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Ringwood Spiders (Blues): 20 Years

The Ringwood Spiders football club competes in the Football Integration Development Association (FIDA). FIDA was implemented to provide an Australian Rules football program for people in Victoria with mild to medium intellectual disabilities and has been successfully run since the early 1990s. This year we celebrate 20 years.

Since 1992, when we were known as the Ringwood Blues, we have provided football opportunities for people with a disability within the City of Maroondah and surrounding areas.

Several players are still with us from 1992: Adam and Jeremy who are still playing, Greg now our runner and

Frank who started it all and is still an active committee member. We have a strong position and history associated with the outer eastern suburbs of Melbourne and have held a strong relationship with the Maroondah City Council since day one, shown tonight by the attendance of four Councillors. We sincerely thank them for their support.



Ringwood Blues: Premiers 1994



Ringwood Spiders: Premiers 2009

We have grown over the last 20 years, and as we enter our 21st year in 2012, we are just as committed to further develop the participation opportunities for people with a disability in community grass roots sport and recreation programs as our forebears were in 1992.

Ringwood Spiders Football Club's Vision:

'To provide and promote active participation in community sport and social activities for people with a disability',

Ringwood Spiders Football Club Mission Statement:

'To provide people with a disability an opportunity to interact, participate and build social skills and leadership within the community'

Welcome Spiders Supporters

The Ringwood Spiders Football Club committee would like to welcome you to our 2011 End of Year Trophy Presentation night. We hope you have an enjoyable evening as you join us in celebrating another wonderful year.

We would like to thank everyone who has supported the teams during 2011. From parents and carers, supporters, sponsors, Councillors, local Members of Parliament, the Eastern Football League Umpires Association and the Hawthorn Football Club; you have all played a hand in the overall success of this season.

In particular, the support and community spirit you have shown at home games and the atmosphere it has created has once again been fantastic and the envy of many clubs across the FIDA competition.

2011 saw the Spiders again continue to build on the foundations from past few seasons, both on and off the field. Some of the highlights included;

- Recruitment of 'Special Development coaches' Clinton Young and Xavier Ellis from the Hawthorn Football Club
- Mental Health Forum in partnership with City of Maroondah, EACH and Beyond Blue
- Continuation of our cheerleader squad
- Continuation and growth of the Lakeside Café Junior Development squad
- Support of Bendigo Bank East Ringwood and Heathmont
- Off-season summer recreation program, including Lilydale to Warburton bike ride, 1000 steps walk and again being involved in the Cricket Victoria All Abilities Cricket Carnival



It is a very exciting time at the Ringwood Spiders and we are encouraging everyone to stay involved and get behind the Spiders in 2012.

Thank you once again for your continued support.

Ringwood Spiders Committee

From the Chairman & Coach

On behalf of the Ringwood Spiders Football Club, I would like to thank everyone for supporting us with so much passion and vigour in 2011. Like over the past few seasons, the club has again continued to move forward, achieving many milestones throughout the last 12 months.

These achievements have not been possible without the support and dedication of the Spiders committee and the many sponsors, supporters, volunteers and families.



Our 2011 campaign started again with our off-season social and preseason training activities, which each year provide the Spiders with a chance to stay connected once the footy season has finished.

Our two senior teams, the Blacks and Reds, have continued to grow and bond, supporting each other at games throughout 2011. The Reds coming so close to a

Grand Final spot shows just how far they have come. It has also been great to see so many of our players continue to take the next step in their own football development, and the introduction a number of younger players also ensures our club is in good hands for the years to come.

This season it's also been great to see our Lakeside Café Junior Development Squad and our Cheerleader Squad continue to grow and develop. We can only assume the programs the club offers are serving a real gap in the local community, which is why we will not stop and will continue to develop more programs that give all people a chance to participate in community sport and provide a bridge to the broader community.

2011 also saw our first Development coaches appointed, which was of great joy from a coaching perspective. Hawthorn football club's Clinton Young and Xavier Ellis volunteered their time to attend fortnightly training on some cold and wet Wednesday evenings and also attend a few of the matches throughout the season to cheer the boys on, where they helped the cheer squad and provided support and advice to all the players. Their advice and guidance were not lost in the players with some great relationships built. Thanks guys for your support and insight.



Again this season our volunteer support has been incredible on game day and behind the scenes. With more than 30 senior players this year, the allocation of jumpers, shorts and organising team sheets is no small task, but week in and week out Sue Ross brings it all together and keeps us all organised. Thanks Sue.

With our number of players increasing, the likelihood of injury has also increased and a big thank you to our 'utility' Gavin Ross for helping me strap ankles, shoulders, knees and fingers before games, to taking magnificent photos, to driving the bus, to helping out at training, and all the work behind the scenes; whatever is needed he is there to help.



Also doing plenty behind the scenes is Michael and Leanne Baldwin, thank-you for your work particularly with the canteen which has become an immensely important fundraising activity.

Our cheerleaders are the envy of many, but it's not possible without someone organising the equipment each week. A thank-you to Frank Sullivan for his passion to get everyone involved.

Also to everyone who helped out in the canteen and cooking the BBQ at the home games, in particular Kerri and Kevin Hare, Sharyn Snooks and everyone else that helped out.

Once again, I would like to thank Ian (Barney) Barnes and Dianne for the incredible support and assistance around the club rooms. Nothing is ever a trouble and we all appreciate your support.

Finally, I would like to congratulate and thank all the players for their passion, enthusiasm and commitment to the club during the 2011 season.

This year we had a few things not go our way, but we always played for the club and each other in the right spirit, which is one of our main aims. As we continue to develop, I believe further on-field success like in 1994 and 2009 is not far away.

Thank you all again for your support and I hope we see everyone back in 2012 cheering on the Ringwood Spiders.

Clinton Fullgrave

2011 Highlights

Mental Health Awareness Forum

2011 saw the Spiders host a Mental Health Awareness Forum in partnership with the City of Maroondah and with support from Beyond Blue and Eastern Access Community Health.



Three of Victoria's leading experts in mental health addressed the Forum which aimed to provide practical information and raise awareness of mental illness.

The forum was held in June at Ringwood's Karalyka Centre with more than 90 community residents, club supporters and families in attendance.

Guest speakers included;

- Associate Professor Jane Burns from Melbourne University (ORYGEN Youth Health & Inspire Foundation)
- Mr. John McGrath AM, Deputy Chairman of Beyond Blue who has also experienced the effects of depression first-hand
- Ms. Sharon Boag from Eastern Access Community Health (EACH) (Lifeworks)

The night was a great success and we have had much feedback since on the good work of attendees spreading the word on the help that is available to people suffering mental illnesses such as depression. If you want to know more, go to the websites of the above organisations, or start at the mental health awareness page of our website.

Spiders Guest of Hawthorn Football Club

The Hawthorn Football Club invited Ringwood Spiders to be guests at their Round 18 match at the MCG against Melbourne. Through our development coaches Clinton and Xavier, we were able to organise tickets and access to the rooms before the game, with a chance to meet a number of the players. The day was a fantastic experience for the 60 Spiders and family members involved, and Hawthorn running away with a convincing win topped it off nicely.



EFL Umpires and Home Games

We are the envy of the FIDA competition in being able to provide umpires of the highest level at our home games. This is due to the fantastic support we receive from the EFL Umpires Association and the umpires who give up their Sunday morning to umpire our games.



The EFL umpires bring a level of professionalism rarely seen at this level of competition and it helps the players appreciate and learn respect for the umpires. After each game, the two field umpires presented an award to the player judged best on ground; the winner receiving the match-day football. This year, Daynah, Dani and Sean were recipients. Thanks to Trevor Finch and all the umpires.

At our home games we are very lucky to have the scoreboard operating; something that rarely occurs in FIDA games. This is made possible with the help of Kelvin Snooks and Terry Wynne and we thank them along with Shane Dawson and Michael Baldwin who are always on hand to assist with goal umpiring; your help is appreciated.

Spiders Preseason Activities

This year, we included a few different activities to the usual training sessions.

First up, a ride along the Lilydale-Warburton rail trail:

In cool, but ideal riding conditions, the group set off from Lilydale for the long and steady uphill climb to Mt Evelyn before enjoying the long downhill run to Wandin and on to the relatively flat trail to Warburton. It wasn't too long though before some discovered this was going to be a bit more than a short trip around to a mates' place, but they persisted admirably. A few riders joined 'the peleton' at Yarra Junction to complete the journey to Warburton where the backside-sore and weary riders were welcomed by sunny blue skies and the support crew, who put on a



welcome lunch of hearty salad rolls and a wonderful fruit platter.

The experience was a great success for all participants, as it pushed their limits and hopefully imparted some knowledge about the importance of preparation and pacing oneself. It was encouraging to see the team work through and overcome mental barriers and challenges to achieve a specific goal.



Next up a different challenge - The 1000 steps:

This venue is a very popular destination for those wanting a challenge, or who are in training for greater journeys. Starting at Ferntree Gully National Park, a group of Spiders players and Adam, our Cheerleader captain, set off for the climb to One Tree Hill. Although it was incredibly busy, the boys made it to the top in good time; they did so well in fact

we continued the journey for an extra kilometre or two through the One Tree Hill forest.

All Abilities Cricket Carnival:

For the second year, we entered a team in the Cricket Victoria All-abilities Cricket Carnival held at Casey Fields in Cranbourne. Unfortunately, the day was cut short due to the inclement weather, but we did get one game in. It was especially pleasing to see Jordan Wynne and Sean Harris selected for the State Team, which is a great honour.



Olympic Gold and Silver

Spiders player Raymond Scott recently travelled to Athens to compete in the Special Olympics World Games. Raymond's chosen discipline is tenpin bowling, which he has been playing for most of his life, and he came away with two silver medals and one gold medal, a fantastic achievement. The result is all the more impressive as he broke his arm (non-bowling side luckily) not long before leaving. Congratulations Raymond!

Lakeside Café Junior Development Squad

Our Junior Development Squad fills a void for children aged between 8 and 14-16. This group generally may have participated in an Auskick program, or they may just love footy but might not want, or be able to participate in main-stream programs.

Together with the Lakeside Café in Ringwood, we are proud to be offering this unique program to this age group.

The Lakeside Café Junior Development Squad's aim is skill development, confidence building, participation, social skill development and fun! Each member is also part of the Spiders and as such is included in all social and recreation activities, and a few went to the G to see the Hawks.



Clinton certainly has his hands full each session, but it has been great to have the assistance of Cathy MacDonald from Vermont South Special School and several Spiders players who have had great fun being involved in many of the activities this year.

As a curtain raiser to our final home game, our Junior Development squad got together with the Vermont South

Special School Auskick clinic for a fun game on Jubilee park.

Coached by Reds players Jeremy and Dani, the boys had a great time, and there were some impressive skills on display; Spiders of the future perhaps!

This is the first time our Junior Development squad members have played a real game and it was a great opportunity to further develop the skills they had been working on all year.



Special Thank-you to Our Sponsors & Supporters

The Ringwood Spiders Football Club 2011 sponsorship programs have enabled us to continue to develop the club and expand the programs offered. We would like to thank all our sponsors for your continued support, as without it we could not continue. We encourage you all to support our corporate sponsors and mention to them your support of the Spiders.

Firstly, we would like to thank Lakeside Café as they have supported our Junior Development squad for three years. Jim and Dawn have remained committed in their support of the Spiders and our Lakeside Café Junior Development squad, and we hope you will support them.



This year we welcomed Bendigo Bank East Ringwood and Heathmont to the Spiders family, and their support has been fantastic. Bendigo Bank return a high proportion of their profits to the community through grants and direct benefits when people take out a loan or mortgage. We look forward to our relationship with The Bendigo continuing to develop over the coming years.



Although Heidi Victoria has been busy in her new role as Parliamentary Secretary to the Premier along with being Member for Bayswater, Heidi's continued support and sponsorship of the Cheerleader squad is greatly appreciated.

Maroondah City Council have been long time supporters of the Spiders (and Blues) since 1992 and have been with us in everything we do. In particular we thank, Cr Alex Makin, Cr

Natalie Thomas, Cr Ann Fraser and Cr Nora Lamont for their constant support.

Also of special mention is Tony Hart of Bakers Delight Heathmont. Tony has supported us for several years with bread, etc. for our home games and functions. Thanks Tony.



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2011 Season Results

Round	Match Details
1	Round cancelled: Intra-club game
2	Spiders Blacks: 7 - 6 - 48 defeated Williamstown: 3 - 10 - 28 Spiders Reds: 19 - 9 - 123 defeated Williamstown: 0 - 0 - 0
3	Spiders Blacks: 5 - 8 - 38 defeated Mazenod: 3 - 3 - 21 Spiders Reds: 11 - 12 - 78 defeated Mazenod: 3 - 5 - 23
4	Spiders Blacks: 6 - 4 - 40 lost to Chadstone: 13 - 14 - 92 Spiders Reds: 9 - 11 - 65 defeated Chadstone: 1 - 1 - 7
5	Spiders Blacks: 25 - 23 - 173 defeated Gippsland: 0 - 0 - 0 Spiders Reds: 2 - 1 - 13 lost to Cranbourne: 12 - 9 - 81
6	Spiders Blacks: 7 - 5 - 47 lost to Mambourin Tigers: 8 - 7 - 55 Reds - Bye
7	Spiders Blacks: 6 - 3 - 39 lost to Williamstown: 5 - 10 - 40 Spiders Reds: 11 - 5 - 71 defeated Williamstown: 1 - 6 - 12
8	Spiders Blacks: 7 - 10 - 52 defeated Mazenod: 6 - 5 - 41 Spiders Reds: 11 - 11 - 77 defeated Mazenod: 6 - 8 - 44
9	Spiders Blacks: 9 - 4 - 58 drew Chadstone: 8 - 10 - 58 Spiders Reds: 6 - 3 - 39 defeated Chadstone: 2 - 7 - 19
10	Spiders Blacks: 28 - 24 - 192 defeated Gippsland: 0 - 0 - 0 Spiders Reds: 4 - 4 - 28 Lost to Cranbourne: 17 - 14 - 103