Bulldog Bytes

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Welcome to the 1st edition of Bulldog Bytes for season 2011. We look forward to keeping you informed, with important club updates, news and information during the course of the year. As the start of the season is almost upon us........

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

PRESIDENT - CRAIG PASCHKE

Welcome to the 2011 Football Season. Due to unforeseen circumstances we found ourselves seeking the service of a new club coach. It is with great pleasure I can announce that **Steve Wallace** has been appointed to fill that position. Steve is a very organised, structured and disciplined person who brings a wealth of coaching experience to the club and looks forward to working with all our coaches and players.

Russell Godson is the A2 coach, also working and assistant to Steve with Paul Tanner the U17 ½'s coach. We look forward to a successful season, with these individuals in charge.

Over the summer the toilets have been upgraded and we are currently in the process of installing a data projector in the clubrooms. Plans are also in place for a return verandah around the clubrooms.

Rachael Greenslade has been appointed Merchandise Manager and we invite you to place an order with her for club apparel.

Bingo continues on Wednesday nights under the guidance of **Chris** and **Gail Tanner** with eyes down at 7.30pm. All are welcome with supper and bar facilities available.

Our Vice President, **Michael Woolford** is once again arranging corporate facilities on Easter Saturday of the Oakbank Races. If you are interested, please refer to the attachment (included in this edition) for contact details.

The VP Club is also up and running – so once again, please refer to attached details.

The committee is working very hard for the forthcoming season and needs to fill the positions of **CANTEEN MANAGER** and **SATURDAY NIGHT TEAS COOK**. Both positions are renumerated so if you can help or know of someone who would be interested, please contact myself on 0438 878 639 or our Club Secretary **Brendan McGillivray** on 0402 418 552. Your help will be appreciated in these roles or anywhere else around the club.

Thursday night's teas will be underway soon – come and have a great meal and a few laughs with the boys.

Look forward to seeing you at the footy.....

JUNIOR COMMITTEE NEWS

On Tuesday 1st March the junior committee held it's annual registration day for the junior grades. If you were unable to get your child there to register don't panic, just drop in to Adcock Real Estate in Balhannah and collect the registration forms.

Under 8 – 11 training will commence on Wednesday, 13th of April at 4:30pm at Woodside Oval.

This year we have made a bold decision regarding our junior playing groups. As well as fielding a team in all underage grades (U8 - U11), and fulfilling our requirement to have a team in all grades on Saturdays (U13 - A's) we have elected to nominate another under 13 team to play in a separate competition to help those clubs with excess players.

It is expected this competition will be made up of predominately Central Clubs with extra numbers and games may be held after the A Grade or on a Friday night. Both teams will train together on the same nights at Balhannah. The two Under 13 teams will be organised based on age, with the older boys playing in the Central Division team & the younger ones, mostly 1st year U13 players, playing in the new competition.

If you have the opportunity to get out in the mornings and support the teams please do so. They are as much a part of our club as our senior teams and they will welcome the supporters.

The Junior Committee is pleased to announce the appointment of the following coaches:

Under 13 Central - Matthew Smart

Under 13 New Competition Team - AI Bliss

Under 15 (Junior Colts) - David Lees

If you have a child playing in the junior grades please take the time to introduce yourself to the coach(s) and offer your assistance.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Please refer to the information below regarding club subscriptions and membership information, as this is a great way (and opportunity) to support the club.

Subs

Senior Player - \$160 Senior Colts - \$85 Junior Colts - \$85

Non player membership

Couples membership - \$60 Single membership - \$40

Membership entitles you to free entry to all home games. Contact Tom Higginson.

PLAYER NEWS

On behalf of the football club, we would like to congratulate **Adam** and **Kiara** on announcing their recent engagement. Congratulations to both you and your families.

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