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AN OPEN INVITATION-HELP US MAKE HISTORY THIS WEEK



Toyota ad rejects ? No ! Life Members Bruce Lowery and Peter Hayne celebrating the opening up of OFC's new training oval at the old Olinda golf course.

It will be an historic moment tomorrow night (Thursday 18 Feb) when our footballers train at the Olinda Green for the first time.

The surface of the stunning new oval is in pristine condition and would not be out of place at an AFL venue.

As we have mentioned previously the light towers and watering system are in place so it's all systems go for us.



Be there this Thursday at 6.00pm to see an historic moment when our players use the Olinda Green for the first time.

President Michael Hill praised the local sports community group, Hilltop, as well as National Parks, Shire of Yarra Ranges and local member James Merlino for all the hard work they've done to ensure the project was completed.

Hill says with so many junior and senior teams using the main oval it was clear local families desperately needed another training facility.

Olinda cricketers were due to be the first team to use the Olinda Green last Saturday but the lockdown intervened.

Meantime see below for an update on the last phase of our precinct redevelopment, the construction of the two new netball courts and cricket wickets.

NETBALLERS STUNNING TURNOUT

OFC's benchmark setting netball program is back better and much bigger than ever. While we were expecting a healthy turnout at the Montrose practice courts we didn't predict the size of the group.

SMG (Sports Management Group) Netball Co-ordinator Matt Blanchard says we could have used three courts there were so many girls in attendance.

Matt says some people were expecting community sport numbers to drop away after the lockdown, but in fact the opposite has happened at OFC.



<https://fb.watch/3CVzV5RyQU/>

NETBALL COURTS UPDATE

The exceptional turnout of OFC netballers at Montrose proves why, more than ever, we need the extra court at Olinda.

There were two days of VCAT hearings last week which focused on this issue. Hilltop chairman Ben Selby expects to learn the outcome of those hearings within the next six weeks.

Recapping- our plans are for two new netball courts and new cricket raining facilities. There'll be a new top entrance and revamped car parking.

Opponents are concerned about tree removal.

OFCFNC, OFCJFC and OCC have offered to spend thousands of dollars on tree plantings to compensate for the losses. We also remain concerned about the danger posed by the mountain ash trees which have dropped potentially fatal branches. We saw not so long ago at the Olinda playground the potential harm these branches can cause.



Mountain Ash trees, as magnificent as they are, continue to cause safety concerns in the sport and recreation precinct at Olinda.

PRE SEASON- GET WITH THE PROGRAM

OFC netball has a busy schedule in the lead up to Round One at Narre Warren-

Saturday 13 March (2.30pm) v Heatherton FNC (Lot 1 Rowan Rd Dingley)

Saturday 20 March (10.00am) v Monbulk FNC (at Olinda)

Saturday 27 March (12.30) AFL Outer East tournament (Holm Park Reserve)

Saturday 10 April (12.00pm) v Beaconsfield NC (100 Beaconsfield-Emerald Rd)

OFC Football has two huge games before Round One-

Sunday 21 March v Montrose (at Healesville)



Saturday 27 March v Moe (at Moe)



OFC Boys Make Eastern Squad

Invitations to train with the elite junior Eastern Ranges squad are very hard to secure so how good is it that two of our teenagers have made the group!

Tyler Belloni made the grade as a bottom age player last season, but as we know 2020 was a footie wipeout .

He gets another chance in 2021 and has been joined by mate Noah Desta.

Senior Assistant Coach Tim Scott coached the boys during much of their OFC Junior years- here are Tim's insights-

Noah- tall and quick swingman who can play any role on the ground, a difficult match-up wherever he plays.

Tyler- line and game breaking midfielder, loves to attack the opposition with his run and carry.



Noah Desta



Tyler Belloni

Meantime confirming that the Eastern Ranges website is still listing Tyler's surprise favourite food-

<https://easternrangesfc.com.au/teams/nableagueboys/tyler-belloni>

Senior coach Brendan Donovan has long recognised the importance of putting resources into our junior teams and needs to be applauded for the time he spends with the juniors AND the encouragement he gives senior players to get involved with the kids.

It's no surprise that some of the greatest teams OFC has fielded (triple premiership in 1960s and record setting 2017 side) relied very heavily on players who had won flags at the junior level.

For the record Tyler is the son of Tom Belloni and brother-in-law Andy Greenall says Tom is the best American recruit to ever play for OFCFNC (Tom was actually a better player than many who knew all the rules -ed.)

Meantime we are hoping a number of netballers will trial for the various interleague squads during the year.

We also believe Harper Scott will have a crack at the highly competitive Netball Victoria U/17 academy trials.

Good luck H.



Harper Scott

IS IT CRECHE TIME AGAIN ?

It is sensational to see young mums Krista Carpenter, Maddy Taylor and Ash Roberts saddling up for the new netball season.

We hear that Abbey Stewart may also be close to hitting the training court as well(might be time to take on more of the feeding duties Mitch?)

The way things are going we'll have to re-introduce the OFC creche !



Reigning A Grade champs- and young mums back in 2021 action- Maddy and Krista

Meantime Julie Smith- mother of 2018 Premiership MVP Brodie- has also been training with an eye to having a game in the red and white this season.

ALSO from Mattie Blanch- we are still looking for a B Grade coach this season. Give Mattie a call 0434 401 844

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OLINDA- FERNY CREEK ABOUT TO TURN 120 ?

A new book by Monbulk historians Armin Richter and Jill Avard confirms that the roots of the Olinda- Ferny Creek Football Netball Club can be traced all the way back to 1902.

This means our wonderful Club, one of the oldest in the outer east, will turn 120 in the year 2022!!

The book confirms much of the information we already knew, but also fills in a few blanks for us.

This is the timeline-

1902- One Tree Hill Football Club is formed in July that year and plays in red and black jumpers. Home games are at Breens Paddock, on the north side of the Sherbooke Rd junction. Matches include four against FTG, two against Monbulk and one against Bayswater (which may have been a social or practice game),
Coming up to the last game of the season in September OTH and FTG were even on points. FTG won the game and claimed the Premiership. This is believed to be the first football competition in the Dandenongs.

1903- FTG joined the Box Hill Reporter League. OTH and Monbulk couldn't follow them because it meant travelling as far away as Canterbury by train. OTH and Monbulk played each other and may also have staged matches against Macclesfield (which was able to field a team because of workers from the goldfields).

1904- no record of One Tree Hill fielding a team.

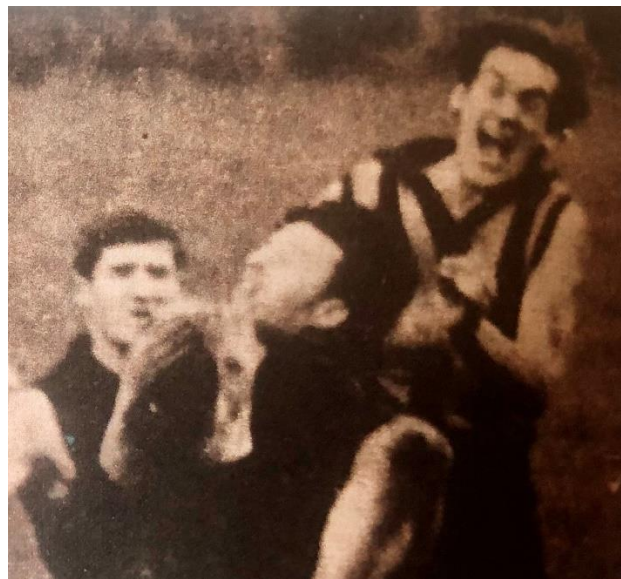
1905- residents of One Tree Hill and Sassafras formed the Sassafras Football Club. It seems the new club played only once, against Monbulk.

1907- Ferny Creek fields a team for the first time.. FCFC evolved from the OTH/Sassafras teams. Belgrave also fields a side for the first time.

1908- Olinda fields its first team and plays challenge games (there was no official competition) against Monbulk, Ferny Creek and The Basin.

1910- Olinda, Ferny Creek and Monbulk played in what is thought to be the first year of the Mountain District Football Association (which went on to amalgamate with other competitions and eventually formed AFL Outer East). League Life Member and Ferny Creek legend Charlie Hackett says the teams played each other four times. Records of the season are inconclusive but it's thought Olinda was the Premier club.

Olinda-Ferny Creek amalgamated and in 1946 formed the Club we love today.



From the new Monbulk book- a raw boned teenager- Peter Hayne- in action for Monbulk. Although his Emerald opponent has clearly marked the ball Peter enthusiastically fulfils a promise to himself to make body contact.

WELCOME BACK - to



BENNY WATSON- Ben played a few seasons with Upwey when we were unable to field an U/18 team and it's a huge thrill to see him back in the red and white.

How good is it to see Dyl Arnold, the Rosier boys, Mitchie "The Flying Hyphen" Lowe-Morris and a heap of other not so old faces back on the track.

There certainly is a buzz around the place already.

We can also confirm clearances for Matt Scharenburg (Collingwood) and Alex McKinnon and Tom Falzon (North Ringwood).

As we have pointed out previously Tom is the grandson of OFC legend Paul Jones- although we've had to work hard to see the similarities----



Grandson-



Grandfather-

OFC Club Lotto Winners-

Thursday night's \$400 Club Lotto draw with our resident "Barrel Girl" Carey Williams have become required viewing.

Recent jackpot winners include Ian "E" Taylor, Stevie Saynor, "Future" and Dana and Sandra Maddern.

Steve was a member of our powerful EFL Div 2 teams in the early 1980s and these days lives in Yarram, thanks for your continued support mate !



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U/19 COACHES

OFCFNC would like to congratulate, and thank, Adam Borg and Jayden Faull for taking on the U/19 coaching and assistant coaching positions.

Adam has a reputation as an astute thinker and great communicator. Jayden is a very popular figure at OFC who's shown great commitment over the years and was set to coach last year before Covid hit.

Both were highly talented players in the red and white.



Borgy- booted three key goals in the 2009 Reserves Premiership



Jayden Faull says he learned this trick from his father



A huge thumbs up to the Bendigo Bank's Dandenong Ranges Community Branch at Upwey who have again come through for us.

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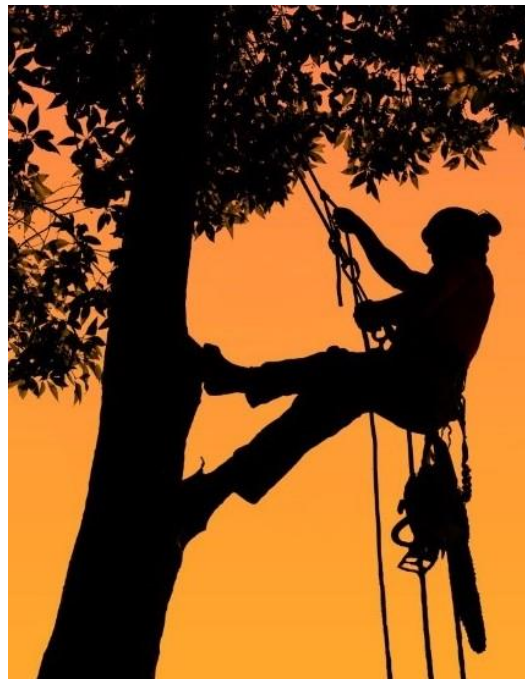


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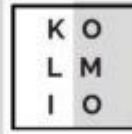
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