

# Bulldog Bytes

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**Welcome to the 2011 season !! We are looking forward to a enjoying a successful season across all grades and bringing you all of the important club updates, news and information during the course of the year.**

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## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

### **PRESIDENT – CRAIG PASCHKE**

Welcome everyone to season 2011, after what seems an eternity footy has finally here, however it was with enormous sadness, due to a tragic accident that Anton Heintze (Senior OVFC Player) passed away on Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> March.

The football club offers its deepest sympathies and condolences to Anton's family, specifically his parents Everard and Diane and wife Natalie. Anton was a very dedicated and respected team mate of our football club, who was really looking forward to making his mark as a senior player in 2011, due to suffering multiple injuries in the last 2 seasons.

**As a mark of respect and reflection for Anton, a minute's silence will be held between the end of the B Grade game and prior to the start of the A Grade game.**

**We please ask that everyone respectfully acknowledges this minutes silence on Saturday.**

I wish all coaches and teams the best of the luck for the season and welcome all Hahndorf teams and supporters to Balhannah.

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## **GATE REFUND**

**Please note** – any full paying adult (\$7.00) will receive a \$3.00 refund if they leave by half time of the Under 17's match – i.e. when they produce their ticket that was received at the gate.

This is a really important message, as each season there is generally some confusion about refunds for people only wanting to watch Under 15's and/or part of the Under 17's matches.

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## **JUNIOR COMMITTEE UPDATE**

This season we are taking part in a new **Under 13 Gold** competition which will run in conjunction with the existing Under13 competition. The format is primarily the same as the current Under 13's system however some games will be played at different times and occasionally at different venues to current Under 13 games.

This competition is a result of the high number of lads in this age group this year, consequently HFL and the clubs involved came to the decision to ensure that as many lads as possible should be playing football every week. This new competition consists of teams (from several clubs) who have far more players than a regular team can accommodate.

OVFC Under13 Gold team will be coached by **Al Bliss** and they will play their first game on Saturday **2<sup>nd</sup> April @ 5:00pm at Balhannah Oval** (i.e. following the A grade game against Hahndorf) so please ensure stay around and support the team.

Our junior player numbers are looking very promising again this year and we should field the following teams (as follows);

**Under 8 (x2), Under 9, Under 10, Under 11, Under 13 Central, Under 13 Gold and Under 15** age groups. Please support our junior sides - as they are the future of the football club.

At this stage it appears that Under 8 – Under 11 grade competitions will commence on **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May** with training beginning on **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> April @ 4:30pm at Woodside Oval – SHARP**.

**Junior Subs** - collecting subs can be a very challenging task, and due to the club fielding more and more players in recent years, this has become an even bigger job to manage. Therefore, we ask that parents pay their child's subs, placed in an envelope with your child's name and grade on the front, to their respective **Coach** or **Junior Committee member** by the start of **Round 4**. Your assistance with this request will be greatly appreciated.

**On Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> April**, the Norwood Football Club is launching the '**Redlegs Kick-athon**' as part of the **Redlegs "100TEN - Give What You Get"** program. The kick-athon is a way for the 13 local clubs in the Norwood zone, to raise money for themselves, whilst at the same time supporting the **Variety Freedom Program**.

We need 8 - 10 players (boys and girls) from around ages 8 - 12 to take part in a promotion / media launch at Norwood Oval. The event starts at 9:00am and should conclude at approximately 12:00pm. All participants will need to be in full club playing attire and will take part in a mock Kick-athon with Norwood senior players, followed by refreshments for participants and parents. If your child/children are interested in taking part - please phone **Stewie Fuchs** on **0423 777 445**.

In closing, the club would like to acknowledge the support of a new local company **Chook's Custom Grafix**. Chook's Custom Grafix, is located at 150 Onkaparinga Valley Road Woodside and they have kindly donated some new signage that is now being displayed around the clubrooms.

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## **NEW SENIOR PLAYERS**

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome the following new players to our football club, along with the former players who have re-joined/commenced playing at OVFC.

**Matt Browne - Happy Valley**

**Brett Margitich - Happy Valley**

**Rhys French - Happy Valley**

**Scott Friend - Birdwood**

**Jarrold Ottospor - Birdwood**

**James Carter - Peake**

**David Wescombe - returning after a knee re-construction**

**Jarrad Smith - former best & fairest winner, returning after work commitments**

**Matthew Christophers - Henley**

**Carl Altmann - returning from Hahndorf**

We would like to wish the above players, the rest of the senior squad and coaches all the best the upcoming season.

Plus.....congratulations to both the Football Operations Committee and Coaches on securing the services of these new players – well done.

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## **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**.

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