

TIGERLAND NEWS



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JUNIOR SEASON LAUNCH 2023

On a beautiful Thursday afternoon in February, Mabior Chol, Nick Holman and Sam Day from the Gold Coast Suns helped many of our players and coaches to welcome in Season 2023 at Round Mountain. With over 200 registered players across 8 Youth and 5 Footy For Fun teams, as well as 100 little Auskickers running around Pottsville Oval on a Friday afternoon, it's looking like it's going to be another ripper season.

Sam, Mabior and Nick played some games with the kids and spoke to them about their football journey. After we got over their bad jokes, they each also predicted the Suns to finish fourth on the ladder at the end of the

season which we hope they can make a reality. They had a kick to kick with the kids and were really impressed by the energy and the skills of our kids, although a couple of the U/17 girls may have scared Mabior a little bit with their attention...

The lads wished our kids the best for their games this year and said they'd keep an eye out for how the Tigers go each week after the season commences on April 23 for our Youth teams and April 30 for our Footy for Fun comps, although the U/11 Girls commencement date is yet to be confirmed. To kick things off, we are going to have each team coordinate their own "Season Launch" this year and more details will come through soon.

All of our teams have started training across our three training venues of Round Mountain, Pottsville Oval and Seabreeze in Term 2 when the field is handed over to us from the cricket season. Our coaches and managers are busy preparing for the new season and hope to have the game day apparel out to players in the next couple of weeks. The draws are currently being finalised with teams being nominated across Division 1 for the first time in club history, as well as Division 2 and 3. All this is thanks to the awesome plethora of volunteers and supportive parents who help our little community club be competitive in our footy whilst having the priority to love the game and have fun!

If you have any questions about our junior programs, please give our Junior Operations manager, Julian, a call on 0488 012 929.



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SENIOR TIGERESSES

By Chantelle Brown & Katie Patison



SOLLY'S SAY

Footy's back! Really exciting time of year as footy hits the screens and our H&A season is only weeks away. It concludes a really strong summer for our senior lads who have been stretched physically & mentally with the newly implemented fitness program driven by Trent Ousby & Sammy Petherbridge.

There has been significant growth in the players approach to training and their recovery techniques.

With practise matches completed, the game itself has given us the feedback & the confidence we have needed to stay the course when focusing on our game plan. Contest, fundamentals & transition high on that list.

We have seen some significant growth in individuals, lines & the team as a whole which gives us great confidence that we will be singing the song in the near future.

The club has announced the fantastic appointments of the senior men's reserve coach, Brenton (Zinger) Chambers and assistant Paul (Winx) O'Connell. Both are massive assets and will continue to drive development, education and high standards.

We thank everyone who has attended the practise matches and can't wait to share a win with you in the season.

Go the Tigers

Our 2023 season has started with a bang! The women's team has had a successful preseason with extremely healthy numbers. We have seen former junior players return to the club to make their senior debut as well as many new faces transition to the game with ease. Our Trademark Day involved selection of our captains and leadership group, and building our team and club culture ready for the season. Congratulations to team co-captains Rachel Kelly and Chantelle Brown and leadership team Brooke Hawkey, Amy Ella, Jocelyn Fraser and Elle Crawley. The quality of leadership within this group of women sets a strong benchmark for the season ahead.

The girls competed in the Coolangatta Cup and made a statement with narrow losses to Div 1 teams Morningside and Broadbeach and a tough loss against a very strong QAFLW team, Bond University. Following Cooly Cup, the girls were able to regather and secure an outstanding 63-29 win against Broadbeach in a Friday night showdown. We look forward to a trial game against Div 1 side Surfers Paradise to finish our preseason on Saturday 1st April. Round 1 will see us meet against our Northern Rivers rivals, the Ballina Bombers. A special mention goes to our team manager Nadia for all the hard work behind the scenes, ensuring the girls and volunteers are ready to go each game.

We are looking forward to a very successful season with the Tigeresses' building a united, fierce and inspiring team!



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TIGERS HISTORY CORNER

The Birth of a Senior Club

By Rick Van Den Driest

The year was 2003 when a football 'tragic' (by his own admission) Colin Richards arrived in the Northern Rivers from South Australia. He quickly found work in pubs at Cabarita and Tumbulgum in order to support his wife Jen and young family.

By 2007 Col had cemented himself at the Pottsville Tavern, where he met a co-worker in Shane Shallue. Shane was another fanatical AFL 'nut' who loved the Swans (his sister had married Swans Royalty - Brownlow Medallist Barry Round)!

Col and Shane quickly realised the need for a local Senior men's football club and Colin, being the ultimate people's person, wasted no time recruiting young men from Soccer, Rugby League and Union to support the handful of ex-Victorians living in the area.

By 2008, Colin's eldest son was attending Pottsville Primary School. It wasn't long before Col crossed paths with Julian van den Driest who had recently began working for AFLQ and was conducting Auskick clinics at local schools (see last month's Newsletter).

One year later, with the help of Julian and the then AFL Development Officer for the Northern Rivers, Brent Kelly, Colin got a Committee together to form the Tweed Coast Tigers Senior AFL Football Club. Tony and Pat Curtis, Tim and Judy Webb, and John Sharpe were passionate AFL people who helped Colin (the Inaugural President) get the fledgling club up and running.

Three weeks before the Tiger's very first game in season 2010, Col finally convinced his mate at work (Ex-Geelong reserves player Paul Kelly) to coach the team! Colin now had a coach, team, Committee and were a part of the Northern Rivers AFL

Football League, consisting of Byron Bay, Ballina, Lismore and Nimbin (Shane Shallue took over as coach in 2011). Some notable players in that very first game were Julian van den Driest (see last edition) who played out the game with cracked ribs, Ben Kelly (current coach of the U17's, Life Member and ex-Senior President 2019, 2020, 2021, and 12 years on the Senior Board), and John Nankivell (Coach of Tiger's teams since 2016, current coach of the U13 Girls, Life member of Juniors, Club Treasurer 2016-2019 [Colin apologises for the many he missed mentioning]).

Although the team went down by 3 goals in front of a home crowd of 150 at Pottsville Oval, the seeds had been sewn for a very bright future for our club.

Colin currently resides in Bairnsdale in East Gippsland, Victoria - where he has coached a number of junior Premierships. Apparently he can be heard working in the pub down there, sharing football yarns - I'm sure many of which involve his beloved TIGERS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



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UPCOMING EVENTS

April 7th - Easter Raffle Drawn

April 15th - Senior Men's Season Begins - Round 1 vs Ballina Bombers @ Barry Sheppard

April 22nd - ANZAC Round Senior Women's Season Begins - Round 1 vs Ballina Bombers @ Barry Sheppard

April 23rd - Youth Season Begins - Round 1

April 29th - Shuffle Night (club event) - 7pm @ Salt Bar

April 30th - Footy4Fun Season Begins - Round 1

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TRAINING SCHEDULE 2023



MONDAY

U/15.5 Girls & U/17.5 Girls
4:45 - 6pm @ Round Mountain

Senior Women
6pm - 7:30pm @ Round Mountain

WEDNESDAY

U/9.5 Mixed
4:30 - 5:30pm @ Pottsville and Seabreeze Oval

U/11.5 Boys
4:30 - 5:30pm @ Pottsville and Seabreeze Oval

U/15.5 Girls & U17.5 Girls
4:45 - 6pm @ Murwillumbah

Suns Academy (13-15 boys/girls)
4:45 - 6:15pm @ Round Mountain

Senior Women
6pm - 7:30pm @ Round Mountain

FRIDAY

Auskick
4pm - 5pm @ Pottsville Oval

U/11.5 Boys
4:30 - 5:30pm @ Round Mountain

U/13.5 Girls
4:30 - 5:45pm @ Round Mountain

U/13.5 Boys
5pm - 6:30pm @ Round Mountain

TUESDAY

U/11.5 Girls
4:30 - 5:30pm @ Round Mountain

U/13.5 Girls
4:30 - 6pm @ Seabreeze Oval

U/13.5 Boys
5pm - 6:30pm @ Seabreeze Oval

U/15.5 Boys
4:45 - 6:15pm @ Round Mountain

U/17.5 Boys
4:45 - 6pm @ Round Mountain

Senior Men
6pm - 8pm @ Round Mountain

THURSDAY

U/15.5 Boys
4:45 - 6pm @ Round Mountain

U/17.5 Boys
4:45 - 6:15pm @ Round Mountain

Senior Men
6pm - 8pm @ Round Mountain



Coaches & Managers 2023

Team	Coach	Manager
Auskick & Superstars	Brett Purcell	N/A
U/9.5s	Ben Bartram Steve Davis	Jody Hawes Jason Bolt
U/11.5 Boys	James Walle Jason Willems Matt Luff	Jerome Quinert
U/11.5 Girls	Jamie Johnson	Izzy Topper
U/13.5 Boys	Matthew France Victor Popov Julian Van Den Driest Luke Halliday	Emma Star-Webb Steve Gamble
U/13.5 Girls	John Nankivell Kain Lobascher Marcus Floyd	Simone Lobascher
U/15.5 Boys	Andrew Ryan Glenn Elliott Josh Edwards	Ken Maynard Gay Maynard
U/15.5 Girls	Steve Foreman Scott Ella Sean Hynes	Nat Grant
U/17.5 Boys	Ben Kelly Brett Arthur Will Shone	Michael Lotz
U/17.5 Girls	Steve Foreman Scott Ella	Sam Bannerman
Senior Women	Katie Patison Chantelle Brown Scott Ella	Nadia Clark
Senior Men	Dean Solomon Matt Gallagher Luke Dennerly	Stephen Reade
Senior Men Reserves	Brenton Chambers Paul O'Connell	Stephen Reade