

THE MUDLARK MESSENGER



JUNE 2020

Welcome to the third edition of **The Mudlark Messenger**, a new concept that we will roll out monthly with the aim to further engage our valued players, families, supporters and sponsors, keeping you all informed of what's happening at our great club and hoping you all enjoy the read. We encourage you all to contribute to the newsletter with any news or articles that you feel the Football Community will enjoy reading. You can subscribe to the newsletter via our club website. The Mudlark Messenger will contain game results (once the season commences), club news and events, sponsorship endorsement, reports from the President and our coaches, junior football news and senior player profiles to better acquaint you all with our senior squad.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello Mudlarks!

I hope you are all keeping well as we wait patiently for the return of football!

There has been plenty going on with us nearing the end of stage 2 restrictions for the virus. A lot of background work has been done to accommodate the return of training with specialised drills for players in groups of 10! The club is thankful to Renee Spinks for being the Covid safe officer, overseeing all the compliance required to enable a return to training. I can guarantee that our footy ops, coaching panel, trainers and covid officer have us at the forefront of clubs that have returned to training!

Things continue to change quickly and now there appears some hope of a good outcome according to the SANFL roadmap! We have the next GSFL delegates meeting on June 10th and hope for a clearer picture then!

In the meantime, stay positive about the next month and continue to support our valued sponsors at this tough time in business!

Cheers,

Dean Bagshaw



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FROM THE SENIOR COACH



Rod Mitchell

Hi all, that would have to be the quietest month of May we have ever had in a football season, thankfully that is now behind us and we can move on into June where we commence group training in squads of twenty and can include contact training into our sessions. This does not sound that exciting but when you are trying to work with groups of ten without contact in May to what we have now it is a huge improvement. Hopefully we can get fast tracked into full squad training soon which is our last transition phase into preparing to play our Season 2020.

With footy news at a premium at the moment I thought I would take the opportunity to introduce my coaching group and explain how the Fabulous Four got to be together working with me at Myponga Sellicks in 2020.

Bill Matheson – A grade Assistant Coach – Boundary Line Coach and Forwards Coach – Bill is a passionate coach that loves competition whose biggest strength is how he can read the game and the players. He will often make a call on the direction of a game before it happens and can assess players very quickly. Bill and I have been mates since we were fifteen years old, a lot has changed since then (including Bill losing his mullet hair cut) and we went our different ways in life. We ended up meeting again via my neighbour who is in the agriculture industry, as is Bill. After no contact for thirty years Bill had moved into the next suburb and I immediately recruited him to the Flagstaff Hill FC as an Assistant Coach with me in our 2013 B grade flag and then into the Senior Football Director role in the A grade premiership run which commenced in 2016. Bill does not do things in half and will be a great addition to the footy club. He is married with a grown up family, with his youngest son recently getting married in March.

Brett Margitich - A grade Assistant Coach – Player Rotations and Mids Coach – I met Brett through my time at the Happy Valley FC in the early 2000's and become very good mates with him and his family. Brett was a solid footballer who has a very good understanding of the game and has a hard nose streak to him. When I found out he was interested in getting into coaching it was a great opportunity to bring him to the Mudlarks. Not only would Brett compliment the older blokes he is working with off field, he was able to take on the Fitness Role in preseason with his cousin, Jarryd Wallace of the Crows, writing our preseason fitness plans. Brett has a tough job match days working the iPad for the rotations and then having to coach the mids in the breaks. I know he will flourish in the role and the players already have warmed to Brett and his directions at training. Brett is looking forward to the social side of the MSFC and I am not allowed to mention he is a single bloke who does a bit of plumbing to earn an income.

Kym Dooley - B Grade Coach – Dools as we all know him has been a mate of mine for nearly twenty years. We played cricket together in a very successful period at the Happy Valley Cricket Club and then involved at the Happy Valley footy club together. I then recruited him to come over to Flagstaff Hill with me when I started coaching the B grade there. We needed an enforcer and Dools was the man. He ended up playing in the B grade premiership team and then went on to coaching the B grade working with his Dad to guide the team to another B grade flag in 2018. Dools is a great footy person and has had a stint at Myponga as a player back when he was playing good A grade football. I was delighted when he put his hand up to join me this season as he knows the game plan and structures plus is very aligned to my coaching principles based on discipline, structure and education. Dools will be involved with the A grade squad when able as he is very busy with his family who you will all get to meet with one of his lads, Kobe, putting his hand up to come and play Colts with us this season. Dools is a great fit at the club this season and will fast track the young B grade group we have and keep the "more experienced" guys on their toes. Outside of footy Dools works with our younger generation working for the SA Government.

Justin Richardson - B Grade Assistant Coach/ A Grade Stats and Technology. – Justin or Richo to the masses is the jack of all trades and master of many. I came across him at the Flagstaff Hill FC when he turned out to train to play C grade. It soon become evident that he may have been a good player in his day but unfortunately at that stage he only had the passion and determination left with the other areas of his game falling away. I soon recognised when I took on the A grade role at Flaggy that I needed someone to assist me who was great with technology if I was to introduce new ideas into the club such as the use of video footage, GPS units, electronic team stats, drones filming and electronic magnet boards to manage player rotations. Richo was my new main man and he took on these challenges with great success to the point we lifted the footy club into a new level of professionalism that I truly believe was key to the success we had at that club and the ongoing success after we left. Richo will be a great right hand man for Dools and then jump into the box for the A grade game looking after the team stats on an iPad and holding Brett's hand to ensure his data is being compiled and managed correctly. Richo will also be coordinating the issue of the GPS units to the players and then providing the updated data to my iPad during the game for instant analysis of our players workloads including distance run, top speed, efforts and impacts plus heat maps so we can manage their running patterns. Richo has been a great help with the Covid 19 requirements which showcased his ability to get it done. Richo is a family man with a young family and an Operational Manager at a national level for a large transport company. Richo does not like sleep.....

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JUNIOR FOOTBALL NEWS....

With the hope that footy will soon be returning, Junior Colts and Senior Colts will be looking at resuming training as early as next week. Coaches will be in touch with their teams as to when this will start, however before training can commence ALL PLAYERS MUST to do a Covid Safe seminar which will be run at the club this Wednesday night. We ask that ALL PLAYERS ATTEND this information night so we can get back on the track as soon as possible.

Senior Colts at 6pm and **Junior Colts** at 6.30pm.
Players only, parents please remain in your cars at drop off and pick up.

Mini's and Modies

We are still waiting on confirmation as to what covid safe education we need to provide for our Minis and Modies. As you can imagine the hygiene protocols and social distancing that we need to adhere to is very hard to enforce with our younger players. We will communicate with parents when training can resume. We want to make sure that we do this well and without breaking any requirements and jeopardising health for players and volunteers.

We also do not want to place the club at any risk financially due to fines because we haven't done what is required. Hopefully more news will be made available by the league over the next week and we can have some more time to plan and prepare.

We know the kids are eager to get out on the field, as are we. We will do all we can to ensure that this will happen safely and within the requirements laid out for us.

In the meantime, we encourage as many parents and volunteers as possible to download the COVIDSafe App and to do the online Covid 19 infection control training which takes about 20 minutes.

<https://www.health.gov.au/resources/apps-and-tools/covid-19-infection-control-training>

Regards,
Brenton Keogh – Junior President



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Nickname: **Kells/Rhino**

Guernsey #: **16**

Job: **Physiotherapist**

Position: **Mid**

Previous Club: **Port Noarlunga, South**

Adelaide and Port Lincoln as a junior

Relationship Status: **Engaged to Bridget**

Favourite Food: **Chicken Pasta** – although
the footy club Chicken Bushy is something
else!

Favourite Sport other than footy: **Sailing or anything competitive**

Fave AFL team: **Geelong**

Favourite player at the club and why: **Daniel Trevena** so I can pick
up a few cheap kicks on a Saturday but Thorpy has provided plenty
of laughs thus far!! 😊



Ryan Kelly

Nickname: **Poppy**

Age: **24**

Guernsey #: **40**

Previous Club: **Bute**

Job: **Disability Support Consultant**

Position: **Forward (or mid when fit)**

Relationship Status: **Taken by Lex**

Favourite Food: **Beef Parmy**

Favourite Sport other than footy: **Horse
Racing**

Fave AFL Team: **Carlton**

Favourite player at the club and why: **Will have to see who kicks to
me first** 😊



Chris Perrotta

Nickname: **Taz**

Age: **30**

Guernsey #: **17**

Previous Club: **Port Noarlunga &**

South Launceston

Job: **Council Worker**

Position: **Half Back**

Relationship Status: **Engaged to**

Jessica Owens-Sparrow

Favourite Food: **Sushi Train**

Favourite Sport other than footy: **Golf**

Fave AFL Team: **Geelong**

Favourite player at the club and why: **Ryan Kelly** so he can keep
giving me lifts to training and games 😊



Daniel Trevena



And a few more....

Nickname: **Big T**

Age: **33**

Guernsey #: **44**

Previous Club: **Aldinga, Blackwood, Hornridge**

Job: **Stope Blasting Miner**

Position: **Chuck me anywhere and I'll have a Crack 😊**

Relationship Status: **Married to Angie**

Favourite Food: **Anything cooked on fire**

Favourite Sport other than footy: **Pool, darts and backyard cricket**

Fave AFL team: **Melbourne Demons**

Favourite player at the club and why: **Dmac, inspirational work rate and just a lovely bloke to be around, followed closely by the Spinks lads 😊**



Tyler Harman

Nickname: **Brucey**

Age: **30**

Guernsey #: **2**

Previous Club: **Happy Valley**

Job: **Builder**

Position: **Ruck**

Relationship Status: **Married to Brooke**

Favourite Food: **Chippies**

Favourite Sport other than footy: **Dirt Bikes**

Fave AFL Team: **Crows**

Favourite player at the club and why: **Thorpy – True concreter! Great value.**



Luke Bruce



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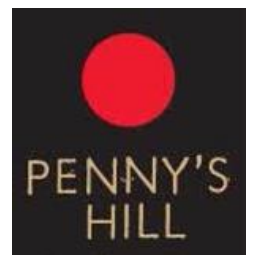
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Better Brick Paving & Landscaping has generously purchased our new ice machine for our big ice bath, provided loam for the cricket pitch and continues to offer support wherever needed. A truly valued sponsor who came on board this year and hopefully for many years to come.

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