



VFC MINI NEWS



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WELCOME TO ANOTHER EXCITING FOOTY SEASON



2010 MEMBER

MEMBERSHIP 2010

Our new Members Card features four of the stars of 2009 in Ryan Mullett (A sensational Captain & 2nd in B&F), Robbie Ross (Snr. B&F winner), Daniel Mendes (3rd in B&F) and Kris Bardon (Dual Chandler Medal). Membership will be \$55 this year as the EFL have put up the entry charge. But we reckon they are still one of the best priced tickets going around. However, if you purchase yours before end of February you will enjoy a 10% discount. Application Forms are at Vermont & Vermont Sth Post Offices or you can down-load one from Web site. Our principal sponsor will again be Craig & Lisa Wright from Lazaway Pools and Spas, plus we also have a new Major Sponsor on the back in Patterson Cheney Holden Vermont. See part of the back of the card with the 2010 Draw, over the page

TRAINING HAS STARTED

Training commenced after Xmas on the 18th of January and as usual, finding grounds will be our major headache. Thankfully, the recent rains have made what we are using a bit softer. We also will be feeling the effects of having quite a number of our senior players away on a trip to South America. Nathan Henley is the tour guide and hopefully we have all of them back by early March.

Dave Banfield is the longest serving senior Coach the Club has ever had and he now equals the record four Premierships of Peter Kennedy from 1988-1991.

Seen right are all of the Senior Coaching group. From Left is new boy Adam Rossoukas, Adam Hanley, Jeff Rudd and the master Coach himself.



PLAYER CHANGES (That we know of)

INWARDS

Michael Del Aquilla—Box Hill(VFC Junior)
Wayne McInerney—Box Hill (VFC Jr.)
Dean Kelly— Noble Park
Jarrod Fearon-Brown—Mulgrave
Dane Andonov—Mulgrave
Haythem Elnakadi—Mulgrave
Victor Siciliano—Port Melbourne
David Spriggs—OldBrighton/P.Melbourne
Tom Mendico—Strathmore
Joel Rigby— Warrandyte
Anton Soloweij—back from injury
Under 18 boys coming up
Matt Geraghty
Paul Quon
Mark Vastbinder
Luke Johnson
Nick Carrodus
Michael Romas
Luke Johnson
Ryan Humphrey
Travis Murphy

OUTWARDS

Leigh Morse—Coaching at Hampton Pk.
Dean Stephen—Coaching at Montrose
Shane Fyfe—Overseas Teaching
Tom Davidson retired
Ryan Webster—returned to WA
Chris Whitchell—Mooroolbark
Josh Davis—Not playing
Leigh Alexander—?
Lockie Ryan— Not playing at all.
James Fary—Interstate
Steve Bright—Retired will help Reserves
Ben Caneva—at Casey Scorpions (*)
Lachlan McKernan—Casey Scorpions (*)
Andrew Ellis— at Box Hill (*)

(*) The players at VFL Clubs may still be involved at Vermont.

2010 EXECUTIVE & COMMITTEE

The recent Annual General Meeting saw the return of all Executive Members for another year. David Dressing (President), John Selton (Snr. V.President) along with Angela Miller, Brian Power, John McCarthy and Graeme Bentley **The Committee is** Kath Partridge, Steve Bain, Mick Sevier, Col Smyth, Bob Beard, Greg Hoath and Spiro Agius **Junior Exec.** Michael Rennie (President). Greg Hotker (V.Pres. & Secretary), Trevor Neate (Treasurer)

HELPERS WANTED.

As always, we are asking for additional people to give us a hand to run this great footy Club and help spread the load. The Club has had remarkable success over many years, but to continue at this level is getting harder and harder. We would love to have some more Committee Members, but would also be happy to have some other folk who can give us some time on a less regular basis. Our strength is the number of people who are interest in helping. — Winning a Premiership is not the end of our efforts, it is the start.

If you would like to be involved in any way at all, please ring Lee Bidstrup on 98761913 or email lbidstrup@optusnet.com.au or talk to any Committee person

PRACTICE MATCHES

Sunday 21st March **Old Scotch** at Pakenham
Sun day 28th March **Pakenham** (away)
Sat 10th April **East Ringwood** at East
The East game will be the first played on their newly resurfaced ground. We will return two weeks later for Round 2



Last year we started the 300 Club thanks to Craig Coghlan and it was a wonderful help to our Premiership efforts. This season, we are going to increase the benefits to the members and look to double the size of the group. The prime benefit is of course seeing Dave Banfield & Ryan Mullett hold up that Cup. If you want to be a 2010 Member, please yell out to Craig or Lee. 2009 Members have no choice !!!

ROD DUX THE CELEBRITY X—PRESIDENT

What did our former Club President Rodney Dux say to Maria Sharapova that caused her to bomb out in the first round of the Aussie Open. Perhaps he gave her some tips on how he won Wimbledon. Maybe he suggested if she was in Melbourne for the two weeks, she could come out and see the boys at Vermont and meet Robbie Ross. ??

We assume Duxy is either standing in a hole or sitting down.



LUKE ON THE MEND

A very relaxed Luke Cotchett is with new recruit David Spriggs at training.

“Cotchey” has just had a hip operation to fix the troublesome groin that bothered him badly all last year. So far, (cross your fingers) he reckons that it has been a huge success.

Others with summer medical problems :-

Aaron Nummy damaged knee in GF. Will be OK soon
Jamie Rushton, besides the hamstring he did in GF, has a cracked knee cap. As it matches the one in his head. He should be OK
Tim Johnson is going to Tasmania and having the “Cotchett” hip operation to fix his groin problems. The lad deserves a good result.
Dean Millhouse has a crook groin also but thinks the trip to South America might fix it. It certainly will, well and truly. !!
Matty Greig did go to hospital, but his sinuses were the target, not those sculptured and muscular legs.

TRAINERS if anyone has a contact re a qualified Trainer. Please yell out ASAP



Multi Cultural Footy - It's fantastic

From left. Michael Del Aquilla, Robbie Ross, Mark Cullen, Anton Soloweij, Dane Andonov, Tariq Naqqash, Jarrod Fearon-Brown, Kris Bardon in the shadows, Grant McCarthy, Tom Mendico and Daniel Papillo And we have not mentioned Elnakadi, Carrodus, Pisano, Romas, Quon, Siakavelis, Siciliano, Vastbinder, Rossoukas. — Just what the world needs

SPONSORSHIP We are thrilled that our Principal Sponsor **Lazaway Pools and Spas** will again adorn our jumpers in 2010. Craig Wright has been very generous and we hope you look his way when you build your escape from climate change. We are always looking for new Sponsorship opportunities, we need the help of all our supporters. **If your business is at all interested in getting involved, we would be pleased to discuss the many options.** Ring John Selton on 0408599574

WALL TILE DONATIONS *Last Chance*
This will be the final year for placement of Wall Tiles in the entry foyer. We want to make one more order and that will be it. If you want to have your name, or family permanently as part of the VFC Clubrooms, we would be thrilled to arrange it. Prices range from \$250 to \$2000. Ring Lee Bidstrup 98761913

WHO CAN'T HOLD HIS LIQUOR ??
Recently a father of a prominent Premiership player was seen receiving quite a bit of attention, when he attempted to see how high a bottle of beer would bounce of the concrete floor of our local Mega Liquor Store. Just as well his son has surer hands.

FUNCTIONS at VERMONT CLUBROOMS
We are looking to let out the Vermont Clubrooms for external functions on some Saturday Nights during the year. These will be Away games, where the after match awards will be at Wantirna Hill Club. The specific dates will be publicised soon on our Web site.

Our in-house caterers **Victorian Fine Foods** would be happy to chat to you about food alternatives. You may be interested using them at another venue. Ben Commerford can be contacted on **0403581766**.

WANTIRNA HILL CLUB
In case you have forgotten, the WHC is our Club in every way. The more you use it, the bigger the benefit is for the VFC. It has gone through some big changes over the past 12 months and has some more coming up this year. Our new Manager is **Raf Profenna** a very experienced person in hospitality and he would be glad to see your smiling face SOON. If you are a VFC Member, you are also a Member at the "Wanny". They have a new WEB site www.wantirnahillclub.com.au

THE SMALL FAMILY
RODGER, DONNA & RUBY

BRIAN & JUDY
POWER

TODD POWER - 21

IN MEMORY OF A
LOYAL SUPPORTER
PHYLLIS LLOYD
GO VERMONT

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PREMIERS 2009

Copies of our end of year Magazine, are still available at the Vermont Post Office or Wantirna Hill Club reception.

WANTIRNA HILL Club

It is also a great spot for that small function.
Book your next meal on 9887 2855

FIXTURE 2010

April 17 - Norwood	July 3 - Croydon
April 24 - East Ringwood	July 10 - Balwyn
May 1 - Noble Park	July 17 - Scoresby
May 8 - Croydon	July 24 - Knox
May 15 - Balwyn	July 31 - East Burwood
May 22 - Knox	Aug 7 - Lilydale
May 29 - Lilydale	Aug 14 - Blackburn
June 5 - Blackburn	Aug 21 - South Croydon
June 19 - Norwood	
June 26 - South Croydon	

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