

# Caught in Spiders' web



Ringwood takes on Mazenod in a special FIDA footy match at Jubilee Park

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## RINGWOOD'S FIDA SHOWCASE

Conor Ryan

THE Ringwood Spiders took centre stage at Jubilee Park recently to show just what they're capable of.

The Spiders, who compete in the Football Integration Development Association (FIDA), played an exhibition match against Mazenod before the senior EFL clash between Ringwood and Wantirna South.

After a spirited contest, the Spiders emerged with a victory by a couple of kicks.

Ringwood Spiders chairman Clinton Fullgrabe said it was a great opportunity to show the community what the club is about.

"It was about showcasing the FIDA competition from the Ringwood Spiders' perspective," he said.

"We got a win, too, which is always handy.

"It's about illustrating that people with a disability can be involved and participate in Australian rules football."

The club, formerly the Ringwood Blues, has been



providing sporting opportunities for intellectually disabled people since 1992.

This year, the club branched out from its senior football side, including a netball team and junior development programs to broaden its scope.

"We have quite a unique program in the local community," Fullgrabe said.

"It's always about trying to utilise mainstream opportunities to promote what we do.

"We want to showcase people with a disability in a positive and meaningful way."

Fullgrabe said the Spiders were working with Maroon-dah Council as well as their fellow tenants at Jubilee Park, the Ringwood cricket and football clubs, to improve the facilities at the venue.

