

Bloods are in their prime

IN A remarkable effort, Olinda-Ferny Creek's under-18s have won their third Premiership in five years with a 36 point victory over Warburton-Millgrove on Saturday.

Club president Helen Wositzky said it was amazing for the club to produce another crop of exciting young players so soon after the famous back-to-back victories in 2009 and 2010.

Youngster Stuart Horner was named best on ground only a fortnight after winning the same award in the un-

der-16 grand final against Emerald.

His brother Cameron was also among the best players along with Dyland Arnold, Josh Rankin, Mitch Morris and Cam Dixon.

Ms Wositzky said the small tight knit hills communities tend to produce very competitive junior teams, despite playing against townships twice their size because many of the local families knew each other and stick together during tough times.

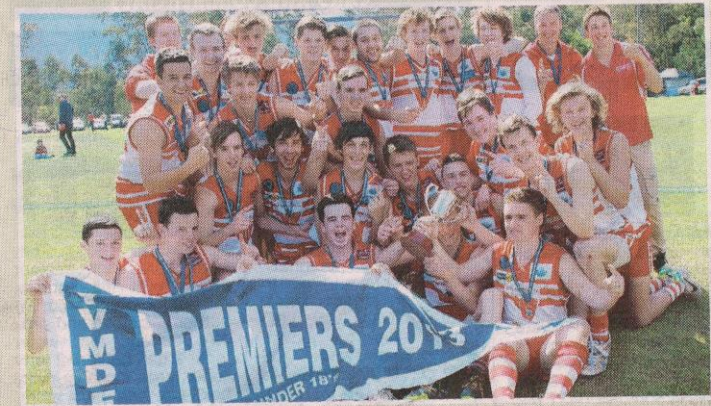
She said there is a wealth of young

footballing talent at the club, although Olinda-Ferny Creek has a policy of encouraging its elite players to pursue careers at the top level.

Four of the former under-18s are currently with Casey VFL club Casey.

With construction of a new pavilion at Olinda due to start in November, Ms Wositzky is predicting a bright future for The Bloods.

Olinda-Ferny Creek 13.5 (83) d Warburton-Millgrove 6.11 (47)



Olinda-Ferny Creek's under-18s have won the premiership for the third time in five years.