



Ringwood Spiders provide sporting opportunities to people with disabilities.

Spiders give a leg up to players with disabilities

A RINGWOOD football club is calling for people of all abilities to get out of their homes and onto the oval.

Ringwood Spiders chairman Paul House said the club had provided opportunities to people with mild or moderate intellectual disabilities for 25 years.

The club competes in the Football Integration Development Association (FIDA), which was formed to implement an Australian rules football program for people with intellectual disabilities.

"We aim to be more than just a footy club," he said.

"Footy is the conduit to bring everyone together, but that is only the beginning."

"On game day it's about teaching players respect for their club, the opposition, the umpires and supporters."

They also had a junior development squad that runs as an AusKick-style program for younger children.

"This provides a great pathway for players to join the FIDA competition in later years," he said.

He said the committee and other volunteers worked hard to ensure game days ran smoothly. "At the end of the day you can't beat the smile on the players' faces as they come together."

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