fight you because of it. For good reason too! I have never seen anyone so daring to tuck the ball under their arm, arch their back, and burn the bloke trying to chase them down. Your running strength was an absolute pleasure to watch, and really only came second to seeing you bang goals from outside 50. Since then you have matured nicely.

Like a fine wine, your aggression has mellowed into a steadfastness that has been of great influence to the rest of the boys. Your leadership has helped guide the club into the success it is today, and for that, in addition to your own performances, you should be very proud. All the best!

Kristopher Marsh



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150 GAMES NATE PINDER

Congratulations to Nate Pinder on playing his 150th game for the Diggers Rest Football Netball Club!

Nate has been a huge part of the club for a long time despite his short lay off to greener pastures last year. Nate is an experienced footballer, a solid piece in our Senior Side in former years and now a very important part of our Reserve's mission to go back to back.

A good user of the ball, Nate has always been known for his ability to find the footy and make good decisions with it. A player who can play both inside and out, Nate's hard work combined with a natural footy brain helped assist his side win the 2013 Reserves Premiership.

Much beloved around the club, Pinder is always up for a chat and a cold beer. Despite his now cultured persona, travel has not changed Nate at all. He is still the same down to earth footballer the club loves to have around. Congratulations on a fantastic achievement Nate and good luck on Saturday!

Nate "boom" Pinda had racked at 150 fine games for the Burra. When is not sunning himself in the Greek Islands, bombarding us with Instagram pics or having his hair styled he does some of his best work on the field. He is hard at the footy, got great skills either side of his body and loves to sneak a goal or two.

Pinda has another 150 left in him, no doubt when he hits 300 he will still be wearing fake tan and skinny leg jeans to Rockbank on a cold July morning.

Well done Boom Box
Josh Bull, ALP

Boomo, Nate , Straghnie, Pinder.

One of the most popular blokes at our footy club since I've been there. You've grown up a lot in your 10 years at diggers. When I first saw you at the club you were a fairly large unit who would only talk on the dance floor after 30 cruisers to now a specimen of a man with more style than Beckham. .

Some of his highlights would include the premiership in 2013, career average of 30 possessions per game, dropping 20kgs to play senior footy and being offered \$200 a game from G.Hopkins to join Woodend. 150 games is a massive effort and Nate has always been a loyal club men and one of my closest mates. Enjoy the day and congratulations.

Craig 'Shop' Thompson



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150 GAMES NATE PINDER

Congratulations Nathan 'Ebert' Pinder on your 150th for the club and your 5th game in 4 years. Rather than wrap you up like other blokes will have, I'd rather just tell your story.

Nathan first came to the club as an obese 18 year old with minimal neck in 2006 to join newly appointed Reserves coach, Jeremy Newman. Many thought they were father and son. That year, Nathan signed up as a runner for the Reserves and if he could trim some off the edges of himself, that was going to be a bonus.

Nathan ran himself into some sort of shape and ended up playing the back half of the year in the under 18's, where he managed to finish in the top couple of the Best and Fairest, just behind Bonehead and Zarbo.

The next 6 years could be summed up in probably one sentence. He would play 5 awesome games in the Reserves, come up to the Seniors, play 25 minutes, play the next 3 games in the Reserves....rinse and repeat. Those six years produced many highlights though.

One that springs to mind is the time he was asked for ID by a netballer behind the bar in the Burras Club. He was 26. Back to the car to fetch the ID he went. Another is the time he copped a head knock against Macedon and spent two nights in hospital, but wouldn't let his mum leave his side the entire time. He was 26.

Nathan stills says that the umpires mixed the 13 up with the 43 on the jumpers when awarding the Sankey Medal for best on ground in the Reserves Grand Final in 2012. Somwething he'll never be able to let go. Not one for being able to fight his way out of a wet paper bag, we were surprised to see Nathan run in to a melee in a final against Lancefield, only for Brett Caton to land one right on his button. Nathan ran back twice as quick. Being sent off in another final against Riddell for elbowing Mick Sammut in the face probably rounds out the career highlights.

For other highlights that we weren't able to publish, ask around.

Nathan has only just rejoined us after travelling and playing a bit of footy around the world. Most recently for the Dubai Dragons where he managed to poll 2 votes for the season.

Congratulations Nater!

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PLAYER PROFILE

Name: Emma Kate Brooking

Favourite position: Goal shooter

Are you studying/working? If so, doing what?

Working in fleet admin

What are you current living arrangements? The big squid and two fur babies

Off the market? Yes

What is your ideal date? Squid shares the food

Tell us about your first car: No power steering, says

My earliest memory is: Does anyone remember the

What was your last dream about? Teagan ☐

My signature dish is: Spaghetti

What I don't find amusing is: Jayde Peters

What would we find under your bed? Shit load of dust

When have you seen Karma at work in your life? Doggies winning the premiership

What makes you feel old? When Shelby Strong didn't know who Korn were

What would you like to know more about? Shaun Sims

What was the first professional sporting event you went to? Doggies match

You're down to you last \$10. What do you do? Buy 2 \$4 bottles of moscato

One thing I've learnt in the last year is.... How much I love Celine Dion



PREFERENCES

Bath or shower? Shower

Sunrise or sunset? Sunset

Wine or beer? Wine

Penne or fettuccine? Fettuccine

Blonde or brunette? Brunette

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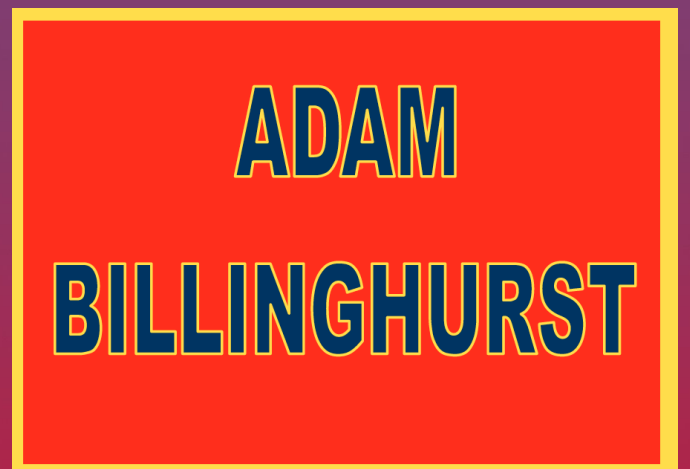
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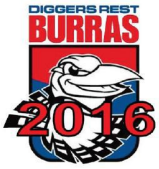
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